

**LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER**

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password or the PDF file) ~ HASHTAG #4A1Lions

**~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~**

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September 1, 2025-June 30, 2026: Bags For Benches Project – Stockton  
San Joaquin Lions – [FLIER1](#) – [FLIER2](#)

September 2: [Helen Keller Challenge](#) 2.0 (online) - [FLIER](#)

September 3: District Governor Visitation - 6-8 PM Round Table Pizza,  
8010 Holman RD – Stockton San Joaquin Lions and Stockton Delta  
Pacifica Lions

September 4: Free Community BBQ - 6-8PM at Hogan Park – See article -  
Escalon Lions - [LINK](#)

September 6: Music In the Square – Copperopolis Lake Tulloch Lions -  
Lions – See article - [FLIER](#)

September 6: Tracy Connects – Stockton-San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

September 6: [Camp Terestia Pines](#) - Lions Appreciation Day & Open  
House – [FLIER](#)

September 7: Deadline to register for Mountain Region's Leo & Lion Officer  
Training in Burson – see article - [FLIER](#)

September 8: Smartphone Classes – Tri Dams Lions- [FLIER](#)

September 12: Blood Drive & Canned Food Drive – See article. Sutter  
Creek Lions - [BLOOD DRIVE FLIER1](#) – [BLOOD DRIVE FLIER2](#) – [FOOD  
DRIVE FLIER](#)

September 12: [Lions Float Inc](#)'s Lions Float Charity Golf Tournament – Costa Mesa – [FLIER](#)

September 13: Lion & Leo [Club Officer Training](#) – in the Mountain Region, Burson CA. See flier in this newsletter. [FLIER](#)

September 13: Music In the Square – Copperopolis Lake Tulloch Lions - Lions – See article - [FLIER](#)

September 13: Relay For Life – in Linden – [LINK](#)

September 13: Autumn Cruise - Escalon Lions – [FLIER](#)

September 14-20: Lions International's Celebrate Community – Clubs: combine projects with Kiwanis, Optimist & Rotary - [LINK](#)

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

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

September 19: Golf Tournament - Stockton Host Lions –[FLIER](#) – [Facebook EVENT LINK](#)

September 20: Deadline to RSVP for District Meeting

September 20: Music In the Square – Copperopolis Lake Tulloch Lions - Lions – See article - [FLIER](#)

September 21: Relay For Life Bingo – Lathrop Lions- [FLIER](#)

September 26-27: [District 4-A1 Meeting and Training](#) – Theme=Halloween – See article - [FLIER](#) - [REGISTRATION](#)

September 30: [California Lions Foundation's Youth](#) Grants deadline (BACK-TO-SCHOOL, YOUTH, & CHILDHOOD CANCER) – [FLIER](#)

October is Lions and Leos Membership Growth and Vision Awareness Month

October 1: Lions International's deadline to purchase [Peace Poster Contest](#) kits – see article

October 3: Surf & Turf Dinner – Sonora Lions - [FLIER](#)

October 4: Oktoberfest – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

October 4: [Multicultural Health & Community Fair](#) – Stockton San Joaquin Lions is participating

October 4: Charity Golf Tournament in Valley Springs - Tri Dams Lions - [LINK](#) – [CORRECTED FLIER](#)

October 4: [Lions Eye Foundation](#)'s Octoberfest Concert & Dinner – Waterford Lions and Oakdale Lions – [FLIER PG1](#) [FLIER PG2](#)

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

October 4: Community Center for the Blind's "[Dining In the Dark](#)" – Not a Lions-related event.

October 4: Music In the Square – Copperopolis Lake Tulloch Lions - Lions – See article - [FLIER](#)

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

October 9: World Sight Day - [LINK](#)  
October 10: Burson Bingo Night – 2nd Fridays - Tri Dams Lions  
October 11: 7th Annual [White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration](#) – Stockton-San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)  
October 11-13: Trip to Reno - Turlock Lions  
October 15: International White Cane Day - [LINK](#)  
October 17: Golf Tournament - Denair Lions - [FLIER](#)  
October 19: Vehicle Safety Day in Valley Springs – See article - Tri Dams Lions  
October 24-25: MD4 Council of Governors – 2nd Quarter – Friday night is optional participation. Saturday is full Zoom!  
October 25: Dining in the Dark – Patterson Lions – [See article](#) - [FLIER](#)  
October 25: 23rd Annual Crab Feed – Modesto 500 Lions – [FLIER](#)  
November is National Diabetes Awareness Month  
November 14: Burson Bingo Night – 2nd Fridays - Tri Dams Lions  
November 15: Lions International's [Peace Essay Contest](#) postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster to District Governor Matt. [See article](#).  
November 22: 7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)  
November 30: Lions Project for Canine Companions' Raffle deadline to enter – See article in this newsletter  
December 12: Burson Bingo Night – 2nd Fridays - Tri Dams Lions

**~ FUTURE EVENTS ~**

January 3-11, 2026: MD4 [Hunger](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)  
January 16-17, 2026: District 4-A1 Meeting – Stanislaus Region  
January 16-18, 2026: [LionsUSA](#) Regional Institutes West Coast California training  
February 18-22, 2026: MD4 Council of Governors – 3rd Quarter in Long Beach on the Queen Mary - [FLIER](#)  
March 20-21, 2026: District 4-A1 Meeting – San Joaquin Region  
April 18-26, 2026: MD4 [Environment](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)  
June 20, 2026: Lions Allstar Football Game – Tracy CA  
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 ~**

(Zoom links are found on the [District Calendar](#))

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  
District 4-A1 Marketing Meetings – 7:30pm - 4th Mondays  
District 4-A1 Rebuild Club Meetings – (Zoom) 4th Friday of the month 6:45PM  
District 4-A1 Newsletter Deadline – Flyers, articles & photos due 25th of the month - [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)

### **EDITOR's "THANK YOU"**

There are several clubs in our district that have started contributing LOADS of great information to YOUR District Newsletter! Thank you to the Club Marketing Chairs for doing a great job "marketing" your clubs' events!  
~ Gail Cates, District Newsletter Editor and District Marketing Chair

### **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 8/24/25, I have received compliance forms from Bass Lake, Ceres, Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch, Denair, Escalon, Gustine, Jackson, Lathrop, Linden, Livingston, Mariposa, Merced Healthy Leo Lions, Modesto 500, Moke Hill, Murphys-Angels, Oakdale, Patterson, Sonora, Stockton Delta Pacifica, Stockton Host, Stockton San Joaquin, Sutter Creek, Tracy Breakfast, Tracy Tank Town, Turlock, Upcountry 88, and West Point Lions Clubs. Stockton Healthy Leo Lions Club is pending a live scan. THANK YOU! We still have 22 more clubs that need to submit the required Youth Protection Compliance forms.

For detailed information, please refer to this website:  
<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 the 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 to the clubs that have submitted the required MD4 Youth Service Compliance Form.

~ Debbi Hopman, District 4-A1 Youth Protection Officer

## **BAGS FOR BENCHES NEWS**

The San Joaquin Lions Club had a wonderful time at their Round 8 Bench Dedication at Oak Park Senior Center during National Night Out on August 5. They recognized 30 Plastic Partners, including many 4-A1 Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs! [FACEBOOK LINK](#)

SAN JOAQUIN LIONS CLUB'S  
"BAGS FOR BENCHES, ROUND 8" PLASTIC PARTNERS

1. Atwater-Winton Lions Club
2. Burke Optometry
3. Calvary Chapel Stockton Women's Ministry
4. City of Stockton
5. Community Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired
6. Delta Village Apartments
7. Diamond Cove II Family Resource Center
8. Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center
9. Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
10. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton
11. Friendly Village
12. Holland Alignment & Brake
13. Hoover Elementary School
14. Latinas United Republican Women
15. Lincoln Square Condominiums
16. Livingston Lions Club
17. Lodi Lions Club
18. Marshall Elementary School
19. McKinley Elementary School
20. Oak Park Senior Center
21. Primerica Financial
22. San Joaquin Omega Leo Club
23. SJC Chapter National Federation of the Blind
24. Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Club
25. Stockton Host Lions Club
26. Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club
27. Tokay High School Leo Club
28. Venture Academy
29. West Point Lions Club
30. Winco Foods #10

Unfortunately, the District 4-A1 Helen Keller Centennial Bench was stolen from the Maya Angelou Library in STOCKTON. The City filed a police report, but has no leads. Here is some coverage from CBS 13/Good Day Sacramento [LINK](#). We are hoping someone will do the right thing and get the bench back to where it belongs. I will definitely keep you posted.

Collections for Round 9 starts up **September 1**, thanks for your support. Please see the flier link below for clean, dry plastics we accept, as well as the flyer with guidelines, for items we cannot accept. "Bags for Benches, Round 9" - [FLIER](#) & What Plastic to Save - [FLIER](#).

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Here's the YouTube link about the stolen bench:

<https://youtu.be/samSosu76Vw>

Here is the RecordNet [LINK](#).

And here's Facebook's FOX40 News Reel [LINK](#).



Photo is of PID Ken Ibarra, ZC Rodrigo Acosta Jr., PDG Eric Cheung, and Lion Jennifer Gass with the Helen Keller Centennial Bench at the dedication ceremony on June 28, 2025.

## 4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING & TRAINING Sept 26-27

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

We are so excited to invite you to the September District Meeting. On Friday the 26th, we have an exciting workshop & training day planned. PDG Juanita Nichols will be joining us as we brainstorm ideas and share experiences and learn together. Saturday is the District Meeting. Halloween is fast approaching, and we are planning lots of fun and fellowship as we work together addressing challenges and sharing successes. Plan to join us for an informative and fun time. All Leos and Lions are welcome! Deadline to register is **September 20. [FLIER](#)**

Here is a link to the Registration Form:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:bf5cf702-d503-4497-990f-ad525e7806d3>

Your District Governor Team and Cabinet are looking forward to seeing you!

## LIONS ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME

50 years of Lions Allstar Football Games! It's our 50th year!! Save the date!

We are planning our next game for Saturday, **June 20, 2026** at Tracy High School Wayne Schneider Stadium in Tracy, California. More to follow as details emerge.

Thank you to the following Lions Clubs for cooking dinners after practice each day for the players and coaches: Clements Lockford, Denair, Hilmar, Hughson, Linden, Lions Allstar Football Committee, Lodi Mexican-American, Patterson, Stockton Host, and Waterford.

~ Elizabeth Olson



## GOOGLE VOICE MESSAGE NUMBER



Due to a lack of use, the District 4-A1 [Google Voice](#) Message Number – 1-209-418-7782 – has been deleted. Any questions? Contact Lion Gail, District 4-A1 Marketing Chair.

## EYEGLASSES COLLECTION BOXES?



Some of you have been asking where to find Eyeglasses Collection Boxes for your clubs. Here's the link for ordering 10 EYEGLASS COLLECTION BOXES from Lions International. See photo. Probably shipping is extra.

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/stationary/products/g1174ds> Maybe your club could go in half with a nearby Lions club? Here is a photo of the wooden boxes made by one club's member. The large yellow logo is really old - but a 12" logo can be ordered from Lions International: <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/logo-exposure/products/d135>

If you have other ideas to share, email them to [Lion Gail](#), District 4-A1 Newsletter Editor.

## SEPTEMBER VISION NEWS

Lions Clubs International provides plenty of inspiration and time for your club to plan your Helen Keller Challenge vision service projects for this October! World Sight Day is observed the second Thursday in October - **October 9** this year. It was initiated by the Lions Clubs International Foundation during the 'SightFirstCampaign' to spread awareness about preventable blindness and help people who are visually impaired.

Download the "Project Lions Vision" document [HERE](#).

White Cane Day is observed worldwide on **October 15** to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society.

[#HelenKeller100](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/white-cane-safety-day)



## Once in a Century Service Reward Opportunity

### Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Club Banner Patch

#### About the Award

The "Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0" Banner Patch will be awarded to the first 100 California Lions Clubs and first 15 California Leo Clubs in MD4 who meet the criteria outlined below

#### Criteria for Earning the Patch

##### 1. Service Activity Reporting

- Report a Helen Keller Vision branded service activity in the Lions Portal
- The title of the activity must begin with: "Helen Keller Vision"
- Include a screenshot of this service report from the Lions Portal



##### 2. Branded Marketing Evidence

- Provide a screenshot of a social media post and/or photo(s) from the event showing branding.
- Branded materials must feature either Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 logo, and/or #HelenKeller100

##### 3. Application Submission Instructions

- Only the primary Lions Club sponsoring and organizing the activity may apply
- Submit only one application per club
- Continue sharing your Helen Keller Challenge-branded service activities throughout the year to help boost visibility
- Include club name, submitting individuals contact phone & e-mail, district number, and district governor name
- Deadline: All requirements must be completed and submitted no later than December 31, 2025

#### Submission Instructions

Email your supporting documentation to: LionDonnaR@gmail.com  
Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Co-Captain Lion Donna Rollins  
Subject Line "Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Banner Patch"



Media toolbox here: Learn more:  
<https://md4lions.org/helen-keller>

This is how your club can earn a special banner patch between now and **December 31** with your vision service!

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/>

Please visit [md4lions.org/Helen-Keller/](https://md4lions.org/Helen-Keller/) to learn more.

Here is an opportunity to support an agency for the blind and experience "Dining In the Dark" on **October 4** in San Joaquin County (not a Lions-related event) - FLIER

There's also another "DID" event put on by Patterson Lions on **October 25**. - FLIER

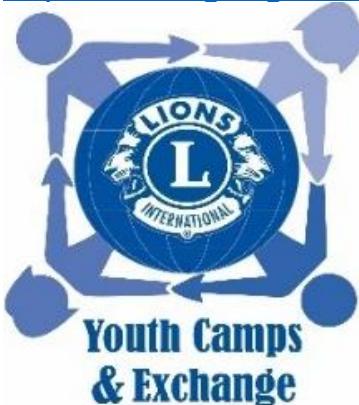
## 10 Ways to Experience Blindness Awareness



1. Blindfold Walk with a White Cane – Experience navigating an obstacle course safely while blindfolded and using a cane.
2. Dining in the Dark (Mini Version) – Sample snacks while blindfolded to rely on other senses.
3. Braille Name Cards – Learn the Braille alphabet and emboss your name.
4. Accessible Technology Demo – Try screen readers and accessibility tools.
5. Blindfolded Art or Lego Challenge – Create something using only touch.
6. Guiding Skills Experience – Practice sighted guide techniques with a partner.
7. Mystery Object Identification – Identify objects using touch while blindfolded.
8. Blindfold Sports/Games – Play adapted games like goalball or tossing a beeping ball.
9. Courtesy Rules of Blindness Roleplay – Act out respectful ways to interact with blind individuals.
10. Storytelling with a Blind Guest Speaker – Hear real experiences and Q&A.

## MD4's YOUTH CAMP EXCHANGE

<https://sites.google.com/view/md4lions-yce>





Dear Lion Doug Campbell,  
Hi, this is Elizabeth. I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for your support in helping me join the Lions International YCE program in Tokyo, Japan.

This experience was truly something special, something I never could've imagined without your help. I learned so much, not just about Japan, but also about myself. My host family welcomed me with such warmth, teaching me about their religious beliefs, family traditions, and even how to cook some of their favorite recipes. I brought back some ingredients and made miso soup for my family. It was a fun way to share a piece of the experience with them. Being part of their daily life gave me a whole new perspective.

I had the chance to visit beautiful temples and learn about Tokyo's rich history. I even went to a summer festival where I got to wear a yukata, and it was so fun! I got to play some traditional children's games that reminded me of a carnival. One of the coolest things was learning how to play the koto with my host dad. It's kind of like a guitar, and it was such a unique experience; especially since I have never played an instrument before. We also went to Mt. Takao together, which was a great bonding moment for all of us.

At camp, we attended a morning service at a temple, which was both peaceful and eye-opening. I enjoyed all the team-bonding activities, which brought us closer together and made the experience even more memorable. One of the highlights was visiting Shibuya and seeing the Tokyo Skytree. Standing at the top and looking out over the city made me realize just how small we are in this big world. Oh, and we also went to Mount Fuji and explored a famous ice cave, which was so refreshing, and got to escape the heat for a bit. :)

One of the best parts was meeting other Leos from around the world. We shared our cultures, discussed our countries, and even engaged in some in-depth conversations about politics and how things work in our respective countries. Saying goodbye was, honestly, really hard because we all became so close in such a short time.

I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity. It's something I'll carry with me forever, and it wouldn't have happened without your support. I really hope more Leos get to have an experience like this; it's truly once-in-a-lifetime. Thank you again for everything you did to make this happen,

~ Elizabeth Gonzales-Cortes, Omega DISTRICT 4

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## **LIONS PROJECT CANINE INDEPENDENCE**

Their Facebook page showed our District's member, Kirk Noffsinger!



Lions Project for Canine Companions

August 8 at 1:10 PM ·

Congratulations to our Lions Project Trustees with matriculating puppies today!  
President Teresa Hart w/ FSD Hedwig (Hedwig pictured left, with friends of Lions Project - The Harrods. Teresa not pictured)  
3rd Vice President Kirk Noffsinger w/ FSD Winslow (pictured together on bench)  
Trustees Scott & Mary Mace w/ Goliath (pictured solo)  
All of these dogs and their puppyraisers have done a fantastic job representing Lions Project and are ready for professional training! Hopefully in 6 months, they'll be matched with a person in need!



## LIONS INTERNATIONAL'S PEACE POSTER CONTEST

[lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster](https://lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster)

(NOTE: The Peace Poster Contest and the Peace Essay Contest (below this article) have different rules.)

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS



District 4-A1 LIONS

With Schools back in session, it's time for Clubs to Sponsor Peace Poster Contestants.

The 2025-2026 Contest

"Together As One"

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

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

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

**November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

**February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit

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

Now available: Digital Peace Poster Kit. Get immediate access to all kit components via email, and download and print the digital kit to save shipping fees.

Digital kit \$11.95 Each kit contains:

Downloadable Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Downloadable Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

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

Downloadable sticker to place on back of winning poster

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

Physical kit \$11.95 Each kit contains:

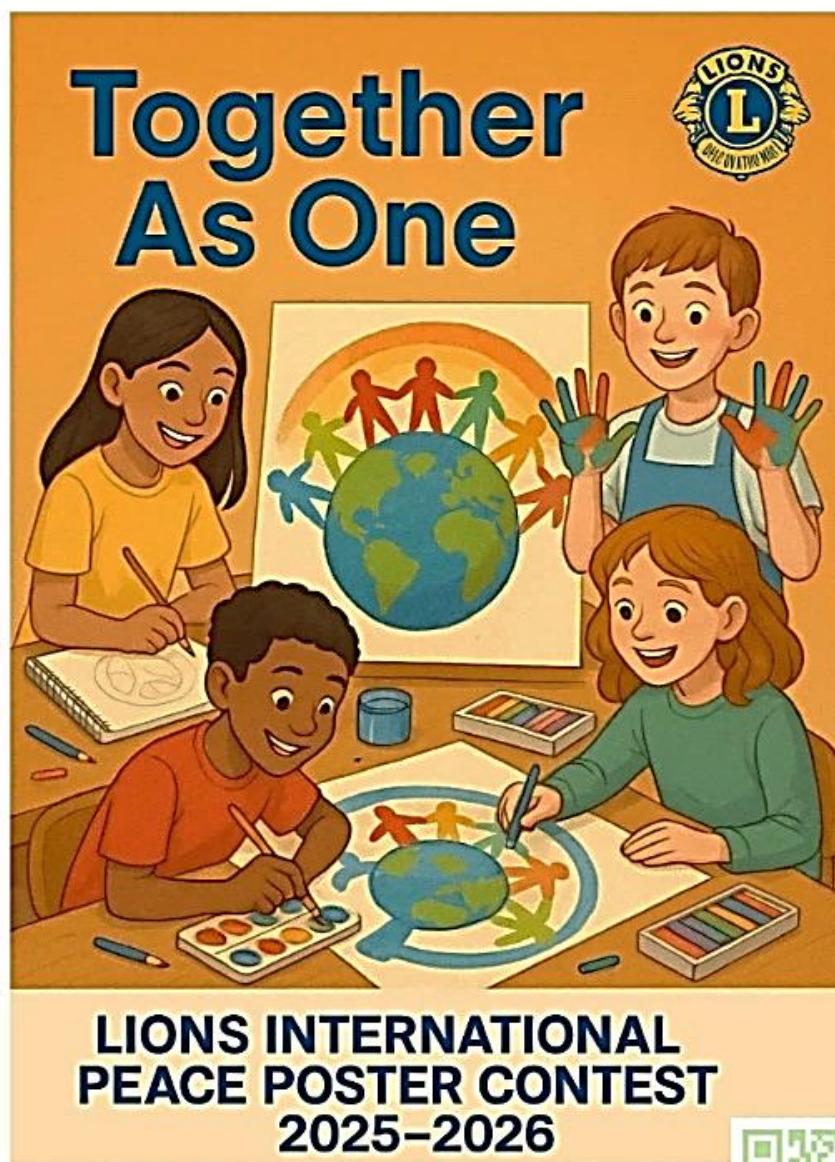
Official Club Contest Guide and Rules

Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules

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

Sticker to place on back of winning poster

Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group



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'S PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

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

🌐 Lions International Essay Contest 2025-2026 🌐

Theme: Together As One

Empower visually-impaired youth to share their voice and vision!

📣 Your Lions Club can sponsor a student!

This global contest is open to students who:

✓ Are visually-impaired (as defined by national guidelines)

✓ Will be ages 11, 12, or 13 on November 15, 2025

👉 Eligible birthdates: Nov 16, 2011 – Nov 15, 2014

🏆 One Grand Prize Winner will receive an award & \$5,000!

✍ Entry Requirements:

Essays must be no longer than 500 words

Typed in English, black ink, and double-spaced

Only one entry per student

Must be original work (no plagiarism or prior publication)

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form

(Entries without forms will be disqualified)

📅 Important Deadlines:

**Nov 15, 2025:** Postmark deadline for clubs to send winning essay to District Governor Matt

**Dec 1, 2025:** Deadline for clubs not in a district to send entries directly to Lions International and Deadline for districts to send one essay to the multiple district council chair

**Dec 15, 2025:** Multiple district postmark deadline to send one winning essay to Lions International

**Feb 1, 2026:** Club presidents of international winners notified

📣 Promote Your Winner!

Celebrate your winner on social media – use the hashtag #peaceessay

Download customizable graphics and templates at:

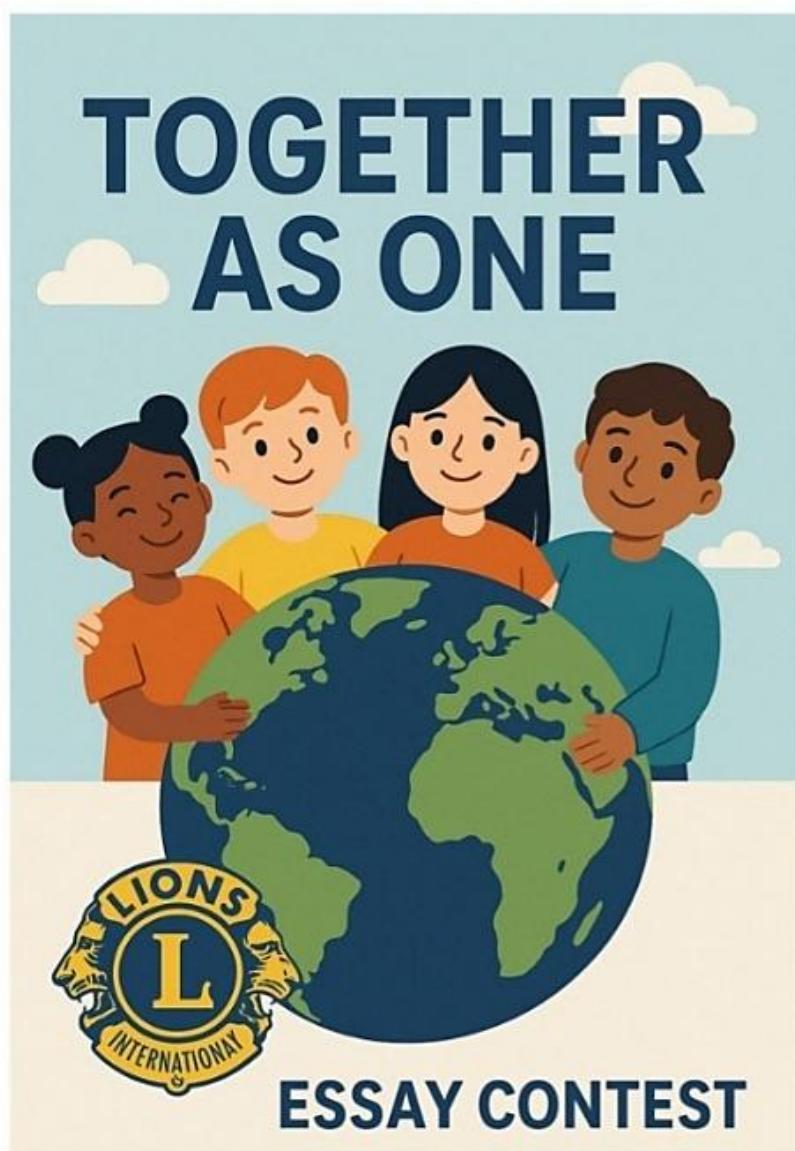
[lionsclubs.org/peaceessay](https://lionsclubs.org/peaceessay)

Share the news with local media using the Peace Essay Winner Press Release template

🔗 Full contest criteria and entry form - [Download PDF](#)

Let's help young voices be heard – Together As One 💛

#LionsHelpingMorePeople #PeaceEssay #TogetherAsOne



Your club can sponsor visually impaired students in the Lions International Peace Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2025. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2011 through November 15, 2014.

One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Together As One."



View all criteria at

[https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md\\_vpnlPNd61975.jpg.pdf?v=1](https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_vpnlPNd61975.jpg.pdf?v=1)



## 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](#).

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.

## LionsUSA's MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS and REGIONAL INSTITUTES (in CA)

NOT YOUR TYPICAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Get ready to leave fired up and full of fresh ideas! These sessions are packed with real success stories, smart strategies, and hands-on tools to grow your club, boost retention, and spark new clubs—all powering the [LionsUSA](#) movement forward. Let's build something amazing together!

2nd Monday of the Month Starting Tuesday, **Sept 8**

(then the 1st Monday of the month starting in October)

5 pm PDT Register: <https://bit.ly/MbrshpMondays>

## LionsUSA Regional Institutes

**Where and When:**

- Central States: Minnesota November 21-23
- West Coast: California January 16-18
- East Coast: Delaware April 10-12

**• Interactive & Engaging Sessions**

**• Fueling Leadership & Growth**

**• Leadership that lasts**

**• Lions & Leos United**

**• Top Quality Facilitators**



**MISSION 1.5** 

## MD4-California PROJECT CARE CALENDAR

<https://md4lions.org/lions-service>

**MD4 California LIONS CLUBS Project Care 2025-2026 Service Calendar**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter July, August, September

Service ideas and more 

**Youth** **Vision** **Childhood Cancer**

*Sept: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter October, November, December

**Mental Health & Well-Being** **Veterans** **First Responders** **Vision** **Diabetes**

*Oct: Lions and Leos Membership Growth & Vision Awareness Month* *Nov: National Diabetes Awareness Month*

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter January, February, March

**Hunger** **Vision** **Childhood Cancer**

*Jan: Hunger Service Week* *Feb: Vision Awareness Month* *Mar: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month*

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter April, May, June

**Environmental Service** **Health & Wellness** **Veterans**

*Apr: Environmental Awareness and Leos Awareness Month* *May: Strengthen Membership Month* *June: Pride Month*

Humanitarian Efforts, Disaster Relief(LCIF), Youth, Women & Families, Music, Arts, Sports and Accessibility observed all quarters.

Learn, Collaborate, and Contribute Lions Service @ MD4Lions.org/Projects

## CLUBS WITH NEW(er) SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://lions4-a1.org/about/clubs-in-district/>



Le Grand Lions Club - [Facebook LINK](#) - [Instagram LINK](#)

Patterson Lions Club - [Facebook LINK](#)

Sutter Creek Lions Club - [Instagram LINK](#)

See the list of other club's social media websites on the District's website:

[lions4-a1.org/about/clubs-in-district](https://lions4-a1.org/about/clubs-in-district) If you want help starting or updating a social media site for your club, contact Lion Gail, District Marketing Chair.

## Lions International's CLUB REBUILD



The advertisement features the Lions International logo at the top left. The main title 'Club REBUILDING' is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, a call to action reads: 'Help your club reach its membership goals. Complete the Club Rebuilding Learning Path in the Lions Learning Center.' A list of features for the learning path is provided, including specific tips for small clubs, clear action at each step, motivation for the whole club, a certificate of completion, and discussion forums. A blue button on the left encourages users to 'TRY THE DEMO TODAY!'. A circular graphic on the right highlights 'FLEXIBLE LEARNING, ENGAGING CONTENT'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'To register, contact: District and Club Administration clubstatus@lionsclubs.org'. A note at the very bottom states: 'This eight-course learning path with supplemental workbook can be done at the club's convenience and is self-paced while encouraging club involvement.'

Lions International

# Club REBUILDING

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**The Learning Path features:**

- Specific tips for small clubs
- Clear action at each step
- Motivation for the whole club
- Certificate of completion
- Discussion forums

**TRY THE DEMO TODAY!**

**FLEXIBLE LEARNING, ENGAGING CONTENT**

To register, contact:  
District and Club Administration  
[clubstatus@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubstatus@lionsclubs.org)

This eight-course learning path with supplemental workbook can be done at the club's convenience and is self-paced while encouraging club involvement.

Steps: Sign into your Lion Portal. Click on "LEARN". Search for "Club Rebuilding Learning" and start the course!

"Our LCI Training Division has developed a 'NEW' Lions Club REBUILDING training course. It is located on our [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) website under the Lions Learn page!

I have gone through this course and found it to be an excellent step-by-step process that will help struggling clubs turn it around! The clubs can do it themselves or get help from a Mentor! Whichever works best for you! Don't procrastinate, if your club is having challenges, start this today!"

- Copied from Facebook: Bruce Beck - August 19

## **EXCERPTS from LI's August 2025 DISTRICT DIGEST**

The Competition Is On - The 2025-2026 Lions International Marketing Award contest has launched! Will one of your clubs take the top honor? Encourage them to review the requirements and get started on planning their award-worthy marketing campaigns today. [LINK](#)

Show Your Support for Our Mission with Exclusive Merch - We are on a mission to support even more people in need by growing our clubs and our service through MISSION 1.5. Show your support while you fundraise, host club meetings or conduct your service activities by wearing MISSION 1.5 merchandise. [LINK](#)

Use Our Tool to Collect Service Activity Information - You can collect the data to report your club's service in the Service Activity Information resource, which also includes a list of our global causes and updated project types. [DOWNLOAD](#)

Take Action for World Food Day, October 16 - Hunger affects one in 10 people worldwide. Lions and Leos, join us in making a difference this World Food Day, October 16! Start planning your service activities now — explore our hunger resources and be part of the solution. [LINK](#)

Plan Service to Celebrate World Sight Day - World Sight Day is on October 9, so be sure to start planning service to support individuals who are visually impaired and recognize this important day in your community. Download our Vision Service Project Ideas resource to get started.

[DOWNLOAD](#)

Protect Yourself from Scams - An increasing number of phone, text, social media and email scams are circulating, including some that fraudulently use the LCIF name or logo. This blog will help you better understand the steps you can take to protect yourself and others. [LINK](#)

## Message from DISTRICT GOVERNOR MATT STICKLER

Dear Club Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the delightful arrival of September! Can you believe it's already Pumpkin Spice season? Time has flown by, and I'm thrilled to share that the start of this year has been both productive and inspiring. I'm optimistic that the months ahead will continue to bring joy and success to our clubs.



Our Cabinet Secretary Maggie is already hard at work, reaching out to clubs and organizing District Governor Visits based on your feedback from last year's evaluations. Many of you expressed a desire to see more of our Cabinet members, and I'm excited to share that we have extended an invitation for all Cabinet members to join us on these visits. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to connect and interact with the leaders of our district! Once Maggie finalizes visitation dates with clubs, you'll be able to see all the details on the [District Calendar](#) that is available on our MD4A1 website under the "What's Happening" tab. This will not only allow you to track my visits (ha, ha) but also give you insights into the wonderful events and activities happening across our district.

In my last communication, I highlighted our goal for LCIF, and this month, I'd like to focus on membership. As of August 6th, our district stands at 1,661 members, and our aim is to reach a robust 2,000 members soon. With 48 clubs in our district, that translates into welcoming seven new members in each club. I am excited to introduce the concept of the "Lucky 7" — these fortunate new members will join us during the 1.5 challenge and the 2025-2026 year.

The Lucky 7 will bring fresh ideas, build amazing friendships, and gain the guidance and confidence to lead right from the moment they join our clubs. Together, we will grow MD4A1 into the vibrant and impactful community we aspire to be, ensuring we are no longer the best-kept secret in service.

Let's encourage the Lucky 7 to "Serve to Lead, Lead to Serve" and to create meaningful change in our communities.

Rest assured, I, along with the Cabinet, PCC Claudia, and your Zone Chairs, are here to support you and to help facilitate the growth and vitality of our clubs. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us whenever you have questions or need assistance.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall season, filled with exciting projects and camaraderie - serving with heart, as one Lion family.

In service,

~ Matthew "Matt" Stickler  
District Governor 2025–2026 MD-4A1



## UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

### HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0 Sept 2

California Lions Clubs Marketing  
presents  
Lions Clubs & Helen Keller  
Challenge 2.0

2025 is the **100th Year Anniversary**  
of Helen Keller asking Lions to be  
“Knights of the blind.”



Learn from these Lions how to bring new  
service projects and visibility to your clubs!



Lion Jennifer Gass  
Lions For Access Co-chair  
District 4-A1 Vision Chair  
STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions



DFW Blind and Persons  
with Disabilities Lions  
Club



Lion Donna Rollins  
MD 4 Diabetes Chairperson  
District 4-L5 Newsletter Editor  
Apple Valley SUNRISE Lions Club

Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm PST / 7pm EDT  
Zoom Room access code

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85109390009?  
pwd=WETxkQk1ajSpzTaKdmmYt02x87bibg.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85109390009?pwd=WETxkQk1ajSpzTaKdmmYt02x87bibg.1)

Meeting ID: 851 0939 0009  
Passcode: 846326



Add marketing to get new members  
Your Kit Is Here. [tinyurl.com/HelenKeller100](http://tinyurl.com/HelenKeller100)  
See: [californialions.org/helen-keller-challenge](http://californialions.org/helen-keller-challenge)  
Facebook/Instagram: @LionsHelenKellerChallenge

(Flier's Wording)

**LIONS CAMP TERESITA's APPRECIATION DAY & OPEN HOUSE – Sept 6**<https://campteresitapines.org/registeropenhouse>

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.

**LIONS ROSE FLOAT's GOLF TOURNAMENT Sept 12**<https://lionsfloat.org/>

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)

For More Information Contact Craig Durand  
714 936-5778 [LionCraig4L4@gmail.com](mailto:LionCraig4L4@gmail.com) or visit [WWW.LIONSFLOAT.ORG](http://WWW.LIONSFLOAT.ORG)

**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

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

tee up for a great cause! Join us for a fun-filled Golf Tournament on Friday, <sup>17</sup> **September 12th** in the beautiful Huntington Beach area (District 4-L4) — all in support of the [Lions Rose Float!](https://lionsfloat.org/) 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! Includes: Golf tournament + steak dinner. 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! Register with: CC Craig Durand or for more information, contact CC Craig Durand 714-936-5778 [LionCraig4L4@gmail.com](mailto:LionCraig4L4@gmail.com) or visit [#LionsRoseFloat #LionsMD4 #WeServe #LionsGolf](https://LionsFloat.org)

## RELAY FOR LIFE – Sept 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)

## LION & LEO CLUB OFFICER TRAINING - DISTRICT 4-A1 – Sept 13

**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.

**September 13, 2025**

**Tri Dam Lions Community Center**  
**3654 Burson Rd, Burson**

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.  
Please register by 6/7/25 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)

Lion & Leo Club Officer Training – **September 13, 2025** –Burson, CA – Register by **September 7, 2025** - [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. FREE.

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.)

## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM Sept 18-20

<https://lionsforum.org/>

California Lions,

**There is still time to join the fun!**



Register today for the best Lions learning experiences ever in  
Atlantic City- September 18-20, 2025

Follow USA/Canada Leadership Forum seminar highlights  
<https://www.facebook.com/usacanadalionsleadershipforum/?mibextid=wwXIf&mibextid=wwXIf>

Schedule and Registration info at <https://lionsforum.org/>



## 4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING & TRAINING Sept 26-27

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

We are so excited to invite you to the September District Meeting.  
(Halloween Casual Dress – or Costume Attire)

On Friday the 26th, we have an exciting workshop & training day planned. PDG Juanita Nichols will be joining us as we brainstorm ideas and share experiences and learn together.

Saturday is the District Meeting.

Halloween is fast approaching and we are planning lots of fun and fellowship as we work together addressing challenges and sharing successes.

Plan to join us for an informative and fun time. All Leos and Lions are welcome!

Here is a link to the Registration Form:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:bf5cf702-d503-4497-990f-ad525e7806d3>

Your District Governor Team and Cabinet are looking forward to seeing you!



**District 4-A1 Meeting**  
**September 26 & 27, 2025**

Friday, September 26 Training Day  
510 Keystone Blvd, Patterson  
District Office Board Room

Saturday, September 27 4-A1 Meeting  
530 Keystone Blvd, Patterson  
Professional Development Center PJUSD

**Halloween Casual or Costume Attire**

<p><b>Friday 4-A1 Training Day</b> <b>9AM-3PM</b></p> <p>8:30-9 - Check in</p> <p><b>Topics</b></p> <p><b>Club Challenges &amp; Goal Setting</b> Roundtable discussion Where are we going How are we getting there</p> <p><b>Recruiting &amp; Keeping Members</b> Fun-Engagement-Recognition-Meaningful Brainstorming &amp; Sharing Ideas Building our plan</p> <p><b>Marketing Our Club</b> Lions International Resources How do I get there from here? 4-A1 Resources Next Step—How can 4-A1 help?</p> <p><b>The Challenge of Toxic Members</b> Lions Code of Conduct Roundtable discussion Sharing situations and ideas Resources for assistance</p> <p><b>Question &amp; Answers</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 4-A1 District Meeting</b> <b>7AM-3PM</b></p> <p>7:00 set up</p> <p>8:00 Check in (coffee, juice &amp; pastry)</p> <p>8:45 Invocation, Pledge &amp; Introductions</p> <p>9:00 Growing Membership &amp; Service</p> <p>9:45 Break</p> <p>10:00 LCIF</p> <p>10:15 Service Initiatives &amp; Projects Oct 4-12—Mental Health &amp; Well Being Socks &amp; Bookmarks Halloween Costume Recycling</p> <p>12:00 Break</p> <p>12:15 Lunch &amp; Update on District &amp; MD4</p> <p>1:00 Service Recognition Cayucos Challenge Drawing 2025-2026 Club Excellence Criteria Club Success Stories</p> <p>2:00 Marketing Tool Kit</p> <p>2:20 Thoughts on the Wall &amp; Evaluation</p> <p>2:40 Wrap Up—Drive Safe</p> <p><b>Registration</b> Alpha Leos free parents of Alpha Leos \$10 Omega Leos &amp; Lions \$20</p> <p><b>Clubs please bring a raffle prize</b></p> <p>See you January 16&amp;17 in San Joaquin Leadership &amp; Succession Planning PDG Kevin Guess &amp; VDG Jimmy Ness</p>
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**Registration Form**  
Training Day – September 26, 2025  
District 4-A-1 Meeting – September 27, 2025  
Please RSVP by September 20, 2025

**Location:**  
9/26 - 510 Keystone Blvd, Patterson District  
Office Board Room  
9/27 - 530 Keystone Blvd, Patterson  
Professional Development Center PJUSD

**Check-in:** 28th starts 8AM & 27th (setup 7:30AM)  
**Meetings:** Friday 9 AM Saturday 8:45 AM  
**Dress Attire:** Halloween casual or costume  
**Meals:** snacks, lunch and drinks provided  
**Saturday:** Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

**Please list the Lions, Omegas, Leos and Guests who will be Registering  
To ensure snacks & meals please Register by September 20th**  
Alpha Leos (High School) Free Parents of Alpha Leos \$10  
Omega Leos & All Lions & Guests \$20

Name	Email
Name	Email
Name	Email

**Lions/Guest:** Please Send this Completed Registration Form to Shawn Monnin via email: [shawnmonnin@gmail.com](mailto:shawnmonnin@gmail.com) or mail to 4125 Goldust Drive, Modesto 95355  
**Options to Pay:** Check to District 4-A1 or on-site using Cash, Check, Debit or Credit Card  
Friday, 9/26/2025 is in-person training / please register  
9/27/2025 is the District Meeting / please register

**Come on one or both days!**

<p>Early Registration Omega Leos , Lions &amp; Guests: \$90 Alpha Leos: Free Alpha Leo Parents: \$10</p>	<p>Indicate: FRI only <input type="checkbox"/> SAT only <input type="checkbox"/> Both Days <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total Due _____</p>
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Your Club's President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Directors have received an email from CS Maggie with the fillable form.

## CLF GRANTS AVAILABLE for Youth Deadline Sept 30

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/>



### 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](https://www.californialionsfoundation.org)



## OCTOBERFEST DINNER & CONCERT - LIONS EYE FOUNDATION - Oct 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](#))

## MD4's SERVICE WEEKS INITIATIVES

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

[Hunger](#) Jan 3-11, 2026

[Environment](#) Apr 18-26, 2026



Is your club doing service projects during these weeks?

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>

## LIONS PROJECT FOR CANINE COMPANIONS' TOGETHER WE ROAR RAFFLE DONATION Deadline - **Nov 30**

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. [...]

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! [...] Yours in Lionism,  
~ Sarah Haberthur, National Administrator

Email: [lions@canine.org](mailto:lions@canine.org) - Phone: 707-577-1774

Website: <https://www.lpcanine.org/>

**MD4 CONVENTION Feb 20-22, 2026****ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION**

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

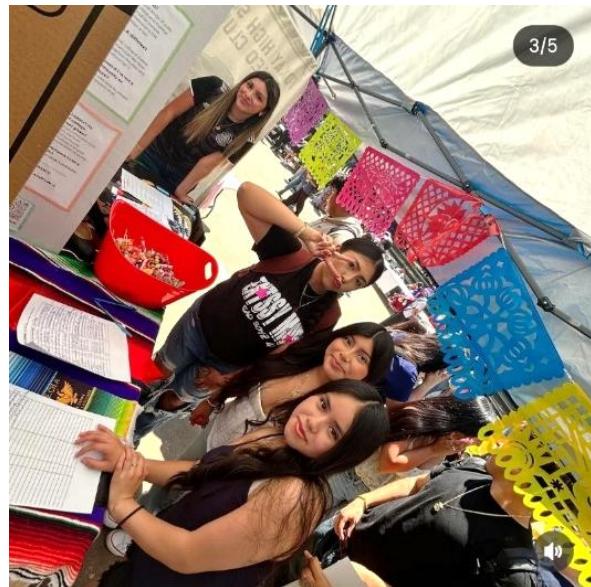
**MD4's YOUTH CAMP EXCHANGE**

See article about an [Omega Leo going to Japan](#) in this newsletter.  
[WEBSITE](#)

**MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB**

[instagram.com/maderaomegas](https://instagram.com/maderaomegas)

## TOKAY HS ALPHA LEO CLUB



🎉 Club Rush @ Tokay High was a SUCCESS! 🎉

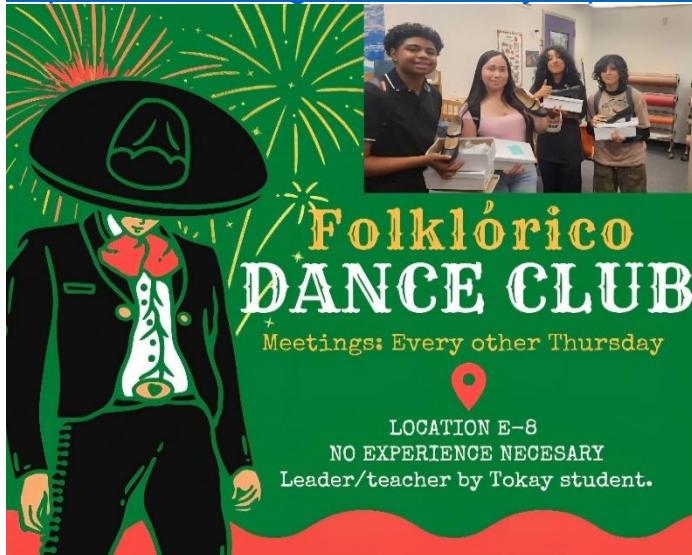
Thank you to all the students who came out to support and explore the amazing clubs on campus! 🐾✨ From cultural celebrations 🌎, leadership, and service 🤝, to academic and social opportunities 🎵🎶 — Tokay Leos showed up with energy and pride.

Our campus was filled with color, music, and excitement as students signed up to be part of something bigger. 💥

A huge shoutout to all the clubs who set up creative booths and welcomed new members — you made this year's Club Rush unforgettable!

## SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA LEO CLUB & STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LION CLUB

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



🎉 Exciting News! 🎉

The San Joaquin Omega Leos and Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions are proud to sponsor the newly formed Folklórico Dance Club at Tokay High! 🎉 Both clubs will be providing snacks, water, and materials to support our dancers. Special thanks to Lion Hernández, our amazing advisor, for helping make this club possible. 🙌

We're looking forward to an amazing year of culture, community, and fun! 🌟

We also have several [Instagram](#) posts about several other events we partake in.

### STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

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

See information in the Clubs News Section...

### MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

See information in the Clubs News Section...

### 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 SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Above photos: Lions Rodrigo, Lisa, and Jennifer volunteered with MD4 Marketing at the August COG in Dublin.

We did a lot of great outreaches in August at National Night Out and at the MD4 COG meeting by joining hands to fight hunger with other Lions Clubs at the Family Promises Family Fun Festival, and with the National Federation of the Blind by distributing backpacks for blind and low vision students on August 9. Another member of our ham radio class got his

license August 9, and more are testing on September 5. We were excited to be able to help a 12-year-old girl with some replacement eyeglasses. Please join us for our DG Visitation with Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions on Wednesday, **September 3** from 6-8 PM at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Road, Stockton.

Celebrate the new members we are inducting and learn more about Lions from DG Matt, CS Maggie, and their Cubs!!

We will be doing Helen Keller Challenge and Lions vision outreach at "Tracy Connects" in Lincoln Park, Tracy on **September 6** from 10 AM-4 PM. [FLIER](#)

Little Caesars meal deal gift codes make a great gift and are a handy way to pick up dinner on a busy day. Purchase yours between **September 1-30** to redeem any time, and our club earns six dollars from each code! They can be used to order online from any Little Caesars! Thanks for your support. Here's the link:

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraiser/meal-deal/56616fe8-8f50-419a-af3c-20d4e08e3a5f/products>

Please mark your calendars and join us in service at the [Multicultural Health & Community Fair](#) on **October 4** and at our 7th Annual [White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration \(FLIER\)](#) on **October 11**. There are plenty of opportunities to serve!

Champion vision with [Helen Keller Challenge](#) on **September 2** at 4 PM, and join with a virtual Blind & Disabled Lions Club! [FLIER](#)

## SUTTER CREEK LIONS

We just got a new Instagram account:

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

心血Give blood, give hope, and give food! During our Blood Drive on **September 12**, we're also collecting canned goods for the Interfaith Food Bank.

📍 Sutter Creek Community Building, 33 Church Street

🕒 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

🍲Please bring canned chili, soups, stews, ravioli, tuna, fruits, or vegetables to help families in need. Together, we can make a difference!

Stop by anytime with your donation, and be a hero in more ways than one.

#SutterCreek #CommunityStrong #BloodDrive #FoodDrive #GiveBack

#AmadorCounty #InterfaithFoodBank #SupportLocal

~ Nancy Champlin, President

[BLOOD DRIVE FLIER – FOOD DRIVE FLIER](#)

## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS & OTHERS!!!



Tank Town Lions partnered with San Joaquin Zone 2 Clubs to participate in the Family Promise Fun Festival on August 9th. Stockton Host Lions, along with Stockton San Joaquin Lions, cooked hot dogs with all the fixings. Tracy Tank Town Lions, along with Lathrop Lions, served the hot

dogs with chips, fruit snacks, and water. Thanks to Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions, Tracy Breakfast Lions, Tracy Tank Town Lions, Stockton Host Lions, Lathrop Lions, and Stockton San Joaquin Lions for your monetary contributions. Together, we made the dream work. Over 350 people ate and received free food from the Stockton Food Bank. They were able to get literature about diabetes prevention; children were able to do arts and crafts--it was truly a fun festival.

## TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

While many families are "moving" their college students in their dorm rooms, Tracy Tank Town Lions Club had their own "move in" day! And, when we were done, we were ready for football concessions! First, the concessions stand was cleaned from top to bottom. Next came the racks, supplies, and food. We are ready for West High School Football! Go Tank Town Lions!



1--Our flag banner was found!

2—Rose was busy cleaning before we could move in.



3—Move in day begins--everything needs to come out of the storage trailer!

4--Everything comes out of the trailer and is loaded on carts--let the move in begin!



5--It's not as simple as it looks--the parking lot is a long way from the concessions stand!

6--This is not our first "move in"! Storage bins are a big help.



7--Inside the storage room of the concessions stand. YES, we have nacho cheese!



8--Thank you to our crew--Derrick, Lilia, Lou, Rose, and Jane.

## MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS



Merced Healthy Leo Lions Club hosted seven Youth Exchange Students for two weeks and traveled throughout northern California. From Dillon Beach to the top of Lassen - from "bear in the car" Tahoe to the 22 steps to the front door in Yosemite - and concluding in Santa Cruz with surfing lessons - after being hosted by the Stockton Sea Scouts for waterplay on the Delta, we all had fun. Young Adult Lion Daniel, Leo Lion Asia, Lion

Gabrielle, and never-to-be-a-Lion Shawn planned, cooked, directed, and delivered a perfectly executed exchange. [See also – Article from PDG Doug Campbell.](#)

## STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS

Check out the article in the Leo Clubs Section under "San Joaquin Omega Leos".

## LINDEN LIONS

Dear Lion members,

The first lady and I have decided to hold an Oktoberfest fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund priorities for hall rental improvements.

When: Saturday, **October 4th** at 6 p.m.

If you are willing to help, please let me know. We are looking for the following helpers:

4-8 beer pours (need to have a bartender certificate to be legal) - [RBS server certificate](#)

2 to 4 people as "kitchen help" (keep the buffet filled with the food supplied by German Guys)

Volunteers to help clean the haul and set up on October 3rd

Click this link to order tickets online (or scan the QR code in the flier): [Oktoberfest tickets](#).

Please take a look at the flier for details: [FLIER](#)



Past President David Thompson was selected as a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient by the Linden Lions Club. He was presented with the award by President Albert Dondero.



Lion Tamer Kevin Orr guarded the bell during dinner. GREAT JOB!



Linden Lions Club Scholarship Recipients

August 12th - President Albert Dondero introduced our speakers: Jordan DeStefans, Senior Emergency Planner and Lowell Barber, Emergency Planner from the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services. Their presentation was on how SJ OES prepares for emergencies / disasters etc., and the scope of planning required to methodically plan for each need. They gave a slide presentation on how the County plans for each type of need.



L-R President Albert Dondero presenting Lowell Barber and Jordan DeStefans a certificate of appreciation.

Calendar:

Sept 6th Sportsman's Dinner—Tables still available—Danny Johnson  
Sept 9th General Meeting  
Sept 16th Board Meeting - 6:30pm  
Sept 23rd General Meeting—Ladies Night  
**Oct 4th Oktoberfest Fundraiser - [FLIER](#)**  
Oct 14th General Meeting



## SONORA LIONS



*PDG Pat Casen Gillum  
swears in President Joe Skaff*



*Swearing in new officers*



*Bill Dunlavy's award*

*President Joe Skaff's first  
address as our President*



We donated –

Boy Scouts Troop 580	\$200
Sponsor-A-Lunch (Senior Center)	\$200
Junior Varsity Football	\$100

Lion Paul Berg reported that our club is recognized as a donor at each game. Good advertising.

Calendar –

September 13: 10:30 am BOD meeting, followed by Club meeting at 12 Noon – Senior Center

September 27: 12 Noon - Club meeting at Senior Center

October 2: Work day at Sonora Elks Lodge

**October 3:** All-hands-on-deck for Surf & Turf Dinner at Elks Lodge. [FLIER](#)

## TURLOCK LIONS

Lions, the slow time is about over. We have a few weeks left to the return of concert season at the end of the month. We have four concerts in a month, starting at the end of August, so we will surely be quite busy. [...]



I would like to share our condolences to the family of Lion Don Nordell with his recent passing. While most of his time was long before my time with the club, I have been informed of the many years of service, many great stories, and a true lion at heart. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this tough time.

~ King Lion Paul

Memorial donations can be made in Don's memory to the Turlock Lions Club to support Lions Club community projects. Send donations to Turlock Lions Club, PO Box 512, Turlock, CA 95381.



August 7 Meeting – Our Guest was Victoria from Sober Grad. [She] requested help with BBQ at five games at the Turlock High School. Of course, TLC will be there! Thanks to Lion Manuel Drumonde for sponsoring the attending members' meals. He also encouraged all life members to sponsor a dinner in the future. Thanks, also, to Lion Rafael Vega for sponsoring our beverages. Please know your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the TLC members who supported the Hilmar Lions Car Night event. At the Stanislaus County Fair, the Destruction Derby went well. See Immediate Past President Ryan Downey to purchase a Club hat for \$25.00. Reminder that there are still more concerts. Please plan to volunteer and help park all those cars!

## MODESTO 500 LIONS

Please join us at the Modesto 500 Lions 23rd Annual Crab Feed!!! **October 25, 2025** - Doors open at 6:00pm at St. Joseph's Church, Father O'Hare Hall (in the back), 1813 Oakdale Rd. Modesto. Tickets \$80/person (\$10 corkage fee) - Only 400 tickets available - No tickets sold at the door! Email [rknrobin59@gmail.com](mailto:rknrobin59@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets. Thanks to your ticket purchase, each ticket sold generates \$55 to benefit local charities. Proceeds benefit organizations in need in our community. Your ticket(s) sale makes a difference! If you would like tickets, let us know (and please share on Facebook)!  - [FLIER](#)



5th Thursday-It's baaack! So sorry if you missed Modesto 500's 5th Thursday at Rivets on July 31! A great group of Lions met for an informal

get-together to celebrate each other, and for good measure, Lion Sue's 80th birthday. There were cupcakes for all! Join us for the next 5th Thursday on **October 29!**

## CALENDAR:

September 2 - Board meeting 5:30-6:30pm / Club meeting 6:30pm - Denny's  
September 13 – Saturday, Alzheimer Walk - Graceada Park 401 Needham St. Modesto - [LINK](#)  
September 16 - Club meeting 6:00pm - Denny's - Speaker TBD  
October 10-12 (Fri-Sun) California Careforce Dental & Health Clinic - Cal Expo Sacramento - service opportunity  
**October 25** - Modesto 500 23rd Annual [Crab Feed](#) - 6:00pm at St. Joseph's Church

## TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

Tracy Breakfast Lions' Football Snack Bar - Our first football game at Tracy High School was August 22nd against West High School. We opened the snack bar at 5pm for the JV game and served hot and cold choices such as BBQ tri-tip sandwiches, hot dogs, hot links, nachos, plus a variety of soft drinks and candies.

This is a big event **each week** so come early to future games and enjoy! ~ Roy Hawkins



Ready to serve



Ready to eat



Thank you, Tank Town Lions!

Here are some pictures from our first football game of the season. A huge "thank you" goes to Tracy Tank Town Lions for all their support. ~ Jack Guzman

Here are other recent events from [the Facebook page](#) –



Tracy Breakfast Lions

July 3 ·

The Tracy boys and girls golf tournament at Ruby Hills. We provided hot dogs and hot links.



Tracy Breakfast Lions is at Wayne Schneider Stadium.

July 3 · Tracy ·

🔥🌭 The Tracy Breakfast Lions were proud to fire up the grill at the 2025 Lions All-Star Football Game on June 21st at Tracy High! It was an honor to support the snack bar... [See more](#)



July 4 ·

Thank you for supporting our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. It was yet another successful event !!!



 Tracy Breakfast LionsAugust 21 at 8:28 PM · 

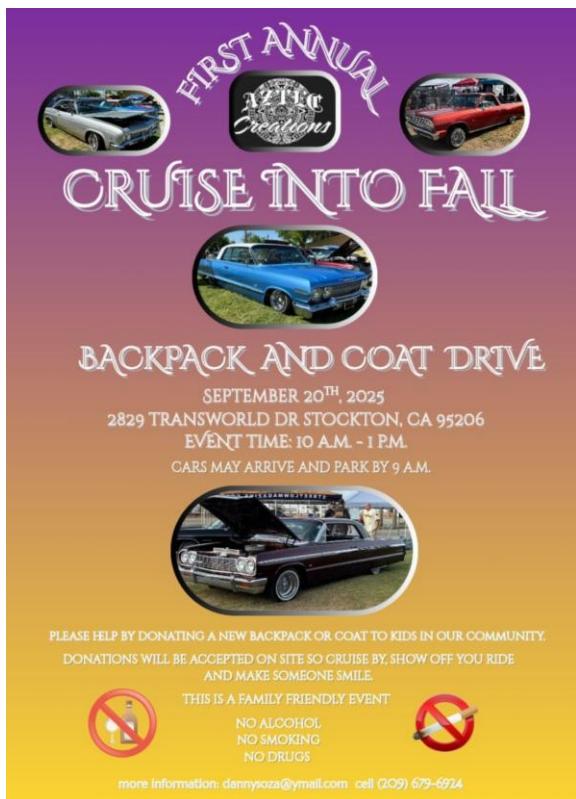
It's football season ! We had West High head coach Rob Gabrell and Kimball High head coach Nico Herron join us for breakfast and gave an update on their programs. Best ... [See more](#)



## LATHROP LIONS



These three photos were from the Family Promise of San Joaquin's Family Fun Festival on 8/9/25. Lathrop Lions Club, along with four other local Lions clubs, participated by donating and preparing hot dog meals.



This is the Backpack and Coat Drive we are donating to, attending, and helping as needed. We are purchasing \$1000 worth of coats.



At the Family Promise Family Fun Festival, we meet Bonnie from the Jackson 5 Foundation, who will be speaking at a future meeting of our club. Lathrop Lions Club sponsors the Relay for Life Bingo event on **September 21st**. Tickets can be obtained by contacting [bestante@gmail.com](mailto:bestante@gmail.com). **FLIER** Lathrop Lions Club also sponsors the 7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on **November 22nd**. **FLIER**

~ Erika Johnson, Club Marketing Chair

## PATTERSON LIONS

Patterson Lions will be celebrating 100 years since Helen Keller challenged Lions to be “Knights of the Blind” by hosting a Dining in the Dark FUNdraiser on **October 25**.

Since Helen Keller challenged us back then, Lions across the world have been a global leader in vision care. From sight-saving surgeries and eyeglass recycling, to vision screenings and blindness prevention and education, Lions have worked tirelessly to bring the gift of sight to those in need. Hundreds of millions of lives have been changed through Lions’ vision-related work globally. Lions around the world remain dedicated to working to end preventable blindness and to improve the lives of the visually-impaired.

During the dinner and presentations, you can put on the mask we supply to sense how those with vision difficulties experience everyday tasks many of us take for granted. Wearing the mask during dinner is not mandatory, but it is encouraged. The lights will never be turned off in the room on purpose for everyone’s safety.

This will be one of our major fundraisers for the year so that the Patterson Lions can continue to do what we do for our community. All the money raised by this event is used in our community. Tickets are \$85 each.

Do you or your business want to sponsor a table of eight? Do you have an item or service you want to donate for our auction? Do you want to buy tickets for a wonderful night out supporting a great local cause? Seats are limited, so don’t miss out.

Contact us on Facebook, email us at [pattersonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:pattersonlionsclub@gmail.com) or [shawnpmonnin@gmail.com](mailto:shawnpmonnin@gmail.com), call or text 937-681-7529, or contact any Patterson Lion for information and your ticket today!

Date: **October 25, 2025** Time: 6 PM to 9 PM

Location: RM Ranch Event Center, 136 Lemon Ave, Patterson, CA

<https://www.facebook.com/events/752100621078948/>

~ Shawn Monnin, Club Marketing Chair - [FLIER](#)

## COPPEROPOLIS LAKE TULLOCH LIONS

Copperopolis Lions Club at Lake Tulloch is proud to announce we are cosponsoring this new event we call Music in The Square. There will be four musical performances on the first three Saturdays in September and the first Saturday of October (9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 10/4) from 5 PM to 9 PM! Copperopolis Town Square is a replica of the fictitious town known as

Hill Valley from the Back to the Future movie set. We have our own clock tower at the Gateway Hotel. We will have vendor booths and the event is free to attend. Great Family Fun! Bring your blanket and lawn chairs, and enjoy foods and cocktails from our other local businesses there in the town square. Town Square is located off Hwy 4 at 100 Town Square Rd, Copperopolis CA 95228. [FLIER](#)

## 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! IT CAN BE SINGLES, DOUBLES - OR THE BEST IS TO GET TOGETHER A TEAM OF 4, A CARLOAD, 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 Tri Dams Lions is happy to answer your questions: [Greg.Morrill@yahoo.com](mailto:Greg.Morrill@yahoo.com) and (408) 348-3385. [CORRECTED FLIER](#)



TRI DAMS LIONS HOSTS FREE SMARTPHONE CLASSES FOR SENIORS OVER 55 YRS – On Monday, **September 8th**, and starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Burson Community Center/Lions Club, there will be the first in a series of free Smartphone classes for seniors. The classes will help you learn how to effectively use your smartphone. The classes include: downloading & using apps.; talking, texting, and editing photos; staying safe online...and learning other helpful smartphone features. To register, please email [hhsatrainert12@gmail.com](mailto:hhsatrainert12@gmail.com). Location: Burson Community Center, 3654 Burson Rd. Burson CA. Sponsored by Calaveras HHSA and Senior Planet/AARP. Hosted by Tri Dams Lions Club. [FLIER](#)



We are enabling a valuable new kids' educational opportunity to be brought to West Calaveras County.

KidBiz Hub" is a Youth Entrepreneurship Program! The program recognizes the rapidly advancing intellect and remarkable capabilities of our children and provides them with training on early financial management and other significantly useful functions! KidBiz Hub is holding classes at the Burson Community Center, 3654 Burson Rd. in Burson on Tuesdays & Thursdays 4pm-6pm. It started August 19, 2025. If you are 8-18, this is your launchpad! Here's a link to their website: [kidbizhub.com](http://kidbizhub.com).



Looking to the forthcoming fall season, the Tri Dams Lions Club is happy to announce that our Burson Bingo Nights will resume **October 10th**, on the 2nd Fridays of the month. Come and 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 Sunday, **October 19th**! For our mission of Community Safety and

Awareness, our Vice President Karen Stephenson is spearheading the October 19th 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!

~ Stacee Morrill, Club Marketing Chair

## **DOS PALOS LIONS**

I'm pretty sure many in the community, are asking "When is the Cotton Festival?" I would like to inform the community that, unfortunately, Dos Palos will not be having a Cotton Festival this year. This is something that is out of the control of the city, as well as the Lions Club. The understanding is that the county received a grant to remodel the park and the remodeling process is going to begin between August and September of this year. Neither the city, nor the Lions Club had any control of when the contractors that won the bid would start the remodeling work at the park. According to information, the remodeling work will take approximately 8 to 10 months; which then, will give us time to have our Cotton Festival next year, in hopefully a new-looking, remodeled park. I understand how important this Cotton Festival is for our community, but unfortunately, there is nothing we can do now at this time. Hopefully, the support from our community is there to have a good, bigger, and better Cotton Festival in 2026. Once again, on behalf of the city, as well as the Lions Club, I apologize for any inconvenience.

UPDATE: The Miss Dos Palos Pageant will still be taking place at the Dale Hale Hall on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 1PM. For any info, contact, Shelley Wright. (Reprinted from [Dos Palos Lions' Facebook page](#))

## HUGHSON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



Hughson Lions Club  
July 22 ·

Last night we had the honor and pleasure of going to visit and have dinner at the Denair Lions Club. Thank you for having us, it was a great night and a great dinner.



## CERES LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Ceres Lions Club, California  
August 26 at 7:35 AM ·

Jason Heffner was inducted into the Lions Club last meeting. He is sponsored by Lion Randy Moore. Lion Dick McKay performed the ceremony and he was welcomed by members ... See more



 Ceres Lions Club, California  
August 26 at 7:57 AM · 

Lion Mike Sneed was awarded the prestigious, and well deserved, "Lion of the Year" award. Presentation was made by current Ceres Lions President, Matt Mann. Mike is a... See more



 Ceres Lions Club, California  
August 28 at 11:56 AM · 

Ceres Lions members took part in an officer training seminar in Linden, gaining valuable expertise and meeting representatives from other local clubs. Moreover, they scheduled time to recap the day's discussions and honor Lion Ken Lanes' birthday in advance.



## CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

 Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club  
August 23 at 6:57 AM · 

Last night City had the Block Party at the park. We had games for kids and the adults ! It was a fun evening 😊



 chowchilla community wa... ·  · 

Chowchilla 4-H club donated 164 prescription used glasses and a bin full of soda tabs to the Lioness club this evening 🍀 great job 4-H members



## OAKDALE LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

 Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA is at Burchell Park. August 22 at 8:56 AM · Oakdale · [...](#)

Pictures from this year's National Night Out at Burchell Park. Again, we cooked and served burgers for our neighbors and enjoyed being out in our community!

Thank you Oakdale Police Department for sharing your pictures with us!



 Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA August 22 at 8:46 AM · [...](#)

Last Dinner meeting, Lion Don Lee was presented a commemorative American flag for his long time service as "Flag Boss". For twelve years, Don has maintained the collection of about 300 flags that the Oakdale Lions post every holiday. Don and his crew purchased, retired, fixed the flags, scheduled the flag placing crews, and maintained the flag holes found along our main streets.

Well deserved retirement from this huge job. Don, we love you and appreciate you for this amazing service!



## LIVINGSTON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

 Livingston Lions Club August 21 at 6:49 PM · [...](#)

Great meeting, many more to come.



 Jose Moran August 21 at 6:40 PM · [...](#)

Great meeting last night at the [Livingston Lions Club](#) monthly general meeting. We had the [Livingston FFA](#) as guest presenters. Great information and new projects they are working in at #LHS24 #MUHSD

## LODI LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Lodi Lions August 15 at 8:31AM · [...](#)

We're continuing our incredible progress at Emerson Park—and we'd love your help! All are welcome to join in.

Please join us for our next Lodi Lions Work Day on:

Saturday, August 16th  
Start Time: 8:30 AM  
Location: Emerson Park

This work day, we'll be spreading wood fiber and completing the assembly of the new swing set and picnic bench—another exciting milestone in our community improvement project.

These projects reflect our club's dedication to service and our commitment to making Lodi better for generations to come. Your time and support make a huge difference!

Hope to see you there!



## HILMAR-IRWIN-STEVINSON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Hilmar Irwin Stevenson Lions Club August 8 at 12:04 PM · [...](#)

Hilmar Irwin Stevenson Lions Club had our annual "Car Night" event on Wednesday at the Grange Hall.

THANK YOU

This year we SOLD OUT and had people on the waiting list before the doors opened.



## ATWATER WINTON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



Atwater-Winton Lions Club

Yesterday at 8:32 AM

We are proud to be recognized by Lions Club International Foundation for being a 100% Melvin Jones Fellows Club! The Melvin Jones Fellowship is a prestigious LCIF award that honors individuals who have made significant contributions to humanitarian service. Atwater-Winton Lions Club is committed to the "We serve" motto and to addressing the LCIF humanitarian initiatives. Pictured left to right- 2nd Vice-President, Gigi Dutra, 1st Vice-President, Eunice Pinto, President, Jennifer Ruiz, Secretary, Mary Pereira, and Treasurer, Eric Cheung.



## ESCALON LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

🔥 Free Community BBQ! 🍔

Join your local Lions Club for a night of food, fun, and neighbors!

We're firing up the newly renovated community BBQ (thanks to your Lions Club!) and cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the fixings—absolutely free!

📍 Hogan Park

📅 Thursday, **September 4th**

🕒 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bring your appetite, your friends, and your community spirit—let's make this a night to remember!

#LionsClub #CommunityBBQ #HoganPark #EscalonEvents #FreeFoodFun

- [LINK](#)



Escalon Lions

July 24 ·

Big News, Escalon! 🎉

The Escalon Lions Club is beyond proud to introduce your 2025 Miss Escalon Court! 🌟

- 🌟 Miss Escalon & Miss Photogenic – Gianna Wilson
- 🌟 1st Runner Up – Ayana Codo
- 🌟 2nd Runner Up & Miss Congeniality – Jaqueline Aguao
- 🌟 Miss Inspirational – Carolina Ochoa

🎉 CONGRATULATIONS to these incredible young women! Your grace, confidence, and spirit lit up the stage. A huge shoutout to all the contestants—you truly made Escalon proud!

#MissEscalon2025 #EscalonLionsClub #QueenVibes #ProudCommunity #SmallTownShines  
#EscalonStrong #PageantRoyalty #GirlPower #FutureLeaders



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Escalon Lions

August 4 at 12:21PM ·

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It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of longtime Escalon Lions Club member, John Largent.

John dedicated over 50 years of service to the Lions Club and to the Escalon community. His commitment, kindness, and sense of humor left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was not just a member—he was family.

We will miss his stories, his steady presence, and the way he always showed up with a helping hand and a humble heart.

Our thoughts are with his family and all who loved him. Rest in peace, John. Thank you for everything.



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Obituary information for John Robert Largent



## 2025-2026 DISTRICT 4-A1

To contact these Lions, ask your Zone Chair for the District Directory (PDF or hardcopy)

District Governor  
Matthew Stickler

Immediate Past District Governor  
Eric Cheung

1st Vice District Governor  
Steve Moore

2nd Vice District Governor  
Rob Hyatt

Cabinet Secretary  
Maggie Stickler

Cabinet Treasurer  
Patricia Casey-Gillum

District Administrator  
Claudia Miller

LCIF Coordinators  
Kent Christensen  
Don Allen

Peace Poster Contest Chairperson  
Jeffery Hammar

Youth Protection Officer  
Debbi Hopman

Marketing & Information Technology Chairs, Web Administrator, Newsletter  
Editor  
Gail Cates

## GLOBAL ACTION TEAM ([GAT](#))

Global Leadership Team Coordinator (GLT) Claudia Miller

Global Membership Team Coordinator (GMT) Rob Hyatt

Global Extension Team Coordinator (GET) Samantha Pierce

Global Service Team Coordinator (GST) Beth Estante

## MOUNTAIN REGION

Region Chair – OPEN

Mountain Zone Chair - Claudia Miller

[COPPEROPOLIS LAKE TULLOCH](#) (47759)

[JACKSON](#) (2263)

[MOKELUMNE HILL](#) (39671)

[MURPHYS ANGELS](#) (2282)

[SONORA](#) (2292)

[SUTTER CREEK](#) (111484)

[TRI DAMS LC](#) (2303)

[UPCOUNTRY 88](#) (37207)

[WEST POINT](#) (2307)

## SAN JOAQUIN REGION

Region Chair - OPEN

San Joaquin Zone 1 Chair - OPEN

[CLEMENTS-LOCKEFORD](#) (2252)

[ESCALON](#) (2258)

[LINDEN](#) (2266)

[LODI](#) (2268)

[LODI MEXICAN AMERICAN](#) (46183)

[RIPON](#) (2288)

[STOCKTON HEALTHY](#) LEO-LIONS (181676)

San Joaquin Zone 2 Chair - Rodrigo Acosta Jr

[LATHROP](#) (105237)

[STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA](#) (47862)

[STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN](#) (2298)  
[STOCKTON HOST](#) (2294)  
[TRACY BREAKFAST](#) (2302)  
[TRACY TANK TOWN](#) (67535)

## **STANISLAUS REGION**

Region Chair - OPEN

Stanislaus Zone 1 Chair – Pedro “Rick” Hernandez Jr

[CERES](#) (2250)  
[CROWS LANDING](#) (2253)  
[GUSTINE](#) (2259)  
[HUGHSON](#) (135129)  
[LOS BANOS](#) (2270)  
[MODESTO 500](#) (2279)  
[PATTERSON](#) (2286)

Stanislaus Zone 2 Chair - Shawn Monnin

[ATWATER-WINTON](#) (2248)  
[DENAIR](#) (2255)  
[HILMAR-IRWIN-STEVINSON](#) (2260)  
[LIVINGSTON](#) (2267)  
[OAKDALE](#) (2285)  
[TURLOCK](#) (2304)  
[WATERFORD](#) (2306)

## **YOSEMITE REGION**

Region Chair - OPEN

Yosemite Zone 1 Chair – Karla Gran

[CHOWCHILLA](#) (2251)  
[CHOWCHILLA LIONESS](#) (98271)  
[DOS PALOS](#) (2256)  
[LE GRAND](#) (2265)  
[MADERA MADERA EVENING](#) (61592)  
[MERCED BREAKFAST](#) (2276)  
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MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS (182692)

Yosemite Zone 2 Chair – Paula Hansen

[BASS LAKE](#) (2249)

[MARIPOSA](#) (2274)

[NORTH FORK](#) (2284)

[SIERRA](#) (2291)

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### [CHILDHOOD CANCER](#)

Liz Bockhop, Chair

### [VISION](#)

Jennifer Gass, Chair

EDITOR'S NOTE: Any changes, additions, or corrections, please let Lion Gail know.



*Instagram*

[instagram.com/4a1lion](#)

## Wording on Fliers – for Low-Vision Readers

### **Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 on September 2nd**

California Lions Clubs Marketing presents Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0".

"2025 is the 100th Year Anniversary of Helen Keller asking Lions to be 'Knights of the blind.'"

"Learn from these Lions how to bring new service projects and visibility to your clubs!"

Your Hosts:

Lion Jennifer Gass, Lions For Access Co-chair, District 4-A1 Vision Chair, STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club, DFW Blind and Persons with Disabilities Lions Club

Lion Donna Rollins, MD 4 Diabetes Chairperson, District 4-L5 Newsletter Editor, Apple Valley SUNRISE Lions Club

Tuesday September 2nd at 4pm PDT / 7pm EDT

Zoom Room access code:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85109390009?pwd=WETxkQk1ajSpzTaKdmmYt02x87bibg.1>

Meeting ID: 851 0939 0009 Passcode: 846326"

Add marketing to get new members. Your Kit Is Here.

[Tinyurl.com/HelenKeller100"](http://tinyurl.com/HelenKeller100)

See: [CaliforniaLions.org/helen-keller-challenge](http://CaliforniaLions.org/helen-keller-challenge)

Facebook/Instagram: @LionsHelenKellerChallenge - [FLIER](#)  
[\(Back to Upcoming Events\)](#)

## **Multicultural Health & Community Fair**

We're excited to invite you to join us for the Multicultural Health & Community Fair, hosted by Community Partnership for Families, as part of Binational Health Month!

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Dorothy L. Jones Family Resource Center 2044 Fair Street, Stockton, CA 95206

This vibrant community event will promote health, wellness, and cultural connection through:

Free health screenings, assessments, and referrals

Access to local health resources

Cultural entertainment and family-friendly activities

We are currently accepting registrations for:

Agencies and partners interested in tabling

Health professionals who can assist with screenings

Sponsors who would like to support this impactful even

Attached you'll find the event flyer and vendor registration form. If you're interested in participating or have questions, please contact Jess Moreno at (209) 373-2488 or [jmoreno@cpfsj.org](mailto:jmoreno@cpfsj.org).

Let's come together to celebrate community and wellness—we look

forward to seeing you there! [\(Back to Calendar\)](#)

## 7th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration

Saturday, October 11 - 11 AM to 2 PM

5151 Pacific Ave., Stockton CA 95207

Northwest Corner of Pacific Ave. & Yokuts Ave.

(near driveway of Delta College)

11 AM: Informational booths and sensory activities, including a "White Cane Wander" blindfolded navigation experience

12 PM to 12:30 PM: White Cane Awareness Day Ceremony

12:30 PM to 1 PM: Group Walk from Delta College to Mountain Mike's Pizza at 1000 W. Robinhood Dr. in Stockton

1 PM to 2 PM: Support San Joaquin County Chapter National Federation of the Blind's fundraiser at Mountain Mike's Pizza

Fundraiser goes on all day from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM.

Thank you for taking a walk in our shoes and helping us live the lives we want in San Joaquin County!

For more information, please visit [StocktonSanJoaquinLionsClub.org](http://StocktonSanJoaquinLionsClub.org) or email [nfb.ca.sj@gmail.com](mailto:nfb.ca.sj@gmail.com) - **FLIER**

## LIONS CLUBS & HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0 – CLUB BANNER PATCH

<https://www.facebook.com/CALionsClubs>

Dear Fellow Lions.

You're already doing Lions vision service in some capacity. Now is your chance to be rewarded for your project outreach efforts. Let's make your efforts count!

🌟 Once in a Decade Service Reward Opportunity

Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 — Club Banner Patch

About the Award -

The "Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0" Banner Patch will be awarded to: First 100 California Lions Clubs in MD4 and First 15 California Leo Clubs in MD4 ...that meet the criteria below.

📋 Criteria to Earn the Patch -

1. Service Activity Reporting

Report a Helen Keller Vision branded service activity in the Lions Portal.

Title of the activity must begin with: "Helen Keller Vision"

Include a screenshot of this service report from the Lions Portal.

2. Branded Marketing Evidence

Provide a screenshot of a social media post and/or photo(s) from your event showing Helen Keller Challenge branding.

Branding must feature either:

Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 logo, and/or #HelenKeller100

### 3. Application Submission Instructions

Only the primary Lions Club sponsoring & organizing the activity may apply.

One application per club.

Continue sharing your Helen Keller Challenge–branded service activities throughout the year to boost visibility.

Include in your submission:

Club name

Contact person's phone & email

District number

District Governor name

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Submission: Email documentation to: [LionDonnaR@gmail.com](mailto:LionDonnaR@gmail.com)

Subject line: "Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Banner Patch"

🏆 Recognition - By participating, you honor Helen Keller's legacy and carry forward the vision and mission of Lions Clubs International — serving as "Knights of the Blind" for the next 100 years.

Media Toolbox: Learn more here

📞 Accessible Support: Contact Lion Donna Rollins #HelenKeller100 -

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