

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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🌐 [2024-2025 DISTRICT DIRECTORY LINK](#) (revised) Contact a Zone Chair for password or PDF ~ HASHTAG #4A1Lions

~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

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

April – 1st week: Family Camp-out – Ceres Lions

April 3-30: [Helen Keller Mural](#) will be displayed in the Haggin Museum – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions

April 5: Pizza Fundraiser – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 5: Bingo – Chowchilla Lioness Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 5: Players' Press Banquet for Lions All-Star Football on June 21st - [FLIER](#)

April 6: Omelet Breakfast – Livingston Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 8: Blood Drive – West Point Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 12: Raising the Roof Feed – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 12: Rigatoni Drive-Thru fundraiser for BCHS Men's Volleyball team – Merced Breakfast Lions - [LINK](#)

April 12: Cajun Crab Boil – Hughson Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

April 16: Tasteful Meet & Greet –Upcountry 88 Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 17-20: Carnival – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 22: Earth Day - [LINK](#)

April 24-27: District 4-A1 Convention – Black Oak Resort & Casino - [WEBSITE](#) - 6-page [Registration Packet](#)

April 26: District 4-A1 Student Speakers Contest - Basement Banquet Room Black Oak Casino/Resort. Doors close 10am - 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne CA

April 26: Leo Appreciation Day – Merced Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 26: Love Ripon Clean-Up – Ripon Lions

April 26: Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) - [LINK](#)

May 3: Hot Copper Car Show – Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch Lions - [FLIER](#)

May 3: 75th Anniversary Annual “Round-Up for Charity” Prime Rib Dinner - Atwater-Winton Lions – [FLIER Page 1](#) – [FLIER Page 2](#) - [REVISED FLIER](#)

May 10: Area 1 Student Speakers Contest - Roseville Sunrise Lions' Clubhouse, 1203 Gabrielli Dr, Roseville CA

Doors open at 12:30. Contest starts 1pm.

May 10: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

May 13: Red Shield Kidz Day – Modesto 500 Lions will be participating - [LINK](#)

May 17: 75th Anniversary - Modesto 500 Lions - [REVISED FLIER](#)

May 17: Relay for Life – in Modesto – Shawn Monnin – Patterson Lions - [LINK](#)

May 17: Relay for Life BBQ – Ceres Lions

May 18: Tasteful Meet & Greet 2pm – Upcountry 88 Lions - [FLIER](#) (Note that the date has changed.

May 30-June 1: MD4 Joint [Council of Governors](#) - San Diego

May 31: Multiple District 4 [Student Speakers Contest](#) - Hilton Bayside, San Diego CA

June 7: Health Fair – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)

June 14: [Flag Day](#) – [Download PDF](#)

June 21: Lions All-Star Football Game – [FLIER](#)

June 25-26: Escalon Park Fete – Escalon Lions – [LINK](#)

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

July 13-17: [Lions International Convention](#) - Orlando, FL

July 14-15: Demolition Derby – Turlock Lions

September 12: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions

September 13: Autumn Cruise – Escalon Lions

September 16: Walk to end Alzheimer's – Modesto 500 Lions - [LINK](#)

September 18–20: [USA/Canada Forum](#) - Atlantic City, NJ

July 3-7, 2026: [Lions Int'l Convention](#) - Hong Kong

July 2-6, 2027: [Lions Int'l Convention](#) - Washington DC

~ ONGOING EVENTS ~

Membership Orientations – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm [Zoom](#) every 4th Tuesday except Nov, Dec, Jun & Jul

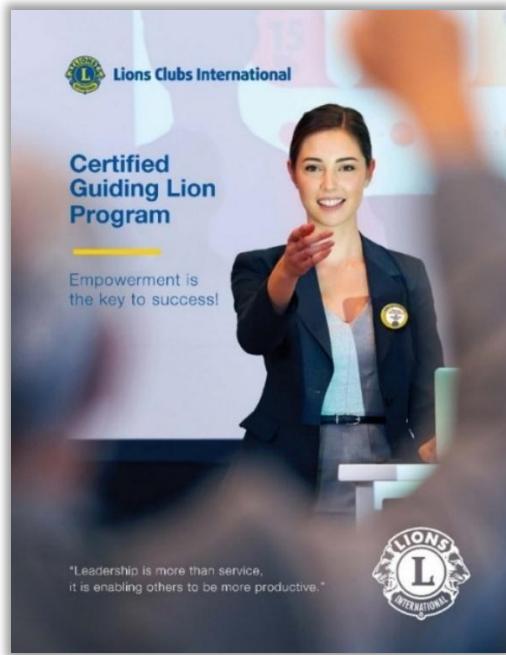
Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings – 6pm - 3rd Monday of each month – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

4-A1 Marketing Meetings – 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](#)

District 4-A1 Newsletter's Deadlines – Items are due by 25th of each month - [EMAIL](#)

WE NEED YOUR HELP



District 4-A1 needs Guiding Lions to mentor and support newly-chartered, established, and "rebuild" clubs. Website: [lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program](#)

Purpose of the Program:

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist Lions clubs, particularly those that are newly chartered, established, and are rebuild clubs, to thrive and achieve their goals.

Role of Guiding Lions:

Mentorship and Support: Guiding Lions act as mentors, guiding new clubs through their initial stages and providing ongoing support.

Orientation and Training: They help orient and train club officers and members, ensuring everyone understands their roles and responsibilities.

Motivation and Growth: Guiding Lions motivate and support club growth and development, helping clubs reach their full potential.

Resource Identification: They help clubs locate resources and opportunities available to assist them in their service projects and activities.

If giving back is something you enjoy, along with helping other Lions, then become a Guiding Lion. If you think you might like to know more about what this entails, contact 1st VDG Matt Stickler or GLT Claudia Miller. Your skills and knowledge may just be the ticket that another club needs. Give us a call, text, or email.

~ 1st VDG Matt Stickler matthewhstickler@gmail.com 559-416-9821

~ Claudia Miller ckay613cayucos@gmail.com 209-596-1219

APRIL's VISION NEWS



The Helen Keller Mural will be displayed in the Haggin Museum April 3-30! Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday <https://haggimuseum.org/hours-directions-and-admission/> Above is the March 8th photo of Amanda Zimmerman, Director of Marketing at the Haggin Museum, Lion Jennifer Gass, Artist Diana Buettner, and International Women's Month Art Hop Stockton Curator Amelia Lewis at the Haggin Museum.



► A short video with STOCKTON San Joaquin Club Lions President Lisa and Secretary Jennifer, and filmed by Lion DG Eric Cheung, has been posted to the District 4-A1's YouTube Channel on March 23, 2025. They explain how the Be My Eyes App - including Be My AI, verbally tells the details of a photo. Blind or sighted, you can share information and get involved. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWVhrhWdD9k>

More Vision News can be found in the Club News section under "STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions".

ON FACEBOOK – [Lions of MD19 - Ron Mare](#)

"Many of us have heard the Story of Helen Keller and her connection to Lions International, but many have not heard of her story from when she was very young and how she came to meet with Anne Sullivan." LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2366674192/permalink/10162236479429193>

CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION HUNGER OR ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

californialionsfoundation.org/hunger-or-environmental

California Lions Foundation ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT or HUNGER GRANT

Make A Difference in Your Community
Apply for A CLF Hunger or Environmental Grant

- March 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
- Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4
- Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500



www.californialionsfoundation.org

GETTING NEW MEMBERS VIA FACEBOOK

[JOIN NOW](#)

JOIN
OUR TEAM

Being a Lion means

- ∅ Knowing kindness
- ∅ Making an impact through service
- ∅ Being a part of a compassionate Community

We believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our local communities.

COME VOLUNTEER WITH US!!

If you would like more information on becoming part of our great service group you may contact us on Facebook or email

chowchillalionesslionsclub@gmail.com

Here's an example of a great flier that Chowchilla Lioness Lions posted on Facebook.

FROM The District Digest 3/2025

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

"Support the new Mental Health and Well-Being Service Initiative with a service project aimed at reducing the negative attitudes, beliefs and stereotypes surrounding mental health. Visit the Mental Health and Well-Being webpage to view our resources and get started." [LINK](#)

CHECK IN ON YOUR CLUB'S STATUS

"Ensure your club is in good standing at least 15 days prior to local elections. Lions International and local dues must be paid in order to obtain good standing." [Link to LION PORTAL](#)

RESOURCES TO START A NEW CLUB

lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/start-a-new-club

SPECIAL INITIATIVES (GLOBAL CAUSES)

Refugee resettlement services - Lions are committed to helping individuals and families who were forced to leave their native countries start new hope-filled lives. [Learn more](#)

Recovery for disaster victims - When a major catastrophe strikes, Lions are often among the first to respond and the last to leave. Our Disaster Relief Fund helps make sure we're there when we're needed. [Learn more](#)

Humanitarian crisis in Ukraine - Whether supporting refugees escaping the war or providing aid to citizens remaining in the country, LCIF grants directly benefit Ukrainians in need. [Learn more](#)

Sight For Kids - LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision co-founded Sight For Kids to mobilize Lions and eye care professionals to provide eye health services in underserved communities around the world. [Learn more](#)

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST DATES

md4lions.org/studentspeakers



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May 31: Multiple District 4 [Student Speakers Contest](#) -Hilton Bayside, San Diego CA. Time: TBD
Questions? Contact Lion Angie Barth MD4-A1 GST 209-321-4594 lionangiebarth@gmail.com

CONVENTION UPDATE WILL BE PUBLISHED WITH JUNE'S NEWSLETTER

SEND ARTICLES AND PHOTOS TO [GAIL](#) BY **MAY 25th**

2025-2026 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

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



District 4-A1

The 2025-2026 Peace Poster Contest is officially open.

Top Five Reasons to Sponsor the Peace Contests:

1. **E** ncourage children to express their feelings through art.

By giving children a creative outlet for their thoughts, they can discover new ways to speak their mind.

2. **B** oost kids' self-esteem and let them know that their ideas matter.

The recognition that children receive from participating in the Peace Contests will help them gain the confidence they need to become leaders and peacemakers.

3. **G** ive your club the opportunity to promote peace in a world of conflict.

Social media feeds are noisy with world news items that break hearts and ignite anger. Share a child's image of peace and bring a smile to someone's day.

4. **I**ncrease your club's visibility in the community.

Work with local school districts and youth groups. Get community leaders involved. Contact news outlets to announce the winners. Let your town know that your Lions club is committed to youth engagement and international peace and tell them how they can participate.

5. **G** ive children and adults hope for a peaceful future.

In a world filled with conflict and uncertainty, the need for kindness, peace and love has become even greater. And who better to illustrate this than a child? Make a difference in a child's life and promote peace in your community. Most importantly, it gives children—and adults—hope for the future.

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?!

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 flier 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

~ Jeff Hammar, District 4-A1 Chair

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



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

The first part is easy, but you must want to do it. Folks around Linden have contacted local eye doctors and have established a monthly route that nets 100-150 pair per month. The hospitals contribute a like amount. The club has a central box for members to put the few pair of glasses they might have. Several clubs (including Tokay High School Leo Club) have tailored containers for their pull tabs. I'll take the pull tabs and leave the containers. Last Thursday, we took 205 pounds (or about \$400 worth) of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento when we served dinner there. Result: 400-500 pairs of glasses per month for Linden.

Who knows what variation of this plan would bring your club? Please keep the pull tabs and glasses separated.

The second part is just as easy as the first! Grab a phone and call 510-910-3755. This will put you in contact with Paul Wagner, who will schedule a pick-up with you at your location.

Remember, every pair counts when we have those in need. CALL ME! Paul Wagner 510-910-3755

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. Clubs may request training for their Club, Zone, or Region. Contact Global Leadership Coordinator Claudia Miller at ckay613cayucos@gmail.com 209-596-1219.

Zoom links are on [District Google Calendar](#).

Member Orientation (Zoom) **2nd Monday of the month** 6-7PM, except for November & December and June & July. [for new Lions and ALL Lions]

Town Hall Meetings (Zoom) **3rd Monday of the month** 6-7PM. Focus is on assisting officers and Lions with Lion Portal challenges, general questions, finding resources, and training on areas identified by district members. Ask questions and resolve challenges. Short trainings will also be provided throughout the year.

Rebuild Club Meetings (Zoom) **4th Friday of the month**. Any Lion or Club is welcome to join the meeting. Focus is to assist Clubs that want to increase membership and grow service and 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.

SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

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. If you need assistance with entering service into the Lion Portal, you may contact myself, Beth Estante bestante@gmail.com, Lion Claudia Miller, or Lion Maggie Stickler.

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 10-10-10-24)	 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.)

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

Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERIC CHEUNG

Health. Here's wishing everybody will have a healthy body. It can happen - either from having environmental projects that help develop fresher air and a better place to live, or eating healthier food with hunger projects, to exercise promoting healthy / diabetes awareness, or even the newer Lions International resources on mental health - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/mental-health-well-being-initiative>. I am looking forward to the [Running With the Lions](#) event hosted by Madera Evening Lions. That club is trying to get all eight Global Initiatives into their running event. In addition, the Madera Omega Leos have an exercise project multiple days a week throughout the year along with dodgeball tournaments among Leos and Lions.



District Governor Alan Winkelstein from 4-L5 (Riverside and San Bernardino area) and the Madera Omegas represented California Lions at the Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN).

The Peace Poster Kit is now available; and this year you have an option to get a digital kit. Remember, your club can start the Peace Poster/Essay Contest now. Your club determines the club winner and submits the poster to the district before the deadline.

It was my honor to conduct the Yosemite Region Student Speakers Contest. Thank you to Leticia Del Toro, Katheline Machado, and Michael Machado for being the judges. Abby S, sponsored by Merced Breakfast Lions, won the Region Contest and will compete at the District Convention on **April 26th** at 10am at the Black Oak Resort/Casino in Tuolumne. The district is looking for judges. So please contact Lion Angela if you have a lead. Thank you for the Lions and judges from the three other regions conducting the contest.

At the district meeting, we had different presentations about the Cub Program (13 years old and under):
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/family-membership/cub-program>

Here's a link about starting a Leo Club with 13-18 years old (Alpha Leo) and 19-30 years old (Omega Leo):
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/start-a-leo-club>

Here's a link about the Leo-Lion Program:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-lion-program>

Don't forget the Leo-Lions: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_McWHvYOsxPd9.jpg.pdf?v=1

Also from our District Meeting, different law enforcement agencies in Merced County and Lions have a partnership. Even though they are primarily known as Sheriffs, Police Officers, and Explorers, they are also Lions and Leos respectively. What group in your community will benefit from partnering with the Lions? Besides our traditional clubs, here is the Specialty Club information: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/specialty-clubs-program>

This June will be 100-year anniversary of Helen Keller challenging the Lions to be the Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness. Check out this site for ideas that your club could do: <https://md4lions.org/helen-keller> (Helen Keller 2.0).

I can't wait to read the District's Newsletter to learn what our fellow Lions have done. (Thank you to Lion Gail, Newsletter Editor). We will see events in there that we can look forward to doing.

Don't forget to register and attend the Convention at Black Oak – theme is "All Things Disney." The District Vision Committee is planning on having a sensory activity at the convention.

~ Lion Eric Cheung  **MISSION 1.5**
Lions International 4-A1 District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION April 24-27



WEBSITE

Get ready to step into a world of magic, friendship, and service as we gather for our District 4-A1 Convention! This year, we're bringing the enchantment of ALL THINGS DISNEY to life, and we need YOU to be part of the fun!

Event Details: **April 24th to 27th**, Location: Black Oak Resort and Casino 19400 Tuolumne Rd N, Tuolumne, CA 95379-9696, Theme: All Things Disney – Where Lions' Dreams Come True! Whether you're a lifelong fan of Mickey Mouse, a believer in fairy tales, a force user from a galaxy far, far away, an agent to Marvel Superheroes, a sports fanatic, or just looking for an unforgettable weekend of fellowship, this convention will be one for the storybooks. Expect inspiring speakers, exciting entertainment, and of course, plenty of food! Come dressed as your favorite Disney character, relive the nostalgia, and celebrate the incredible impact we make as Lions. Let's create a "Happiest Convention on Earth" together!

Register today! Download 6-page packet [HERE](#)

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and be part of the adventure. The magic won't be the same without you!

To infinity and beyond, ~ Lion Eric Cheung, District Governor

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They Catch Secrets – Band will perform from 7-10pm on Friday, **April 25** at the Black Oak Casino/RV Park.

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION 2025

**LIVE MUSIC**  
BY THEY CATCH SECRETS

Black Oak Casino  
RV Park | 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Friday April 25

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS – May 30

<https://md4lions.org/cog>

June Joint Council Meeting Schedule 2VDGE Orientation/Ball Game/Student Speakers Finals

*Lions of District 4-L6 Welcomes the  
MD4 Council of Governors!*

**TAKE ME OUT  
TO THE  
Ball Game**

**4th JOINT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING**  
May 30—June 1, 2025  
Double Tree by Hilton San Diego Bayside  
4875 N. Harbor Drive San Diego, CA. 92106  
Contact: LeodLion4L6@gmail.com

**2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT & PARTNER IN  
SERVICE ORIENTATION/TRAINING**  
Thursday, May 29, 2025  
**LIONS NIGHT AT PETCO PARK**  
Friday, May 30, 2025, 6:40 PM  
COG Registration and tickets are now available at  
[www.md4Lions.org](http://www.md4Lions.org)

## 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**Subject: Lions Allstar Football Game **06/21/2025**

Location: Tracy High School Wayne Schneider Stadium in Tracy.

Times: 7 pm game time. 6 pm pre-game. Gates open 5 pm.

South Team Coach is Coach Jeremy Plaa of Downey High School in Modesto CA, and the North Team Coach is Coach Tony Franks of St Mary's High School in Stockton CA.

Both teams have been selected and will be presented at our banquet on **April 5th** at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton CA. The players will have their pictures taken. Guest speaker will be announced.

Player sponsorships are available at \$125.00 per player. Digital advertising is also available for our digital program starting at \$50.00 per business card-size. Additional information is available in your packets at this month's District Convention.

Attend our stellar football game with a great concession stand. Thank you for your support.

~ Elizabeth Olson [olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com](mailto:olsonelizabeth11@gmail.com)**107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – July 13-17**[lionscon.lionsclubs.org](http://lionscon.lionsclubs.org) **FLIER****REGISTER**

Orlando, Florida welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service at the 107th Lions International Convention. Famous for its theme parks, exciting attractions, and vacation vibes, the Orlando Area is a top global destination and an exciting site for our biggest event of the year. Come be part of it all in a city that's pure magic! Here are links with more info:

<https://www.mcievents.com/lci2025/><https://www.promoplace.com/lcicon/shop-now.htm><https://district4c4.wufoo.com/forms/zj1gigm191zgna/>

Orlando, Florida welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service and the 107th Lions International Convention. Lions International Convention is the premier event of the year. You'll hear Lion leaders and global thought leaders, Learn from fellow Leos and Lions, Reconnect with old friends and make new ones, and celebrate our service in one of the most incredible city on earth. Whether you're new to Lions or have been a Lion for years, you'll leave renewed, inspired and with a vision for the future of service.

Below you will find the QR code links for registration, the official Red parade shirt and MD4 Breakfast/Caucus

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

Breakfast at Orlando \$40  
 RED convention shirt \$56 (+\$4.00 per size after XL)  
 California pin for 2025 Orlando \$2.50 ea.

The breakfast/caucus is at the Rosen Plaza July 14th Monday, 6:45am, and then the Parade that morning.

All the International Convention Hotels are listed on their website.

2025 International Convention Breakfast

2025 International Convention Registration

2025 California Parade Shirt International Convention

## 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>



## LEO APPRECIATION DAY

**Leo Appreciation Day**  
Saturday, April 26, 2025 2PM to 7PM  
Lake Yosemite Rotary Cove 1

Buhach Colony High School Leo Club  
El Capitan High School Club  
Golden Valley High School Club  
Merced High School Leo Club

**Join in on the Fun!!!**

**Games Galore**

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Lion-Leo Jeopardy</b> | <b>Water Balloon Battle</b> |
| <b>Karoke</b>            | <b>Scavenger Hunt</b>       |
| <b>Limbo</b>             | <b>Cornhole</b>             |
| <b>Volleyball</b>        | <b>Dodgeball</b>            |
| <b>Horseshoes</b>        | <b>&amp; More....</b>       |

**Good Old Fashioned Barbeque Picnic**

Hosted by the Merced Breakfast Lions Club

**Sign up with your Club Secretary**  
**TODAY!**

## YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEOS



Lions Clubs &amp; Helen Keller Challenge 2.0

March 14 at 11:26 PM ·

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Awesome vision project Bass Lake Lions Club and Yosemite High School Leos Club! Loving those Leos Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 shirts! and all the thought and educational opportunities you put into your event, you rock! [#HelenKeller100](#) [#CaliforniaLions](#) [#4A1Lions](#) [#4A1Leos](#) [#LoudAndProudLeo](#)



YHSLeosClub is at Yosemite High School.

March 12 at 4:40 PM · Oakhurst, CA ·

Last Night Was Our First Ever Dessert In The Dark! It was... Sweet We hope you enjoyed and much thanks to all who helped!!!

## TOKAY LEOS TRIP TO MD4 CONVENTION IN VISALIA

## Leo Safari Trip

By Carla Nunez, Karla Hernandez, Daphne Hernandez, and Diego Reyes



[Leo Safari Trip - 1](#)

[Leo Safari Experience](#)

[Leo Safari Trip - 2](#)

[Our Leo Safar-y Trip](#)

[Leo Safari Slides](#)

## EL CAPITAN HIGH SCHOOL LEOS



Leos Serve at D Street Shelter - Five El Capitan High School Leos, along with Lions Anne-Marie and Gary, brought a little St. Patrick's Day charm to the D St Shelter last week. The ham, potatoes, carrots, broccoli, and dinner-roll meal was topped off with shamrock cookies and a choice of an ice cream sandwich, bar or a drumstick. The consensus was that it was YUMMY!



The El Capitan High School Leos hosted 22 high school student visitors from Japan at the ECHS cafeteria. The Leos have been participating with Japanese students over Zoom in English conversation and meeting since COVID. This is the third annual visit the school has made, putting Merced on their tour along with LA and SF. During the two-hour party, they played games and enjoyed every snack imaginable. ~ Gary Eno, Reporting

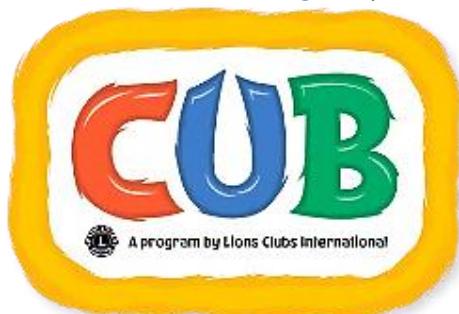
## MERCED-AREA LEOS



Leos Impress at MD4 Convention - Twenty-four Merced-area Leos were part of the 140+ Leos from California who participated in the annual MD4 Convention and Leo Leadership Symposium on March 22nd in Visalia. The convention opened with an impressive presentation of flags by the Leos from the 210 countries around the world who are part of Lions International. After the opening ceremony, the Leos selected from leadership class offerings of their choosing for the remainder of the day. Among the more popular classes were "Time Management" presented by ECHS Leos, Areesha Tariq and Karson Goza, and "Country Music Line Dancing". The Leo Leadership Symposium was capped off by a "Leo Bash" party featuring a DJ, dance floor, strobe lights, games, and a sumptuous buffet. Thank you to Lion Nancy for accompanying the Leos and making for a memorable trip. ~ Gary Eno, Reporting

**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.



[lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/family-membership/cub-program](https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/family-membership/cub-program)

**MADERA EVENING CUBS**

The Beginning to the End!!! Thank you to California Lions Clubs "OFFICIAL" and the amazing Lions of CA for supporting the kids!! Thank you, Larry Wehage, for graciously taking all the stuffed animals down south. You are a hero, and we will never be able to thank you enough! Thank you, Angel Peil (The Amazing Grays!), for helping us make the connection. The kids are amazed by the amount of support they received. "We Serve" can start at any age. ~ District 4-A1's Facebook Page [LINK](#)





Madera Evening Lions Club  
March 8 at 6:01 AM ·

It all started with a Tik Tok. Our Madera Evening Lion Cub GR (10) with the Help of his sister Kinsey (9) wanted to do something for the Kids in the LA area who lost thier beloved stuffed animals. With the support of Lions up and down California during convention in Visalia about 1000 stuffed animals where donated with 400 dollars in donations. There new friend Larry from the [Pasadena Host Lions Club](#) saved the day by taking down all the animals as they meet up a week later to hand out the stuffed animals in Pasadena. The kids would like to say thank you to the Lions Community and helping their Project come to life.

"We Serve" can begin at any age!

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## ZONE NEWS SECTION

### **MOUNTAIN ZONE 1**



In the Mountain Zone 1 Student Speakers Contest, winner Caton S (left) was sponsored by Jackson Lions, and competed in the Region contest in Sonora. Madison F (center) was sponsored by Sutter Creek Lions, and Angela J (right) was sponsored by Upcountry 88 Lions. More photos of the Mountain Zone 1 Contest can be found on [Amador Drama's 2/21/2025 Facebook post](#).



Thank you to the judges: Gary Redman - Amador County Sheriff, Marcelle Montes - Pine Grove School, Elizabeth Ison - Knight Foundry Board, and Alternate Judge Janet Kendig (not pictured).

## 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](#).

CLUBS – Please send a quick notification to Newsletter Editor Gail each time you have social media posts to include in upcoming District's Newsletters!

### **LINDEN LIONS**

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK – This literary citation became fact at the Linden Lions' clubhouse recently when heavy rains outside led to major puddles inside. The obvious solution was a new roof that would dry up those mini-lakes that had developed because of a leaky top. The new roof came - but along with it came a large bill.

We all enjoy the use of the Clubhouse for our meetings, dinners, Celebrations of Life, support of Community functions, etc. As a solution, the club's excellent cooks offered to put on a fundraiser to help alleviate the debt – a RAISING THE ROOF DINNER. Past President Dan Leong has put together a team to prepare the fundraising dinner. Secretary Paul and President Richard Boden will be taking orders for tickets. Past President Greg Moore has developed a QR code (Quick Response) (preferred) for those who can use their cell phone and click on the [link](#) (easy). That would put great pork and beef ribs with all the trimmings on the table for a mere \$60 per person. Place: Linden Clubhouse. Date: Saturday, **April 12**. Time: 7:00pm. It is a go!! Donations will also be accepted if circumstances will not allow you to come to the dinner.

Call Paul Wagner at 510-910-3755 or Rich Boden at 209-607-7000 for tickets or to donate. [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

**April 8:** Father-Son-Daughter Night

**April 22:** Past Presidents' Night – Ladies Night

**May 17:** Cherry Festival

**July 12:** Installation of Officers

**TURLOCK LIONS**

Thursday, April 3 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 17 - General Meeting, 7:00 PM

Friday, May 9 - Parking at the Fruit Yard, times TBA

Monday / Tuesday, July 14 & 15 - Destruction Derby

Turlock Lions Club  
March 26 at 11:21PM · 5

# SONORA LIONS



Lions Jerri and Bud Regelin (in their vests) present \$2,500 to the Sonora High School Cross Country Team. Sonora Lions Club has a project to promote student joy, curiosity, understanding, and pleasure by reading library books - resulting in successful learning. Nine elementary schools in California's Tuolumne County, with over 1800 students, read over 10,000 books. With comprehension verified by teachers, they received a ticket for each book for a gift drawing for each of the grade levels 1-6.

The Lion's Read To Succeed Committee coordinated with schools for a "Kick-Off" Assembly in January. A month later, Sonora Lions attended a "Celebration Assembly" to draw a ticket for each grade level and give out a bonus prize chosen from all the tickets from every school. The prizes were \$50 gift certificates to spend as they please with their family. Lion

members drew the tickets and "Roar, the Lion" presented the certificate while the students applauded and cheered. We're so proud of the students!



Above photo: Summerville Elementary School Read to Succeed Celebration Assembly

Fortunately, these local groups supported funding over \$3000 for the project: [Chicken Ranch Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians](#), [Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians](#), and [Sonora Area Foundation](#). Sonora Lion members donated over 50 hours of community service. Children often recognize Lions when seen during other Lions' community service activities. School administrators and teachers enthusiastically support and request continuance of the Read To Succeed Program!



Above photo: Lake Don Pedro Elementary School's Read To Succeed Celebration

Isaiah Hull is our Student Speakers Contest winner and he will compete at Black Oak's Convention.

~ Irene Wetzel, Marketing Chair

## SUTTER CREEK LIONS

At our March 21st Blood Drive, we collected 31 pints of blood. We also registered three first time donors!

Remember – Each time you donate blood with Vitalant, there is some additional health information you can view when you log into your account. Click on the "Wellness" tab and enter a date range. You can go back several years to see your data. In addition to the information that is listed on your sheet that day, you will find cholesterol, pulse rate, and temperature. And be sure to check what rewards are available to you.

SAVE THE DATE – Sutter Creek Lions next blood drive will be [September 12, 2025](#). Thank you for donating at one of our drives. ~ Nancy Champlin

## TRI DAMS LIONS

We served over 200 people dinner for the Valley Springs' Annual Melodrama Dinner/Shows to raise money for scholarships fund.

We have put used eyeglasses collection boxes around our area. The Calaveras Enterprise printed it in their last issue to support our service group. Here's the link to our [FLIER](#).

**SENIOR PLANET** FROM AARP

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 TRI-DAMS LIONS CLUB  
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### Free Technology Classes for Seniors Age 55+

Our first series of classes is completed. The next series will be announced. It is hosted by Tri Dams Lions Club as a community service. The location is the Burson Community Center at 3654 Burson Rd. The program is sponsored by Calaveras Health & Human Services and created by AARP/Senior Planet. Calaveras County requires us to provide the sponsorship statement.

Thank you! [TriDamsLionsClub.org](http://TriDamsLionsClub.org) ~ Stacee Morrill

### RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions have gathered to choose our scholarship winners. Scholarships come from the proceeds of our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

On April 3rd, we will host speakers from a local Yoga / Pilates facility.

On April 5th, the Ripon Lions will host a breakfast for First Responders.

On April 17th, we'll host the Northern California Alzheimer's Association for a talk on Dementia and Brain Health.

On April 26th, the Ripon Lions will participate in Love Ripon and perform a clean-up of the Main Street Bridge area. ~ Damon Woods

### PATTERSON LIONS

On March 8th, the Patterson Lions volunteered our time and grill to cook hotdogs, hot links, chicken and linguica for the Patterson Little league during their opening day festivities. These meats were sold in their concession stand to raise money for the program, and they sold out! This is just another one of the many youth organizations in our community that we support every year.



Patterson Little League  
March 8 at 8:20 PM ·

We asked and they over delivered.. there's some organizations that show up & then you have the ones that come and make a huge difference!!!

Opening Day could not have happened with out the help of the [Patterson CA Lions Club](#). I believe the 283 children and 70 volunteers and the countless families are greatful, thankful and so very appreciative!!!

Please, if you know a Lion.. call, text or post your gratitude!!!! They delivered 360 hot dogs, 32 Linguica, 48 hot links and 80 grilled Teriyaki chicken samdwiches!! We fed our families and sold out! So greatful.. seriously so greatful! ❤



We have also started planning a big fundraiser for this fall. Stay tuned for details and plan to come join us for Dining in the Dark. ~ Shawn Monnin - [FLIER](#)

## MODESTO 500 LIONS

Important Notice Reminder! Starting March 12th, our meeting time for the first club meeting of the month, the second Wednesday, will be changing. We will hold a board meeting at 5:30-6:30pm at Denny's; and the club meeting will follow

at 6:30pm. This will only be for the first club meeting of each month! The 4th Wednesday meeting will still be held at the usual time of 6:00pm.

May 17: 75th Anniversary – Modesto 500 Lions – Here's the [REVISED FLIER](#).

April 9: Board meeting 5:30pm followed by club meeting - 6:30pm at Denny's

April 23: 6:00pm - Club meeting - Speaker Bonnie Rae w/ Alzheimer's Association (Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia) at Denny's

Once again, the Modesto 500 will have a team at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's event Saturday, **September 16**. We need members to join the team to walk or to donate to the team. If you can do either, click the link and join us! It's always a fun event and a beautiful day to walk and chat with fellow club members. [LINK](#)



Above photo: Lions crew- President Dennis, Secretary Diana, CPA PDG Pat, PP Gabrielle, Lions Wannabe Frank, PP Robin, and Lion Sue



Above photo: PP Robin, a friend, and happy Shower Shuttle crew!

Shower/Laundry Shuttle - Club members put together 150 hygiene kits at our club's meeting! PP Robin delivered the kits to the recent shower shuttle, as well as enough laundry detergent to make over 1,000 washes! The crew operating the shower shuttle were quite happy to accept our offerings. They are always in need of hygiene items and clean socks/underwear. If you can donate anything, check out their website: [showershuttle.org](http://showershuttle.org). If you would like to see what they have accomplished, go to their link. We will be inviting Dean, who established the program, to be a speaker at an upcoming meeting.

The Salvation Army will be holding its annual [Red Shield Kidz Day](#) on Tuesday, **May 13** to benefit at-risk youth. [FLIER](#) - The Red Shield is a safe haven for children in one of Modesto's poorest neighborhoods. Volunteers will serve at street corners and distribute copies of a special edition of a Morris Newspaper publication dedicated entirely to The Salvation Army Red Shield Center. Some members of the Modesto 500 will be serving by selling papers on street corners. PP Clayton and PP Gabrielle along with their clients from VCDI/TCDI are some of those who volunteer. Selling hours are shifts that run from 7:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, email [maria.arellano@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:maria.arellano@usw.salvationarmy.org) or call 209-538-7111.

## UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS



NAME CHANGED: Through Lions International, we have changed our club's name back to Upcountry 88 Lions Club – the way it was originally! It had been "Up Country" – two words. If any clubs would like more information on this process, let Lion Gail know. Or if you want help making a logo for your club too!



Angela J (center) won our club's Student Speakers Contest on 2/5/2025. Skylar G (left) and Adriana M (right) presented their speeches.



Our judges were (L to R) Jeff Brown - Amador County District 3 Supervisor, Walt Adams - previous judge and community member, and Leigh Rica - Community Partner with Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club.

Thank you them and to Mike Spinetta from [AmadorHighDrama](#), and everyone who helped with this important annual contest.



We had a fun time at our first Tasteful Meet & Greet. Lion (chef) Marie Mennell gave a great demonstration on ideas for healthy salads and salad dressings. She handed out copies of her favorite recipes. Those attending made comments that they learned a lot!



Above photo: UC88 members (L to R) Brian, Doug, Larry, and Ernie (Frank not pictured) were there to "meet and greet" the public and hopefully get new members!

Our next two [Meet/Greets](#) are on [April 16th](#) and [May 18<sup>th</sup>](#). Suzy Mazrolle, MS, RDN - Sutter Amador Hospital's Registered Dietician Nutritionist will be our guest on April 16th with a discussion/presentation regarding tips on carb counting, meal planning, and label reading. She'll discuss other tips for living with diabetes. [FLIER](#)

[June 4](#) Our General Meeting's Guest Speaker will be Kathryn Sharp, PPS, MS, Elementary School Counselor. She will turn in the pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House that Pine Grove's and Pioneer's elementary schools have collected, and give us a recap of their Safe School Ambassadors year that includes photos.

[June 18](#) is set for our Installation of Officers & Dinner.

## MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

[June 7th](#)- Health Fair - FREE - Sponsored by the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club and the Lions International Global Initiative for Health and Wellness. 9:00am-5:00pm - Moke Hill Elementary School—8350 Highway 26.

Medical Exams will include: blood pressure, blood oxygen, body mass index, visual acuity, glucose, cholesterol. Let's prevent: \* Diabetes \* Cancer \* Heart Disease. We will be providing: Free Glasses. - [FLIER](#)

## MERCED GOLDEN LIONS

Merced Golden Lions held their annual "Night At The Races" on March 15. Thanks to our Leos, other volunteers, and our sponsors, the event was a success! Proceeds fund scholarships for local graduating seniors, donations to LCIF, and assistance to other local non-profits. ~ Jean Weaver

## LATHROP LIONS

The Lathrop Lions Club has started the new year off with a bang. We have been making new partnerships in our community while standing firm with our long-time partners.

We have sponsored a Relay for Life Bingo in March, continuing our support of this wonderful organization. We were able to help the Lathrop High School Baseball team with a donation for the Lathrop High School Athletic Boosters' annual Crab Feed. The donation earned the baseball Team \$400.



Above photo: Lathrop Lions Angela Barth and Beth Estante at the "Read Across America" at Lathrop Elementary School. We were invited to "Read Across America" with Lathrop Elementary School. On March 4th, various members of the Lathrop Community came together providing a reader for each classroom to have a book read to them at the same time. This is an annual event in remembrance of Dr. Suess. We look forward to continuing this new partnership. Our club participated in Eyes Across California, and picked up donations for recycling. Our club's largest fundraiser each year is the Carnival, sponsored by Lathrop Lions Club. This year, the Carnival will be held on **April 17-20**. We presale tickets until 4/15/25 for \$30 for an unlimited wristband, or if you purchase the wristband at door, it is \$38. Free parking. Thursday-Friday 5-9pm. Saturday-Sunday Noon-9pm. Contact Lion Beth Estante 209-328-8866 or [bestante@gmail.com](mailto:bestante@gmail.com). ~ Beth Estante - [FLIER](#)

## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS





What a crowd!



Leprechaun Lou



President Carol, 1st VP Max, and friend



March Madness! Tracy Tank Town Lions hosted another successful corned beef and cabbage dinner. Proceeds raised support community charities including student scholarships. Speaking of scholarships, applications have been sent to all of Tracy's high schools and are available to graduating seniors.



On March 28th, we dedicated our fourth park bench to Tracy Valpico Memorial Park. We are grateful to our plastic collection partners--The Look, Brighter Christmas of Tracy, Bishops' Storehouse of Stockton, and Order of the Eastern Star of Tracy, as well as Kohl's of Manteca for accepting 1,000 pounds of plastic!



Carly Hager, CASA recruiter/trainer visited Tracy Tank Town Lions on March 27th. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a program designed to have trained volunteers appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court and other settings. We gave her STEM bags that were made during our last district meeting. ~ Debbi Hopman

## BASS LAKE LIONS



On Saturday, March 22, 2025 the Bass Lake Lions sold cotton candy during the Touch a Truck event held in the Pines Village from noon until 4 p.m. A few hundred parents and children were able to see and climb on various vehicles - sheriff cars, ambulances, a patrol boat, Sierra Telephone's work trucks, and many more - including a helicopter. For the first hour the horns and noise levels were controlled to address those with sensitive ears. Soon after that, you could hear children honking horns and turning on sirens. The Pines Resort sold hot dogs and other snacks to feed the crowd while the Bass Lake Lions raised needed funds with the selling of cotton candy. It was a great day, with the weather being very pleasant. No doubt the highlight of the event was watching the helicopter take off early due to oncoming weather. While most looked up, holding onto their hats, the Lions held onto the pop-up legs as the wind from the helicopter picked up.

## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

President Lisa delivered our backpack donation to Stockton High School to help transitional youth in need. [photo below].

Thank you to everyone who came out on Lions Eyes Across California Day to honor Lion John Demshar, OD with a "Bags for Benches" bench dedication at Diamond Cove II Family Resource Center in Stockton. Thank you, Lodi Lion Devinder Grewal for these great photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/vfmTC9zqA2v36khK9>, and please watch the ceremony on our club's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/SGzD7Qck8Xc?feature=shared>.

We had a great succession planning and brainstorming meeting on March 5th and we now have our slate of officers nailed down for our April 2nd elections. Looking forward to trying a new project next February... Flag Day! Our speaker on April 2 at 6:30 PM will be Nan Su. She's a journalist and China expert sharing about what China's trade expansion means to Americans. Please join us at Round Table, 8010 Holman Road, Stockton!

Please support our scholarship fundraiser at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1000 W. Robinhood Dr., STOCKTON on Saturday, April 5, 9 AM to 10 PM. Show our [flier](#) or mention you're there to support San Joaquin Lions Club. Thank you!

April 5 is a free admission day at Stockton's Haggin Museum from 12-5 PM! Our Helen Keller mural will be on display at Stockton's Haggin Museum April 3-30 (excluding April 11)! Our members will be in Mountain Mike's meeting room, April 5 between noon and 1 PM and then going over to explore the museum, including our mural, if you would like to join us.



Photo 1: President Lisa delivering backpacks to Stockton High School.



Photo 2: Our "Bags for Benches" dedication honoring Lion John Demshar, OD made the news!

## "BAGS FOR BENCHES, ROUND 6"

## PLASTIC PARTNERS

(March 1-June 30, 2023)

1. Atwater-Winton Lions Club
2. Bobalicious
3. Burke Optometry
4. Calvary Chapel Stockton Women's Ministry
5. Delta Village Apartments
6. Diamond Cove II Family Resource Center
7. District 4-A1 Lions Clubs
8. Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
9. Friendly Village
10. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton
11. Latinas United Republican Women
12. Lincoln Square Condominiums
13. Mark VanDunk
14. Merced Breakfast Lions Club
15. SJC Chapter NFB
16. Stockton 209 Cares
17. Stockton Host Lions Club
18. Venture Academy
19. West Point Lions Club
20. Winco Foods #10
21. YMCA of San Joaquin County



Photo 3: Thank you to our "Bags for Benches, Round 6" (March-June 2023) Plastic Partners!

Photo 4: National Federation of the Blind member Joe Leon Jr. and Lion Jennifer Gass with the Helen Keller Mural at the Troke Library.

Here's our April 5 Mountain Mike's Pizza Fundraiser [FLIER](#).

## MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS

[Check out the two articles about Merced-area Leos in the Leo section of this newsletter.]



Lou and Kevin visited the Denair Lions Club to talk about the All-Star Football Classic. Pictured above is John Macedo, their President.

## STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA LIONS



Lion Carrie, Lion Catherine, and her daughter Karen of the Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions, and Lion Debbi and her guest Joe, of the Tracy Tank Town Lions, were enjoying the delicious Shrimp with Tri-Tip Feed put on by the Linden Lions Club! Oh boy, is the food good!



I wrote a back to School Grant from the CA Lions Foundation. The \$500.00 grant was awarded to Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club to assemble backpacks filled with school supplies and personal hygiene products to be given to children in need at Parklane Elementary School in Stockton, CA. The purpose of the backpack was it would be filled with things a child would need to be ready to learn and ready to succeed in the classroom each day. Lion members from Stockton

Delta Pacifica Lions and STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions joined forces to assemble the backpacks. The backpacks were delivered the next day to Parklane Elementary School. The top picture shows Lion Carrie Guadagnolo, Parklane Teacher, Mr. Perez, Parklane Vice Principal, Lion Bob Fandrich, of the Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club, and a first grader from Parklane School on the day of the backpack delivery. The next two pictures show Lions from Stockton Delta Pacifica and San Joaquin Lions Club working together to assemble backpacks.



PCC Liz presented Lion Carrie Guadagnolo of Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club with a certificate for becoming a Certified Guiding Lion at the last District meeting in Atwater. ~ Carrie Guadagnolo

## WEST POINT LIONS

A community blood drive will be sponsored by the West Point Lions Club, in conjunction with Vitalant on Tuesday, **April 8th**. Please call or register online to assure your appointment time. [FLIER](#)

## OAKDALE LIONS

 **Teresa Hammond**  
March 19 at 8:26 PM · 

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What a great time this was. Thank you [Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA](#). I'm a fan!!!   See you next year!



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## MARIPOSA LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Mariposa Lions Club  
March 23 at 4:42 AM ·

Mariposa FFA representatives give a presentation about the numerous activities they are involved in.

Mariposa Lions Club  
March 6 at 3:43 PM ·

The Mariposa Lions Club made beef stroganoff and served over 300 students and their families for their MCHS Sports Banquet. Great job Lions volunteers! Lion Karen Cutter and Lion Kim Sullivan chaired the event. Thanks to everyone involved!

## CERES LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Ceres Lions Club, California  
February 10 ·

We had a good turn out for the Pancake Breakfast. Thank you to everyone that came out and supported it.

## ATWATER WINTON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

**LIONS LOGO WAS CHANGED IN 2009!**

[lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/logos-and-emblems](https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/logos-and-emblems)



To contact these Lions, call District 4-A1's message number at 209-418-7782 or ask your Zone Chair for the District Directory (PDF or hardcopy)

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Global Service Coordinator II (GST)  
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Samantha Pierce Hyatt

### **MOUNTAIN REGION**

Region Chair - OPEN

Mountain Zone 1 Chair  
Vacant - Claudia Miller filling in  
[JACKSON](#) (2263)  
[MOKELUMNE HILL](#) (39671)

[SUTTER CREEK](#) (111484)

[UPCOUNTRY 88](#) (37207)

[WEST POINT](#) (2307)

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Vacant - Claudia Miller filling in

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[COPPEROPOLIS LAKE TULLOCH](#) (47759)

[MURPHYS-ANGELS](#) (2282)

[SONORA](#) (2292)

[TRI DAMS](#) (2303)

## SAN JOAQUIN REGION

Region Chair - OPEN

San Joaquin Zone 1 Chair

Kirk Noffsinger

[CLEMENTS-LOCKEFORD](#) (2252)

[ESCALON](#) (2258)

[LODI MEX-AM](#) (46183)

[RIPON](#) (2288)

[LINDEN](#) (2266)

[TRACY BREAKFAST](#) (2302)

San Joaquin Zone 2 Chair

Rodrigo Acosta Jr

[LATHROP](#) (105237)

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[STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA](#) (47862)

[STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN](#) (2298)

[STOCKTON HOST](#) (2294)

[TRACY TANK TOWN](#) (67535)

## STANISLAUS REGION

Region Chair - OPEN

Stanislaus Zone 1 Chair

Shawn Monnin

[CERES](#) (2250)

[CROWS LANDING](#) (2253)

[GUSTINE](#) (2259)

[LOS BANOS](#) (2270)

[MODESTO 500](#) (2279)

[PATTERSON](#) (2286)

Stanislaus Zone 2 Chair

Shawn Monnin

[DENAIR](#) (2255)

[HILMAR-IRWIN-STEVINSON](#) (2260)

[HUGHSON](#) (135129)

[OAKDALE](#) (2285)

[TURLOCK](#) (2304)

[WATERFORD](#) (2306)

## YOSEMITE REGION

Region Chair - OPEN

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## **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.