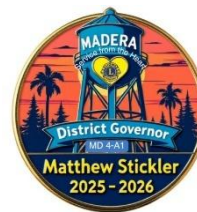


## LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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## ~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

July 31: MD4 Youth Protection form returned to Chair by today – See article in this newsletter

July 31: [LION PORTAL's](#) deadline for entering 2024-25 Service Reports – See article in [last month's Newsletter](#)July 31: Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 on Zoom - California Lions Clubs Marketing – [FLIER](#) Meeting ID: 848 9452 5259 Passcode: HK100 - LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84894525259>August 1-31: Stockton San Joaquin Lions' Fundraiser – Snacks – See information in Clubs' News section - [LINK](#)August 2: West Point Lions' Dessert Booth at Block Party to support development of the town square - [LINK](#)- [FLIER](#)August 2: Chowchilla Lioness Lions' Bingo - [FLIER](#)August 5: Stockton San Joaquin Lions' National Night Out & Bench Dedication – See article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)

August 9: Tracy Tank Town's Service Project at Family Promise Fun Festival in Stockton – See details in their article in the Clubs' News Section of this newsletter.

August 14: Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 on Zoom - 12-1 PM PDT - California Lions Clubs Marketing –Meeting ID: 848 9452 5259 Passcode: HK100 - LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84894525259> - [FLIER](#)August 16: District 4-A1 Lion & Leo Club Officer Training — FREE - Linden, CA - Register by August 9th) - [FLIER](#)August 17: MD4's Summit – 1-4PM - See article in this newsletter. Open to all Lions. – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)22-24: [MD4 Council of Governors Meeting](#) – 1st Quarter – Holiday Inn Dublin-Pleasanton – Dublin CAAugust 23: Upcountry 88 Lions' [Bowling Fundraiser](#) - [FLIER](#)August 31: Lions International's [Club Excellence Award's](#) Applications are due to District Governor Matt SticklerSeptember 6: [Camp Terestia Pines'](#) - Lions Appreciation Day & Open House – [FLIER](#)

September 12: Sutter Creek Lions' Blood Drive

September 12: [Lions Float Inc's](#) Lions Float Charity Golf Tournament – Costa Mesa – [FLIER](#)September 13: Lion & Leo Club Officer Training - Burson CA. See article in this newsletter. [FLIER](#)September 13: Relay For Life – in Linden – See article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)September 13: Escalon Lions' Autumn Cruise – [FLIER](#)September 14-20: Lions International's Celebrate Community – Clubs combine projects with Kiwanis, Optimist & Rotary - [LINK](#)September 16: Modesto 500 Lions' Walk to End Alzheimer's – [LINK](#)September 18–20: [USA/Canada Forum](#) - Atlantic City, NJSeptember 19: Stockton Host Lions' Golf Tournament –[FLIER](#) – [Facebook EVENT LINK](#)

September 26-27: District 4-A1 Meeting in Yosemite Region – Theme = Halloween

September 30: [California Lions Foundation's Youth](#) Grants deadline – See article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)October 1: Lions International's deadline to purchase [Peace Poster/Essay Contest kits](#)October 4: Tri Dams Lions' Charity Golf Tournament in Valley Springs - [LINK](#) – [REVISED FLIER](#) – [LETTER](#) –[REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP](#)October 4: [Lions Eye Foundation's](#) Octoberfest Concert & Dinner – Waterford Lions and Oakdale Lions – [FLIER PG1](#)  
[FLIER PG2](#)

October 4: Hughson Lions' Prime Rib Dinner - [FLIER](#)

October 4: Community Center for the Blind's "[Dining in the Dark](#)" - Stockton (Note: this is not a Lion's event)

October 4-12: MD4's Mental Health and Well-Being Service Week - [FLIER](#)

October 10: Tri Dams Lions' Burson Bingo Night - 2nd Fridays

October 11-13: Turlock Lions' Trip to Reno

October 17: Denair Lions' Golf Tournament - [FLIER](#)

October 18: Tri Dams Lions' Vehicle Safety Day in Valley Springs - See article in Clubs' News section

October 24-25: MD4 Council of Governors - 2nd Quarter - Friday night is optional participation. Saturday is full Zoom!

November 15: Lions International's [Peace Poster/Essay Contest](#) postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to District Governor Matt.

November 30: Lions Project for Canine Companions' Raffle deadline to enter - See article in this newsletter

## **~ FUTURE EVENTS ~**

January 3-11, 2026: MD4's [Hunger](#) Service Week - [FLIER](#)

January 16-17, 2026: District 4-A1 Meeting - Stanislaus Region

February 18-22, 2026: MD4 Council of Governors - 3rd Quarter in Long Beach on the Queen Mary

March 20-21, 2026: District 4-A1 Meeting - San Joaquin Region

April 18-26, 2026: MD4's [Environment](#) Service Week - [FLIER](#)

June 26-28, 2026: MD4 Council of Governors Meeting - 4th Quarter in LA

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

September 3-5, 2026 - [USA Canada Forum](#) - Memphis TN

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

Sept 16-18, 2027 - [USA Canada Forum](#) - Huntsville AL

## **~ ONGOING EVENTS ~**

District 4-A1 Cabinet/GAT Meetings - 7pm - 1st Tuesdays

District 4-A1 Membership Orientations - ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm - every 4th Tuesday on [Zoom](#) except November, December, June & July

District 4-A1 Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings - 6pm - 3rd Monday of the month - Zoom link on [District Calendar](#)

District 4-A1 Marketing Meetings - 7:30pm - 4th Mondays - Zoom link on [District Calendar](#)

MD4 California & District 4-A1 Lions Care Service Projects - Website [md4lions.org/project-care](https://md4lions.org/project-care)

District 4-A1 Newsletter Deadline - Flyers, articles & photos due 25th of the month - [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)

## **DID YOUR CLUB DO A FLAG DAY PRESENTATION?**



If your club did a Flag Day presentation at a local school, let Lion Carrie Guadagnolo know by the next District Meeting so your club can be recognized. Her email address is [guadagnolo.carrie@gmail.com](mailto:guadagnolo.carrie@gmail.com) or call (209) 817-2780.

## **MD-4 YOUTH PROTECTION COMPLIANCE**

All Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Marketing Chairs received an email on July 22nd regarding the MD4 Youth Protection Policy, which states that by **July 31, 2025**, all California Lions Clubs must complete a "MD4 Youth Service Compliance Form." This form must be completed annually, even if your club does not participate in any youth service programs/activities wherein you have club members or volunteers who have direct contact or supervision of minors for 16 hours or more per month or 32 hours or more per year.

As of 7/23/25, I have received compliance forms from Bass Lake, Gustine, Jackson, Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch, Linden, Livingston, Modesto 500, Moke Hill, Murphys-Angels, Stockton Delta Pacifica, Stockton San Joaquin, Sutter Creek, Tracy Breakfast, Tracy Tank Town, and Upcountry 88 Lions Clubs. Stockton Healthy (Leo-Lions) Club is pending a live scan.

THANK YOU!

For detailed information, please refer to <https://md4lions.org/youth-protection>

The typical youth service programs that Lions Clubs are involved in that may have volunteers that have direct contact and/or supervision of minors for 16+/32+ hours include, but are not limited to: school-based and non-school-based Leo Clubs, Lions Youth Exchange, scholarship programs, youth camps, mentoring and literacy programs.

School-based Leo Clubs that meet on the school site, have a faculty School Advisor, and follow California school district clearance policy and procedures are exempt from this policy. The Leo activities in these Leo Clubs are considered a school-based activity. A verification letter from the school district identifying the Youth Advisor and the name of the Leo Club is required for MD4 records. Lion Club volunteers who assist the faculty School Advisor and meet the 16+/32+ hour threshold must comply with the Youth Protection Policy. Non-school based Leo Officers and volunteers who meet the 16+/32+ hour threshold are not exempt from this policy.

Please call me at (209) 640-8612 or email at [debbihopman@gmail.com](mailto:debbihopman@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Again, thank you for the clubs that have submitted the required MD4 Youth Service Compliance Form.

~ Debbi Hopman, District 4-A1 Youth Protection Officer

#### [MD4 YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY](#)

[Youth Protection Policy](#)

[California Mandated Reporter Training for Volunteers Website](#)

[Volunteer Live Scan Form](#)

[2024 Youth Activity Parental Consent Form for Minors 2-24](#)

[LCI Child Video and Photo Release Form](#)

[Youth at Club or District Sponsored Events](#)

#### [APPENDIXES](#)

[Appendix I - Club Youth Service Compliance Form](#)

[Appendix L - Duties of Club Youth Protection Officer](#)

[Appendix M - Youth Protection Club and District Checklist](#)

[Appendix N - Verification School Based Youth Advisor Clearance](#)

[Appendix O - Clearance Receipt Request Verification Items](#)

[Appendix P - Club Non-Compliance Request For Verification](#)

[Appendix Q - Instructions for Live Scan Fingerprinting Request](#)

## **LIONS INTERNATIONAL's CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS DUE**

We just launched a new and improved 2025-2026 Excellence Awards program! View the new [Excellence Awards webpage](#) for more information.

While Club Excellence Awards applications will remain open through August 31, 2025, be sure to bookmark the new page so you don't miss any updates.

NEW WEBSITE: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards>

The application features criteria for both the Club Excellence Award and the Club 5 Star Excellence Award. Please note you do not need to apply for both awards — if you only qualify for one award, you can apply for that award only.

Applications must be signed by the current district governor. If sent from the district governor's email, it qualifies as the signature on the application being submitted electronically.

[Download application](#)

Timeline and important dates

Applications due by: **August 31, 2025**

Awards mailed to: 2025-2026 district governor



## **More on LIONS ALL-STAR FOOTBALL**

Thank you to the Lions and Lions Clubs of District 4-A1 for their participation in our 49th game. ~ Elizabeth Olson

Football: North snaps losing streak, wins 49th Lions All-Star game | Tracy Press sports | [ttownmedia.com](https://www.ttownmedia.com)

[https://www.ttownmedia.com/tracy\\_press/sports/football-north-snaps-losing-streak-wins-49th-lions-all-star-game/article\\_2e1967ab-0ae0-4797-916b-94e71e60bbba.html](https://www.ttownmedia.com/tracy_press/sports/football-north-snaps-losing-streak-wins-49th-lions-all-star-game/article_2e1967ab-0ae0-4797-916b-94e71e60bbba.html)

For only the second time in the last seven, the North emerged victorious from the Central California Lions All-Star football game – beating South 42-37 on Saturday at Tracy High's Wayne Schneider Stadium in the 49th edition of the event.

The North won the offensive shootout with five local players on the team – three from Tracy and two from Kimball. They were led by all-time great head coach Tony Franks of St. Mary's who is seventh on the Sac-Joaquin Section wins list (234).

"I think we selected a bunch of guys for this team that really like playing football," he said afterwards. "It was easy for them to come together as a team and play hard and play. That's what they did, and they had a ball doing it." [...]

## CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP



On July 25th, board members from California Lions Camp presented a check to I Can Swim for \$1500 to purchase swimming equipment. I Can Swim, an adaptive swim school, is all about having fun while building vital water safety knowledge.

Watching swimmers gain confidence in the water is one of the best parts of what I Can Swim does. Many start a little unsure about putting their face in the water, but with games, songs, and plenty of fun, instructors patiently build that essential water confidence.

~ Debbi Hopman

## AUGUST VISION NEWS & HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0

This year, District 4-A1 is knocking it out of the ballpark when it comes to embracing the Helen Keller Challenge! Thank you to now-IPDG Eric Cheung and all the different clubs who turned out to take part in the San Joaquin Lions' and District 4-A1 Helen Keller Centennial Mural & Bench Dedication on June 28 at the Maya Angelou Library in Stockton. Here's the Facebook post's [LINK](#). [and YouTube [LINK](#)] The Bench will be dedicated during the City of Stockton's National Night Out Celebration at Oak Park Senior Center **August 5, 5:30 PM**. [FLIER](#)

If you missed the Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Zoom on June 30, stay tuned to find out very soon how your club can earn a special banner patch between now and **December 31** with your vision service! Here is an opportunity to support an agency for the blind and experience "Dining In the Dark" on **October 4** in San Joaquin County. [FLIER](#)

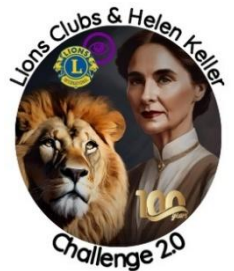
There is also an Octoberfest Dinner & Concert to support our amazing [Lions Eye Foundation](#) on **October 4**, that same evening in Waterford. [FLIER PG1](#) - [FLIER PG2](#) - LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1135899061694286/>

The San Joaquin Lions Club is still trying to coordinate a pool of sighted volunteers willing to help blind and low vision individuals in San Joaquin County (outside of Stockton) with transportation to come into Stockton for activities periodically. Let me know if you can help!

You can catch a Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Zoom with Lions of Ghana on **August 14** at 12-1 PM PDT to learn, share, and get more inspiration. [FLIER](#) - Please visit [md4lions.org/Helen-Keller/](http://md4lions.org/Helen-Keller/) to learn more.

~ Jennifer Gass, Vision Chair





**NOTE:** Helen Keller Challenge is in several other articles in this newsletter – do a search for those keywords! More information can be found at this webpage [LINK](#).

## REPORTING PULL TABS & EYEGLASSES IN THE LION PORTAL?

Is your Club Secretary, President, or Administrator reporting the Pull Tabs you've collected for Ronald McDonald House and Eyeglasses you've collected for Lions in Sight? Both endorsed projects are explained on our District 4-A1's websites: <https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-more/pull-tabs-ronald-mcdonald-house/> and <https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-vision/lions-in-sight/>. Put "VISION" (for your eyeglasses report) or "YOUTH" (for your pull tabs report) as the first word in the title so it can easily be tallied.

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EYEGLOSS COLLECTION – BOXES – 10-PACK is \$84.95

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/stationary/products/g1174ds>



Service Reporting - It's Important! Every bit counts. It is reported all the way to the top of the Lion-chain and is included in the Lions International total report of service. We can be part of that!

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: Together As One

Students ages 11, 12 or 13  
as of November, 15 are eligible to participate

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



Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2025–2026

Theme: Together As One

Calling all young artists! 🎨

Lions Clubs International invites students ages 11, 12, or 13 as of November 15, 2025, to showcase their vision of peace through art. 🎨

📌 Contest Details & Entry Forms: [Visit the official site](#)

Encourage youth to express themselves creatively and promote global understanding—one poster at a time.

#LionsHelpingMorePeople #CaliforniaLions #CaLionsYouth #Youth #CubsClub #PeacePoster2025

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

**October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

**November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to District Governor Matt.

Order your 2025-2026 Peace Poster kit today. [LINK](#)

[The 2025-2026 Contest](#)

[Peace Poster Contest Deadlines](#)

[Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

[Contest Winners](#)

[Peace Poster Tabletop Exhibit](#)

[Current Merit Winners](#)

## LIONS PROJECT FOR CANINE COMPANIONS' TOGETHER WE ROAR RAFFLE DONATION

Make a life-saving donation for a chance to win \$2,000!

Lions Project for Canine Companions is kicking off our biggest fundraiser of the year, "Together We Roar" Raffle!

- Each entry is \$100
- Club or individual to receive \$2,000
- Entries must be received by **November 30th**
- Winner will be announced by **December 15th**

Please consider joining Lions Project for Canine Companions annual "Together We Roar" Raffle (formerly our Opportunity Drawing) as an individual or on behalf of your Club with your life-saving gift today! Lions Clubs and individuals may make multiple entries for more chances to win with just a \$100 donation for each entry.

Canines Give Individuals with Disabilities More Independence



Unfamiliar places used to cause nine-year-old Ryden extreme discomfort due to anxiety associated with cerebral palsy. Ryden is unable to speak, and his muscle movement is limited as a result of his disability. However, a snuggly, affectionate service dog named Santana changed everything. "It was a perfect match right away, and Ryden's life has drastically changed for the better," says Ryden's mom, Heather.

Santana bridges a gap between Ryden and other kids his age and provides unbeatable and unconditional love. "Santana brings so much joy by being someone that doesn't distinguish Ryden as having a disability, but simply sees him as a friend," states Heather. "Ryden knows how much Santana loves him. I have seen Ryden smile more since he was matched with Santana than I have in his entire life."

Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

With the increase in need for service dogs for children, adults, and Veterans, Lions Project could use your help. Enclosed is one entry ticket; for additional entries, please photocopy your entry ticket. Entries can be made by your club or by individual club members. Simply fill out the entries and mail them back with a check for \$100 for each entry payable to "Lions Project for Canine Companions".

If you would like to increase your chances of winning, you can enter as many times as you wish! All donations support Canine Companions' ability to provide service dogs free of charge to people in need!

## Together We Roar Raffle \$100.00 Donation

Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



Lions Project for Canine Companions  
 Mail checks to P.O. Box 3896, Santa Rosa, CA 95402  
 Photocopy ticket for additional entries \$100.00 each  
 (707) 577-1774

Donations will be accepted through **November 2025**. From the proceeds of this fundraiser, a ticket will be drawn for a club or individual to receive a \$2,000 donation. Last year, the Sausalito Lions Club in California won our drawing. They have been a Lions Project Member Club since the inception of our foundation in 1983 and are excited to host a Bingo night soon, which will benefit our foundation! We look forward to your donation to help more graduates like Ryden gain their independence. Yours in Lionism, ~ Sarah Haberthur, National Administrator  
 Email: [lions@canine.org](mailto:lions@canine.org) - Phone: 707-577-1774 Website: <https://www.lpcanine.org/>

## BAGS FOR BENCHES

Join the San Joaquin Lions Club on the evening of **August 5th** to celebrate National Night Out with the City of Stockton and to recognize our amazing Plastic Partners who have helped us earn a bench to dedicate at Oak Park Senior Center! Our ceremony (including brief remarks, unveiling of the bench, and recognitions) will be held in the courtyard of Oak Park Senior Center from 5:30 PM-6:15 PM. FACEBOOK [LINK](#)

The Oak Park Senior Center's National Night Out celebration is **August 5**, 5:00-8:00 PM, and includes free refreshments, entertainment, info tables, crafts & more! Bring the family out for a wonderful time as we celebrate keeping over 12,000 pounds of soft plastics out of the landfill since September 1, 2020 through "Bags for Benches"! [FLIER](#)  
 Bench will be dedicated during the City of Stockton's National Night Out Celebration at Oak Park Senior Center **August 5**, 5:30 PM. [FLIER](#)  
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We know that total is even greater because of other clubs who have earned benches individually. Please email me if you are doing the project or donating plastic to another club doing the project this year. I would love to have a comprehensive list of all the places benches have been placed in our district. If you have time to drop me a note so we can map them out! Please let me know if you have any questions. Our club, our community, and our planet thanks you!

#BagsForBenches [JenGass73@gmail.com](mailto:JenGass73@gmail.com)

—Lion Jennifer Gass, "Bags for Benches" Chair

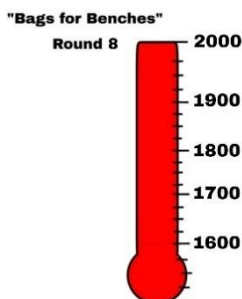


Photo 1. Lions are making a ton of difference! Another 2000 pounds of soft plastics have been kept out of the landfills.



Photo 2. The Bench from Round 8 will be dedicated at Oak Park Senior Center, Stockton.

Here's a list of the Round 8 Supporting Clubs that will be recognized at the Bags For Benches at the ceremony on **August 5** - [FLIER](#):

Atwater-Winton Lions  
 Livingston Lions  
 Lodi Lions  
 San Joaquin Omega Leos  
 Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions  
 Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions  
 Stockton Host Lions  
 Stockton San Joaquin Lions  
 Tokay High School Leos  
 West Point Lions

## DISTRICT 4-A1 TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES

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) and 209-596-1219.

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

- Lion & Leo Club Officer Training - **August 16, 2025** – FREE - Linden, CA - Register by **August 9th** - [FLIER](#)
- AND Lion & Leo Club Officer Training – **September 13, 2025** – FREE - Burson, CA – Register by **9/7/25** - [FLIER](#)  
 All Lions and Leos are invited to attend. Learn what officers do and how Club Administrator, Service Chair and other positions can make the job easier. 8:30AM Check-in. 9:00AM to 2:00PM Training. 2:00-3:00PM open for further discussion.  
 Agenda: President—Secretary—Treasurer Training Lions Portal - Service Reporting Dues – Lions International, District & Multiple Charitable Filings Youth Protection—Raffle Application/Reporting Service Ideas and More Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) & Grants Vision Screening – Assisting Individuals in Getting Glasses Q&A. To register, email [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com) with your name, club and phone number. We have 30 spaces for this training. If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Lion Claudia Miller @ 209-596-1219 or [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com). (I'm available from 7AM to 11PM and usually respond the same day or within 24 hours.)
- 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.



## LIONS NEWSLETTER MONTHLY COMMUNITY PARTNER EDITION



**Lion Diana Ringer**  
Community Partner Newsletter

**Co-Editor**

I am so excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities we have to collaborate with our fellow Lions groups and community partners. Together, we are making a real and significant impact on the lives of our neighbors and communities, here and around the world.

We just experienced a very proud moment. California Lions collected and brought 10,000 pairs of glasses to Convention in Orlando last month, and now Lions in South Africa have 10,000 opportunities to restore the lives and livelihoods of those who desperately need it. We made that happen!

District 4-A1 has launched a brand-new community partner newsletter to help open the way for sharing the mission and passion of Lionism in a new and different manner. It's a great approach to start a conversation that might otherwise be difficult to start.

A community partner is anyone you collaborate with outside Lions to do a service project. This could be a government agency, school, private business, or non-profit. It could be your neighbor next door. As Knights of the Blind, we are a large and diverse community and passionate about so many causes. I encourage you to take the time to ask those in your own circle of influence what they are passionate about. What needs are they seeing or experiencing but struggling to fill? You might just be surprised! Brainstorm ways the two of you can come along side each other to serve and meet those needs.

We'll soon have a dedicated community partner website; but until then, you can download a copy of the inaugural issue with the other newsletter archives. Click [HERE](#) to download, and feel free to forward to your community partners. [It's also found on the District's website alongside these monthly District Newsletters. [LINK](#)]

If you have partners you want to receive the Community Partner Newsletters directly, please forward their contact details (name/organization/email address) to me at [dianaringer@icloud.com](mailto:dianaringer@icloud.com).

## CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE for Youth



**California Lions Foundation**  
**BACK TO SCHOOL, YOUTH & CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANTS**

**Help make a difference with YOUTH in your community and apply for a grant**

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

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



## CALIFORNIA LIONS 🌈 DELIVER VISION TO NIGERIA! 🌈



On July 15 at the Lions International Convention in Orlando, the Lions of California delivered 20 suitcases filled with 15,000 pairs of prescription verified eyeglasses to the Lions of Nigeria for Lions Eye Clinics across their country. This service project was inspired by the MD4 Lions Clubs and Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 initiative team, a sub-committee of MD4 Marketing, and included multiple Lions Districts and Foundations across California.

“Every Lion in California can be proud of this project, especially those Lions involved in collecting donated eyeglasses, eyeglass sorting, eyeglass prescription verification, and bringing suitcases to Orlando” said team co-leaders Lions Donna Rollins and Jennifer Gass.



Three California Lions foundations were instrumental in providing the donated recycled glasses - [Lions in Sight of Northern California and Nevada](#), [Lions Friends in Sight of Southern California](#), and [Northern California Lions Sight Association](#). Please support the good works of our foundations through individual or club donations.

Lions Clubs across California and worldwide are encouraged to reconnect with Helen Keller’s request 100 year ago that Lions become “Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness”. Over the past 100 years, Lions have become an instrumental force in preventable blindness, helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and millions more to see better by providing eye exams and recycled glasses. For more information

see [www.facebook.com/LionsHelenKellerChallenge](https://www.facebook.com/LionsHelenKellerChallenge) and [californialions.org/helen-keller-challenge](https://californialions.org/helen-keller-challenge) and [www.e-district.org/sites/california\\_lions\\_marketing\\_committee](https://www.e-district.org/sites/california_lions_marketing_committee)

## CALIFORNIA LIONS MARKETING REQUEST

🚩 WANTED: Cause Group Influencers! [FLIER](#)

The California Lions Marketing Committee is seeking passionate Lions with expertise in specific cause areas to help launch, grow, and maintain public-facing Facebook groups dedicated to service visibility.

Our goal is to increase awareness of Lions service projects—not just within our organization, but across the broader community—to attract new volunteers, partners, and supporters.

These cause-focused groups will spotlight both Lions International Global Causes and California’s own “Project Care” initiatives.

🎯 Subjects currently open for leadership include:

- Lions and Music
- Lions and Art
- Health and Wellness
- First Responders
- Disaster Relief
- Humanitarian Efforts

If you (or someone you know) has social media skills and a passion for one of these areas, we’d love to connect!

✉ Contact: Lion Elizabeth Steves

Chair, California Lions Marketing Committee 2025/26

✉ [lahabralionqueen@rocketmail.com](mailto:lahabralionqueen@rocketmail.com)

📞 Voice or text: (657) 767-4170

Together, we can amplify service and inspire others to join our mission. #lionshelpingmorepeople

## MD4 CALIFORNIA LIONS CLUBS SERVICE WEEKS INITIATIVES

**MD4 California LIONS CLUBS**

**2025/2026 New Service Weeks Initiative**  
*Inspired by IP-Elect A.P. Singh*

**Mental Health & Well-Being**  
October 4-12, 2025

**Hunger**  
January 3-11, 2026

**Environment**  
April 18- 26 2026

- ✓ Hey California Lions! Save the dates and start planning your service projects now as we join service with clubs and districts worldwide
- ✓ Club partnering/district-wide projects encouraged
- ✓ Plan event outreach early to maximize community visibility, engage volunteers, share out and inspire
- ✓ Visit *Service Resources* for event ideas at [marketing.calionsclubs.org](http://marketing.calionsclubs.org)

California Lions Global Service Team Coordinator- Lion PCC Craig Durand  
[LionCraig414@gmail.com](mailto:LionCraig414@gmail.com) (714) 936-5778  
*Service 1st! California Leads the Way! [CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org](http://CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org)*

Is your club doing service projects during these weeks?

October 4-12 - [Mental Health & Well-Being](#)

January 3-11, 2026 – [Hunger](#)

April 18-26, 2026 – [Environment](#)

Here's the website for Lions International "WEEKS OF SERVICE" <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/weeks-of-service>

"This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!" ~ A.P. Singh, International President



## SERVANT HERO ACADEMY

<https://lionsvirtual.org/>



**We're building a  
global team of  
#ServantHeroes  
— & YOU are invited!**

**Create Your #ServantHero Portrait**

1. Open Servant Hero Creator app inside of ChatGPT @ <https://bit.ly/ServantHero>
2. Select one of the prompts:
  - Make me a #Servant Hero!
  - Discover your superpower
  - Create my #ServantHero baseball card
  - Change a Service Activity Picture into a #ServantHero Picture
3. Answer the questions, be prepared to upload a selfie or picture – so your hero looks like you!
3. Save & Share your image on social media with #ServantHero

Be inspired by #ServantHeroes from across the globe @ [lionsvirtual.org](https://lionsvirtual.org)

**Help fund more #ServantHero service @ [lionsclubs.org/givetoday](https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday)**



#ServantHeroes Assemble! 🍷

Are YOU ready to turn your service into a superpower? 🌟 It's time to create your very own #ServantHero In Action!

👤 Here's how to join the movement:

1 Go to the Servant Hero Creator app inside ChatGPT 👉 <https://bit.ly/ServantHero> (ChatGPT registration and login required).

2 Select one of the prompts:

- Make me a #ServantHero !
- Discover your superpower
- Create my #ServantHero baseball card
- Change a service activity picture into a #ServantHero picture

3 Answer a few quick questions & upload a selfie or photo

4 Save your epic image and share it with the world 🌐 using #ServantHero

Then, join the #ServantHero Academy and connect with other heroes in action at 👉 [facebook.com/servanthero](https://facebook.com/servanthero)

Post your avatar with hashtags: #ServantHero #ServantHeroesAssemble #LCIFLions #lionsvirtual

@DanielMarneyElkins

⚡ Be bold. Be brave. Be of service.

📷 Your story could inspire the next generation of change-makers. Fund even more #ServantHero service @

<https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday>





Above avatar is of Servant Heroes PID Ken Ibarra, Lion Jennifer Gass, IPDG Eric Cheung, and Zone Chair Rodrigo Acosta Jr. championing vision with the new [Helen Keller Challenge Bench](#). 6/28/2025 — at Maya Angelou Library

**NOTE:** Our Immediate Past District Governor Eric Cheung has volunteered to assist Lions in creating their avatar. To him, it is a low-cost marketing effort from Lions Virtual to promote Lions and Leos who serve. The free account only allows for one avatar per 24 hours. Otherwise, the pro version charges \$20/month. Eric's email is [lioneric4a1@gmail.com](mailto:lioneric4a1@gmail.com).

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)***

### **LION & LEO CLUB OFFICER TRAINING DISTRICT 4-A1 – August 16**

FREE

FREE

### Lion & Leo Club Officer Training

All Lions and Leos are invited to attend.  
Learn what officers do and how Club Administrator,  
Service Chair and other positions can make the job easier.

### August 16, 2025

#### Linden Lions Club

**5041 North Market St, Linden**

8:30AM check in

9:00AM to 2:00PM Training

2:00-3:00PM open for further discussion

**LUNCH &  
SNACKS  
PROVIDED**

#### Agenda

- President—Secretary—Treasurer Training
- Service Reporting
- Dues – Lions International, District & Multiple
- Charitable Filings
- Youth Protection—Raffle Application/Reporting
- Service Ideas and More
- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) & Grants
- Vision Screening – Assisting Individuals in Getting Glasses
- Q&A

To Register email: [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com) with your name, club and phone number. We have 40 spaces for this training.  
Please register by 8/9/25 so we can have a reference binder for you.

**If you want to stay past 2PM to ask questions or discuss things we will be available from 2 to 3PM.**

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact  
Lion Claudia Miller @ 209-596-1219 or [ckay613cayucos@gmail.com](mailto:ckay613cayucos@gmail.com)  
(I'm available from 7AM to 11PM and usually respond the same day or within 24 hours)  
I am attending the International Convention in Orlando and taking vacation (7/11-26) so  
time zones will be different. I will respond time may be different.



**MD4 MARKETING SUMMIT – August 17**

Save the Date

Because: Service + Marketing = New Members

SUMMIT

 Sunday, August 17, 2025  1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (PST)

 Zoom Virtual Event  Register by August 17th

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ABeKMvrWQNqPU-PmC8crCQ#/registration>

California Lions unite for a fun and comprehensive summit designed to empower your service visibility and outreach! Join us to learn, collaborate, and strategize how we can share our strengths and extend our impact across California—and beyond.

Hosted by:

Lion Craig Durand – MD4 Global Service Team (GST)

Lion Diana Ringer – California Lions Marketing member Area 1

Lion Donna Rollins – MD4 Diabetes Chair

Lion Drew Sasser – District 4-L4 GST

✨ All Lions are welcome to attend and contribute!

Let's grow stronger together through service and storytelling. Questions? Please contact Lion Elizabeth Steves at [LaHabraLionQueen@rocketmail.com](mailto:LaHabraLionQueen@rocketmail.com) or voice or text 657-767-4170. [FLIER](#)

**LIONS CAMP TERESITA's APPRECIATION DAY & OPEN HOUSE – September 6**

For Lions Appreciation Day & Open House this year, we have a good amount of surprises in store! For Saturday, **September 6th** (9am-4pm), we're revamping and refreshing our annual FREE event! If you've never been here before, OR...if you have been (but are curious about the changes to our event), we'd love to see you! Register Today: <https://campteresitapines.org/registeropenhouse>

**LIONS ROSE FLOAT's GOLF TOURNAMENT September 12**

 Tee Up for a Great Cause! 

Join us for a fun-filled Golf Tournament on Friday, **September 12th** in the beautiful Huntington Beach area (District 4-L4) — all in support of the [Lions Rose Float](#)! 🌹

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just love to play for a purpose, this event is your chance to make a difference and enjoy a day on the greens. And yes — your day ends with a delicious steak dinner! 🥩🍷



📍 Location: Huntington Beach area, District 4-L4

🍷 Includes: Golf tournament + steak dinner

📞 Register with: CC Craig Durand

Let's swing into action and help bring the Lions' message of service to the world stage with the beautiful #LionsRoseFloat in the Rose Parade!

💬 Tag your golf buddies and help us spread the word!

#LionsRoseFloat #LFI #LionsMD4 #WeServe #LionsGolf



**Promote Your Business & Sponsor a Tee \$100**

**2025 CHARITY LIONS FLOAT INC**  
GOLF TOURNAMENT

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**  
Costa Mesa Country Club  
1701 Golf Course Dr. Costa Mesa

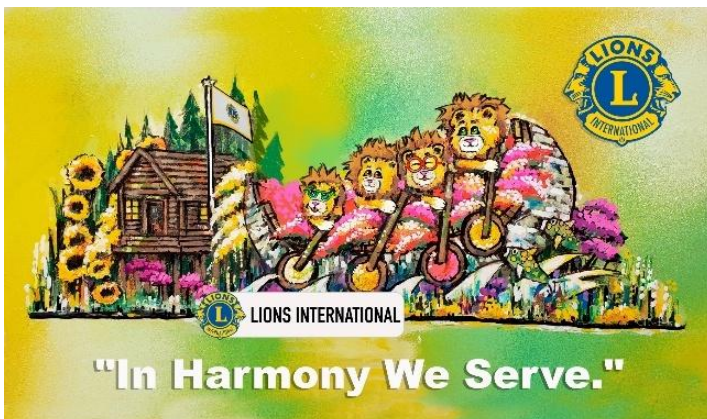
**SCHEDULE**  
10am - Registration & Putting Contest  
11am - Tee Off-Scramble Format  
5pm - Steak Dinner & Awards Prizes & Auction (10032 Edye Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92646)

**REGISTRATION**  
\$25 Super Ticket  
\$165 /Early Bird: Before August 15th  
\$175 / Per Person  
\$660 / Foursome  
Includes Green fee & Cart, Tee Gifts, Steak Dinner & Awards Program

**Includes Contests: Putting- Closest to the Pin & Longest Drive! 2 Mulligans & \$10 Gift certificate to Roger Dunn**

**\$40 Steak Dinner Only**  
Includes Giant BBQ Grilled Rib Eye, Salad, Baked Potato, Roll, Dessert & Sodas

For More Information Contact Craig Durand  
714 936-5778 Lioncraig4L4@gmail.com or visit [WWW.LIONSFLOAT.ORG](http://WWW.LIONSFLOAT.ORG)



<https://lionsfloat.org/>

**RELAY FOR LIFE – September 13**

[Relay for Life of Linden](#) – For those interested in participating in Relay for Life, please reach out to me to receive contact information for the local coordinator and learn how to contribute.

Thank you for all you do and look forward to working with all of you for many years to come. [LINK](#)

~ Shawn Monnin, District Relay for Life Coordinator

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

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USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM **September 18-20****LEARN  
GROW  
LEAD**ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
SEPT. 18-20, 2025<https://lionsforum.org/>LIONS EYE FOUNDATION's FUNDRAISER - OCTOBERFEST DINNER & CONCERT **October 4**

Oakdale and Waterford are joining together to present an Octoberfest Dinner and Concert benefiting the Lions Eye Foundation. If you can help circulate this around, that would be terrific. Here is the Facebook event link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1135899061694286/>[FLIER PG1](#) - [FLIER PG2](#)(ALSO, SEE ARTICLE IN [JULY'S DISTRICT NEWSLETTER](#))***ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION***<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/about-leos>**MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB**[instagram.com/maderaomegas](https://www.instagram.com/maderaomegas)

Madera Omega Leo's celebrated their LCIF Leo Share Pins with LCIF Foundation President Patti Hill during LCICON in Orlando, Florida.



Here is our picture with the [international President A.P. Singh](#).



And here's a photo of us with Immediate Past International President Fabricio Oliveira.  
~ Nelley Guzman-Dominguez, Secretary



In a continued spirit of service, members of the Madera Omega Leos volunteered at the Hot Fudge Run at Woodward Park. Eight of our Omegas played an active role in serving hot fudge to runners who completed their run. Their support was genuinely appreciated, and the event was a real blast to be part of.





Thus furthering our spirit of service, members of the Madera Omega Leos also volunteered at the Father's Day Run which also took place at Woodward Park. For this one, we had gathered 12 of our Omegas to assist in this run, which we had different roles such as supplying water for the runners, giving out medals and as well as giving out root beer floats!  
~ Joseph Fraire

### STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

[instagram.com/stocktonhealthyleolionsclub/#](https://www.instagram.com/stocktonhealthyleolionsclub/#)

See information in the Lions' CLUB SECTION...

### MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

The new Merced Healthy Leo Lions Club was chartered June 18, 2025. Asia Joaquim is their Club's President. They're just having their first meeting! Stay tuned...

## ***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!

## STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS

[instagram.com/stocktonhealthyleolionsclub](https://www.instagram.com/stocktonhealthyleolionsclub)

We will be having a booth at the 4th Annual Taco The Town Run 5K & 10K. We'll be passing out information about our club. *[Here's the great flyer they just made.]*

[This Editor has the policy to only put links to fliers, but this is an example that other clubs might use when they are in an event but not listed on the flier as a sponsor.] Website: <https://www.visitstockton.org/events/4th-annual-taco-the-town-5k-10k/> and <https://www.instagram.com/tacothetown10k/?hl=en>

**Visit the  
Stockton Healthy  
Leo-Lions Booth  
at the Taco the  
Town 5K!**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH**  
**7:30AM**  
**654 GRIDER WAY STOCKTON CA 95209**

Join us at the Taco the Town 5K, where we'll be selling bolis (ice popsicles) for just \$5 to support our club's initiatives.

Discover how we're positively impacting our community!

Our club is dedicated to charitable efforts such as collecting can pull tabs, recycling used eyeglasses, and promoting local health initiatives.

**HUNGRY TAILZ RESCUE**  
Bring a bag of pet food to enter our raffle, your donation goes to Hungry Tailz Pet Rescue!

See the screenshots of our Park Clean-Up from our Instagram page. ~ Eugenia Hernandez, Secretary Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club and Alpha/Omega Leo Advisor

**Leos and Lios, let's do  
what we do best.**

**#Weserve**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**AMERICAN LEGION  
PARK CLEANUP**

Sat., July 12, 2025 ★ 1859 N. Baker St.  
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Meet-up at Flagpole @ 8:30 a.m.

To volunteer for this event visit:  
• <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/seo39024461ee>  
• RSVP Chance at youthventures@gmail.com or by texting or calling (209) 765-4099

**@stocktonhealthyleolionsclub**  
**@sanjoaquinomegaleo**  
**@mecha.de.tokay**  
**@shh\_tokayhigh**





Thank you for an unforgettable Induction Ceremony!

We are deeply grateful for the amazing induction ceremony led by Immediate Past District Governor Eric Cheung and Past District Governor Gabrielle McKechnie. Their leadership and presence made the evening truly special.



We were honored to be joined and supported by fellow Lions from the Paterson Lions Club, Atwater Winton Lions Club, Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club, Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club, and the newly-chartered Madera Leo-Lions Club. Your presence meant the world to us!

A special "congratulations" to President Sandra Medina, who proudly received her Proud Lion pin. We also welcomed new energy into our club with the induction of one new Omega Leo and two new Alpha Leos—our future is bright! The evening was filled with joy, celebration, and fun photo moments as we rallied together to promote the Hero Challenge. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event an unforgettable journey.

~ Eugenia Hernandez, Secretary Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club and Alpha/Omega Leo Advisor







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## STOCKTON HOST LIONS

**September 29, 2025** is the Stockton Host Lions' 2025 Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Join us this year as we raise funds for our Stockton Host Lions Club Charities and our very own Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired! Sponsored by our TEE SPONSORS. Lots of fun for everyone!!!

Location: Dry Creek Golf Course, 809 Crystal Way. Galt., CA. Registration and Lunch: 11:00 AM. Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM. 6:15PM – Dinner! Awards! Raffle prizes! Food! Fun! For more information call or text Lion Denise Sexton at 209.649.4460 or Lion Steve Richmond at 209.986.8956. [FLIER](#) and [FACEBOOK EVENT LINK](#)

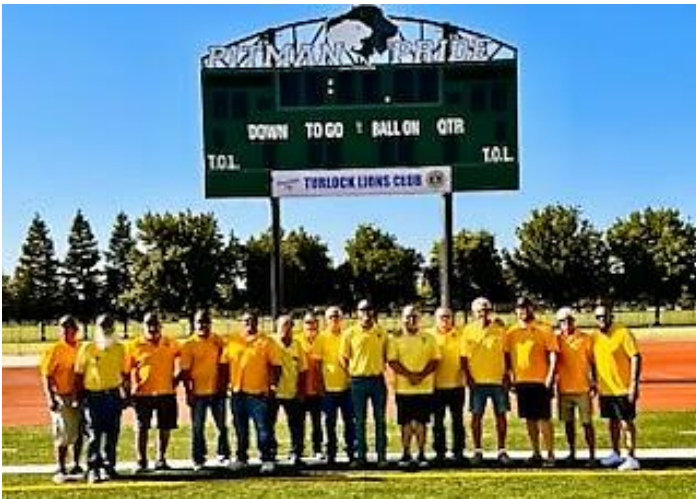
## ESCALON LIONS

On **September 13th**, the Escalon Lions are having their 29th Annual Car Show. Main St, Escalon, CA. All proceeds go to the Lions Club Escalon High School Scholarship Fund. \*\*Beware of Scammers!! Vendor booths will NOT be handled through Facebook messenger. PRE REGISTRATION BY MAIL: \$50.00. MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY August 25, 2025. (Registration received after August 25th. including the day of show is \$60.00 and you will received only 2 lunch tickets as part of the registration fee). See Registration form in the comments below or email [Jeff@millernotary.com](mailto:Jeff@millernotary.com) for printable registration form. Day of event Registration: 8am - 10am. Show and Shine: 8am - 2pm. Lunch: 11am - 1:30pm. Car Judging: 11am - 1:00pm. DJ Ike. Two Participants Only \$400 Cash Drawings (Be present to win). Over 50 Separate Awards. Vendor Show. Goody Buckets to the 1st 150 Entrants. Raffles and Drawings all day. Treasure Chest. Breakfast Provided by American Legion Post 263. 1531 2nd Street. 7am - 10:30am. [FLIER](#)

## TURLOCK LIONS







Donation Presentations - On June 19th, Turlock Club Members celebrated the donations to two area high schools. The first picture shows Turlock High School's new flag poles that were donated by our club. The second picture show our club members with the Pittman High School's new scoreboard.

Here's the parking schedule for The Fruit Yard. All club members are needed. Plan on volunteering as much as possible, or at least for three events: August 23 - Weird Al Yankovic, September 6 - Darius Parker, September 27 - Chase Bryce. We are smack dab in the middle of busy season. Jon Pardi's concert was a huge success despite the heat! It was great to see everyone out there and a big "thank you" to the Turlock QB Club and Turlock Youth Football for coming out to assist. More importantly, I think we need to take a minute to appreciate our Lions members and the immediate family who come out to work longer than preferred hours! Please reach out to your spouse, child, family member, or close friend to say "Hey, thanks". We do a lot of work, often thankless, and at this time, it's hot! The schedule wasn't getting any lighter in the short term. We had the Alabama concert on July 3. We had the American Legion beer booth on July 12th, followed by the Destruction Derby on July 14th - 15th. It's a busy time, but it's what we do for the community. ~ King Lion Paul [Photos are from this year's Destruction Derby.]









## LINDEN LIONS



Elina B, Linden Lions' scholarship winner, spoke about her educational aspirations. She plans on attending UC Davis and pursuing Business.



P.P. Noffsinger talked about Lions Project for Canine Companions His first puppy was paired. His second puppy, Winslow, is moving on to the next level of training, and he will be starting on a Black Lab, I believe the name is Walrus, ??? Here are some pictures from Installation:







CHOWCHILLA LIONS



On Thursday, June 26th, we had our Installation Dinner. Chowchilla Lioness Lion President Paula Hansen conducted the night and installed our 2025-2026 Board of Directors. It was a fun night with a good meal and great company. Let's make this year a fun and successful year!

Thank you to all who were able to help this year at our food booths and beer booths during the Chowchilla Fair! Also thanks to those who were able to come, help cook, and serve breakfast to the FFA and 4-H exhibitors. Without the teamwork and everyone's help we could not have been able to do all this. Thank you, fellow Lions, Leos, and volunteers!! Our next Board Meeting will be **August 7th** at the Chowchilla Library and our next dinner meeting will be **August 21st** at the Veterans Meeting Hall.

## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

Please order some delicious snacks online **August 1-31** and help San Joaquin Lions Club better serve our community! Choose from over 70 gourmet popcorn flavors, soft pretzels, and a variety of cotton candy colors and flavors. We make 50% on each purchase and truly appreciate your support. LINK: <https://citypopfundraising.com/36816323> Our club enjoyed our July 2nd speaker from First Tee of San Joaquin. We assisted with an eyeglass and a back-to-school drive for blind and low vision students on July 12th. We did outreach at a block party at Pixie Woods on July 19th before we attended the Charter Night of the Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club that same evening. That's where we got the opportunity to celebrate the new Lions and dress up as "Servant Heroes"! Our members continue volunteering with Blind Bowling, Beep Baseball and Blind Ham Radio Classes.

Please join us for our bench dedication during National Night Out **August 5**, 5:30-6:15 PM at Oak Park Senior Center, 730 E. Fulton St., Stockton, CA 95204. [FLIER- LINK](#) And join us for our **August 6th** meeting, 6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Road, Stockton for our special guest speaker from Welbehealth who will share about wraparound services and care for seniors who want to remain independent at home.



Photo 1: Lions Lisa and Jennifer with NFB members at the Back to School Drive for blind and low vision students. Lions Rodrigo, Cliff, and Steve are not pictured.





Photo 2. Lions Lisa and Jennifer assisted with Blind Bowling. Lion Cliff is not pictured.



Photo 3. President Rodrigo Acosta Jr. and Lion Lisa Rodriguez did outreach at the Block Party at Pixie Woods.



Photo 4. San Joaquin "Servant Heroes" Lisa and Jennifer were rocking the 80s theme at the Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club Charter Night on July 19.

~ Jennifer Gass, Marketing Chair



## MODESTO 500 LIONS



Modesto 500 June 17 Club Meeting - We had a great club meeting with speaker Dean Dodd who runs the Shower/Laundry Shuttle. It's amazing how much work goes into providing these valuable services to those in need! They had the opportunity to take a cleansing shower. Then they received clean socks/underwear and a hygiene kit. They had the opportunity to launder their clothes. All of that adds dignity and well-being to those who are marginalized. Modesto 500 Lions are proud supporters of this organization and have provided hygiene kits and laundry soap. We look forward to helping them in the future.



Lions All Star Football - Sorry if you missed it! It turned out to be a great weather day for those of us who met up at Lincoln Park down the street from the Tracy Football Stadium for a tasty potluck. You missed out on PDG Pat's famous deviled eggs, honorary Lion Rhonda's cupcakes, and Hawaiian Joe's I-got-the-meats! Unfortunately, despite a well-played game, the North lost to the South 38-13. It was nice to visit with members from other Lion clubs though. We'll get 'em next year!

Fireworks Booth! Well, the dust hasn't completely settled, but it's a wrap for this year's fireworks booth! We were so fortunate to have cooperative weather (2-years-ago it was 108!) which made serving so much easier! Thank you to those who stepped up to serve; many did more than one shift. Special recognition to the following:

PP Jerry who every day seemed to have to put out fires (not literal fires!)

PP Jerry and PP Dennis who picked up and delivered the truck full of product every day

PP Clayton and the VCDI/TCDI crew who set up almost every day

PP Lori and her faithful sidekick/hubby Jerry for helping load product back into the truck at the end of the night and deliver it back to Phantom

PP Gabrielle, who not only served several shifts, but picked up the register/cash box every night and managed the finances

Oakdale Club members PP Don Allen, PDG Doug Campbell, and Rosie Campbell (recent Lion of the Year Winner!)

Past Sunset Lions member and Lion Craig's relative, Dave Thompson

It took a Lions Village to help with our first fundraiser of the year. As soon as the dust settles, we'll let you know how we did! Thank you!!



Kristi and Hawaiian Joe



PP Clayton, Presidents Robin and Pat, and PP Jerry



Always willing to lend a hand, Pearl Cooper

## MURPHYS ANGELS LIONS



### 2025-2026 OFFICERS

June 26th marked Kent Broglio's final meeting as President. Thank you, Kent, for serving as our club's president for the past 12 months. It was a great year.



Chris Rinauro was awarded a set of knives by Lion Kent Broglio.



Sue Rucker took the gavel as our 2025-2026 President. Congratulations Sue!



Left photo: Henry Petithomme and Ed Kane were sworn in as Vice Presidents. Right photo: Carolee Kane was sworn in as Secretary and Treasurer.





Jerry Rucker and Jeff St. Louis were sworn in as Directors.

## HUGHSON LIONS

Are you ready to enjoy a great meal, dance with some friends, and raise some money to help us help out our community? Our annual Prime Rib Dinner is coming October 4, 2025! Tickets are \$80 a person. If you purchase a table of eight tickets, it will be \$75 each. Ticket prices include dinner and drinks. Ask a local Lions member or email [HughsonLions@gmail.com](mailto:HughsonLions@gmail.com). [FLIER](#)

## DENAIR LIONS

Show our support for the Denair Lions. They will be having a golf tournament on Friday, **October 17, 2025** at Rancho Del Ray Golf Course in Atwater. Four-person best ball scramble, \$125 per player which includes golf with cart, lunch and drinks. There is additional information in the [FLIER](#). Contacts for Denair Lions are:

Chris Jamero (209) 620-3889 [Lionchrisjamero@gmail.com](mailto:Lionchrisjamero@gmail.com)

Adrian Martinez (209) 535-8834 [Adriangilm@yahoo.com](mailto:Adriangilm@yahoo.com)

## WEST POINT LIONS

West Point Lions Club is helping to support the development of the West Point Town Square, a small park at the heart of downtown West Point. The Lions will be running a dessert booth at the upcoming Block Party, Saturday, **August 2nd**. All proceeds from the sale of strawberry shortcake will go directly to building the welcoming green space in the center of town.

The evening will include other fun activities: dinner, raffle, kids activities, golf ball race, music, and dancing. No purchase necessary! Thanks for your interest!

See [LINK](#) and [FLIER](#) for details.

~ Vicki Snead-Hinkell, President, West Point Lions Club

## TRI DAMS LIONS



The Tri Dams Lions Club is excited about their CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT ON **OCTOBER 4TH** AT LA CONTENTA GOLF COURSE! It will be a day of great times, fun folks and good food! GET TOGETHER A TEAM OF 4 AND JOIN THE GAMES TO SUPPORT THE TRI DAMS IN THEIR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY! The Tri Dams Lions' website has details and quick and easy links to the registration form: <https://www.TriDamsLionsClub.org>. Greg of the Tri Dams Lions is happy to answer your questions. Email [Greg.Morrill@yahoo.com](mailto:Greg.Morrill@yahoo.com) and phone (408) 348-3385. [LINK](#) – [REVISED FLIER](#) – [LETTER](#) – [REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP](#)



The Tri Dams Lions Club volunteered in July at the Calaveras County Summer Library Lunch Program. It was wonderful to be at the Valley Springs Public Library and hand out lunches to families! About 80-100 lunches were distributed each day! The program's coordinators were kind, diligent professionals who were dedicated to their mission!



In July, the Tri Dams Lions Club were thrilled to host the two-day Canine Rattlesnake Aversion Training event at the Burson Community Center! The expert dog and snake handlers were provided by Natural Solutions Wildlife Enterprises of southern California. San Joaquin Dog Training Club coordinated the reservations and scheduling of the appointments. A total of about 70 dogs were trained in the two days. There were many different breeds, ages and sizes of dogs - from large labrador retrievers and german shepherds to a small 15-lb boston terrier. It was a fast session with each canine that included carefully working with them and drilling them on picking up the scent and sounds of a rattlesnake and avoiding it. It's a very beneficial program, and the Tri Dams Lions Club looks forward to repeating the event in 2026!



Looking to the forthcoming fall season, the Tri Dams Lions Club is happy to announce that our Burson Bingo Nights will resume **October 10th**, the 2nd Friday of the month. Come join us for what is always a fun night of games and laughter!



In addition, the Tri Dams Lions Club is introducing an exciting new event on Saturday, **October 18th**! For our mission of Community Safety and Awareness, our Vice President Karen Stephenson is spearheading the October 18th Vehicle Safety Day in Valley Springs, featuring a free vehicle safety inspection. We want to help to assure your car will be safe and ready for the road in the rain and other weather concerns in the coming months!



## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

As we enter the summer months, we take time to get ready for football season. Again this year, Tracy Tank Town Lions will be serving food at West High School Concessions. We are planning our menu and waiting for Tracy Unified School District staff to give us the okay to begin our service project fundraiser.

Along with clubs in our Zone, our first service project is on **August 9th** at the Family Promise Fun Festival in Stockton. We will be serving hot dogs, water, chips, and fruit snacks to participants. Bring your families and friends to the Family Promise Fun Festival on August 9th from 11-2 PM at the Central United Methodist Church 3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton.

We continue to hold our meetings on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month** at 4 Corners Restaurant in Tracy. Members and guests can order their meals at 5:30 PM, and we then start our meeting at 6:00 PM. This format minimizes disruptions and allows us to conduct our meetings within an hour. We continue to offer our meetings using Zoom. ~ Debbi Hopman, Club President

## RIPON LIONS

In September, the Ripon Lions will host all new teachers in the three school districts in Ripon for a dinner and give out teacher supplies. This is an annual event - one of our largest of the year...on average a range of 25 to 50 new teachers are our guests each year. Due to the large size, we hold the event at the local Community Center.

Other events planned for the upcoming year include having a float in the Christmas Parade with a new "Lion."



Lion Ken Newburg provided a picture of the new Lion Parade Mascot (the big one, not the little one!). Lion Ken is also the Official Santa at the Christmas events in Ripon. ~ Damon Woods, Secretary

## MOKE HILL LIONS



We had our induction dinner last month and had a great time. We want to congratulate Julie Shelby, who's been named Lion of the Year.



We had our huge 4th of July Parade and it was a well-attended with great entries, lots of booths, fun games for the kids, live band at the pool, and more. The Lions Brat booth sold out early. It is always an event not to miss and we're so proud to bring it to the community every year. Next year will be an event not to miss, 250 years!

~ Cindy Pederson 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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