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~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

January 1: [Lions Float](#) in [135th 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. [FLIER](#)

January 2: General Meeting - Celebration of Turlock Lions 80th Anniversary

January 4, 6, 7 & 29: Zoom for Lions 501(c)4 California Tax Filings Information – see article in this newsletter

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: Baroldi & Rib Feed – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

January 11: Officer Training for Mountain Region at Burson Community Center – Contact PCC Claudia Miller

January 11: Cook for Tuolumne River Fundraiser – Ceres Lions

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

January 14: MD4 Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat - [REGISTER](#)

January 14: Growth Workshop Series - [REGISTER](#) *NOTE: Even if you can't make it, you will get recording and info to review at your leisure!*

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 – [FLIER](#) – [REGISTER](#)

January 18: Annual Crab Feed – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

January 18: [Annual Cioppino Dinner](#) at the A.P. C. Hall in Atwater – Merced Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

January 24-26: [Regional Lions Leadership Institute](#) (RLLI) Interactive and Team-Building Training in Sacramento – see article in this newsletter

January 25: Al Pena Enchilada Dinner – Mokelumne Hill

Lions – see article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)

January 25: Crab Feed – Dos Palos Lions - [FLIER](#)

January 25: Newsletter items due - email 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 1: 50th Annual Crab Feed – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 1: [Marketing Award](#) - Applications due for club marketing chairperson or club president to submit online

February 8: Pancake Breakfast – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)

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 15: International Childhood Cancer Day – see article in this newsletter - [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: Famous Crab Feed – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

February 22-23: Reno Bus Trip – Turlock Lions – see information in the Clubs News Section of this newsletter

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 21-23: Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) – See article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)

March 21: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions

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

March 28: Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions

April 5: Players' Press Banquet for Lions All-Star Football – *See article in this newsletter* - [FLIER](#)

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](#) - [FLIER](#)

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 – *see article in the Clubs' News Section of this newsletter*

May 30-June 1: Joint [Council of Governors](#) in San Diego

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

June 21: Lions All-Star Football Game – *see article in this newsletter* - [FLIER](#)

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](#) Through June 30th – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

DISTRICT 4-A1 AWARDS

Please send a short write up on why a Lion, a Leo, or a Lions couple should be nominated for these awards:

- District LION of the Year
- District LEO of the Year
- District Couple of the Year

As one of the requirements, the following awards will be based on "setting the Lion Portal", per DG Eric.

Please include a short writeup of the project or why your club should receive this award.

- District Club of the Year (International President's message; MD4 Care Projects; Mission 1.5, etc.)

- District Small Club Project of the Year (Small Club 20 members and below)
- District Medium Club Project of the Year (Medium Club 21 – 39 membership)
- District Large Club Project of the Year (Large Club 40 and above in membership)

Please send the writeups to DG Eric.

Email: lioneric4a1@gmail.com

NOTE: Other Contests are found on the District's website, [HERE](#).

REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

Attention Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs, & Others:

Please send your reimbursement requests along with receipts to DG Eric for approval. Include a check request. If approved, DG Eric will send it to the Treasurer, who will mail you a check. If you have questions, give me a call = OFFICE 209-525-9211 or CELL 209-765-7897. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

~ PDG Pat Casey Gillum

LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Several clubs in our District have asked about **VSP certificates** this year. I have had correspondence with LCIF, and they have stated that VSP is not giving out certificates for that program this year. I would recommend that clubs work with a local optometrist and work out arrangements with them. I would also look at obtaining glasses online through one of the companies that provide glasses. Please work with your optometrist to order them. At the August cabinet meeting, Lion Eleanor Britter spoke about health services and is willing to work with clubs regarding glasses and health care issues. Please contact DG Eric Cheung for information.

~ PDG Kent Christensen

Zoom for Lions 501(c)4 California TAX FILINGS INFORMATION

I will host a one-hour Zoom meeting on the dates and times listed below.

First Come First Served – But you will be able to observe how I research each individual club and apply to your own club.

The goal is to get those interested to know where the IRS, FTB, SOS, and AG expect each club to file and what information is needed.

We will research and review each website for your specific club information. Come prepared with answers to the following questions:

1. Do you know the Employer Identification Number (EIN) assigned to your club by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)?
2. Do you know the SOS/FTB Corporation/Organization Number assigned by the California Secretary of State (SOS)?
3. Do you know the RCT Registration Number assigned by the California Attorney General (AG)?
4. Do you know the full name of your club? Any variations?

I am looking to guide others to correctly file their clubs' taxes and become current with the agencies.

Gabrielle McKechnie is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Zoom for Lions 501(c)4 California Tax Filings Information**

Saturday, **January 4, 2025** 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Monday, **January 6, 2025** 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Tuesday, **January 7, 2025** 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Wednesday, **January 29, 2025** 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81675313239?pwd=o0pQXtbS0xQaJlSrZLgWbtyiWmow2U.1>

Meeting ID: 816 7531 3239 - **Passcode:** 964180

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Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kd2xiHLto5>

~ PDG Gabrielle McKechnie

FOLLOW/LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



After several months, we've finally recovered our District's Facebook page. Please FOLLOW and LIKE US!

<https://www.facebook.com/4a1lionsclub/>

We can share your clubs' events/fundraisers on there. Send the flier, your Facebook event's link, or information to NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG by the 25th of the month.

CALIFORNIA LIONS T's ARE HERE!

You're part of the coolest service organization in the world! Why not show off your attitude with a cool T-shirt? There's a shirt for every Lions and global cause, and you can wear it with pride! A portion of the proceeds goes to California Lions MD4-endorsed projects, the California Lions Foundation, and other committees.

Order your shirts today! <https://md4lions.org/shop>

~ Lion Elizabeth Steves, California Lions and Leos Marketing Committee Chair LY 24/25



HELEN KELLER MURAL PROJECT this June

STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club's **Helen Keller Mural Project** will highlight local artist Diana Buettner and the disabled community of San Joaquin County - in collaboration with San Joaquin County Chapter National Federation of the Blind and Stockton Unified School District's Walton Special Center. Our mobile mural will be traveling soon as a featured piece in art displays and educational outreaches and will be permanently placed in June 2025, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller asking Lions Clubs International to become the "Knights of the Blind". Webpage:

<https://stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org/helen-keller-mural/>

PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>
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.



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

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).

SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS



January 2025

Lions International reminds us that Peace Poster packets go on sale **January 15th**. 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 15th** is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Now is the time to start planning a childhood cancer service activity to support patients and families, assist organizations and facilities, and raise awareness in your community. Use the new childhood cancer service resources to get started. [LINK](#)

At our January 18th 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

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.)

January, February, March 2025

1. Hunger
2. International Child Cancer Awareness Day (2/15/2025)
3. Lion Eyes Across California (3/15/2025)

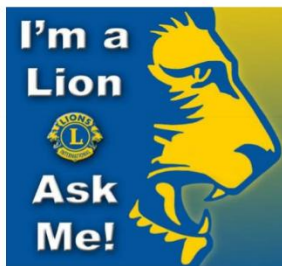
April, May, June 2025

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

MARKETING SUGGESTIONS

Up Country 88 Lions Club
welcomes men and women
desiring to be of service to others.
Lions enjoy the fellowship of
other enthusiastic, like-minded
and public-spirited individuals.

We raise funds to support
designated projects (see list
below) by having several
fundraisers per year.

What We Do

- Vision & Eye Care
- Scholarships
- Diabetes Awareness
- Holiday Gifts Drive
- Food Bank Support
- Student Speakers Contest
- Area Disaster Relief
- White Cane Days (Blindness)
- Parker's Prom (Cancer Center)
- Flag Day Presentations
- Thanksgiving Donations

Reasons to Become a Lion

- Help your community
- Gain valuable skills
- Make an impact on people's lives, both locally and internationally
- Learn to be a leader – and lead a respected organization
- Network with businesses
- Energize your life and have fun
- Grow personally and professionally
- And you'll know that what you do is worthwhile and appreciated!

Join us at one of our meetings!

We meet the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of the month
at 6:00 pm at the Pine Grove
Mobile Home Estates Clubhouse,
located at 14074 Irishtown Road
in Pine Grove.

Up Country 88 Lions Club

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Facebook: @upcountry88lions

Up Country 88 Lions Club

Serving Our Community Since 1979



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PO Box 777, Pine Grove CA 95665

Here's an example of a "business card" to have printed and give to your club's members to hand out. There's a space in the middle for them to put their name and phone number if they wish!

If you'd like help in developing similar advertising, contact Lion Gail at gfcion@gmail.com.

**Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ERIC CHEUNG****Happy New Year!**

Let's reflect. I have made my marks at different Christmas festivities involving local Lions clubs: **Bass Lake Lions'** event with cotton candy/hot chocolate and parade, **Atwater-Winton Lions'** parade (yeah! I can do something with my club), **Escalon Lions'** hot chocolate,

cider, and cookies, and even a gift-wrapping event with the **Merced County Law Enforcement Lions/Leo/Explorers**. Certainly, the decorating of the Lions Float for the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena and meeting with the International President Fabricio Oliveira are on my list.

In this year, 2025, please sign up for the Growth Workshop. You will get a recording and resources even if the scheduled time doesn't work for you. It is crucial to grow our clubs. See article in this newsletter. [REGISTER](#)

See you at the District Meeting on January 18th.

[REGISTER](#)

~ Lion Eric Cheung

Lions International 4-A1 District Governor



MISSION 1.5

Here's an example of an 8.5x11" flier to have printed and put in area businesses, on bulletin boards, on social media, and on your club's website.

UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

LIONS ROSE PARADE FLOAT – January 1

<https://lionsfloat.org/> Tune in on January 1 at 8:00

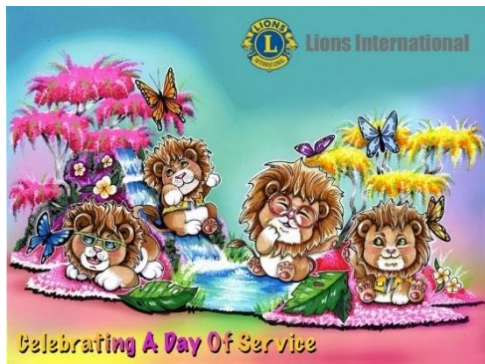
AM PT on ABC, NBC, Univision, Hallmark Channel, or your favorite streaming platform.

Want to learn more? Visit

lionsfloat.org to

see how you

can get involved and support our mission. Let's make this a year of service! #LionsFloat #RoseParade #BestDayEver #LionsClub #CelebratingADayOfService #CaliforniaLions #WeServe #NewYearNewImpact



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLLI) - January 24-26

Sacramento
Regional Lions Leadership Institute
Multiple District 4



Thursday, January 23rd
to
Sunday, January 26th

Hilton Sacramento
Arden West,
2200 Harvard St
Sacramento, CA 95815

The fee of \$400.00 (no refunds after January 6, 2025) covers the Institute and lodging from Thursday, January 23rd through 1 PM Sunday, January 26th. If you plan on arriving on Wednesday, January 22nd, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$144.00 plus fees and taxes when you check in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute will be at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. Plated breakfasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Box lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Plated dinners on Friday and Saturday. Beverages are provided at each meal.

Any Questions can be directed to
PDG Manny Sanchez
562-708-9061
LionManny@gmail.com



<https://californionalionsmd4.ticketspice.com/2025-regional-lions-leadership-institute-sacramento>

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REGIONAL LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
RLLI

SACRAMENTO

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Classes start Friday, January 24th (8 AM) – Sunday, January 26th (1 PM)
Preferred check-in Thursday January 23rd

Interactive Leadership Training & Team Building
Prepare for Leadership Success!

This 3-day Institute will focus on:

- Effective Teamwork
- Public Speaking Skills
- Diversity Awareness
- Motivating Club Members
- Time Management
- ...and more!

Whether you're a Lion considering a leadership role, a current club leader, or a district leader aiming to enhance your skills, this Institute is designed for you. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of leadership, helping you better serve your club, district, and community. The training provides valuable tools and resources to help your clubs thrive and succeed in today's dynamic environment. Team-building exercises with fellow Lions will also be a key component of the experience. Ultimately, the Institute will strengthen your leadership abilities and expand your knowledge of Lions Club International.

Lodging and Meals

The \$400 fee (no refunds after January 6, 2025) covers the Institute, meals, and lodging from Thursday, January 23rd to 1 PM Sunday, January 26th. A credit card will be required for check-in for incidentals. All meals are provided at the Institute location, including plated breakfasts and lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, along with dinners on Friday and Saturday. Beverages will be available at each meal.

Damage, Smoking, and Cleaning Fee

You will be held responsible for any damage to your hotel room or smoking in your room. If such incidents are discovered during or after your stay, you will incur a fee for repairs. The hotel is smoke-free, and smoking inside the hotel or room will result in an additional charge, along with fees for any necessary cleaning.

Institute Location and Lodging

The event will be held at:
Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

To Register and Pay for the Institute:

Click the link to register on the MD4Lions website: <https://md4lions.org/training>
Direct Registration Link: <https://californionalionsmd4.ticketspice.com/2025-regional-lions-leadership-institute-sacramento>

For additional inquiries, please contact:

PDG Manuel "Manny" Sanchez
Mobile: 562-708-9061
Email: LionManny@gmail.com



PARKER'S PROM – February 15



Parker's Prom is on February 15th. If you want to help with set-up the day before - or help run the event the day of - let Liz/Elisabete know. Donation letters were sent out to your club's representatives.

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. [...] All kids in the Central Valley who are battling cancer have been invited to attend the 18th Annual [Parker's](#)

[Oncology Prom](#) on **February 15**. 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 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

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

EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (ELLI) – March 21-23

March 21-23 - Friday to Sunday, Check-in Thursday Night at the Anaheim Hotel, 1700 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA

- Prepare Lions and Leos for leadership at the club-level (those who have not yet served as Lions club president)
- Special sessions only available through the ELLI
 - Change management
 - Mentoring
 - Creative thinking
- Structured three-day learning curriculum
- Grant recipients are eligible to receive additional funds when Leos are included in their ELLI.

For more information about the Regional Lions Leadership Institute go to:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/emerging-lions-leadership-institute>

Website: <https://md4lions.org/training>

~ DG Eric Cheung

GROWTH WORKSHOP SERIES – Jan-Feb

<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 session or soon thereafter. Make sure to select your District when registering.

This **3-part workshop series** is designed to empower **District Leadership** with the skills to:

- ✓ Start new clubs
- ✓ Grow membership in existing clubs
- ✓ Foster a *culture of growth* focused on service, fun, and inclusivity

Imagine clubs where every Lion is motivated to invite new members and expand our collective impact. By growing our membership and adding new clubs, we can amplify our ability to serve and transform even more communities.

These workshops are not exclusive to the District GAT Teams. It is open to anyone in your district who wants to make a difference and contribute to its growth. Spread the word, encourage, and ask district members who are proud of the Lions' mission to get involved. Let's ensure that the great work Lions do continues to grow in every corner of our district.

NOTE: Even if you can't make it, you will get recording and info to review at your leisure!

January 14th 07:00 PM, **January 28th** 07:00 PM, and **February 11th** 07:00 PM. [REGISTER](#)

MD4 CONVENTION – February 21-23

You are cordially invited to join us for the **106th MD-4 California Lions Convention** **February 21-23**, in Visalia, CA. The Mid-Winter Council Of Governors Meeting will precede the Convention **February 19-20**.

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 or md4book@gmail.com

****Cut-off for meal ordering is **January 1st****

No refunds after **January 1st

**Early Bird Registration ends on December 14, 2024

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

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 Leo Symposium on Saturday
 Speed Learning Seminars

International
 3rd Vice President
 Manoj Shah

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[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, NY.

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, NY, USA – **March 21, 2025** - [LINK](#)
- Geneva, Switzerland – **April 15, 2025** - [LINK](#)



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

FLAG DAY – June 14

<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 ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME - June 21

Players' Press Banquet! April 5 - 6 PM Dinner - 5 PM Doors open at the Italian Athletic Club, 3541 Cherryland, Stockton CA

Lions All-Star Football Game! June 21 - 6 PM Pre-Game. 7 PM Game Time – at Tracy High School, Tracy CA, Wayne Schneider Stadium. Thank you for your support. [FLIER](#)
 ~ Elizabeth Olson olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com

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TRACY HIGH SCHOOL
KICKOFF: 7:00PM
TICKETS: \$15

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SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025
6PM DINNER
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DISCOUNTED GAME TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE

LIONSALLSTARFOOTBALL.COM

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – July 13-17

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



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(NOTE: Location and dates have changed.)

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM – September 18-20



<https://lionsforum.org/>

ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

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[leos](#)



LEOS DAY AT MD4 CONVENTION – Feb 22nd

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Visalia Convention Center
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Visalia, CA 93291
7AM-6PM



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Details on the website
Select "Leo Symposium Registration Package Only"



SCAN ME

ATTN: LEO CLUB ADVISORS

Help Your Leos Find Their Next Steps - Leo club advisors, how are you talking to Leos about the Leo-to-Lion transition? Use our Leo-to-Lion transition resources (including the PowerPoint and talking points) to start the conversation with your Leos. [LINK](#)

TOKAY HS LEO CLUB

Please support Leo Advisor Hernandez's project involving our Leos and benefiting many other students at Tokay High School regarding the "2nd Annual Multicultural Fair - An Event to Share Everyone's Unique Culture!"

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/the-multicultural-fair-an-event-to-sha/8968661/>

~ Jennifer Gass, STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

GOLDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Check out the photos and article under "Merced Golden Lions" in the Clubs' News Section of this newsletter.

MOUNTAIN HOUSE LEO CLUB



Every year, Brighter Christmas of Tracy helps needy families along with low-income seniors. For the past two years, Mountain House Leos make greeting cards to go into the senior gift bags. Audrey Ou, along with her mother, made certain that each senior received an inspirational card.

MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB



On December 5th, Madera Omega Leos participated in our local town Christmas Parade 🎄.

Thank you to the Omegas who were able to help build and participate! Thank you, Lions, for all the support! Santa and The Grinch were the focus of the night!



Omega Leos delivered over 300 gifts that our community donated to the Angel Trees! The number of gifts we received were very unexpected and appreciated. They received a surprise visit from Santa himself! Merry Christmas to Madera Youth in Transition Program.



On December 13, our very own Omega Leo President Perla installed two new members! This was a very special moment and experience as, when we do installations, we usually have a Lion Member do our installation. So for Omega President Perla to do ours, it was something for the books! Welcome to our New Members Omega Edgar and Omega Nelley!

From the Madera Omega Leo Club we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎄 🎁.

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

newsletter@lions4-a1.org and placed here to share with other Lions Clubs.



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

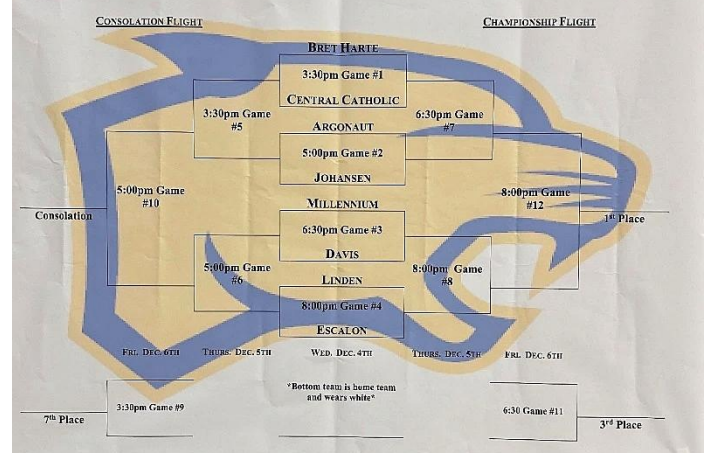
CLUB NEWS SECTION

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

ESCALON LIONS



Pete Arellano Memorial Tournament 48th Year Hosted by the Escalon Lions Club



December 2024 - 48th year hosting the Pete Arellano Memorial Tournament!! Photos courtesy <https://www.facebook.com/EscalonLionsClub>.

CUB NEWS SECTION

NOTE: If your club has a Cub program, or is working on starting one, articles and photos can be sent to

Christmas on Main was December 7th. Main Street closed down for this year's Christmas party and parade of 2024 with plenty of vendors! Free cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee were provided and there were fire pits to keep warm! Here's the video link: https://youtu.be/0_m49E-lW30?feature=shared

LINDEN LIONS

Reservations are still available for the Baroldi & Rib Feed on **January 11th**. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize or basket, please let me (Janice/209-483-0329) know and I would be happy to pick up any items.

Thank you. ~ Janice Colombini – [FLIER](#)

January 18th is the Annual Crab Feed. – [FLIER](#)



Around the Clubhouse



November 12th Program: District Governor's Visitation - President Richard Boden introduced 1st Vice District Governor Matthew Stickler. First order was to present to Lion Glen Bockmon two awards. First one was for sponsoring five new members. The second one was for 55 years attendance in Lions. PDG Dan Agari is donating four Lions vests that are adorned with his pin collections over

his Lions history. 200 tickets were to be sold at the next meeting (Dec 10) for \$15.00 each. Proceeds are to be donated to the roof repair fund. Vests will be on display. Cabinet Secretary Maggie Stickler talked about why she became a Lion. It began when she was in the second grade. P.P. Bobby Arrigone Jr. was asked about the Toy Collection Project. New toys, socks, jackets will be collected. The General Meeting on **1/14/2025** will be Ladies' Night.

TURLOCK LIONS

Reno Bus Trip - Saturday, **February 22 through Sunday February 23**, the Club has reserved a bus to travel to the J Resort in Reno. There will be spirited beverages on the way. Cost is \$330 per couple and it includes the bus ride and the hotel. Bus will leave at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 22 from Lion Buster's house. To make sure the bus is full, spaces are now open to non-Lion members. To reserve your space or for more information, please contact Lion Rafael Vega at 209-652-0047.

80th Anniversary - The Turlock Lions Club received their charter on January 3, 1945. To celebrate the 80th Anniversary, the club will commemorate it at the general meeting on **January 2**. Please invite past members and club supporters to help celebrate this great accomplishment. Please let King Ryan know if you are inviting others so we have enough dinner.



Christmas Party Highlights - The Annual Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 13th, at the American Legion Hall. The food and camaraderie were fabulous! Wives were each presented with a holiday present. It was great to see so many members and their spouses / significant others in attendance. See photos below.





We had a great time at the **Monster Truck Show** on Saturday, November 30th! Everyone was out battling the cold weather; but there was a great turnout for both shows. Thank you to AMP/Monster Jam for the opportunity to help. Looking forward to working with them in the future. Special "thanks to Lion Bud, Lion Paul and King Ryan for representing the club. See photos below.



Toys Donation - Thank you to Lion King Ryan and Past President Bud Silva for shopping for the Turlock Lions Club's donation of toys and bikes for children for Christmas! This year's donation totaled \$5000!!!! As always, we have collaborated with another other organization that will wrap and distribute. See photos.





BASS LAKE LIONS

In November, the Bass Lake Lions Club donated storage racks and bins to a high school student who is working on a project with My Club, formerly known as the Boys and Girls Club of Oakhurst. The project involves the collection of donated clothing for students in grades five through twelve with needs. By recycling clothing, the student hopes to not only help serve the children in the area, but also help protect the environment. Pictured in the photo below carrying a large box of items is Lion Ty Peterson, who assisted with this project.



On November 30th, the Bass Lake Lions assisted with the Annual Pines Winter Parade by offering free cotton candy to all attendees. Cotton candy was also spun and sold during the parade to help generate revenue for services in 2025. Over 500 cups of hot chocolate were given away with over 100 cones of cotton candy sold. The Bass Lake Lions offer a special thanks to our District Governor, Eric Cheung, for driving up to Bass Lake and helping make cotton candy for a second consecutive year!



On Saturday, December 14th, members of the Bass Lake Lions gathered for a Christmas potluck luncheon at the house of Lions Jennie and Bruce Alameida. Together, the members enjoyed a soup-and-salad meal, along with a

few other items. Those in attendance enjoyed the company as well as the meal and warm house while a rain storm darkened the day outside.



Following the meal, President Bruce Alameida read a letter from Lions International congratulating Lion Harold Hayes for 15 years of service as a Bass Lake Lion. He was awarded his 15-year chevron while members looked on and offered their congratulations and thanks for his service. ~ Bruce Alameida

CERES LIONS

Pancake Breakfast – **February 8:** Come out and support your local Boy Scouts Troop 9 and Cub Scouts Pack 132. Bring the family for breakfast. You can get your tickets from a Ceres Lions member or at the door. [FLIER](#)

Coming Events:

Dec 20/21st, Ceres Wrestling Tournament
 Jan 11th, Cook for Tuolumne River Fundraiser
 Feb 8th, Lions Pancake Breakfast
 Feb 12th, Student Speaker Contest
 Feb 22nd, Ceres Lions Famous Crab Feed
 Mar 29th, BBQ Sausage Diamond Bar for CHS Pups
 1st week April, Family Camp Out
 May 17th, Relay for Life BBQ



December 20-21, 2024 was the Annual Wrestling Tournament at Ceres High School. The event hosted some 270 wrestlers this year - 90 girls and 180 boys and was spread over two days. There were 18 teams on the first day and 20 teams on the second.



In addition, Ceres Lions cooked a tri-tip lunch both days for approximately 100 coaches, officials, and other helpers from regional schools in the area.





At our Membership Meeting of December 11th, a member slipped outside and it seems to me, in less than five minutes he was back as Santa. He didn't stay long.

We made a Holiday Donation for Low Income Seniors and a donation to Ceres Pups Wrestling Club.

~ Dave Mendonca

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS



On December 18th, we had our yearly Holiday Party. It was a bit low-key as we were missing those who were out-of-town, sick, or had forgotten!

But we had fun, good laughs with friends, interesting white elephant gifts, great food, and great service at Plate 88 American Grill and Bar!

We're looking forward to having our first Bowling Fundraiser this spring. We're also planning another Meet & Greet with the help of our District.

#upcountry88lions #weserve

~ Gail Cates, President

MURPHYS ANGELS LIONS



Our club house tree was decorated by Lions Jeri Volk and Carolee Kane.





December 12th Meeting News – Our Christmas dinner was a BIG success. It was one of the biggest crowds this year for dinner. We were treated to holiday tunes provided by “Mr. B” from the Murphys School of Music. Our cooks, headed up by Lion Jim Fraguero, put on a lavish dinner of New York strip, baked potato, corn casserole, salad, and rolls. Also at the dinner, Treasurer Carolee reported the clubs donations for December \$200 for Parker’s Prom, \$500 to Murphys Senior Center, \$500 to Calaveras County Senior Center, and \$1,000 to Murphys Friends Free Christmas Dinner.



Our members came through again. The Christmas Toy Drive filled the back of President Broglio’s truck with presents that were delivered to the “Toys for Tots” organization the next day.

MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

Mokelumne Hill had fun decorating the town for the holiday season.



Our Annual “Christmas to Remember” was the 1st Wednesday and Thursday of December. Area Lions Clubs collect money from our local communities to provide local children with funds to buy clothes for themselves. It’s such a worthy cause and our booth alone brought in over \$3000. We usually can provide 150 children with \$125 each for new clothing.





Our Christmas party was a hit! Our new members were quite surprised how fun us old folks can be! Our annual fundraiser is **January 25th** and we're getting ready for the event. The **Al Pena Enchilada Dinner** will be held at the Mokelumne Hill Town Hall. Would love to see some neighboring Lions come enjoy this fun event. Proceeds go to Scholarships, & local community organizations. [FLIER](#) ~ Cindy Pederson

SONORA LIONS

We've reserved the Elks Lodge for our Cioppino Dinner on Friday **March 28**. As a young man in, on, and frequently under the surface of the southern California ocean - with tackle, or spear, or clam fork, or abalone irons gathering seafood, I look forward to our superb Cioppino. Lion Jerri Regelin is heading up a project now titled "Forget Me Nots". She and Jan Newman, two of our members, have donated time, cards, and visits to some of our community's elderly who reside in extended care facilities. This is a worthwhile project we can do with little effort and maximum impact. With the December 11th induction of new member Greg Feduloff and returning Lion Catherine Reuter, our membership now rests at 34. And at our next meeting we'll induct former member Ken Hammond. Looking Good!



Left to right: returning member Catherine ("Cat") Reuter, sponsor Bill Dunlavy, sponsor Jerri Regelin - for new member Greg Feduloff



Lion Jan Newman represented our club at the Senior Center Open House

MODESTO 500 LIONS





raffles (Lion Sue owes a fine!), and a telling of the club's history. What a fun celebration it was!



Modesto 500 Annual Christmas Party!! What a fun evening! Once again, PDG Pat & Frank opened their beautifully decorated home for our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14. The evening included delicious food, games, and a gift exchange. Also, attendees donated funds toward craft project items for the Children's Crisis Center.



Salvation Army Red Kettle - Modesto 500 members rang the bell in front of Hobby Lobby for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle on Saturday, December 7. Thank you to those that volunteered!



Los Banos Lions 80th Anniversary! Members of the Modesto 500 helped the Los Banos Lions celebrate their 80th anniversary on Friday, December 6. There were several musical interludes, a tasty dinner, poinsettia



Modesto 500 75th Anniversary! Lion Lori's nephew designed the pin for our anniversary (*sample on the previous page*). Doesn't it look great?! Lion Lori and PP Carol are still looking for longtime members who may have a scrapbook from their past service as president for display at our club's 75th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, **May 17, 2025** at the DoubleTree Inn in Modesto. If you do, please contact Loretta.begen@gmail.com to make arrangements. More information will be provided in the future as PP Carol and Lion Lori continue to plan the event. Tickets go on sale in January 2025. Don't miss our Diamond Jubilee!

Senior Care - For this year's holiday service project, the board chose to help seniors who need to know that someone cares for them. The Community Services Agency, a part of the Love Stanislaus's Love our Senior project, were grateful to receive items purchased and funded from the club's charity fund and a couple of club members. Items purchased were blankets, magnifying glasses, zipper pulls, jar openers, large print puzzle books, button hook pulls, and beanies/gloves/socks/scarves. We hope to make a lot of seniors feel cared for!



Comfort Kit Drive - This year's Comfort Kit event at the Centenary Church on Saturday, December 7, was a success! Over 1,180 backpacks were assembled - filled to the brim with blankets, toys and other items for children in the foster care system (babies, elementary, and teens). There were also donations of items for teens aging out of the system with basic household items (cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, blankets, etc.). Thank you to the Modesto 500 Lions for their donation of \$500 towards purchasing needed items, and to PP Robin for happily stuffing backpacks and including an encouraging card in each one. Is your heart calling for service? [Love Stanislaus County](https://www.lovestanislauscounty.org/) 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



It takes a village to make a village. At least that is what we discovered this December. The Lions Club of Mariposa and Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite worked together this December to create a family event in downtown Mariposa and the Mariposa County Courthouse. Many members helped decorate downtown Mariposa with thousands of lights and decorations. At the County Courthouse, Lions Club members, with the help of PG&E and Arbor Work's bucket trucks, decorated the giant fifty-foot tree the club had planted years ago when it was a sapling. They then assisted the Rotary Club in erecting a giant tent to house Santa's Village. Despite the threat of rain, at 5 PM on December 12, the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club put on a festive Christmas Light Parade down Highway 49. The parade route was packed with Christmas spectators. Afterwards, the spectators made their way to the County Courthouse for the Christmas Tree Lighting, great food, and a visit to Santa's Village that featured Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was a welcome event after the stormy day. Those who attended were overwhelmed with the dedication of the community for holding this event. Come to our 50th Annual Crab Feed on **February 1st**. [FLIER](#)

MERCED GOLDEN LIONS & GOLDEN VALLEY HS LEOS

December has been a busy month for the Merced Golden Lions and the Golden Valley High School (GVHS) Leos.



We started by presenting a Thanksgiving meal to a Planada family.



Operation Santa – North – Santa and Mrs. Claus



Operation Santa 2024 - South



Operation Santa 2024 - Central



Operation Santa 2024 - North

Then came Operation Santa in the first week of December. With the coordination of the Merced PD and our GVHS Leos, we covered most of Merced over three nights and handed out almost 3000 candy canes. The PD set up a "Santa Tracker" so people could follow our routes around town and know when we would be in their neighborhood. By the third night, we had hundreds of people lining the sidewalks as we came into a new neighborhood...some event put up lawn chairs on corners to welcome the jolly elf!



Next, we laid wreaths at the San Joaquin National Cemetery for "Wreaths Across America", honoring three of our Club's veterans buried there...Lions Carlos Ramirez, Jesse Hernandez, and Percy Hill. Lion BA Hansen is at the Winton Cemetery, so a wreath was laid there for him as well. Ironically, during the ride to the cemetery it was pouring rain and extremely windy; we almost got blown over laying the wreaths. But as we were leaving the National Cemetery, the sun came out and an amazing

rainbow graced the sky. Such a moment! (Editor's Note: There was also a rainbow when Patterson Lions helped with laying wreaths!!!)



That night we held our Christmas Potluck/Gift Exchange and a fun time was had by all.



Breakfast With Santa – Lions and Leos serving



Breakfast With Santa 2024 – Merced Breakfast Lions Crew



Breakfast With Santa 2024 – Golden Valley HS Leos Crew
Breakfast with Santa was held on the 20th. With the assistance of the Merced Breakfast Lions' cook crew and the GVHS Leos, we served approximately 100 kids and staff.



We had a GVHS Leo, Ajaysia Rivera, join the MD-4 Leos who went down to Pasadena to help decorate the Lions Rose Parade Float. Long drive...but Ajaysia says it was well worth it!

And finally, on Christmas Eve, we delivered gifts and a prepared meal to a local family selected by the Boys & Girls Club.

The Merced Golden Lions hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and made lasting memories with family and friends...and wish you all a prosperous, healthy New Year 2025! ~ Jean Weaver

PATTERSON LIONS

The Patterson Lions were busy in December!



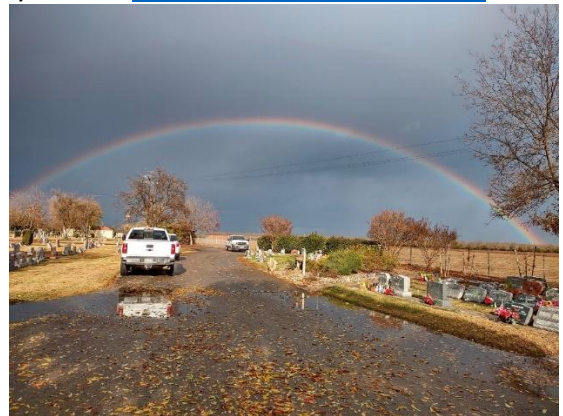
On December 6, a table of us broke out our vests and traveled down Hwy 33 to help Los Banos Lions, to congratulate them, and help them celebrate their 80th anniversary. We enjoyed good music, great food, and awesome comradery. And one of us even won a poinsettia.



Also on December 6, we decorated a tree on the circle in downtown Patterson. This tree is part of the Christmas celebration that our town does every year and is a fundraiser for Soroptimists. This is our first year decorating a tree, but hopefully not the last! On December 7, we helped line up all the entries for the Chamber's annual Lighted Christmas Parade that kicks off our city's Christmas season. We have fun doing this every year for our Chamber.



On December 14, we braved the wet and windy weather to help with our city's first Wreaths Across America celebration at our local cemetery. Not only did we buy 50 wreaths for our Veterans, but a dozen Lions were there to help stage wreaths around the cemetery, and lead the color guard in presenting the flags of the various branches. We served snacks to the volunteers and placed the wreaths on the graves of our Veterans. We will be back out on January 11 to help pick them up after the Holiday season. <https://fb.watch/wFKv0tz-bt/>



(Editor's Note: Merced Golden Lions also posted a photo of the rainbow they saw at THEIR wreath-laying event!!!)

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS



After a very successful football season--serving 900 hot dogs, 370 burgers, 260 pounds of tri tip, 100 linguica sandwiches, 200 baked potatoes, 670 Powerade drinks and going through 51 cans of nachos, Tracy Tank Town Lions presented a check to West High School ASB Athletics for \$4889. A "thank you" dinner was held on December 12th, recognizing our community volunteers who helped in the snack bar along with our Tank Town Lions members.



This picture shows boxing toys for families. Pictured in lower right corner is Gene Birk, who founded Brighter Christmas of Tracy.



These are pictures from Brighter Christmas distribution day. Families received food boxes along with a specially packed toy box for the children. See the photo and article about the Mountain House Leos in the Leo Section of this newsletter.

STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Our club enjoyed a potluck Christmas party with **Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club** and guests at the home of Lion Acosta on December 4. A white elephant gift exchange and fun "Scooping in the Dark" game added to the festivities.

We distributed backpacks containing Braille and Low vision school supplies and snacks (stuffed by our **Tokay High School Leo Club**) to 20 Blind and Low Vision students at 15 schools in Stockton Unified School District. <https://m.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=StocktonSanJoaquinLionsClub&set=a.579304904751265> Thanks go to the California Lions Foundation for the grant that made it possible!

Between November 1 and December 15, we collected 232 pairs of socks (with help from **Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club**, American Desi Society, and the SJC Chapter National Federation of the Blind) for "Audrey's Sock Drive for the Homeless", benefiting the needy served by St. Mary's Dining Room.

Our club held a Little Caesars online fundraiser, donated grocery gift cards, and assisted with gift wrapping for

three events hosted by Sharing the Harvest to brighten the Christmas of local Veterans and their families.

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We look forward to serving and growing together in 2025, having our club officer training on January 4th, and attending the District Meeting on January 18th!

RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions held their annual Christmas Dinner and gift-giving event at the Ripon Fire House on December 6th with their spouses. On December 2nd, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus (Lion Ken Newburg and his wife in costume) entertained the kids at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. On December 12th, the Ripon Lions Float Committee entertained the crowd (during the rain) with their three-car train. *(If you have photos of these events, submit them to the District's Newsletter by 1/25/2025.)*

In January, the Lions will have Camp Taylor provide a presentation at the January 16th meeting. The Ripon Lions are preparing for their large annual fundraiser: the Almond Blossom Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. The 2025 Spaghetti Dinner Auction will also contain an online auction of larger items. We will post it in the February 2025 District Newsletter. ~ Damon Woods, Secretary

OAKDALE LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



Articles about our club in the *Oakdale Leader*:

<https://www.oakdaleleader.com/news/community-shares-bounty-gratitude-smiles-plentiful/>
and

<https://www.oakdaleleader.com/news/lions-club-shares-holiday-joy-with-oakdale-families/>

ATWATER WINTON LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



Atwater-Winton Lions Club
December 10 at 9:40 AM · 🌐

Atwater-Winton Lions Club members represented in a big way at the Annual Christmas Parade in downtown Atwater last Friday night! Thank you to all of the members who participated in the festivities. The combined efforts of decorating, organizing, driving, marching, and handing out candy canes made for a fabulous holiday experience at this wonderful community event. Well done!



JACKSON LIONS



Amador College Connect
December 4 at 8:42 AM · 🌐

Amador College Connect is grateful to the Jackson Lions Club for supporting our mission!!

We are truly thankful for the Jackson Lions Club for their generosity this Giving Tuesday! This donation helps us continue to provide educational and career opportunities for high school students and adults in our community. We appreciate ALL the Jackson Lions Club does for our community!

#amadorcollegeconnect #jacksonlionsclub #amadorcommunityfoundation #amadorcounty #givingtuesday #thankyouforyoursupport #collegeandcareer #generosity #LionsClubsInternational #communitystrong #ledgerdispatch



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