

**LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER**

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**~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~**[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)[MD4 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

January 31-February 2: Treasure Hunt Fundraiser Sale – Tracy Tank Town Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 1: Cioppino Feed - 6:00 Bar, 7:00 Dinner - \$70/ Person 209-607-3467 – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 1: 50th Annual Crab Feed – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 1: Don Osborne Memorial Run – Oakdale Lions – [WEBSITE](#) - [LINK](#)  
 February 1-March 1: Krispy Kreme "Digital Dozens" Fundraiser – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [LINK](#)  
 February 1: [Marketing Award](#) - Applications due for club marketing chairperson or club president to submit online  
 February 2: Women In Lions Virtual Event – 5pm – [FLIER](#) - [REGISTER](#)  
 February 6: Delegate's Registration deadline for [MD4-A1 Convention](#)  
 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 14: Burson Bingo – Tri Dams Lions - [LINK](#)  
 February 15: Parker's Prom – see article in this newsletter  
 February 15: International Childhood Cancer Day – see article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)  
 February 17: Club Officers' Town Hall Meeting – 6pm – See [District Calendar](#) for link  
 February 17: Student Speakers Contest – Club-level done by today – [LINK](#)  
 February 20: Spaghetti Dinner – Ripon Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 20: MD4 [Council of Governors](#) – Winter meeting  
 February 21-23: MD4 Convention – Visalia – see article in this newsletter - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)  
 February 22: Leos Day at MD4 Convention - ##leosonsafari - [FLIER](#)  
 February 22: Italian Night Citizen of the Year – Linden Lions – [FLIER](#)  
 February 22: Drive-Thru Crab Feed – Lodi Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 22: Famous Crab Feed – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)  
 February 22-23: Reno Bus Trip – Turlock Lions – see information in [January's newsletter](#)  
 February 24: 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 7:30pm – See [District Calendar](#) for link  
 February 25: Membership Orientation – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)  
 February 25: Newsletter items due by this deadline - email [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)  
 February 28: Rebuilding Clubs - Zoom – see link on [District's calendar](#)  
 March 1: Early \$ Registration for 4-A1 Convention ends  
 March 1-31: Helen Keller Mural – Showcased at Margaret Troke Library – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#) – [BROCHURE/INSIDE](#) – [BROCHURE-OUTSIDE](#) - [LINK](#)  
 March 8: 4-A1 District Meeting – at Atwater Memorial Building – [REGISTER](#)  
 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: Night at the Races – Merced Golden Lions – [FLIER](#)  
March 15: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 16: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – Tracy Tank Town Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 16: Bingo – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 16: Pancake Breakfast – Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 17: Club Officers’ Town Hall Meeting – 6pm – See [District Calendar](#) for link  
March 19: Tasteful Meet & Greet–Upcountry 88 Lions-[FLIER](#)  
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 22: Cioppino Dinner – Tracy Breakfast Lions  
March 24: 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 7:30pm - See [District Calendar](#) for link  
March 25: Membership Orientation – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)  
March 25: Newsletter items due by this deadline - email [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)  
March 28: Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 29: Shrimp with Tri-Tip – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 29: Helen Keller’s 100th Anniversary – 1:00-2:30pm - Showcased at Margaret Troke Library, Stockton San Joaquin  
Lions - [FLIER](#) – [BROCHURE/INSIDE](#) – [BROCHURE/OUTSIDE](#) – [LINK](#)  
March 29: BBQ Sausage Diamond Bar for CHS Pups – Ceres Lions  
March 31: Deadline for submitting District 4-A1 Lionism Award – See article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)  
March 31: Early-Bird Pricing ends for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – [LINK](#)  
April – 1st week: Family Camp-out – Ceres Lions  
April 2: Late Registration for [MD4-A1 Convention](#) begins  
April 5: Players’ Press Banquet for Lions All-Star Football – See article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)  
April 12: Strides – Running With the Lions – Madera Evening Lions – [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)  
April 14: Member Orientation – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)  
April 16: Tasteful Meet & Greet –Upcountry 88 Lions - [FLIER](#)  
April 22: Membership Orientation – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm via [Zoom](#)  
April 22: Earth Day - [LINK](#)  
April 24-27: District 4-A1 Convention and a short District Meeting – [Black Oak Resort & Casino](#)  
April 25: Newsletter items due by this deadline - email [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)  
April 26: Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) - [LINK](#)  
April 28: Club Officers’ Town Hall Meeting – 6pm – See [District Calendar](#) for link  
April 28: 4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 7:30pm – See [District Calendar](#) for link  
May 3: 75th Anniversary Annual “Round-Up for Charity” Prime Rib Dinner - Atwater-Winton Lions – [FLIER Page 1](#) – [FLIER Page 2](#) - [FLIER](#)  
May 10: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)  
May 17: 75th Anniversary – Modesto 500 Lions – [FLIER](#)  
May 17: Relay for Life BBQ – Ceres Lions  
May 21: Tasteful Meet & Greet – Upcountry 88 Lions - [FLIER](#)  
May 30-June 1: MD4 Joint [Council of Governors](#) - 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 25-26: Escalon Park Fete – Escalon Lions – [FB LINK](#)  
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](#)  
September 18–20: [USA/Canada Forum](#) - Atlantic City, NJ - Early Bird Pricing now through March 31, 2025  
July 3-7, 2026: Lions International Convention - Hong Kong, China - [LINK](#)  
July 2-6, 2027: Lions International Convention - Washington DC - [LINK](#)  
June 23-27, 2028: Lions International Convention - Singapore - [LINK](#)  
June 29-July 3, 2029: Lions International Convention - Minneapolis, MN - [LINK](#)  
June 28-July 2, 2030: Lions International Convention - San Antonio, TX - [LINK](#)

July 4-8, 2031: Lions International Convention - Helsinki, Finland - [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 – 6pm - 3rd Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

4-A1 Marketing Team Meeting – 7:30pm - 4th Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

MD4 California & 4-A1 Lions Care Service Projects –

Website: [md4lions.org/project-care](https://md4lions.org/project-care)

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

Bags for Benches – Round 8 is now through June 30th – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

## “TELL US WHAT YOU THINK” - SURVEY

Reminder to all our Lions members: Please fill out the survey that was emailed to you. If you cannot find it, check your spam folder. The survey is important because the feedback gathered from it is used to inform how he will set his actions plans and goals for the coming Lion year. It's from “1st VDG Matt Stickler”.



## 2025 FIRE RESPONSE

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/wildfires>

Help California wildfire victims.

[DONATE](#) to the California Lions Foundation today.

Subscribe to their Newsletter on the bottom of their homepage for latest news and information from the [California Lions Foundation](#).



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

California communities need your help. The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is providing critical disaster relief for those affected by the devastating fires. Every donation brings hope and assistance to those in need.


♥ Your generosity counts: All LCIF donations contribute toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Together, we can make a difference. Donate today to help rebuild lives and communities..



Contact PDG Manny Sanchez for LCIF  
Donor Certificate  
[lionmanny@gmail.com](mailto:lionmanny@gmail.com)

 [www.LionsClubs.org](http://www.LionsClubs.org)



## California Lions Clubs

Multiple District 4, Lions International

MD4  
Command & Coordination Center  
2025 Fire Response

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Date: 1-24-2025

Subject: Volunteers Needed for Interpretation Services: Eaton Fire Recovery Efforts

From: PIO DG Clayton Jolley Dist. 4C4 ([Lionclaytonhmb@gmail.com](mailto:Lionclaytonhmb@gmail.com))

Lions of Multiple District 4, Area 3 & 4.

The recent Eaton Fire has left many in Southern California in need of assistance, and the California VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) and the Emergency Network Los Angeles (Los Angeles VOAD), are calling on Lions to support wildfire recovery efforts. Interpretation services are urgently needed at a wildfire recovery hub near the Eaton Fire.

Dates: Monday, January 27, through Saturday, February 1

Time: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

We are seeking bilingual volunteers who can assist individuals, families, or groups by walking with them through different stations and translating critical information about the resources available. Your ability to communicate effectively will ensure that those affected can access the help they need.

If you are available to volunteer during this time, please sign up using the link provided. The link will ask you about your dialect, how to sign up for shifts and when you will be contacted.


On-site Contact : Jorge Savala California VOAD Executive Team Member on site.

<http://forms.gle/4kk3q5PzuvkSefv8>

Thank you for your continued dedication to service. Together, we can make a lasting difference for those affected by the Eaton Fire.

Yours in Lionism,

MD-4 Command and Coordination Center - Lions Clubs International Multiple District 4



Where there's a need, there's a Lion.  
Join us. Serve those in need. Build friendships. Be a leader.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GRANT MATCH



Dear Lions Club,

☀ Be Prepared, Stay Safe! ☀

As the District Governor of Lions Club International District 4-A1, I am reaching out with an urgent appeal to support an initiative that will profoundly impact our community. We have been awarded a generous \$15,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF); but to unlock this funding, we must raise \$5,000 locally.

This combined funding will allow us to replenish our district's disaster trailer, provide internet during a disaster, and have emergency supplies and storage at West Point. By contributing to this effort, you will directly enable us to multiply our impact and strengthen our ability to serve.

Your Donation Matters

Every dollar you contribute will be matched by LCIF at a ratio of 3:1, amplifying the power of your generosity. Together, we can reach this goal and deliver meaningful change to those who rely on our support.

Here's how you can help:



Mail a Check: Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A1" and send to PO BOX 4343, Modesto, CA 95352. Please put "Disaster Preparedness Grant Match" in the memo section. You can send it along with the club's Multiple and District dues.

#### Recognition for Your Support

All donors will be acknowledged in our district newsletter and at our upcoming District 4-A1 Convention, where we will celebrate this achievement.

Please join us in this effort by donating today. Together, we can make a lasting impact. Thank you for your support and dedication to serving others.

Yours in Service,

Eric Cheung

District Governor, 2024-2025

Lions Club International District 4-A1

☎ (209) 683-0588 ✉ [lioneric4a1@gmail.com](mailto:lioneric4a1@gmail.com)

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/disaster-grants>

## COLLECT & TURN IN USED EYEGLASSES AND PULL-TABS



Glasses: As your chairperson for glasses recycling, I wish to thank the more than 16 clubs who contributed to the truckload of 8,000 pairs of glasses that were taken to Vallejo last Sunday. These will be cleaned, scanned for prescriptions, boxed, and either sent to existing Lions in Sight facilities around the world for distribution or used in temporary clinics in many third-world countries. Your contributions are being put to good use. As I said: "More than 16 clubs participated". We do not know how many others donated because there were many boxes/bags of glasses with no names or amounts on them. If you are coming to a District Meeting, please remember to at least put your club name on each container and (if you have time) the number of glasses in it. Thank you.



Pull-Tabs: Nearly 100 pounds of pull-tabs were picked up at the District Meeting. These will go to the Ronald MacDonald House in Sacramento where the recycler matches any funds earned. We have yet to involve the House in Madera, but that is a possibility in the future. Again, please put your club's name on the containers. Remember to record your donations in the Lion Portal.

If you would like me to pick up your used eyeglasses and/or pull-tabs (no matter where), please call Paul Wagner at 510-910-3755 and it will happen.

## DISTRICT 4-A1 LIONISM AWARDS

DOWNLOAD .PDF FILE [HERE](#)

Note from DG Eric: This form is for different awards. Deadline is **March 31, 2025**. This nomination form is modified from the MD4 Academy Award's form; so the language, especially the days, could be unique. Please send in separate applications for each category entered. Be proud of what members and clubs have done. Please report your service in the Lion Portal. Service reporting is strongly encouraged. Thank you.



District 4-A1 LIONISM AWARDS CRITERIA

The district winners will be awarded at the 2025 District 4-A1 Convention; and winners will become nominees for the 2026 MD4 Convention Academy Awards.

The following award criteria is provided:

#### District 4-A1 Lion of the Year

Districts wishing to participate should submit their District Lion of the Year for any eligible Lion for service from July 1 to present or through June 30 of the Lion Year. Consideration for this award can include service at District-level and above. All Lions in good standing within their Club, District, and MD4 are eligible.

#### District 4-A1 Leo of the Year

Districts wishing to participate should submit their District Leo of the Year for any eligible Leo for service during the period July 1 to present or through June 30 of the Lion Year. Consideration should be given to service and accomplishments outside of Leo as well as participation in Leo Clubs activities and support of their District. All Leo in good standing within their Club, District, and MD4 are eligible.

#### District 4-A1 Leo Project of the Year

This award is designed for a Club that has a project; for which the Club is most renowned. The amount of money spent can be considered and the project could be a fundraiser. Districts wishing to participate should nominate projects done during the time period July 1 to present or through June 30 of the Lion Year.

#### District 4-A1 Couple of the Year Award

A couple selected by their District Governor will have shown exemplary leadership on behalf of the District and Multiple District, based on the theme, "One World, One Heart". Service through the years should be considered, not just during the current year. A couple receiving this award may consist of a Lion and a significant other who does not have to be a Lion.

#### District 4-A1 Most Outstanding Project for the Year (Small Club, Medium Club, and Large Club, Pending approval for Extra Large Club)

This award is designed for a Club that has a project for which the Club is most renowned. The amount of money spent can be considered and the project could be a fundraiser. Districts wishing to participate should nominate projects done during the time period July 1 to present or through June 30 of the Lion Year.

#### Project of the Year

District Governors may nominate one Club in each category.

- Small Club is a club with 20 or fewer members.
- Medium Club is a club with 21 to 39 members.
- Large Club is a club with 40 or more in membership MD4 Lions Club of the Year

This award is designed for a Club who has gone above and beyond in their service to their community during the period July 1 to present or through June 30 of the Lion Year. It should embody our motto "We Serve". The amount of money spent should NOT be a consideration, and the project should NOT be a Club fundraiser.

The Club project(s) should be "hands-on" in nature and for which members turn out to do physical labor or service for the betterment of their community.

#### Club of the Year

Tell the district why this Lions Club should be nominated.

(More detail is needed if submitting for more than one award or with different sizes of clubs.)

#### California Lionism Awards

Nomination Form – DOWNLOAD .PDF FILE [HERE](#)

(Awarded at the 2025 District 4-A1 Convention)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ District: 4-A1

Name of Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Person or Club President)

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

On one, single side of 8 1/2 x 11 sheet, describe why the nominee deserves this award. The print should be 10 or 12 font size. Please attach a photo(s). Projects must have a title. Submit to: District Governor Eric Cheung [lioneric4a1@gmail.com](mailto:lioneric4a1@gmail.com) 209-683-0588 before **March 31st**. If you need to mail this nomination form, please notify him so he's aware the mail is coming; and please allow ample delivery time. Mailing address: 596 Bellevue Rd, Atwater, CA 95301

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

## RLLI GRADS

Three Lions from our district graduated from the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) held in Sacramento on January 24-26. We spent two full days and another half day learning about and discussing quite a few topics intended to help us grow as leaders and for us to use to help our clubs and district grow. Some of the topics included diversity, public speaking, member motivation, and working in teams. Each class was taught by a graduate of the Faculty Development Institute (FDI), including our very own Claudia Miller. We also spent a lot of time talking with other future Lion leaders from around the state and discussing issues that are affecting other clubs. Lions Jennifer, Rodrigo, and Shawn all had fun and learned a lot during our weekend. Ask us what we learned and if we had fun. We definitely would recommend this and other Lions courses to anyone interested in leadership.



Left to right: Shawn Monnin, Claudia Miller, Rodrigo Acosta, and Jennifer Gass (Past Council Chair Claudia was one of the instructors.)



Right to left: MD4 Council Chair Kevin Guess, Lion Jennifer Gass, (unknown teacher), Immediate Past 4-C1 District Governor Elisa Coyle, (unknown teacher), and Past Council Chair Claudia Miller. From Jennifer's Facebook page: "Had a wonderful time, met some great Lions and learned so much at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Sacramento this weekend! A huge thank you for all the encouragement and support to attend [MD4 A1 Lions Clubs](#)!"

[#STOCKTONSanJoaquinLions](#) [#4A1Lions](#) [#CaliforniaLions](#) [#WeServe](#)" She shared a close-up of her certificate.



From Rodrigo's Facebook page: "Over the weekend I graduated from Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) learn lot and met great Lions members from other Districts in Multiple District 4." He also shared a close-up of his certificate.



Above photo: MD4 Council Chair Kevin Guess presented the certificate to Lion Shawn.

From Shawn's Facebook page: "I did another thing this weekend. I attended and graduated from the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. It was an intense 3 day seminar to help build Lions leaders of the future. I learned a lot and met so many great Lions from around California. Thank you to everyone that encouraged me to do this and the faculty for doing a great job!" He also shared a close-up of his certificate!!!



Lion Shawn received congratulations from Past International Director Ken Ibarra.





Above two photos show us getting to know each other on the first day at RLLI and having ice-breaker fun.



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CANINE COMPANIONS



A Puppy Raiser's Perspective on the Rose Parade

<https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-vision/canine-companions-for-independence/>

Walking with my future service dog Winslow alongside the Lions International Float in the iconic Rose Parade this year was not just a moment of pride for a puppy raiser with Canine Companions—it was a milestone in celebrating 50 years of life-changing impact.

For all the puppy raisers, the journey began with the decision to open their hearts and homes to a future service dog. Months of dedication followed: from basic obedience training to socialization in various environments, all aimed at preparing these dogs to become invaluable companions for individuals with disabilities.

This year held special significance as the [Lions Project for Canine Companions](#) helped [Canine Companions](#) mark its 50th Anniversary. The parade became a platform to honor this legacy of service and dedication. Eight raisers proudly walked alongside their pups, showcasing the culmination of countless hours of training and nurturing.

The atmosphere along Colorado Boulevard was electric with excitement and admiration. Spectators cheered, not only for the beautifully crafted Lions International Float, but also for the dogs and their raisers, who exemplified the spirit of partnership and compassion.

Amidst the sea of flowers and festive floats, the presence of a recipient and his canine companion riding on the Lions International Float was a poignant reminder of the profound impact these assistance dogs have on the lives of their recipients. It was a celebration of independence, empowerment, and the unwavering bond between humans and their canine companions.

As the parade route wound its way through Pasadena, California, puppy raisers reflected on their journey—the challenges overcome, the milestones achieved, and the profound sense of fulfillment in knowing we were part of something great. We all walked not just with pride but with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to Canine Companions' mission.



In essence, walking in the Rose Parade with the Lions Project for Canine Companions was a tribute to 50 years of service, love, and transformation. It was a testament to the enduring legacy of compassion and the limitless potential that comes from the bond between humans and their loyal canine companions. ~ Kirk Noffsinger

## PLANNING A RAFFLE AT ONE OF YOUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS?

Here is what you need to know:

You need to register with the State of California for a Raffle Permit if you are going to have an event or fundraiser raffle.

Valid for one year from January 1 to December 31.

Only need one permit regardless of number of event raffles where public is attending.

Fill out form CT-NRP-1 in January (or at least 60 days prior to your event.)

Submit your CT-NRP-1 entity status letter and \$30.

Wait for your confirmation letter.

Host your raffle and keep the raffle money separate from other event activities.

Fill out and submit your CT-NRP-2 report by February 1st.

In-Club raffles are not included in the above – only events or fundraisers where the public is attending.

Check out the California Raffle rules at [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov)

Happy Fundraising for Lions – WE SERVE.

~ PDG Pat Casey Gillum, Co-Treasurer





## BECOMING KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."



## HELEN KELLER MURAL PROJECT

Our Helen Keller Mural commemorating the 100-year Anniversary of Helen Keller challenging Lions Clubs International to become Knights of the Blind will be displayed **March 1-31** at the Margaret Troke Library, 502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton. It will be showcased with a special event there on **March 29**, 10 AM-12 PM, as part of the International Women's Month Art Hop.

[FLIER](#) – [BROCHURE/INSIDE](#) – [BROCHURE-OUTSIDE](#)

~ Jennifer Gass

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/>



## 2025-26 PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

"TOGETHER AS ONE"

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



Happy New Year LIONS!

The 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest is officially open.

A huge "Thank You" to the 2024-2025 Clubs that sponsored it:

Arnold - Atwater Winton - Modesto 500 - Stockton San Joaquin - Tracy Tank Town

Goal: Let's Double that number in 2025-2026.

The 2025-2026 Contest "Together As One"

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

#### 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.

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 a Peace Poster Contest Kit

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. (\$11.95)

Now available: Digital Peace Poster Kit. Get immediate access to all kit components via email, and download and print the digital kit to save shipping fees. (A code will come with each kit receipt and that code will have to be enter on the label) Video to follow

Digital kit: \$11.95

#### Each kit contains:

Downloadable Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Downloadable Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

Downloadable participant flyer to print and give to participating students to take home

Digital certificates to print for contest winner and school or youth group

Physical kit: \$11.95

#### Each kit contains:

Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

Participant flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home

Sticker to place on back of winning poster

Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group



Above photo: The 2024-25 Peace Posters were on display at the District 4-A1 Meeting January 18th at Camp Taylor.



## DISTRICT 4-A1 TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES

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 me a call - GLT Claudia Miller – 209-596-1219.

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 **2nd Monday of the month** from 6-7PM, except for November & December and June & July. Zoom link 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. 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 Meetings (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](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com) or 209-596-1219.

## SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS



We are halfway through our Lion year and were pleased to be able to present pins to the clubs who have REPORTED service in the eight initiative areas of:

Childhood Cancer

Diabetes

Disaster Relief

Environment

Humanitarian Efforts

Hunger

Vision

Youth

As a reminder, clubs that report service in all eight initiative areas by the end of the Lion year (**6/30/25**) will be entered to win a ONE WEEK STAY at the coast in the Cayucos vacation home of PCC Claudia Miller. As of 12/31/24 we have two clubs that have entered seven areas, Tracy Tank Town and Upcountry 88. Great job in performing service and REPORTING it! Several other clubs are close behind. Good luck to you all!

If you need any assistance with entering service into the Lion Portal, you may contact myself, Beth Estante [bestante@gmail.com](mailto:bestante@gmail.com), Lion Claudia Miller, or Lion Maggie Stickler.

February 2025

**February 15th** is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

District 4-A1 will be holding Parker's Prom on **February 15th**. The Childhood Cancer and Parker's Prom Chairperson is Liz Bockhop. [TLBOCKHOP@gmail.com](mailto:TLBOCKHOP@gmail.com)

At our January 18th District meeting, we made 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 give to a family who could use some help with gas for visits.

In February, MD4 also focuses on Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

#### March 2025

March of 1978 was the first time that Lions Day at the United Nations was held. We commemorate this annually. California Lions will also participate in "Lions Eyes Across California" on **March 15, 2025**. [NOTE: Their website isn't currently working.]

#### April 2025

Lions International, and California Lions alike, focus our efforts on the Environment in April.

Earth Day falls on **April 22** in 2025. I encourage you and your club to participate or create an Earth Day activity for your community. Examples of some Earth Day activities:

Clean up a public park.

Clean up public recreation areas (beaches, rivers and other waterways, paths, and trails).

Sponsor a recycling fair.













Have a yard sale.

Plant a community garden or tree.

~ Submitted by Lion Beth Estante, 4-A1 GST

## 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

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

## GETTING PERIODIC NOTIFICATIONS?

Our District 4-A1 sends out periodic notifications called “e-Blasts” from the email address [NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG). These notifications include a monthly link to the District’s Newsletter that has LOADS of information in it, important messages that can’t wait until the next newsletter is published, spam alerts, some Celebration of Life notices, etc. If you’re not getting these e-Blasts, email a note to me at [NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG) – and please add it to your safe-senders’ list.

~ Lion Gail



## MARKETING HELP WANTED

We’re asking for help for District 4-A1 with making podcasts, YouTube videos, or PSAs, and/or being on LinkedIn, X, Pinterest, etc. For now, we're okay on the district's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

See Lions International’s LINK for more information: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/social-media>

Contact Lion Gail at GFCLION at gmail dot com !

## THE DISTRICT DIGEST – January’s Summary

Introducing the Mental Health and Well-Being Service Initiative: Plan a service project to support the new Mental Health and Well-Being Service Initiative. Lions and Leos can make a difference by raising awareness of the importance of mental health and well-being, educating and supporting their communities, and advocating for positive change.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/mental-health-well-being-initiative>

Remember Why You Serve: There’s nothing quite like being a Lion. Remind yourself why we serve with Five Benefits of Being a Lion and keep them in mind when encouraging potential members to join you.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/five-benefits-of-being-a-Lion>

## LION JAMES EARL CARTER

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/the-carter-center>

In Memoriam

Lion James Earl Carter

Former U.S. President 1924 - 2024

“On behalf of Lions International and Lions around the world, it is with great sadness that we mark the passing of a great leader, a great Lion, and a great man. Lions International extends its condolences to the family of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. President Carter believed in building alliances, in the virtue and just pursuit of human dignity, and in the power that we have to transform not only our world, but ourselves.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has been proud to partner with The Carter Center for nearly 30 years. Our partnership is among the most important and long-lasting relationships enjoyed by the SightFirst program and LCIF. Together, we’ve worked to combat avoidable blindness around the world through our joint efforts in onchocerciasis and trachoma control programs. The Lions family is grateful to President Carter for his lifelong humanitarian spirit and dedicated service to the people of the world.”

## Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERIC CHEUNG

Here is a quote in memory of a great Lion leader, Past District Governor and Former President Jimmy Carter: “Lions changed my life. I would have never been ambitious enough to run for Governor of Georgia. I would have never dreamed of being President of the United States if it were not for the Lions.” Here is an article from the Dallas Founder Lions Club honoring his lifetime of service and leadership – [LINK](#)



The Lions Emblem has two Lions heads. One side is looking at the past and the other is looking at the future.

Here's a Melvin Jones' quote: "There is only one thing greater than being a member of a Lions Club & that's helping build one."

Many districts have added SERVICE to their communities by having specialty clubs that have members who want to serve but cannot make it to traditional clubs' meetings. They provide service to different populations in the community. Our district needs Certified Guiding Lions. Here's the link:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program>. Rebuild clubs and new clubs need Certified Guiding Lions. Please contact Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator Claudia Miller for more information.

LA Fire Relief and Recovery Effort – "Be prepared and wait" is the main theme. The affected area has enough food and clothing. The three affected districts are still conducting regular Lions activities. Lions Leaders are organizing the unified Command Center. (More info will come.) Past International Director Bob Lee from Hawaii, who will be the special guest at our upcoming [District Convention](#), shared his experience of the Lahaina Fire. When Red Cross, FEMA, and other organizations leave, Lions are still there to serve the local recovery effort. Council Chair Kevin Guess mentioned we will be lucky if this isn't a 10-year effort. I understand adrenaline is high, and some of us are also anxious and have mixed feelings. Please understand that Lions are working on it. The best thing to do is to donate to [LCIF](#), [CLF](#), and Lions District 4-A1 Disaster Relief Inc. EIN: 61-1864195. [See address below]

The Command Center is composed of Second Vice District Governors and individual District Disaster Chairs. Regardless, the district teams are working together.

I ask for your patience and I can't emphasize the need for a long-term recovery effort. Be prepared and wait. More information will come soon.

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Multiple efforts are going on within our district. Please see the other articles and fliers in this newsletter.

\* With LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation), our district received \$20,000 Disaster Preparedness Grant (\$5,000 match from our district) to replenish the Disaster Trailer and setup the emergency supplies and storage at West Point.

\* Lions District 4-A1 Disaster Relief Inc. has a full board of directors and are working on and in the disaster trailer, LA Fire Disaster Relief, and other tasks. Information will be sent to club via the club's invoice.

Since separate components are working together on Disaster Preparation and Disaster Relief, different donations will go to distinct places. To avoid confusion, please specify on the memo on your or your club's check. Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A1" and send them to PO BOX 4343, Modesto, CA 95352. Please put "Disaster Preparedness Grant Match" or "Disaster Relief" in the memo section.

~ Lion Eric Cheung

Lions International 4-A1 District Governor



## UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

WOMEN IN LIONS – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

# WOMEN IN LIONS

Strengthen Relationships through building your communication skills!

Please join us for a dynamic virtual session with Lion Shasta Yamada from Hawaii on: Understanding the Difference in Intergenerational Communication and bridging the communication gap!

## Intergenerational Communication involves....

understanding the distinct ways different generations interact and express themselves. These differences are influenced by factors such as technology, social norms, and life experiences. Effective communication requires recognizing and respecting these variances while fostering empathy and mutual understanding. Join us to improve your communication and create more inclusive and collaborative environments in your world!



## VIRTUAL EVENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

2-3:15 PM HAWAII    7-8:15 PM CENTRAL  
5-6 :15 PM PACIFIC    8-9:15 PM EASTERN  
6-7 :15 PM MOUNTAIN



**SEP-JP-GLOW**



Are you looking for more connection? Stay on the meet to chat and build friendships with women around the globe!

**REGISTER TODAY  
CLICK OR SCAN**



[www.womeninlions.com](http://www.womeninlions.com)

Empowering women through mentoring and networking for leadership growth and success!

Women in Lions is a community of like-minded women Lions who share a passion for personal growth and success, with a goal to promote and connect women!

There are two ways to get to know this dynamic and expanding community of women collaborating to help their communities through service - and, each other, through a common bond as a woman Lion.

1. Learn more at: <https://womeninlions.wixsite.com/women-in-lions>
2. Visit this Facebook page, where you can access inspiring member stories, reels, chat forums, videos, and testimonials: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/womeninlions>

Mission: Empowering women through mentoring and networking for leadership growth and success.

If you're interested in learning more about the mission to foster growth in women please join the next event on **February 2, 2025**. Details and free registration here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0of-iprD8sH9aasKI8Xz4x2BLoGlfN65S>

~ Elizabeth Steves [lahabralionqueen@rocketmail.com](mailto:lahabralionqueen@rocketmail.com)

## GROWTH WORKSHOP SERIES – Feb 11

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


**LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates**

# Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across **Global Action Team Area 18** to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your **District Growth Team** to work through the process of starting new clubs together & 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 6 week session or soon thereafter.

**All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM PST (Pacific)**



Tuesday, January 14  
Tuesday, January 28  
Tuesday, February 11

Advance Registration Required  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreaBGrow>

### Workshop Overview

- Session 1 – Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 – Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 – Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

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This 3-part workshop series is designed to empower District Leadership with the skills to start new clubs, grow membership in existing clubs, and foster a culture of growth focused on service, fun, and inclusivity.

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!

**February 11th** 07:00 PM - [REGISTER](#)

## 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](mailto:Tlbockhop@gmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:multi.dist4cc@gmail.com) or [md4book@gmail.com](mailto:md4book@gmail.com)

\*\*Cut-off for meal ordering was January 1st

\*\*No refunds after January 1st

\*\*Early Bird pricing ended on January 1st

<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/>



**MD4 Convention 2025**  
**SERVICE ON SAFARI!**  
**February 21-23**  
**Visalia, CA**

**Friday Night Entertainment Floyd Smith**

**Leo Symposium on Saturday** **Speed Learning, Seminars**

**International  
3rd Vice President  
Manoj Shah**

**Early Bird Pricing  
Ends Jan 1, 2025  
Scan here to register today!**







**4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING – March 8**

MD 4A1 District Meeting - **March 8, 2025**

Castle Veterans Organization

1390 Broadway Ave, Atwater, CA 95301

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM

Focus: Survey results and working as a team for 2023-2026 MD4A1 Goals,

Finance Review & Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided

Lions/Omegas: \$15 **before March 1st**, \$20 after March 1st

Clubs to Bring 2 Raffle Prizes

[Registration Link](#)

**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



## LIONS DAY with the UNITED NATIONS

NY City, NY - March 21

[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](#)



## DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION April 24-27



**April 24 - 27, 2025**  
**District 4-A1 Convention 2025**



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

### [WEBSITE](#)

Download 6-page Registration Packet [HERE](#)

## 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** - 5 PM Doors open, 6 PM Dinner - 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.

Coach Tony Franks from St. Mary's High School in Stockton is Head Coach for the North Team and Coach Jeremy Plaa from Downey High School in Modesto is coach for the South Team. Thank you for your support. See [FLIER](#) on next page...

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



**2025  
LIONS' ALL-STAR  
FOOTBALL GAME**

**NORTH 94 vs SOUTH 94**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

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

PLAYERS' PRESS BANQUET  
SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2025  
6PM DINNER  
ITALIAN ATHLETIC CLUB  
3541 CHERRYLAND - STOCKTON  
DISCOUNTED GAME TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**LIONSALLSTARFOOTBALL.COM**

#lionsallstarfootball

## 107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – July 13-17

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



**REGISTER**

(NOTE: Location and dates have changed.)

## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM – September 18-20



<https://lionsforum.org/>

**ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION**

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

**LEOS DAY AT MD4 CONVENTION – Feb 22nd**

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

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



**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"

**##leosonsafari**

**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](#)



**YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB**

Lions Diane Peterson and Jennie Alameida, along with three LEO members from Yosemite High School, visited the home of Sierra Lion Jackie Byers on Saturday, January 4, 2025 to plant daffodils in her yard. The Yosemite High LEOs plant daffodils on their school site annually, an idea that was initiated years ago by Lion Jackie. The visit and planting at her home brought cheer to Jackie, who is recuperating from an illness.



Yosemite High's Leos received a check for \$300 from Lions Multiple District 4 for promotional marketing of the Leos Club. Follow them on Instagram at [#YHS\\_leos\\_club](#). The Leos Club currently is considering how to best use the funds to help support the community.



**MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB**

Eleven of our Omegas ended the 2024 year by driving down to Pasadena to volunteer and help decorate the Rose Bowl Parade Lions Float! They all worked very hard and enjoyed learning about all the different flowers.





What a great event to start the year! At the Coffee Run, we were some impressive baristas. Our Omega Leos and Lions operated the coffee and hot chocolate stands and served approximately 1,200 cups of deliciousness. Lastly, we would like to thank our host, Lion Benny, for the great event and the opportunity to serve.



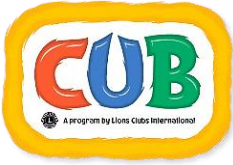
On January 10, five of our Omega Leos and Alpha Leos were able to wash 250 coats/sweaters! This is a project we love doing every year which is called "Coats for Kids" All coats and sweaters were washed, folded, and dropped off at the Children & Youth In Transition Program.

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



## CUB NEWS SECTION

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.



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

### MADERA CUBS







Growing up in a family dedicated to service has left an indelible mark on siblings GR (10) and Kinsey (9) Stickler. As the children of Matt and Maggie Stickler—1st Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary of MD 4-A1—the pair have been immersed in the Lions Clubs' mission nearly their entire lives. GR attended his first Lions meeting at just three months old, accompanying his father, then a member of the Madera Breakfast Lions Club.

Today, GR and Kinsey play an active role in community service projects alongside their parents, continuing the family's legacy of giving back. Their enthusiasm caught the attention of MD 4-A1 District Governor Eric Cheung, who saw an opportunity to spotlight service from a child's perspective. He encouraged GR and Kinsey to come up with an idea for a project that reflected their unique interests and passions.

#### Turning an Idea into Reality

GR and Kinsey came up with "Joy in a Bag," a project combining their love for art and STEM to create bags filled with creative supplies and activities for kids and teens. The goal was simple yet impactful: to provide children with something that brings happiness, creativity, and a sense of ownership.

With the support of Past District Governor Gabrielle McKechnie, the idea quickly gained momentum. McKechnie secured a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant to fund the project, giving GR and Kinsey the green light to fill their "cart" with supplies. Markers, crayons, painting kits, puzzles, [Lego Glasses](#), and STEM kits were just some of the items they selected. As supplies arrived, the Stickler family, along with Past Council Chair Claudia Miller, worked tirelessly to organize the materials. Claudia even hand-stamped all 200 bags, ensuring a personal touch in each one. The project came together through a combination of teamwork, creativity, and the shared commitment of the Lions community.

#### The Big Day

On January 18th, "Joy in a Bag" was unveiled at the MD 4-A1 District Meeting. Watching their vision come to life was a proud moment for GR and Kinsey as Leos and Lions worked side-by-side to assemble the bags.

The completed bags were distributed to Lions members, who took them back to their communities to support various organizations, including children's hospitals, CASA programs, youth transition programs, and local police stations. GR and Kinsey will deliver bags to Valley Children's Hospital in Madera, CA themselves, ensuring the project has a direct and personal impact on their community.

#### A Team Effort

The success of "Joy in a Bag" is a testament to the power of collaboration. From the initial grant writing by Gabrielle McKechnie, to the hands-on assembly by Lions and Leos, the project demonstrated how a community can come together to make a difference.

District Governor Eric Cheung praised the siblings' leadership, highlighting how their project has inspired Lions members across the district. "What GR and Kinsey have accomplished shows the power of involving young people in service," he said. "Their creativity and dedication remind us that anyone, no matter their age, can make a difference."

#### A Family Tradition of Service

The Stickler family's commitment to service is deeply rooted in Lions' values. Whether it's organizing projects or attending meetings, GR and Kinsey have grown up watching their parents lead by example. "Joy in a Bag" is not just a




reflection of their own passions, but it's a testament to the power of families working together to create positive change.

#### Looking Ahead

"Joy in a Bag" is more than a one-time project—it's an example of how small ideas can grow into something extraordinary with the right support and teamwork. The Sticklers hope their project will inspire other young people and families to get involved in their communities and explore the joy of giving back.

#### Call to Action


To learn more about Lions Club service opportunities, contact MD 4-A1 or your local Lions Club. Together, we can spread joy and make a lasting impact— even with one bag at a time. "We Serve" can begin at any age.


**Madera Evening Lions Club**  
Jan 2 · 🌐

The **Madera Evening Lions Club** Cubs hid the rocks they painted (along with Lions and a Leo) at thier last meeting. They wanted to spread happiness, because who doesn't love finding a painted rock! There are clues to the locations in the photos. One at a certain 🐼 Park , a 🌈 shopping center and Memaws House. [#giveservice](#) [#lionsclubpride](#) [#md4a1](#) [#MD4Lions](#) [#lionsinternational](#)

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Cubs painting rocks: Madera Cubs, Lions, and Leos were painting and hiding rocks. Who doesn't love finding a fun rock?!

## 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 Basketball Tournament: Thanks to all who showed up to help with the Pete Arellano Memorial Basketball Tournament. And, a special THANK YOU to Lion Jeff Miller, who was able to spearhead the effort!!

Student Speakers Contest: The annual Student Speakers Contest will be held **February 6**. We haven't established a location yet. The past several contests have been held in the City Council Chambers. This year's contest theme is "Artificial Intelligence (AI): Friend or Foe?" The Student Speakers Foundation continues to provide stimulating topics. This should be a good one.

Escalon Holiday Party: The Escalon Lions Holiday Party was held at the H-B in Oakdale on December 12th. From what I hear, a great time was had by all. THANK YOU, Lion Tom, for arranging the party; and THANK YOU, Lion Tyson for handling the phone calls to members.

Christmas On Main Street Hot Chocolate Booth: Another big THANK YOU to Lion Mike Powers for heading up the Hot Chocolate Booth at the Escalon Christmas On Main Street. Surprise, surprise, the booth was a big hit with everybody. So, THANK YOU to all the Lions and Spouses/SOs who came out to support this community outreach, and a REALLY BIG THANK YOU to the student volunteers who jumped in to help!!

Visitation: San Joaquin Zone 1 Chair, Kirk Noffsinger, is planning to visit our club on **February 20**. These visitations are always fun and a good way to find out what is going on with our zone and district.

## TURLOCK LIONS



Pitman High School scoreboard, proudly donated by the Turlock Lions Club

## BASS LAKE LIONS

See the photo and article about the Yosemite HS Leos in the Leos Section of this newsletter.

The Bass Lake Lions Club is planning to host the Student Speakers Contest on **February 15**, 2025 at the community room in the Oakhurst Library. On **March 1st**, the Bass Lake Lions will host the Yosemite Zone 3 contest at the same location.

## MERCED GOLDEN LIONS

Merced Golden Lions are gearing up for our annual "Night At The Races" fundraiser that provides funds for our scholarships. The event is scheduled for Saturday, **March 15th** at the Italo-American Hall on 18th St, Merced. Horse sponsorships are available for \$25 or \$50. You name your horse, jockey and stable. It's a fun night for all! ~ Jean Weaver [FLIER](#)

## LATHROP LIONS

Join us for Bingo on **March 16th** at 1pm at the Lathrop Community Center 15557 5th St. in Lathrop. It benefits the American Cancer Society. [FLIER](#)

## LINDEN LIONS

**February 1**: Cioppino Feed - 6:00 Bar, 7:00 Dinner - \$70/ Person 209-607-3467 - [FLIER](#)

**February 22**: Italian Night Citizen of the Year – [FLIER](#)

**March 29**: Shrimp with Tri-Tip – [FLIER](#)





Above photos: Wreaths Across America at Linden Cemetery

Milestone Awards for years of service were presented to the following Linden Lions members:



PP Dan Leong  
15 years



Lion James  
Kietzke  
30 years



Lion Danhy  
Johnson 25 years



PP Jack  
Colombini  
35 years



PP Jay Colombini  
35 years



Lion Glen  
Bockmon  
55 years

New Member Induction: PDG Doug Campbell has honored us by performing the induction of another new member. Charles "Andy" Bailey and his sponsor 2nd VDG Steve Moore were called to the front for the ceremony. See photos below...





## ATWATER WINTON LIONS

Winners of the Peace Poster were recognized and celebrated at the January 8th meeting of the Atwater-Winton Lions Club. Both students were presented with checks. The winner for Mitchell Senior Elementary School was Yuna Lee.

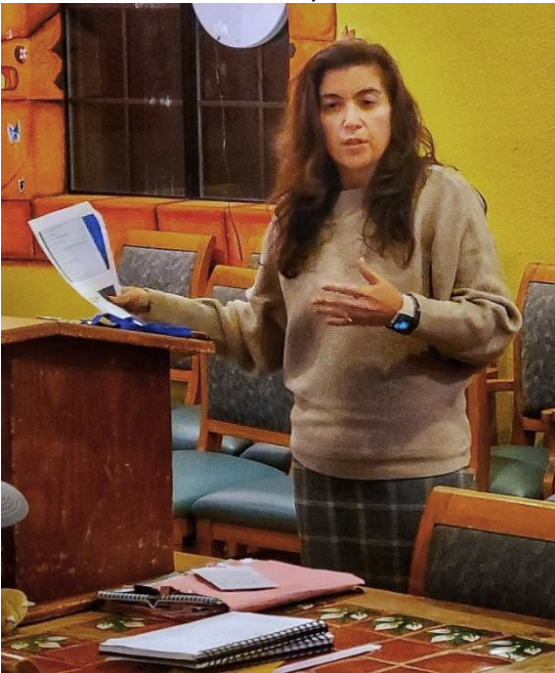


She is pictured with her mother, Lou Her, and Atwater Elementary School District Superintendent, Christy Loba.





The winner for St. Anthony School was Savannah Pickingpaugh. Savannah is pictured here with Lion Mike Hammar.



On January 22nd, Atwater-Winton Lions members learned a great deal about school safety and security from guest speaker, Atwater Elementary School District (AESD) Superintendent, Christy Lobao. Ms. Lobao shared information about the district's newly adopted Centegix Safety Platform. The platform integrates digital mapping, real-time locating capabilities, wearable panic buttons, school visitor management, and safe reunification. The AESD has successfully installed and implemented the system.

Save the Date! Atwater-Winton Lions Club will celebrate 75 years of service on Saturday, **May 3, 2025** at their annual Charity Roundup. The 75th Anniversary Celebration will be a diamond jubilee to remember. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. Ticket information and times will be announced soon. [FLIER](#)

Atwater-Winton Lions Club will host their annual Health Fair at Juniper Elementary School in Atwater, CA on **May 10th** from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Health checkups are free. This no-cost event will screen vision, blood pressure, and glucose. Eyeglasses will be arranged for individuals who are found to need corrective lenses. [FLIER](#)

~ Michael Hammar

## MOKE HILL LIONS





Moke Hill Lions had a terrific start to the 2025! Already in January, we have two new members. I'll post their induction pictures next month. We received the Club Excellence award at the district meeting. And we had a huge turnout at our yearly fundraiser, the Al Pena Enchilada Dinner. Looking forward to a great year in Mokelumne Hill. ~ Cindy Pederson

## LODI LIONS

Lodi Lions Club Foundation "Drive-Thru" Crab Feed

The Lodi Lions Club Foundation will be hosting a "drive-thru" crab dinner on Saturday, **February 22, 2025**. The proceeds from the event will help the Lions support local organizations and programs including vision and hearing services, World of Wonder, Emerson Park, Lodi House, Loel Senior Center, and many other charitable endeavors.

The "drive-thru" dinner will take place at The Hollywood Café and Catering at 315 South Cherokee Lane in Lodi. Pick-up hours will begin at 4:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm. Meal cost is \$65. Meals include 1.5 pounds of crab, salad with vinaigrette, pasta, French bread and dessert. One bottle of Peirano Estate Sauvignon Blanc wine is included with the purchase of two dinners.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Hollywood Café and can be purchased through the Lodi Lions Club Foundation website at [lodilions.com](http://lodilions.com). For more information, please contact Lion Darlene Carrera at the Hollywood Café and Catering at 209-369-4065. [FLIER](#)

## OAKDALE LIONS

Hey everyone! Just a friendly Pancake Public Service Announcement that tickets are now on sale for the 70th annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **March 16th**, and brought to you by the Oakdale Lions Club. Mark your calendars, set your alarms (or your stomachs will surely remind you!), and get ready for a morning of community, laughter, and of course, allllll the pancakes you can handle. Doors open at 7 am sharp at the Gene Bianchi Community Center. See you there, friends! Remember to put aside and bring your old eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Recycle for Sight program. Find your favorite Oakdale Lion and buy your tickets! If you don't have a favorite Lion, call Lion Derick at 209-996-0754. [FLIER](#)

## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

Our club is excited to be hosting our Student Speakers Contest on **February 5**, 6 PM at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Rd., Stockton.

We are holding a Krispy Kreme "Digital Dozens" fundraiser **February 1 through March 1** to help raise money for high school scholarships. Each code you purchase for a dozen glazed donuts does not expire, is good at any location, and is priced below retail. Treat your sweet anywhere there's a Krispy Kreme; and out of the \$15, our club gets \$7.50! This link goes live February 1st. Thank you for your support of our youth!

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/54410-stockton-san-joaquin-lions-club-krispy-kreme-digital-dozens>

Our Helen Keller Mural commemorating the 100-year Anniversary of Helen Keller challenging Lions Clubs International to become Knights of the Blind will be displayed **March 1-31** at the Margaret Troke Library, 502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton. It will be showcased with a special event there on **March 29**, 10 AM-12 PM, as part of the International Women's Month Art Hop. <http://stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org/helen-keller-mural/> - [BROCHURE OUTSIDE](#) - [BROCHURE INSIDE](#) - [FLIER](#)

~ Jennifer Gass

## TRI DAMS LIONS

February 14: Burson Bingo - [FLIER](#)

## SONORA LIONS



We were visited by Merced Lions Kevin Swartwood and Lou Souza, who talked about their Club's All Star Football project. L – R: Phil Bayliss, Bill Dunlavy, Kevin Swartwood, Paul Berg, and Lou Souza.

Calendar:

February 12: Sonora BOD meeting 10:30 am; Club meeting 12Noon – Senior Center.

February 21 – 23: MD Convention – Visalia

February 26 Sonora Club meeting, 12Noon – Senior Center. Speaker Julie Personius, Sonora High coach cross-country track team.

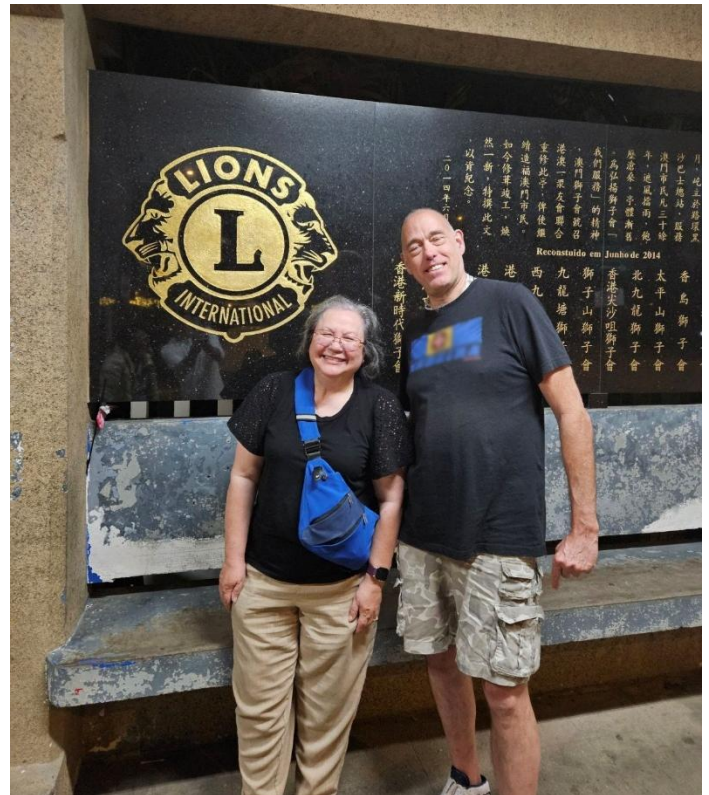
Coming up - **March 28**: Cioppino Dinner, 5:30pm – Elks Lodge. [FLIER](#)

## UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS' are having "TASTEFUL MEET & GREETs." Dates: **March 19, 2025**: SALADS & SALAD DRESSINGS - Low-calorie, homemade & NUMMY! **April 16, 2025**: NIBBLES - Delicious & healthy, you will come back for more! **May 21, 2025**: DESSERTS - Mouth-watering, but won't break your diet! Time: 5:30 PM Hands-On Preparation. Location: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse, 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove CA. Thanks to Grocery Outlet, 9 N State Highway 49-88, Jackson, for the supplies & to Lions District 4-A1 for their support. Bring used eyeglasses for recycling & soda/pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Learn what Lions do to support our community. [UPCOUNTRY88LIONS.ORG](http://UPCOUNTRY88LIONS.ORG) - 209-304-3360 - [upcountry88lions@gmail.com](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com) - [FLIER](#)







During a recent vacation, our newest Lion member, Marie, ran into another California Lion. After a delicious Macanese feast at Fernando's Restaurant, tucked away by Hac Sa Beach in Macau, Lion John Bento, Rio Vista Lions (CA), spotted these plaques on a wall.

Upcountry 88 Lions will host the Mountain Zone 1 Student Speakers Contest on **February 19th** at 6pm at 14074 Irishtown Rd – in the Clubhouse.

## TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS



The Tracy Breakfast Lions just completed our annual Crab Dinner, which was successful; but it was about 40 plates short of last year. Our next big fundraiser will be our Cioppino Dinner on **March 22**. Monday we will do the Martin Luther King breakfast for Tracy High school. Our last large event was the Tom Hawkins Girls Basketball Tournament a few weeks ago. MD4 has awarded the Tracy Breakfast Lions the Membership Satisfaction Award based on our recent membership growth.

## RIPON LIONS



In January, the Ripon Lions hosted Canine Companions as their speaker. For February, the Ripon Lions will host the club's Student Speakers Contest and our annual fundraiser on **February 20th**. [FLIER](#) - The Ripon Lions will also host an online auction as part of the Ripon Almond Festival and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

~ Damon Woods

Here is a QR code that links to our website. Lions can go to our site to get the latest information on the auction as it becomes available.

~ Ken Newburg



## MODESTO 500 LIONS

District Meeting: PDGs Claudia Miller and Pat Casey-Gillum, and PP Robin Brown, attended the February 18th District meeting at Camp Taylor. The day included information about the ongoing fire disasters in SoCal. With so much aid, volunteers, and upheaval with the fires ongoing, a decision was made to wait a bit before deciding what aid to send and how best to help those affected by the fire. MD4 is making decisions on a plan of action starting the following week. That information will be shared once the final plans have been made. Stay tuned!

Some of us also had the opportunity to take a tour of Camp Taylor. It's such an amazing place for children with heart problems to meet with others with similar health issues. There are so many opportunities for fun and growth experiences: art, music, gardening, physical activities (like swimming, archery, climbing walls, etc.). Modesto 500 will be providing two TREX benches to be placed in their garden area where they grow herbs and vegetables. We'll hold a ceremony when it comes time to place the benches, and we will let you know when it is.

There was also a service project to fill bags with hands on things for elementary and older children like art, drawing /paint, Legos, etc. PP Robin took 50 of the bags and will be donating them to the Valley Children's Medical Group on Pelandale Avenue.

All in all, it was a great day of learning! You should try going to a District meeting.

Calendar: **February 12** 6:00pm - Club Meeting - Student Speakers Contest - Denny's

**February 26** 6:00pm - Club meeting - Bonnie Rae w/ Alzheimer's Association (Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia) - Denny's

**May 17** Modesto 500's 75th Anniversary Celebration - [LINK](#)

## MADERA EVENING LIONS

April 12: Strides – Running With the Lions – Madera Evening Lions – [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

After an over two-year hiatus, Tracy Tank Town Lions are holding a treasure hunt sale on **January 31, February 1st** and **February 2nd**. [FLIER](#)

We are gearing up for our Student Speakers Contest to be held on Thursday, **February 13th**.

Our next project is our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser on **March 16th**. [FLIER](#)





Debbi read the nominations at the District meeting.



Maxine Riley and Debbi Hopman had fun last month making centerpieces for the District 4-A1 Convention.





Debbi attended the Linden Crab Feed with a close friend.

## CERES LIONS





Ceres Lions cooked up steaks for the Tuolumne River Lodge's Raise the Bar fundraiser. Approximately 250 people were present. The proceeds go into the Lodge building fund for much-needed improvements to the bar area. It's noteworthy that Ceres Lions uses this facility for its monthly meetings and special functions.



Two Ceres Lions were honored by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards banquet.



Bret Durossette, former Lions President, was awarded "Citizen of the Year."







Doug Wallick, our current Lions president, was recognized for "Distinguished Service." ~ Dave Mendonca

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

February 22: Famous Crab Feed – [FLIER](#)

March 29: BBQ Sausage Diamond Bar for CHS Pups

April – 1st week: Family Camp-out

May 17: Relay for Life BBQ

## MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



January 19, 9:45am - Thanks to everyone who came out last night. Another successful event. [Cioppino Dinner] [LINK](#)

## CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS FACEBOOK POST

### Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club's Post



Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club  
January 19 at 7:40 AM · 🌐



We held our monthly Bingo game day on Saturday. This month we donated the Bingo proceeds to the 8th Graders that will be traveling to Washington D.C. We thank our community for their support in joining us for the afternoon of fun. Thank you to the students for helping with setup, cleaning/clearing tables & helping in the snack bar. It was an enjoyable afternoon 😊



## LIONS' CODE OF ETHICS

[LINK](#)

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

**To get contact information for these Lions, call the District's message number at 209-418-7782 or ask your Zone Chair for the District Directory (.PDF or hardcopy).**

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