

**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](#)[NEW MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)Now – June 30: Bags for Benches Round 8 is now through June 30th – STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

May 2: Pancake Breakfast – Tracy Breakfast Lions

May 3: Serving a BBQ lunch for L♥VE TRACY's Volunteer group – Tracy Breakfast Lions

May 3: Zone Chair Training #1 – 8am – at PCC Claudia Miller's home in Modesto

May 3: Bingo – Chowchilla Lioness Lions - [FLIER](#)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 5: 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival – 6pm – Tokay HS Alpha Leos - See more information in the Leo section of this newsletter. - [FLIER](#)May 10: Hmong American Day Celebration – Merced Breakfast Lions are sponsors - [FLIER](#)

May 10: Area 1 Student Speakers Contest - Roseville

~~May 10: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - CANCELLED~~

May 12: 4-A1 Cabinet Meeting 7:45pm

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

May 15: Taxes Deadline – see article in this newsletter

May 17: Zone Chair Training #2 - 9am – at PCC Claudia Miller's home in Modesto

May 17: 75th Anniversary - Modesto 500 Lions - [REVISED FLIER](#)May 17: Relay for Life – in Modesto – Shawn Monnin – Patterson Lions - [LINK](#) - [Join Shawn's Team](#)

May 17: Relay for Life BBQ – Ceres Lions

May 17: Cherry Festival – Linden Lions

May 18: Tasteful Meet & Greet – Upcountry 88 Lions [FLIER](#)May 30-June 1: MD4 Joint [Council of Governors](#) - San DiegoMay 31: Multiple District 4 [Student Speakers Contest](#) -Hilton Bayside, San Diego CA

June 7: Club Officer Team Training 8am-3pm - Atwater

June 7: Health Fair – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)June 9: 4-A1 Cabinet Meeting 7:45pm – Merced CA – Email [PCC Claudia](#) to reserve a spotJune 14: Merced County All-Star Football Classic - 7:30 p.m. Golden Valley's Veterans Stadium - [LINK](#)June 14: [Flag Day](#) – [Download PDF](#)June 21: Lions All-Star Football Game – [FLIER](#)June 25-26: Escalon Park Fete – Escalon Lions – [LINK](#)

June 30: Deadline for applying for California Lions Foundation Hunger or Environmental Grants – See flier in this newsletter

June 2025: Commemorate 100th Anniversary of [Helen Keller](#) asking the Lions to become Knights of the Blind!July 4: 4th of July Fireworks – co-sponsored by Madera Evening Lions - [FLIER](#)July 13-17: [Lions International Convention](#) - Orlando, FL

July 14-15: Demolition Derby – Turlock Lions  
July 14: 4-A1 Cabinet Meeting 7:45pm  
July 26: DG Matt Stickler – Installation – Memaw's Country Thangz, 25791 Tamarisk Dr, Madera CA  
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  
September 19-20: District Meeting in Yosemite Region  
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](http://md4lions.org/project-care)  
District 4-A1 Newsletter's Deadlines – Items are due by 25th of each month - [EMAIL](#)  
GAT MD4-A1 Meetings – Every 2 weeks on Tuesdays 6-7pm – See [District Calendar](#) for Zoom link

**DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION UPDATE**  
**WILL BE PUBLISHED WITH JUNE'S NEWSLETTER**  
**SEND ARTICLES AND PHOTOS TO [GAIL](#) BY MAY 25th**



[WEBSITE](#)

### HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0 ~ VISION NEWS ~



Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Presentation - April 1, 2025 – Here's the [YouTube Link](#)  
"Eyes Forward: Championing Vision for the Next 100 Years", is a groundbreaking promotional initiative designed to enhance public awareness of Lions Clubs' vision-related service efforts across California and around the globe throughout 2025. Here's the link that has lots of information:  
<https://californialions.org/helen-keller-challenge>  
Contact Lion Jennifer Gass if you have questions.

[jengass73@gmail.com](mailto:jengass73@gmail.com)

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Thank you, DG Eric, ZC Rodrigo and everyone else who came out on March 29th to help make our Helen Keller Mural Showcase event at the Margaret Troke Library so special! [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid023TQuLX4D4XY665w1o8oYEDgK2u87nGS2mh69U12F143Mmdm22XHRmgq5U3eVVGMMKI&id=100080152820862&mibextid=wwXlfr](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid023TQuLX4D4XY665w1o8oYEDgK2u87nGS2mh69U12F143Mmdm22XHRmgq5U3eVVGMMKI&id=100080152820862&mibextid=wwXlfr)

We were thrilled to have the Helen Keller Mural on exhibit there throughout the month of March and displayed at the Haggin Museum throughout the month of April. We will definitely keep you updated on where it will be dedicated with the District 4-A1 Helen Keller bench in a ceremony this June. Our members enjoyed getting together for lunch to support our Mountain Mike's scholarship fundraiser on April 5. They then adjourned to tour the Haggin Museum, mingled with the public, and visited the mural. Our club will be hosting an outreach table at Stockton Unified School District's Health & Resource Fair on **May 8**, 2-6 PM at Edison High School, continuing to help our blind ham radio students prepare for a licensing test, and developing some disaster preparedness resources. We continue to assist the blind with exercise and recreational activities; and if you are interested in learning more, we are always looking for more volunteers! See the photos in the STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions section of this newsletter. ~ Jennifer Gass

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

The year is winding down quickly. There are still half of the clubs who have not donated to LCIF for 2024-25. There are also many clubs who have enough money on account to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellow for a deserving member or member of the community. Contact me if you wish to find out what you have on your Account. LCIF is your charity and is doing great work here in the US and elsewhere around the world. Donations to LCIF from District 4-A1 have been down this year. It would be great if District 4-A1 could have 100% participation from the clubs. If your club has budgeted to make a donation to LCIF, please send it in. If you need help, send the check made out to "LCIF" to me and I will fill out the paperwork for the club or the individual making the donation.

Please be aware that if you are going to purchase a MJF to give out this year, time is running out to get it in time. It can take some time for the plaques to be created and sent to you.

~ PDG Kent Christensen

### LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

<https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-vision/lions-sight-conservation-vision-screening/>



This year, nine clubs used the Vision Screening Cameras. That amounted to over 5000 screening with over 1125 referrals. This is a 22% referral rate, which is extremely high. The following clubs did screenings, either at schools or they had health fair screenings: Merced Breakfast, Merced Golden, Mokelumne Hill, Oakdale, Patterson, STOCKTON San Joaquin, Los Banos, and Waterford. Patches have been made for the 2024-25 year to put on your banners, and they will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to all the clubs participating in this endeavor. Remember, LSCA is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and it needs donations to continue to operate. ~ PDG Kent Christensen

**TAXES' INFORMATION**

REMINDER: Don't forget to file your club's Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

**May 15th** is the final day to file for Lions Fiscal Year End 6/30/2024 if you are on EXTENSION AND DID NOT FILE A RETURN BY NOVEMBER 15, 2024.

An organization must file Form 990, if it has gross receipts of \$200,000 or more, or total assets of \$500,000 or more. Form 990-EZ, Short Form if annual gross receipts are less than \$200,000, and total assets at the end of its tax year are less than \$500,000.

Form 990-N (e-Postcard) An organization, whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less, may file Form 990-N (postcard)

~ PDG Pat Casey Gillum, Co-Treasurer

**NEW LIONS' AI ASSISTANT**

There is a new Lions' AI Assistant on International's website: [LionsClubs.org/en/meet-ellie](https://LionsClubs.org/en/meet-ellie)

**CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION HUNGER OR ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS**

[californialionsfoundation.org/hunger-or-environmental](https://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](https://www.californialionsfoundation.org)



**MARKETING TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU!**

District 4-A1 is here to aid your club in marketing (advertising) fundraisers, service projects & events. Clubs who want to maintain a presence in their community (and maybe grow their membership) can benefit from "MARKETING." Identify someone who has been helping advertise your events and is a bit techie. Members can have more than one title! Ask them if they would be Marketing Chair. Then enter them on the Lion Portal. They are encouraged to attend our monthly, online, Marketing Team Meetings. Join us...on Zoom **4th Monday of the Month** at 7:30 pm.

Check out our webpage: [Lions4-A1.Org/Whats-Happening/Members-Page/Publicity-Ideas/](https://Lions4-A1.Org/Whats-Happening/Members-Page/Publicity-Ideas/) (LIONS4-A1.ORG & search for "Marketing")

You can learn how to do:

- Press Releases & Public Service Announcements (PSA)
- Social media – have a digital presence (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)
- Brochures/pamphlets/flyers/posters/leaflets on what your club does
- Club Newsletters – information for public and members
- Brand guidelines & proper use of Lions logo

**DISTRICT 4-A1's MARKETING TEAM IS THERE FOR YOU!**

Contact District Marketing Chair [Gail Cates](#).

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR'S MARKETING TEAM IS THERE FOR YOU! E-**

[District.Org/Sites/California Lions Marketing Committee/](https://District.Org/Sites/California_Lions_Marketing_Committee/)

LIONS INTERNATIONAL's MARKETING IS THERE FOR YOU! [Lionsclubs.Org/En/Resources-For-Members/Resource-Center/Club-Marketing](https://Lionsclubs.Org/En/Resources-For-Members/Resource-Center/Club-Marketing)

**FROM LI's April District Digest -****RAISE AWARENESS AROUND SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Support the new Mental Health and Well-Being Service Initiative with a service project to increase awareness around suicide prevention. Visit the Mental Health and Well-Being webpage to view our resources and get started. [LINK](#)

**SHARE YOUR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH STORY**

Is your club growing? Or do you know a club that's excelling at welcoming new members? Tell us about it by completing this form. We're always looking for opportunities to share the stories of successful clubs. [LINK](#)

**LEARN HOW TO MOTIVATE YOUR MEMBERS**

As a Lion leader, it's important to inspire and motivate your members. The Member Motivation course provides helpful strategies to increase your club members' motivation and achieve even more success. The course is available in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) in the [Lion Portal](#). Click on the LEARN tab to get started!

## STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTESTS

[md4lions.org/studentspeakers](http://md4lions.org/studentspeakers)



Suggest a topic for the 2025–2026 Student Speakers Contest.

Click on the above link.

**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 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](mailto:lionangiebarth@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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** 6:45PM. 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.

## WIN A 1-WEEK STAY AT THE COAST



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](mailto:bestante@gmail.com), Lion Claudia Miller, or Lion Maggie Stickler. ~ Beth Estante, 4-A1 GST

**4-A1 & MD4 INITIATIVES****WE CARE PROJECTS****July, August, September****YOUTH**  
(International Youth Day 8-12-24)**PEDIATRIC CANCER**  
(September-Childhood Cancer Awareness Month)**VISION**  
(World Sight Day 10-10-24)**October, November, December****HUNGER**  
(Tackling Hunger Month)**DIABETES**  
(World Diabetes Day 11-14-24)**FIRST RESPONDERS**  
(National First Responders Day 10-28-24)**WHITE CANE DAY** (10-15-24)**January, February, March****HUNGER****INTERNATIONAL CHILD CANCER AWARENESS DAY**  
2-15-25**VISION**  
(Lions Eyes Across CA 3-15-25)**April, May, June****ENVIRONMENT**  
(Earth Day 4-22-25)**HUMANITARIAN CAUSES****HEALTH AWARENESS**  
(Mental Health Awareness Month, High Blood Pressure Awareness Month, etc.)

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

**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)

**Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR ERIC CHEUNG**

What a great convention!

Thank you, Lion PCC Denny Grotrian, for bringing our International Guests Immediate Past International Director Robert Lee and his wife Lion Pamela.

Thank you to our other guests for coming to our District 4-A1 Convention:

From District 50 of Honolulu, Hawaii Lions PID Robert, wife Lion Pamela,  
from District 4-C6 San Jose DG Stan Weitzman, Cabinet Secretary/wife Sharon Mendelson,  
from 4-C4 San Francisco 1VDG Cindy Zheng,  
from 4-L2 Los Angeles 1VDG Angel Peil,  
and from 4-C2 2VDG Carl Steiner

Thank you for everyone's help, attendance, and participation.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: PHOTOS AND ARTICLES WILL BE IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.**

**AWARDS LIST IS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Now flashing backward - on March 29th, I had a chance to attend STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club's Helen Keller Showcase at the Troke Library in Stockton. Mural artist Diane Buettner and District Vision Chair Lion Jennifer Gass gave a short speech. Then we watched the Miracle Worker. It showed how to be empowered and overcome obstacles.

On April 12th, it felt like I ran a 5K with Madera Evening Lions Club Running with the Lions. Their club managed to invite other organizations, Cubs, Leos, and Omegas together to have all eight Global Initiatives projects in one event. Great job!

I will write more in June's newsletter on the convention.

~ Lion Eric Cheung  **MISSION 1.5** 

Lions International 4-A1 District Governor

## UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

May 30-June 1

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

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 were presented at our banquet on **April 5th** at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton CA. The players had their pictures taken. Guest speaker Gary Hyman, Assistant Head Football Coach at Delta College. 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](https://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/zj1giqm191zgna/>





**ORLANDO 2025**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**JULY 13-17, 2025**

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**

**LEARN  
GROW  
LEAD**



ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
SEPT. 18-20, 2025



USA/Canada  
**LIONS**  
LEADERSHIP FORUM

<https://lionsforum.org/>

**ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION**

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

**YOSEMITE LEOS**

Here's a scene from the "Dessert in the Dark" event held on March 11, 2025 at Yosemite High School. The Bass Lake Lions, Yosemite LEOs Club, and Yosemite High's culinary students provided the experience to the attendees by eating a surprise dessert blindfolded to gain awareness of the issue of blindness.





On April 22, 2025 the Yosemite LEO Club celebrated LEO Appreciation Day, along with Bass Lake Lions' Diane and Jennie at Yosemite High School. Several LEOs were recognized for their leadership and community service. Beside the four people in the photo, others were away providing service at Camp Green Meadows.



Meanwhile, the Yosemite LEOs surprised Bass Lake Lions Diane and Jennie with a gift of their own to celebrate their dedication to the club.

### SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA LEOS

Update of our California Lions Foundation Grant...







The diabetes class was a successful event, bringing together a diverse group from the community that included Alpha Leos, one Omega Leo, several Lions from the STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club, a member from the Stockton Delta



Pacifica Club, and a representative from the Linden Lions Club. The session was led by Inez Ruiz-Hudson, the VP of Civic Engagement, who provided a detailed presentation on diabetes, the link between genetics and the disease, and how to manage portion sizes. She also shared valuable resources with the attendees.

While Inez shared her knowledge, participants enjoyed an ambrosia salad that they had prepared themselves. The session covered portion control and how to manage sweet intake in a balanced and healthy way. Water and chips were provided (especially for the students from Tokay High School, who made up more than half of the attendees).

One fun activity, "Can You Guess the Number of Candies in the Jar?", featured three jars filled with various types of sugar-free candy that is designed for people with diabetes. The closest guess to the actual number won a jar to take home. Every participant received a ticket for a chance to win prizes, which included a diabetic recipe book, cream for diabetic foot care, hand and body lotion, blood sugar monitors, and socks.

Each participant also received a pack of three pairs of diabetic socks. The class was an engaging and interactive way to learn about diabetes management.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to serve through this diabetes grant. A special thank you to the California Lions Foundation. #WeServe ~ Eugenia Hernandez

### TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL ALPHA LEOS



The Tokay High Alpha Leos Club is actively preparing for the Second Annual Multicultural Fair on **May 5th** at 6pm, with great enthusiasm and attention to detail. This highly anticipated event aims to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our community and promises to be a memorable experience for all attendees. FLIER

As part of our preparation, we are currently seeking school-appropriate raffle donations. Businesses and individuals who contribute will receive recognition through their logo placement on event flyers and social media platforms, including Instagram.



In addition, we are proud to highlight a recent accomplishment — the collection of two large bags of pull tabs. This effort was made possible through a meaningful collaboration with the San Joaquin Omega Leos, Linden Lions Club, and STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club. We are grateful for the shared commitment to service and community engagement. Stay tuned for more updates and photos as we continue building momentum toward this exciting event!

~ Eugenia Hernandez

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From STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions' news section:

We have been supporting Leo activities and fundraisers and look forward to their Multicultural Fair on **May 5th** and to presenting a scholarship at the Tokay High School Leo Club's end-of-the-year party on **May 23rd**.

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

## MADERA OMEGA LEOS

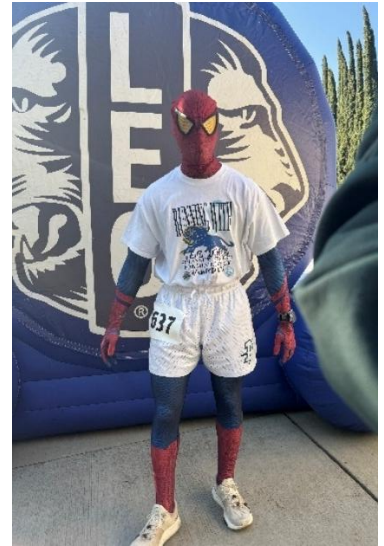


Many of our Omega Leos came together to create care packages for those members currently attending school away from home. We filled them with school and personal essentials to help make things a little easier. Being away can be tough at times, and we just wanted to remind them that they're in our thoughts.



Back in March, four of our Omega Leos and one advisor had the opportunity to attend Lions Day at the United Nations! Here's a message from one of our members, Omega Gusiel, who shared - "My key takeaway from the speaker was that we must remind ourselves that we are making a difference. Whether that is big or small, it does not go unnoticed. Giving yourself credit for what you are doing shows that you, as a leader, are willing to acknowledge that you are making a difference. That is the first step."





Back in March, we had the opportunity to help out at the Tesoro Viejo Run, where runners participated in the 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon events! Our amazing Omegas showed their support by passing out water and cheering on the participants!

We kicked off April strong by supporting the Madera Evening Lions at their 4th Annual Strides for Diabetes 5K! Our Omegas showed their support by running in the race, handing out medals, and cheering on participants.

~ Arly Murillo



**REGION NEWS SECTION****YOSEMITE REGION**

Photo: Yosemite Region STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST contestants and winner (on right) with District Governor Eric Cheung. Judges are shown in the following photo.

**STANISLAUS REGION**

Region Student Speakers Contest: Congratulations to Nathan C. from Los Banos. He was the winner of the Zone final for the Student Speakers Contest, hosted by Turlock Lions. He moved on to the next round and hopefully could represent District 4-A1 in the state championship round.

**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!

## PATTERSON LIONS



## PATTERSON LIONS APRICOT FIESTA CHICKEN BBQ

**May 31, 2025** 11am-3pm - We will, once again, be selling our famous chicken BBQ during the Patterson Apricot Fiesta. Each meal will be 1/2 chicken, beans, roll, and drink. Tickets are \$35 each. Meals will be available through drive-through and walk-up. Buy your tickets from any Patterson Lions member or message us. We will be located behind The Gathering Church, 435 W Las Palmas Ave. Patterson CA. All money raised by this event stays in our community.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/714990927863949>

The Patterson Lions spent the beginning of April planning for some big events, and several smaller ones, happening at the end of April and into May, including L♥ve Patterson on April 26, Relay for Life on **May 17**, and our Apricot Fiesta Chicken BBQ on **May 31** during the annual Patterson Apricot Fiesta. ~ Shawn Monnin

Today we get to recognize one of our Platinum Sponsors and this one means so much to us because it's a fellow service organization!

Thank you [Patterson CA Lions Club](#) for believing in us for again this year! Your support, both financially and physically, means so much to us! You're helping us accomplish so much on Volunteer Day and we are so thankful!

We love our Patterson Lions! ♥

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**Patterson Lions Club**

2025

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## ESCALON LIONS



Escalon Lions

April 26 at 12:35 PM · 🌐

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**We Serve**

The Escalon Lions Club celebrated "L♥ve Escalon" with our McHenry trash Pick-Up on Saturday, April 26. We met on McHenry Avenue, in front of the Dawson home at 9:00 am. Lion Dick Dawson and his wife Karyn have generously offered to provide lunch. (They do a REALLY GOOD LUNCH!!)





Escalon Lions

April 9 at 4:22 PM · 🌐

Here's something really cool 🤩 The Lions Club just finished installing a brand new BBQ at the Hogan Park picnic area!!! It's all set up and ready for the community to enjoy and we can't wait to see our neighbors coming out to use it.



### MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS



The Livingston Lions Club Omelet Breakfast is always a treat to attend. It always has tasty omelets, a good family setup, and plenty of time to visit with your spouse, friends, and members of the Livingston Lions Club. During our visitation, Atwater-Winton Lions Club had several representatives in attendance, including Dee Heller, George Corvello, and George and Kay McAtee. Merced Breakfast Lions Club Members included Toby Masterson and his friend Louise Schwemler, Kent and Barbara Christensen, Lou Souza and his son, and Ken and Bettie Harrison. ~ Ken Harrison



Linda C's Baby Shower – April 19th



President James announced that Lion Edgar was named a Fred W. Smith Fellow for his “outstanding contributions and valuable support” for the Fourth District Student Speaker Contest. Edgar reported that Abbey S won the Regional Speaker Contest and moved to the next level. Our Yosemite Region Winner, Abby S will be competing against three other Region winners within the 4-A1 District.

### BASS LAKE LIONS

Also see the article in the Yosemite Leos' section.



The 33rd Annual Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show will be held on Saturday, **May 17, 2025** at Miller's Landing in Bass Lake, CA. The event starts at 9 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Boat owners throughout Northern and Southern California gather at Miller's Landing's docks to display their well-maintained wooden boats. Guests are free to walk the docks and view and marvel at these well-kept beauties. Admission is free and the Bass Lake Lions will be present to help host the event and offer raffle prizes to support local charities and college scholarships in the mountain area. Come and enjoy the weather, the boats and, perhaps, purchase a lunch or snack from Miller's.

### SONORA LIONS

From the Prez: WHAT A GREAT CIOPPINO!!!

Many thanks and accolades to our Lions and their families. We had a great evening - beginning with the dinner and ending with the raffle. Special “thanks” to Tim Atchley who chaired the event, and to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. If I had to name everyone who participated, most of our club's roster would appear. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success!!!! More information to follow on parking at Indigeny, Mother's Day Parade, and the Tuolumne County Volunteer Fair. If you are interested, please contact me. ~ Lion Jill



# Cioppina!



Filling the Elks Lodge



Joe Skaff and Jan Newman slicing & dicing onions



Phil Baylis & Nick Reuter stirring the pots



Bud Regelin preping the bread

## MURPHYS-ANGELS LIONS

March's friends and family meeting had a great turnout. Head cook Lion Jim Fragureo served up a corn beef and cabbage dinner with potatoes, carrots, cabbage, green salad and roll.



Left photo: Lion Claudia Schena forgot her vest, but was more than willing to pay a fine to Tail Twister Chris. All in good fun..... Right photo: Lion Henry Petithomme was asked to come up to the podium to receive his new medallion from President Kent.



Henry is working hard to populate his vest with pins and patches.... You go Henry!!



On Easter Sunday, our club, once again, co-sponsored the Egg Hunt at Ironstone Winery in Murphys. Each year, our members hide over 3,000 plastic eggs filled with a toy or candy. Our club goes one step further and hides 12 golden eggs. The child that finds the golden egg is entitled to an Easter basket filled with all type of goodies - plus either a soccer ball, football, or basketball. Photo: Lion Steve Volk made sure everyone had a good time at the egg hunt.



Secretary/Treasurer Lion Carolee reported our club's donations for the past two months: Lions All-Star Football game \$100, Michelson Elementary School Parents Club fundraiser \$500, and three local students in need of eyeglasses \$450.





Jerry taking great care in hiding the golden eggs. Steve and Jeff ready to hide a portion of the 3,000 eggs and the Easter Bunny with Imogen (Lions Tessa and Rod ney's daughter) ready for the hunt!

Before and after pictures of the Lion and Easter Bunny were the Nava sisters who volunteered to suit up for Easter Egg hunt. President Kent pictured here giving the girls gift certificates in appreciation for helping out.



Left to right, Jerry Rucker, Jeff St Louis and Steve Volk. Mel Brower and Mark St Louis helping the Easter bunny hide eggs.....

### TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

Tracy Tank Town Lions have been busy in April--helping at All Star Football Banquet and at the District 4-A1 Convention. We received 16 student scholarship applications. This year, we eliminated the grade point average in our selection rubric, wanting to emphasize community service. Through our fundraising efforts, we will be awarding five \$1,000 scholarships.



Lions Marie and Rose prepping silverware for the convention dinner!



All-Star Football Banquet Pictures are below:



Prepping appetizers



We Serve!



Ready to greet the North and South team players with coaches, families, and guests.



Got dessert? We do!



Debbi and Joe attended the Linden Lions Raise the Roof fundraiser on April 12th and won a Linden Athletics Boosters basket!

## LINDEN LIONS

### CALENDAR

May 13th General Meeting/Ladies Night, Speaker Dr. Kass

May 17th Cherry Festival

May 20th Board Meeting (6:30PM)

May 27th Past District Governors Night - Ladies Night

June 10th General Meeting

June 17th Board Meeting (6:30PM)

June 24th No Meeting

July 12th INSTALLATION





### TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

We have a pancake breakfast on **May 2nd** for a local high school, with approx. 500 attendees. Also, on **May 3rd**, we will be serving a BBQ lunch for the volunteer group called L♥VE TRACY. They do clean up and landscape-type maintenances around town for needed beautification and overall spring cleaning. ~ Roy Hawkins

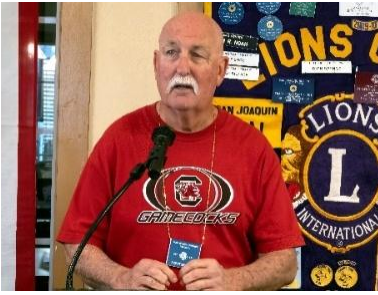


Installation



Lions Breakfast





Scott



TT &amp; Greg



Shrimp



Volleyball

The Tracy Breakfast Lions just had our annual Cioppino Dinner. It was very successful, just like our Crab Dinner was, a couple of months before. It took a while after Covid for our customers to return in full force, but it seems they are back.



Covid put a damper on our Hawkins Girls Basketball Tournament too, but that was very popular after Christmas too. ~  
Michael McGuire

**MODESTO 500 LIONS**

Club Meeting April 9 - What a very informative meeting! Anne Stokman, educator at Stan State, sharing important information about dealing with diabetes, what to watch for, and how to prevent. She received the valuable Lions letter opener as a thank you! (Note President Dennis holding on to his gavel for dear life. I wonder why?)

**RIPON LIONS**

The Ripon Lions hosted a local fitness operator: Hot Yoga and Pilates (HYP) during our first meeting, which was well-attended. Our second meeting had a great speaker from the Northern California Alzheimer's Association, with 2/3 of our members attending.

The Ripon Lions also held a Breakfast for First Responders on April 5th, with about 40 First Responders and family members attending. And, on April 26th, the Ripon Lions were on hand at the L♥ve Ripon event to clean up the Main Street Bridge. (See the Facebook post)

Next month, we host our local Boy Scout/Cub Scout troop, that is sponsored by the Ripon Lions. We will be presenting scholarships to scholarship winners at Ripon High's assembly on May 14th. Scholarship winners for Ripon Christian School will also receive awards.

We will hold our final meeting of the 2024/2025 year in mid-May to install our new Board.

Thank you for your service!

~ Damon Woods, Secretary 2020 to 2031

From the club's Facebook page:





**STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS**

EDITOR'S NOTE: See the article titled: HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0 ~ VISION NEWS ~ in this newsletter. Their club as really gone all out in promoting the 100th year anniversary of Helen Keller charging Lions to be knights of the blind! See more information on their website: <https://stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org/helen-keller-mural/>

Thank you to DG Eric, ZC Rodrigo, and everyone else who came out March 29 to help make our Helen Keller Mural Showcase event at the Margaret Troke Library so special! [LINK](#)

We were thrilled to have the Helen Keller Mural on exhibit there throughout the month of March, displayed at the Haggin Museum throughout the month of April. We will definitely keep you updated about where it will be dedicated with the District 4-A1 Helen Keller bench in a ceremony this June. Our members enjoyed getting together for lunch to support our Mountain Mike's scholarship fundraiser on April 5, then adjourning together to tour the Haggin Museum, mingling with the public, and visiting the mural. Our club will be hosting an outreach table at Stockton Unified School District's Health & Resource Fair **May 8**, 2-6 PM at Edison High School, continuing to help our blind ham radio students prepare for a licensing test, and developing some disaster preparedness resources. We continue to assist the blind with exercise and recreational activities and are always looking for more volunteers if you are interested in learning more! We have been supporting Leo activities and fundraisers and look forward to their Multicultural Fair **May 5** and to presenting a scholarship at the Tokay High School Leo Club's end of the year party **May 23**.

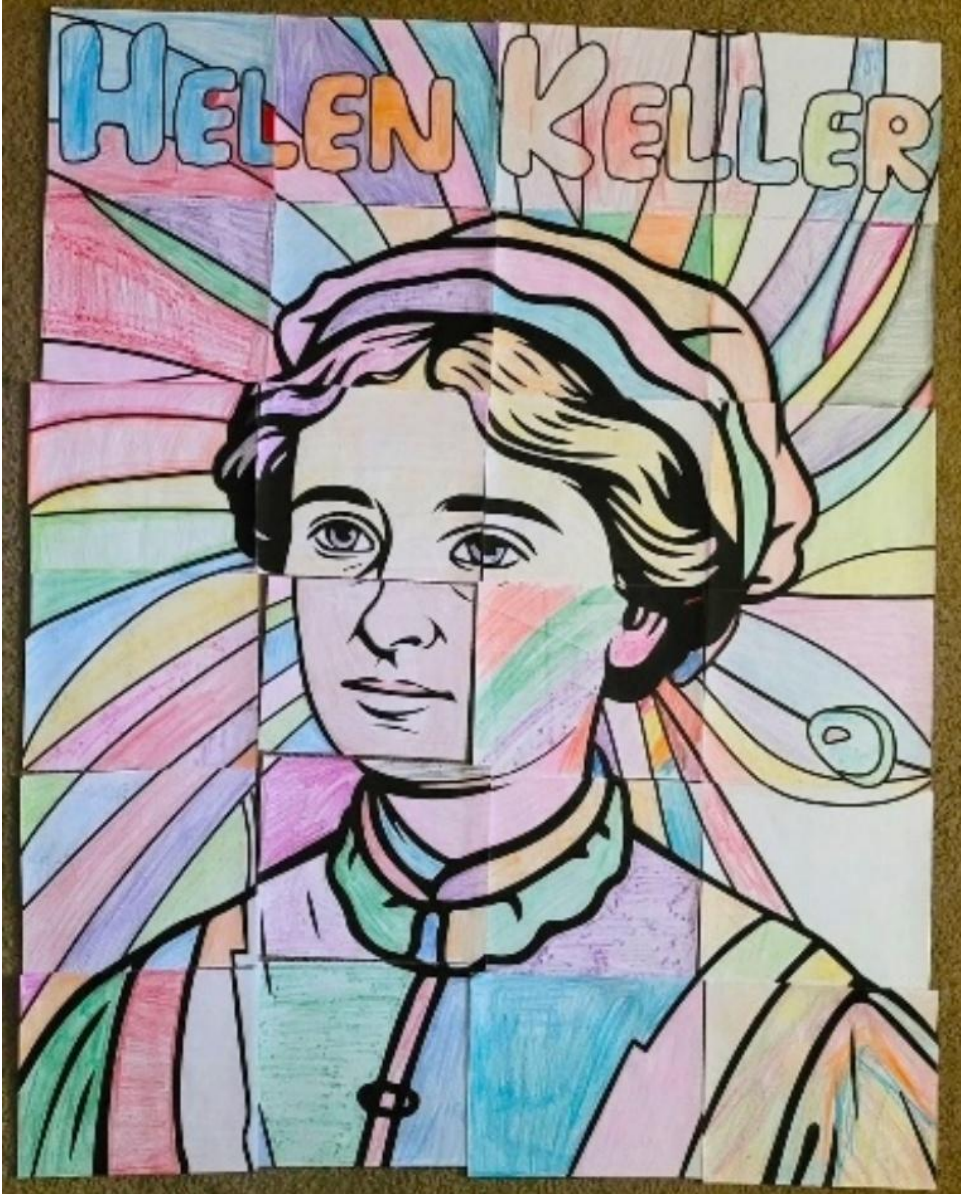
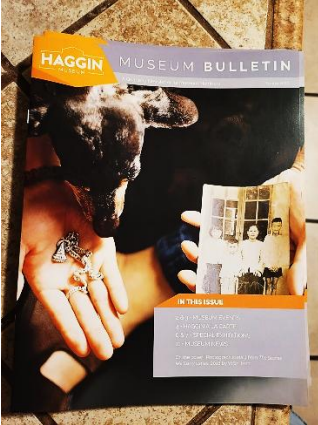


Photo 1. Helen Keller mosaic mural, colored by participants at the Helen Keller Mural Showcase March 29.



Photo 2. STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions visited the Helen Keller Mural at the Haggin Museum. Did you know she was seven feet tall?!



Photos 3&4. Haggin Museum's bulletin article about our traveling Helen Keller Mural.





Photo 5. Plaque on the Helen Keller Mural. Scan the QR code to learn more!



Photo 6. Our blind ham radio class.



Photo 7. San Joaquin Lions' President Lisa and Secretary Jennifer - with Helen Keller Mural artist Diana M. Buettner.

## MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS







Mokelumne Hill Lions put on our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our surrounding area. This is always such a fun event. The kids and parents love and appreciate it so much. All the kids got a gift. Everyone got a free lunch and a picture with the Easter Bunny.

~ Cindy Peterson



## LIVINGSTON LIONS – JOSE'S FACEBOOK POST

## Jose Moran's Post



Jose Moran is in Livingston.

April 7 at 8:51 PM · 🌐

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This last Sunday the Livingston Lions Club had the Annual Omelet Breakfast 🍳 Fundraiser event. This has become a very popular event throughout the years, it is one of those events where you get to greet folks that had not seen each other in years.

It is also a great event for the community to donate items for the silent auction and enjoy some great food. I want to thank everyone that attended for their support, some drove from Modesto, Turlock, Merced, Atwater and other surrounding communities.

Thank you to all the volunteers, to the organizing committee and to the Livingston Police Explorers for their dedicated and volunteered work. [#Livingston](#) [#LionsInternational](#) [#WeServe](#)



**CERES LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE**

Editor's NOTE: Ceres Lions win the prize for the most Facebook posts in a month!



Ceres Lions Club, California

April 10 at 12:45 PM · 🌐

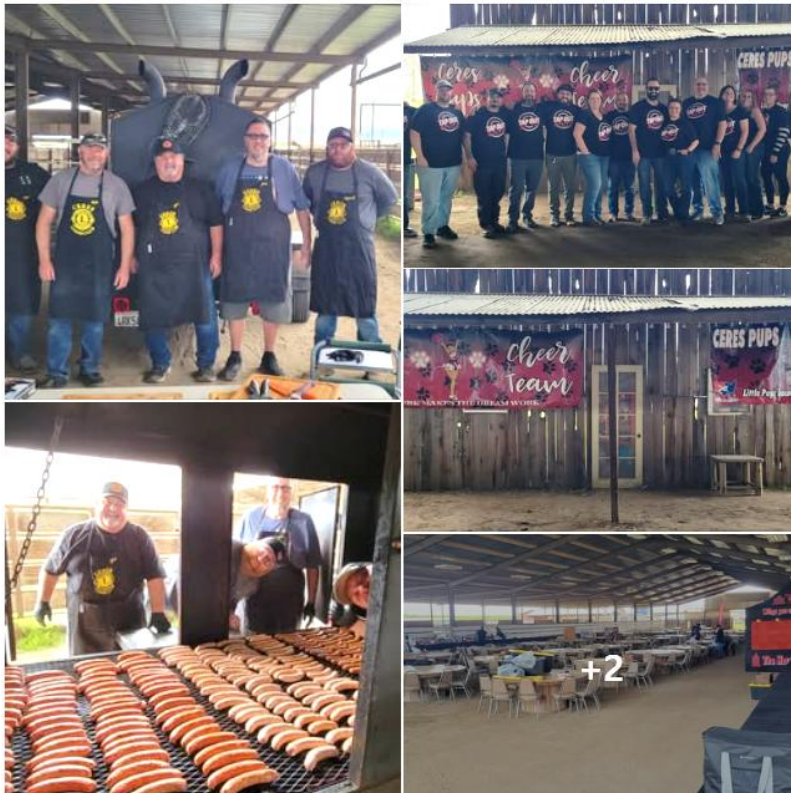
Ceres Lions Club family camp 2025



Ceres Lions Club, California

March 29 at 5:09 PM · 🌐

Ceres Pups Wrestling and Cheer Team fundraiser. Wolfsburg sausages. Smoked beer, mango madness, bacon cream cheese jalapeno peppers, mama's Mac and cheese, spicy Hawaiian and chicken artichoke.





**Ceres Lions Club, California**

April 26 at 9:35 AM · 🌐

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Ceres Lions out here this damp morning supporting our community. We made approximately 250 breakfast burritos for the participants of Love Ceres. This cooking event is headed by honorary firefighter Lion Bob Gobble.

WE SERVE!

**Ceres Lions Club, California**

April 9 at 4:41 PM · 🌐

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Central Valley High and Ceres High Athletic Booster dinner/ dance last Saturday.





Ceres Lions Club, California

April 1 at 10:51AM · 🌐

Lion Dick Mccay performed the induction ceremony for our newest member Wayne Zipser.

Welcome, Lion Wayne.

It is great to add another member who is dedicated to serving our community. Thank you Stan Sinclear for sponsoring Wayne and bringing him into our club. It is always great to have another hand in doing great things for our City.

#togetherweserve

#itsgreattobealion



## MERCED COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT LIONS (on District's Facebook page)



MD4 A1 Lions Clubs

April 5 at 3:58 PM · 🌐

The original post didnt upload.

Merced County Law Enforcement Lions Club and their Explorers / Leo Clubs are having their competition (training)

Award ceremony and I will update.





## MADERA EVENING LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



Madera Evening Lions Club

April 11 at 6:42 PM · 🌐

Did you pick up your 5k shirt and bib for the Running with the Lions? @Lions Town & Country Park near fields 1&2 look for purple tent!







On April 12th, we reached an incredible milestone (for us 😊) from Lions International by successfully incorporating all eight Global Causes into our 5K event! From health to humanitarian efforts, the day was filled with energy, compassion, and community impact. We had Relay For Life and Breakthrough T1D, raising awareness and funds for critical health causes. Madera County Health Department was with us for the fourth year in a row with health education and was able to test blood sugar levels for those who signed up before and after the 5K. Search and Rescue teams were present, highlighting their vital work. Participants crossed the finish line with the opportunity to plant hope—by receiving fruit trees to take home. We were proud to sponsor youth runners from Desmond, cheered on by the LEOs, TJ Leadership Team, and Madera High School Block M. They also volunteered at the water station and face painting booth. Two dedicated volunteers helped us collect recyclable eyeglasses, promoting vision health and sustainability. Thank you to Madera Produce for their donation of bananas, Starbucks for coffee and pastries, and fruit cups from Wonderful. This event truly captured the spirit of service—getting people moving, supporting one another, and giving back to the Madera community. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

### STOCKTON HOST LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE







Stockton Host LIONS Club

March 15 · 🌐

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Stockton Host LIONS Club was privileged to join STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club at their Happy Lions Eyes Across California Day! We honored the vision service Legacy of Lion John Paul Demshar, OD through a bench dedication today at Diamond Cove II with his wife Debbie, children, grandchildren, fellow optometrists, local Lions, Plastic Partners and other supporters. More photos to come, please watch this video if you were not able to join us today, and KCRA 3 News tonight. #BagsForBenches #HelenKeller100 #CaliforniaLions #4A1Lions #Stockton

Wonderful celebration for a wonderful man today!



Stockton Host LIONS Club is with Michael Blower for Stockton City Council.

April 23 at 10:20 PM · 🌐

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Proud to be part of the Cal Water flag raising today! Flying magnificently along the Lion Ort Lofthus crosstown freeway in Stockton!!!





## Stockton Host Lions Club

April 23 at 7:09 PM · 🌐

It was beautiful!!! the flag raising event at Cal Water. 🇺🇸 Lions are proud to participate. 🙌



## MARIPOSA LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



## Mariposa Lions Club

March 23 · 🌐

Gabe Edwards was awarded Mariposa Lion of the month. Lion Gabe is part of the kitchen crew who cooks delicious food each month at the Lions Club meeting.



## Mariposa Lions Club

April 21 at 8:34 AM · 🌐



Guess who's our April Member of the Month? It's Buz Arnold! Buz is one of our kitchen crew members who helps make our Lions Club meetings run smoothly. But that's not all - Buz is also the mastermind behind reviving the Donkey Basketball Event, which the Lions Club now sponsors. Talk about a true team player!

Here's a picture of our President, Lion Eric Weihe, and our very own Lion Buz Arnold.

## LODI LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE



## Lodi Lions

April 26 at 12:52 PM · 🌐

Thank you to the volunteers who helped us today with brick removals to kick off the expansion of the tot play area at Emerson Park. Reach out to us if you would like to get involved.





**DISTRICT 4-A1 CABINET DIRECTORY 2023-2024**

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Immediate Past District Governor  
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2nd Vice District Governor  
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## **MOUNTAIN REGION**

Region Chair - OPEN

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Vacant - Claudia Miller filling in

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[GUSTINE](#) (2259)  
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## DISTRICT 4-A1 AWARDS      2024-25 LION-YEAR

|   |   |  |                           |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Lion of the Year</b>                             | In Recognition of Outstanding Service, Loyalty, and Devotion to Lionism                               | Past District Governor Gabrielle McKechnie | Atwater-Winton Lions Club |
| <b>Membership Growth Award - Mountain Region</b>    | To Recognize the Top Club for Net Membership Growth   | Upcountry 88 Lions Club                    |                           |
| <b>Membership Growth Award - San Joaquin Region</b> | To Recognize the Top Club for Net Membership Growth   | STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club            |                           |
| <b>Membership Growth Award - Stanislaus Region</b>  | To Recognize the Top Club for Net Membership Growth   | Los Banos Lions Club                       |                           |
| <b>Membership Growth Award - Yosemite Region</b>    | To Recognize the Top Club for Net Membership Growth   | Sierra Lions Club                          |                           |
| <b>Membership Growth Award</b>                      | To Recognize the Overall Highest Percentage New Membership  | Lathrop Lions Club                         |                           |
| <b>Dr Howard Abrams Humanitarian Service Award</b>  | To Recognize and Acknowledge a Lion for Participation and Assistance in Humanitarian Efforts          | Lion Paul Wagner                           | Linden Lions Club         |
| <b>Leo of the Year</b>                              | To Recognize the Outstanding Service and Accomplishments as a Leo - Leadership Experience Opportunity | Omega Leo Jade Jimenez                     | Madera Omega Leo Club     |
| <b>Leo Project of the Year</b>                      | To Recognize the Outstanding Service and Accomplishments on Leadership Experience Opportunity (LEO)   | Madera's Got Talent                        | Madera Leo Club           |
| <b>Couple of the Year</b>                           | To Recognize the Exemplary Leadership for the District 4-A1   | Lion Rosie and PDG Doug Campbell           | Oakdale Lions Club        |
| <b>Project of the Year - Small Club</b>             | To Recognize a Club that Has Gone Above and Beyond in Their Service to Their Community                | Operation Santa                            | Merced Golden Lions Club  |
| <b>Project of the Year - Medium Club</b>            | To Recognize a Club that Has Gone Above and Beyond in Their Service to Their Community                | Lions Vision & Health Fair                 | STOCKTON San Joaquin      |
| <b>Project of the Year - Large Club</b>             | To Recognize a Club that Has Gone Above and Beyond in Their Service to Their Community                | Alpha Leo Club and Omega Leo Club          | Madera Evening Lions Club |
| <b>Project of the Year - Extra Large Club</b>       | To Recognize a Club that Has Gone Above and Beyond in Their Service to Their Community                | July 3rd Fireworks                         | Jackson Lions Club        |
| <b>Club of the Year</b>                             | To Recognize a Club that Has Gone Above and Beyond in Their Service to Their Community                | Hughson Lions Club                         |                           |
| <b>Family of the Year</b>                           | To Recognize the Exemplary Leadership for the District 4-A1   | Stickler Family                            | Madera Evening Lions Club |

### International President Certificate of Appreciation (4)

Lion Eugenia Hernandez - STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club \* Lion Gail Cates - Upcountry 88 Lions Club \*  
 Lion Claudia Miller - Modesto 500 Lions Club \* Lion Todd Riebe - Jackson Lions Club

**International Presidential Award** - Lion Jennifer Gass - STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club

**International Leadership Award** - James Hagen, Sierra Lions Club

**MD4 Excellence Award (3)** Lion PDG Norman Clark \* Lion Jim Cox \* Lion BBQ Rob Hyatt

**Student Speakers Foundation Harry J Aslan Fellow** - A list of the recipients will be in June's Newsletter...