



LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

Present-6/30/26: Round 9 Bags For Benches – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 1-2: White Cane Days - 10am – 5pm at SaveMart Parking Lot - 1225 E Robertson Blvd - Chowchilla Lioness Lions

November 1-15: Annual Canned Food Drive – Bass Lake Lions

November 2: Pancake Breakfast – Denair Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 11: Veteran's Day Ceremony - Lathrop Lions donate & serve donuts - [FLIER](#)

November 11: Blood Drive – Chowchilla Lioness Lions – *see article in Clubs News Section*

November 12: Quilt Raffle – Bass Lake Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 14: Burson Bingo Night – 2nd Fridays - Tri Dams Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 15: Bardoli & Ribs – Linden Lions

November 15: Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction - Chowchilla Lions Club & Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club - [FLIER](#)

November 15: Peace Poster/Essay Contest's deadline for a club to send one winning poster and essay to Jeff Hammar. *See article in October's newsletter.*

November 18: Serving Lunch at Ronald McDonald House – contact Lion Paul Wagner – *see article in this newsletter*

November 18: MD4 Master Class - Lions for Access – Jennifer Gass hosting - [Calendar LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

November 20: Annual Kettle Kick Off Fundraiser – *See article in the Clubs News Section* - Modesto 500 Lions

November 22: 7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 27: Spirit of Oakdale Thanksgiving Dinner - Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)

November 28: Sharing the Harvest - Deadline for San Joaquin area clubs/members to donate for Veterans in

need – *see article in Clubs' News section for Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)*

November 29: Annual Hot Chocolate Giveaway and Cotton Candy Sales at Pines Winter Parade – Bass Lake Lions – *see article in this newsletter*

November 30: Deadline to register for Decorating Rose Parade Float – Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club – *see article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)*

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

December 4: MD4 Master Class – District/Club Newsletter Training – Gail Cates hosting - [Calendar LINK](#)

December 6: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – Sonora Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 6: Holiday Bazaar – [See article in October's Newsletter](#) - West Point Lions

December 12: Burson Bingo Night – 2nd Fridays - Tri Dams Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 13: 27th Annual Crab Dinner – Tracy Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

December 13: Wreaths Across America – *see article in Clubs News Section* – Linden Lions

December 15: Children's Christmas Shopping Tour – Oakdale Lions

January 1: Lions Float in Pasadena Rose Parade - [LINK](#)

January 3-11: MD4 [Hunger](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)

January 16-17: District 4-A1 Meeting – Stanislaus Region

January 16-18: [LionsUSA](#) Regional Institutes West Coast California training

January 24: Al Pena Enchilada Dinner – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 18-19: [MD4](#) Council of Governors – 3rd Quarter in Long Beach on the Queen Mary – District 4-L2 - [FLIER](#)

February 20-22: 107th California Lions [MD4 Convention](#)

February 28: Vision Fair – Mokelumne Hill Lions

March 14: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – Escalon Lions

March 15: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – and Cayucos Drawing – [CAYUCOS FLIER](#) – Tracy Tank Town Lions

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

March 20: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions

April 18-26: MD4 [Environment](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)
April 23-26: District 4-A1 Convention – [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) – [SAVE-THE-DATE FLIER](#)

May 16: Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show – Bass Lake Lions – [FLIER](#)

June 20: Lions Allstar Football Game – Tracy CA – See article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)

June 12-14: [MD4](#) Council of Governors Meeting – 4th Quarter- District 4-L3 in Los Angeles

June 13: [MD4 Student Speakers](#) Final Contest @ COG

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

September 3-5: [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 can be 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

GLASSES – PULL TAB PICKUP ANYWHERE IN DISTRICT 4-A1



Recently, the boundary for picking up of glasses, pull tabs, and ink cartridges has been extended to include all of District 4-A1 – from Lodi to the Yosemite Zone – From Up-Country to North Fork. All that is needed are at least 25 pairs of glasses, maybe some pull tabs, and a phone (to call me).

The first part is easy, but you must want to do it. Folks around Linden have contacted the local eye doctors and have established a monthly route that nets 100-150 pair per month. The hospitals contribute a like amount. The **Linden Lions Club** has a central box for members to put the two or three pair of glasses they might have. Results: 300-400 pairs of glasses per month for Linden. Who knows what this type of plan or any variation would bring your club?

Pull tabs will be picked up with the glasses - but please **keep them separated**. Several clubs (Including Linden)

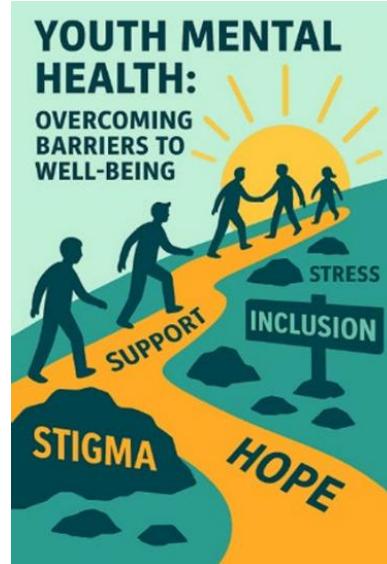
have tailored **containers** for their pull tabs. If you want one, please let me know, and I'll try to get you one. I'll take the pull-tabs and leave you the containers. Last month we took more than 300 pounds, or about 30 nights of residence, for family members of patients at the hospital for Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. We will be **serving lunch** to these folks again on **November 18**. If you would like to join us, contact me at the number listed below.

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

Remember-Every pair counts when we have needy kids. CALL ME! ~ Paul Wagner 510-910-3755

MD4 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

2026 Topic: Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being - www.md4lions.org/studentspeakers



Important Contest Packet Information: Clubs that placed an order by **October 1** will have their packets mailed directly after printing. Please note: **no physical packets** are available after the October 1 deadline. Clubs may instead **download a digital version** of the forms, brochures, and certificates. **Only clubs in good standing** will receive a packet and are eligible to hold a contest. **Important Dates:**

- Club Contest: **On or before 3rd Friday in February**
- Zone Contest: **On or before 2nd Friday in March**
- Region Contest: **On or before March 31st**
- District Contest: **On or before last Monday of April**
- Area Contest: **On or before 3rd Friday of May**
- Final Contest: To be held on **Saturday of the June COG**

~ Angela Barth – MD4A-1 District SSC Chair
lionangiebarth@gmail.com

OCTOBERFEST DINNER & CONCERT LIONS EYE FOUNDATION - Update



Oakdale and Waterford Lions Clubs joined together to present an Octoberfest Dinner and Concert benefiting the Lions Eye Foundation. [FLIER](#)





☀️ Fabulous Lions Eye Foundation Oktoberfest Concert!



On Saturday, October 4th, the Waterford Lions Club and Oakdale Lions Club joined forces to host a fantastic fundraiser supporting the Lions Eye Foundation. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, danced the night away to The Valley Groove Band, and took part in the silent auction and gift basket drawings. It was a night filled with great music, laughter, and community spirit, all for an incredible cause! 🎉🌟📸 [#LionsClub #Oktoberfest](#) [#CommunityStrong #lionseyefoundation](#)

From Waterford Club President Jose Aldaco
([Facebook LINK](#) – 19 photos)

Oakdale & Waterford Lions Clubs inaugural Lions Eye Foundation Octoberfest was a great success!

GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDSHIP, GREAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT! And a GREAT DONATION TO LEF! A BIG THANK YOU to the many donors, sponsors and volunteers who made it all possible! Special kudos to Lion Tom Mihok and Karen Mihok! Your dream became a successful reality! See you next year!

"Oakdale and Waterford Lions Club members gathered together at a recent meeting in Waterford; the two clubs are also joining forces for a special Oktoberfest fundraising dinner and concert for the Lions Eye Foundation. Serving as lead for the event is Dr. Tom Mihok, second from right, of the Oakdale Lions Club."



Photo Contributed – *Oakdale Leader* – See article at:
<https://www.oakdaleleader.com/news/oakdale-lions-launch-oktoberfest-concert-and-dinner/>



Lions Eye Foundation held a concert fundraiser on October 4th. Oakdale and Waterford Lions Clubs did a

fantastic job hosting a delicious dinner. Pictured are Jen and Greg Burdue (Stockton Host Lions), Joe Vallery and Debbi Hopman along with Marie Patterson (Tracy Tank Town Lions). ~ Debbi Hopman

NOVEMBER VISION NEWS



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/vision>

Keep up the amazing vision service Lions! Lions in Sight chair Paul Wagner reports at least 28,000 pairs of glasses have been taken to Lions in Sight in Vallejo since July 1st! Oakdale and Waterford Lions held an amazing fundraiser dinner for Lions Eye Foundation On October 4th! Tri Dams Lions, Sutter Creek Lions, and Atwater-Winton Lions are getting the word out about their eyeglass collections, and Mokelumne Hill Lions are planning an awesome Vision Fair on **February 28**. Please make sure to market your vision service and include this logo and **#HelenKeller100 between now and December 31** to be one of the hundred Lions Clubs or 15 Leo Clubs in California who earn a banner patch award! https://e-district.org/userfiles/1578/file/MD4%20Lions%20Clubs%20&%20Helen%20Keller%20Challenge%202_0%20Banner%20patch%20accessible%20version.pdf

Congratulations to Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club, Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club, and Tokay High School Leo Club for earning their patches already. District 4-A1 rocks as vision champions! Please share all your Club is doing, thank you!



Blind Amateur Net Group members (BANG).



Blind bowlers with Volunteer Lion Paul Wagner.



Group photo from White Cane Walk.



San Joaquin Lions Club



The San Joaquin Lions Club is seeking donations of **unwanted prescription eyeglasses, readers and sunglasses, hearing aids and pull tabs** from cans to recycle and help others in need!



Website: stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org
Email: sanjoaquinlions@gmail.com
Google Voice Number: 209-407-4047



Items Flyer: We recycle, please save these for us!



Group photo from baseball with Lion Xena.



Group photo from mental health service project at Creekside Care Center.

Audrey's 12th Annual SOCK DRIVE

In memory of Audrey Long, who started this drive 12 years ago, I will once again be collecting socks to be hand-delivered to St. Mary's Dining Room the week before Christmas.

St. Mary's Dining Room
...more than meals

St. Mary's Dining Room is an interfaith community service organization that provides services such as meals, clothing, medical services, counseling, and more to the homeless. If you would like to participate this year, I will be accepting donations in the form of new socks or a check. If you send a check, I will purchase socks and mail you a tax-deductible receipt along with a picture of what your donation has purchased.

Organized by: Lew Brown
Cell #: (209) 283-9517
7210 Stabilus Rd.
Valley Springs, CA. 95252

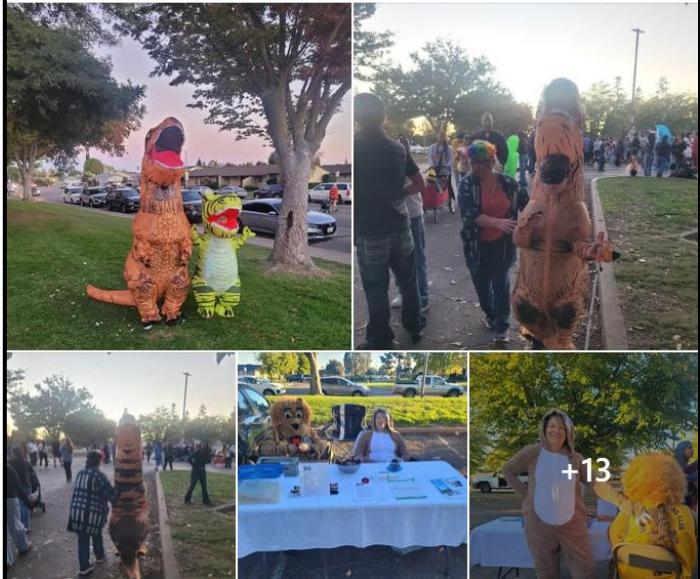
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2025

Please save your socks for Audrey's Sock Drive For the Homeless.

Album Tokay High School Trunk or Treat 2025

STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club added 17 new photos — 🎃 celebrating Halloween with MD4 A1 Lions Clubs and 5 others at **Tokay High School**.
15h · Lodi · 📸

We had a wonderful time at Tokay high school's Trunk or Treat tonight spreading blindness awareness by writing names in braille, offering a "white cane wander" and a "tactile treasure hunt" plus candy of course! Thank you for inviting us to serve **Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions club** it was great to see so many Leos students and families enjoying the evening together. **#HelenKeller100 #LionsClubs #LeoClubs #WeServe #Halloween.**



~ Jennifer Gass, Vision Chair

CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP





California Lions Camp donated \$15,000 to Tuolumne Trails Camp. Their mission is devoted to helping those with disabilities and those who support them by providing an accommodating environment for healing, respite, education, and recreation. The donation was used to purchase a "golf cart" to enable those with physical challenges access the camp, as well as a shower chair. We met with camp founder, Jerry Baker, who led us on a tour of the over 80 scenic acres in the Sierra Nevada Wilderness in Groveland.

SAN JOAQUIN-AREA CLUBS... HELP VETERANS IN NEED?

Here's a possible CA Lions Care service opportunity for the San Joaquin Region...

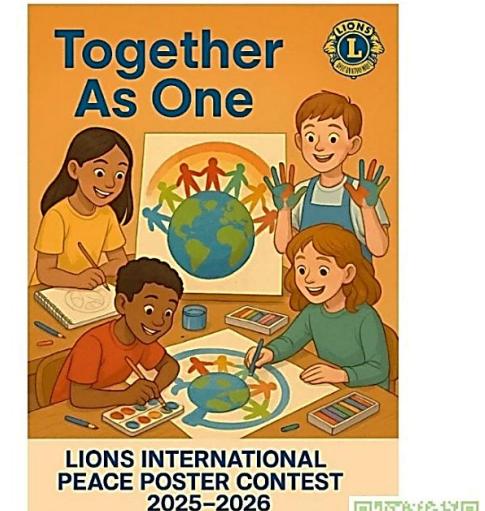
It's a wonderful service opportunity for clubs in the San Joaquin region and beyond to help bring a brighter Christmas to Veterans in need and their families this year! There are opportunities to adopt a family or individual, volunteer with gift-wrapping or events, and donate to a great cause. Children are age newborn to 17.

Contributions needed by **November 28th**. For more information, please check out the flier and/or reach out to Gloria Brasiel at Sharing the Harvest (nonprofit) - email onlymeitb@aol.com or (209) 662-1310. The San Joaquin Lions Club was glad to be able to help by wrapping gifts and donating Food4Less gift cards last year.

~ Jennifer Gass - [FLIER](#)

PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster
lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-essay



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>



"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! **The contest also allows us to come together as one - as Clubs and Districts. Thank you for taking your time to chair such a wonderful opportunity.**

Hello Clubs and Peace Poster Chairs:

As Governor Matt's Peace Poster 4-A1 Chair, I will need to receive your winning contest sponsor with a postmark deadline of **November 15, 2025** (to Jeff Hammar, 1440 High St., Atwater, CA 95301), or decide to hand deliver it on November 15th at the Almond Tree Restaurant in Atwater (1490 Sycamore Ave.) at 10 am, or drop off at my office at 123 E. 18th, Merced CA 95340 (Sequoia High) any time prior to November 15th. Please contact me by email jhammar@muhsd.org / irgiantsatwater@gmail.com or text me, text-then-call

209-628-5617. I will then put together a judging panel of teachers at an event to appoint the winner of District 4-A1. I will present that winner to Governor Matt to send to the multiple district council chairperson by the postmark deadline of **December 1, 2025**. ~ Jeff Hammar
(PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST RULES – [DOWNLOAD](#))



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 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.

LIONS PROJECT for CANINE COMPANIONS



Lions Project for Canine Companions has kicked off our biggest fundraiser of the year, the "Together We Roar" Raffle! 🐾🐾

Make a lifesaving donation today for your chance to win \$2,000 as an individual or on behalf of your Club!

- Each entry is \$100
- Winning Club or individual to receive \$2,000
- Entries & payments must be received by **November 30th**
- Winner will be announced by December 15th, 2025

Lions Clubs and individuals may make multiple entries for more chances to win with just a \$100 donation for each entry.

To enter, visit our website: lpcanine.org/shop/p/roar

Please contact us if you prefer a paper entry form.

MD4 CALIFORNIA LIONS MARKETING OFFERS PERSONALIZED CLUB LOGOS



Lions Club Personalized Logo Available Now!

Free Custom Logo Support for Lions Clubs – Offered by Lions Jennifer Simpson and PDG John Schroeder.

In response to a growing number of Lions Clubs being flagged or locked out of Facebook due to copyright issues surrounding the official Lions International logo, Lion

Jennifer is offering a free logo customization service to help clubs protect their digital presence and build a stronger visual identity.

"Even though we know these flags are incorrect, it's still impacting clubs," said Lion Jennifer. "That's why I'm offering to help clubs develop a unique, club-branded version of the Lions logo that still honors our global brand but adds local flair."

Clubs are encouraged to reflect on their unique identity and service strengths—whether they're known for their youth outreach, environmental cleanups, diabetes education, or local partnerships—and share that with Lion Jennifer to create a distinctive logo they can proudly use on social media, flyers, and event banners.

This free service is available to all Lions Clubs worldwide.

 Contact Lion Jennifer at lionjenniferL5@gmail.com

Or Lion John johnandsilvias@gmail.com to begin your design consultation.

Powered by California Lions Marketing Committee

MD4 MARKETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

LINKS TO [WEBSITE](#) and [CALENDAR](#)



[Multiple District Four](#) is proud to come alongside Lions who are promoting the mission and passion of Lions through service, and we have scheduled several events to support you specifically.

Masterclasses: Starting October 1, we are launching a series of monthly, live online trainings called "Masterclasses" where subject matter experts will teach and train attendees on a variety of marketing and technology-related topics. Attendees are encouraged to attend the live events, but replays will be available. Our schedule over the next few months includes:

November 18: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm - no cost - zoom

MD4 Masterclass Series #2 Topic: Lions for Access Lions for Access + You Bringing People Together Hosted by Lion Jennifer Gass, MD4 Access Team Leader Strategic Leadership Opportunity - Register Now Meeting Registration - Zoom contact Marketing, CALionsClubs.org 209)471-8059 Lion Diana Ringer [View Flyer](#)

December 4?: District Newsletter Training with Lion Gail Cates. Lion Gail will be sharing practical tips, tricks, and strategies to create an effective and engaging newsletter. Much of what she will be sharing is directly applicable to club newsletters as well. The remainder of the 2025/2026 Masterclass schedule will be announced in December, so stay tuned!

Posting Parties: MD4 will be hosting monthly posting parties that help individuals and clubs multiply the reach and impact of their social media posts. When working together as a coordinated group, the simple acts of taking a moment to *like*, *comment*, *share*, and *follow* Lions-related posts and pages, will trigger the algorithms to show the posts to more and more people in the community. That simple exposure can result in

new community members wanting to get involved in Lions-led service projects, and potentially joining Lions as a new member. Posting parties are an important, COST-FREE strategy that can be applied to any social media platform. MD4 posting parties center around Facebook and Instagram engagement, but once people understand the model, it can be deployed on any social media platform.

MD4 Marketing Hours: In an effort to serve you better, and give predictable access to the marketing team for California Lions, the Marketing Team will be holding office hours on the last weekend of the month. Saturday's hours are 9AM-Noon and Sunday's hours are 1PM-4PM. Registration is required, preferably the day before you want to drop in, so we can ensure proper coverage. The drop-in hours are available for any Lion engaged with Marketing on the local, district, or state-level. **For more information on any of these activities and more, please visit the [MD4 Marketing Page](#).**

~ Diana Ringer, MD4 Area 1 Representative - Email dianaringer@icloud.com

California Lions Foundation MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH & FIRST RESPONDERS GRANTS

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/mental-health-grants>









Help make a difference in your community & apply for a CLF grant

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

www.californialionsfoundation.org



MENTAL
HEALTH
&
WELL-BEING



YOUTH



FIRST
RESPONDERS

California Lions Foundation (CLF) Specialty grants for the period of **October 1 through December 31, 2025**. You will see two new initiatives which CLF has not offered prior, namely mental health and first responders.

- Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4

- Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email PDG John Schroeder at

PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com or call at 408-890-7119.

Please allow two to three weeks for your completed grant application to be processed. Email completed grant application to PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com or hard mail to:

California Lions Foundation
c/o John Schroeder
5970 Waterfront Place
Long Beach, CA 90803

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION:

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/s/Mental-Health-application.pdf>

 See past award stories: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/news>

Let's keep building stronger communities, together.
#LionsHelpingMorePeople #CaliforniaLions #LionsServe

MD4-California PROJECT CARE CALENDAR

md4lions.org/lions-service

Accessible version here
[Project Care Q2](#)

2nd Quarter Service Projects 2025/2026



Veterans



First Responders



Vision



Diabetes

Key Dates

LCI Mental Health Service Week October 4-12th

Lions and Leos Membership Growth
Vision Awareness Month

White Cane Day Oct 15th

Create a Leos Day Celebration Oct 4th- 19th
First Responders Day Oct 28th

October

National Diabetes Awareness Month

Nov:14th is World Diabetes Day

Humanitarian Efforts World Kindness Day Nov 21st

November

Dec 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Humanitarian Efforts, Disaster Relief (LCIF), Youth, Women & Families, Music, Arts, Sports, and Lions For Access suggested all months.



Everything that is CA Lions Service. Ideas, success stories, volunteer opportunities, awareness months & days, and [more](#)



AND [DOWNLOAD Serving the Global Causes .PDF](#)

MD4's SERVICE WEEKS INITIATIVES

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>

LCIF IS RECOGNIZING MELVIN JONES' BIRTHDAY – **January 2026**

Lions Clubs International Foundation is recognizing [Melvin Jones's](#) 147th birthday in January 2026. Help honor our organization's founder with your first donation to our foundation — or add to your existing support. Encourage your fellow Lions and others to join you with their gifts to LCIF. [DONATE NOW](#) (from LI's District Digest)

FROM THE DISTRICT INTERNET TECH CHAIR - HELP WANTED -



I'm looking for a Lion to help with co-managing several of our District's websites through WordPress.com (example: <https://upcountry88lions.org/>) and e-Clubhouse.org (example: <https://livingstonlions.org/>). See complete list of clubs in our District 4-A1 lions4-a1.org/about/clubs-in-district. If you know anyone who might be interested, "send" them my way! [EMAIL](#) me. I can give them some training if needed. Also, if your club would like updates on your website, FB, or IG page, maybe I can help.

~ Lion Gail

UPCOMING EVENTS

SECTION (in date-order)

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**



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 - Phone: 707-577-1774

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

MD4 CONVENTION Feb 20-22, 2026

<https://md4lions.org/convention>



"Join us aboard the historic **Queen Mary** in Long Beach, California, for the [107th California Lions MD-4 Convention](#), happening **February 20-22, 2026**. Lions from across the state will come together for three days of fellowship, leadership development, inspiring speakers, and celebrations of service. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to connect with fellow Lions while experiencing one of California's most iconic landmarks."

DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION Apr 23-26

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



50th LIONS ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME

June 20, 2026



Game Date: Saturday, June 20, 2026

Where: Tracy High School Wayne Schneider Stadium in Tracy CA

Times: Gates and concession stand open at 4 pm. Game time is 7:15 pm.

GoFan tickets will be available soon!

Ads are available for our digital program and on our website www.lionsallstarfootball.com for a year!Email allstargame4a1@yahoo.com or mail to address:
PO BOX 974, LINDEN CA 95236

Players' Banquet information is TBA.

Thank you so much for your 50 years of support!!

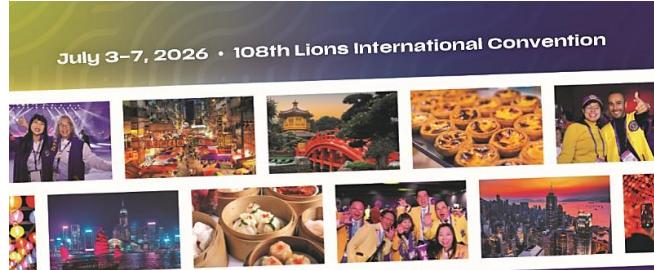
~ Elizabeth Olson

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DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON – Paul Wagner

BUHACH COLONY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Charter Date 3/23/2022 Atwater-Winton Lions

EL CAPITAN HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Charter Date 8/22/2013 Merced Breakfast Lions

GOLDEN VALLEY LEOS

Charter Date 5/7/1999 Merced Breakfast Lions

MADERA LEO CLUB

Charter Date 3/10/2009 Madera Evening Lions

MADERA II OMEGA CLUB

Charter Date 3/10/2009 Madera Evening Lions

MERCED LEO CLUB

Charter Date 3/7/1988 Merced Breakfast Lions

MERCED COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT JUNIOR

Charter Date 1/15/2021 Merced LE Lions

MERCED COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SENIOR

Charter Date 1/15/2021 Merced LE Lions

MOUNTAIN HOUSE LEO CLUB

Charter Date 1/27/2020 Tracy Tank Town Lions

SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA CLUB

Charter Date 5/16/2024 Stockton San Joaquin Lions

TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Charter Date 3/9/2015 Stockton San Joaquin Lions

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

Charter Date 3/29/2013 Bass Lake Lions

STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

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[facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578752575566](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578752575566)

Flowers VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Flowers [REEL LINK](#)

Help Decorate the Lions International Rose Parade Float! Join us for an unforgettable hands-on experience bringing the Lions' spirit of service and creativity to life on the world-famous Rose Parade! [FLIER](#)

• 30 volunteer spots available

• \$10 to save your spot

• Snacks will be provided

Departure: December 27th, 2:00 A.M.

Deadline to reserve your spot: **November 30th**

Location: Pasadena, California

About the Lions International Rose Parade Float:

Displays the Lions' motto "We Serve" to more than 700,000 in-person spectators. Broadcast to over 50 million viewers worldwide on New Year's Day.

Created with 20,000+ flowers and natural materials by dedicated Lions volunteers each year!

⭐ Be part of the magic — volunteer today! ⭐



🎃 The Truck or Treat at Tokay High was an absolute BLAST! ❤️ The Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club is beyond proud to sponsor such amazing students — the Leos Club, M.E.Ch.A. Club, and Hispanic Honor Society. What an incredible display of teamwork, creativity, and community spirit! 🎃 The face painting, bracelet making, and photo moments were truly iconic! 🎃 🎉 A huge shoutout to Stockton San Joaquin Lion Jennifer for rocking the 🦁 costume, and to all our Lions members who supported this event and shared Helen Keller's mission of service. ❤️ 💙 And a huge thanks to the San Joaquin Omega Leos for donating candy and supplies to make this event a reality! 🎃 🦁 [REEL LINK](#)

🎃 We had an absolute blast volunteering at the Trick or Treat event hosted by the amazing Lodi Eagles 848!

👻 🎃 [REEL LINK](#)

See other articles about the Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club in the November Vision News section and the Clubs

News Section under Stockton San Joaquin Lions in this newsletter.

MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB



Omegas Elizabeth, Giselle, and Jazmin participated in the YCE 2025 program. They visited Japan this summer!





Coats for Kids project. Omegas collected coats from the lost and found bins at several elementary schools. The Omegas also sorted, washed, and dried the coats before delivering them to the Children and Youth in Transition Program. There were approximately 300 coats!



Omegas attended this year's annual Madera District fair! They managed the snack booth as well as assisted the Madera Evening Lions Club with their Beer Booth!
~ Lion Jose Rodriguez

YOSEMITE HIGH LEO CLUB



The Yosemite High Leos, sponsored by the Bass Lake Lions Club, conducted a food drive at their school from October 1st through October 15th. Food collected was delivered to the Manna House - which provides food, toiletries, pet food, and so forth to those in need in the community. The students gathered 108 items plus 92 pounds of dog and cat food. The Bass Lake Lions will follow up with its own food drive between **November 1st and the 15th.** ~ Bruce Alameida

See also – photos and article in the Clubs News Section of Bass Lake Lions and Yosemite High Leos visit to Majestic Mountain Care Center on October 4th AND their selling of cotton candy at the Pines Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 26.

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 CLUB

(News from them will be in the Leo News Section)

MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

(News from them will be in the Leo News Section)

ESCALON LIONS

Upcoming Events:

12/3-5 Pete Arellano Memorial Girls Basketball Tournament
 12/6 Christmas On Main Chocolate Booth
 12/18 Lions Holiday Dinner
 2/5/26 Local Student Speakers Contest
 2/22/26 Flag Presentations
 3/5/26 Visitation to Ripon & Zone Student Speakers Contest
 3/14/26 Corned Beef (Saturday)
 3/22/26 Mc Henry Road Clean-Up
 5/21/26 Escalon Lions Board Election
 6/4/26 Escalon Lions President's Dinner

STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

It's hard to believe that an estimated 600 million pair of shoes go into America's landfills every year! 100% of these shoes can be recycled and the majority of these shoes can still be reused. That's why the San Joaquin Lions Club decided to start a sneaker drive fundraiser with [GotSneakers](#). The sneakers that we collect through the GotSneakers program will help us raise much needed funds AND will keep sneakers out of landfills. Talk about a win-win! Can you collect 15-20 pair of sneakers to help us out? With your help, we can achieve great results! If you can't collect 15-20 pair, don't worry. Just collect as many pair as you can. Every pair counts! - [FLIER](#)

Website: stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org

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Google Voice Number: 209-407-4047

We had an amazing month of vision service, recycling, and serving in our community! Our members helped out with beep baseball, blind bowling, our blind ham radio

club members, Blind Amateur Net Group (BANG), volunteering at the Walk to End Alzheimer's, blind awareness outreaches, recycling plastics, eyeglasses, pull tabs, and now, [sneakers](#).

The 7th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk & Celebration with the SJC Chapter National Federation of the Blind was terrific. Link <https://youtu.be/SeE4Vivz3HE> Thank you to members of STOCKTON Healthy Leo-Lions Club, Tokay High School Leo Club, Atwater-Winton Lions Club, and Linden Lions Club for volunteering; and special "shout out" to Lions in Sight Chair Paul Wagner for presenting a Lions Clubs & Helen Keller proclamation during our ceremony. SJC Board of Supervisors Chair, Paul Canepa tried our "white cane wander" and presented a White Cane Awareness Day proclamation. Community partners helped us get the word out in a big way! \$300 was raised through the Mountain Mike's fundraiser to benefit the SJC Chapter NFB!

Here are some great social media links from the White Cane Awareness Walk:

1. <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DPr5IZ0kt-H/?igsh=MTVrbGNkcnRnODZndg==>
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We had a speaker from Cal-Waste on October 1st and will be touring their facility on **November 17** at 6 PM. Please reach out if you would like to join us.

Our guest speaker on **November 5th** will be Dawn Cruz from the American Cancer Society. Join us at 6:30 PM, Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Road in Stockton.

We will be collecting new socks **between now and December 3rd** if you would like to help clients of Saint Mary's dining room.

BASS LAKE LIONS

The Bass Lake Lions will have a food drive between **November 1st and the 15th**. See the Leo section of this newsletter for an article about our Yosemite High Leos!



On October 4, 2025, two Yosemite High Leos, along with three Bass Lake Lions, visited the Majestic Mountain Care Center to help spread some joy to the residents and staff. The five individuals visited the residents in their rooms and in the lobby to say "hello" and allow them to pet the two dogs they brought. Many enjoyed the visit from the Lions, Leos, and their pets with many petting the dogs and telling stories about their pets. Meanwhile, the Bass Lake Lions also brought some delicious pastries for the staff, to show appreciation for their service.



The Bass Lake Lions along with help from two Yosemite High LEOs sold cotton candy at the Pines Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 26, 2025. The cotton candy (at the low price of \$3.00) was a big hit with the youngsters in their Halloween costumes. The Pines' event included several bounce houses, pumpkin and face painting, a wildlife presentation, food, and music. Next on the agenda is a visit from our district governor on November 1st - and our Annual Hot Chocolate Give Away at the Pines Winter Parade on **November 29, 2025**. We will also be selling cotton candy at that event to raise funds for scholarships and local charities.

MURPHYS-ANGELS LIONS

IT'S OFFICIAL! Sue has taken over as Lion President! Here she is gifting [Immediate] Past President Kent Broglio with a snazzy gavel plaque. Congratulations Sue!





LION ED MADE A NEW POLE FOR OUR NEW SIGN. CHRIS WITH THE HELP OF HIS EMPLOYEES DUG A HOLE AND CEMENTED IT IN.



September Board Meeting. Member Mel, enjoying a delicious plate of Beef Stroganoff.



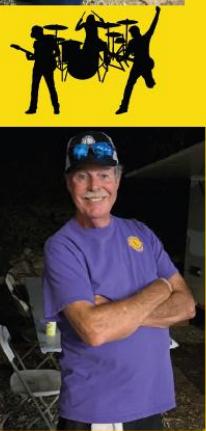
CONCERTS

Lions' members and volunteers working hard this concert series From working the register to pouring wine.



THATS A WRAP

Last Concert of the year, Ringo Starr. Thank you for all of your hard work.



WATERFORD LIONS & OAKDALE LIONS

See article/update in this newsletter with photos from the Octoberfest Dinner and Concert Fundraiser for Lions Eye Foundation.

OAKDALE LIONS

The Spirit of Oakdale Thanksgiving dinner will be served again on Thanksgiving Day [November 27], and brought to you by the Lions Club of Oakdale. This free Thanksgiving meal is for one and all to take advantage of. The Lions are also looking for volunteers to help provide food, prepare food, and serve the meal. The link or the QR code below will bring you to a volunteer form where you have choices for methods of contribution and volunteering. <https://bit.ly/43aTtc9> - FLIER



Monday, **December 15th**, is Children's Christmas Shopping Tour. Sign-ups for the families will be at Family Veterinary Care in Oakdale (389 W F St, Oakdale, CA 95361) starting in November. Donation letters soon to follow.

LINDEN LIONS

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS -

PDG Don Allen officiated over the induction of two new members. Sponsors and new members were called to the front. Michael Alegre and sponsor Lion Bob Scheppmann, and Vic Solari, Jr. and sponsor President Albert Dondero, joined PDG Don Allen for the ceremony.

PDG Don Allen welcomed each prospective new member into the Linden Lions Club. He told them that it was important that they know what they are committing to. Our code of ethics and LCI Objectives were explained briefly. They were sworn in with an "I Do" or "I Will", and each agreed. They were presented with their membership pins, name badges, membership cards, and certificates by Secretary Paul Wagner. Pins were attached to both new members by their sponsors. Sponsors were presented with a sponsor pin.



L-R PDG Don Allen, Lion Michael Alegre, Lion Vic Solari, Jr., President Albert Dondero.



L-R PDG Don Allen, Bulletin Editor Bob Scheppmann, Lion Michael Alegre, Lion Vic Solari, Jr., President Albert Dondero. Each new member was given an opportunity to tell us a little about themselves, family, work.



October 14th Meeting:

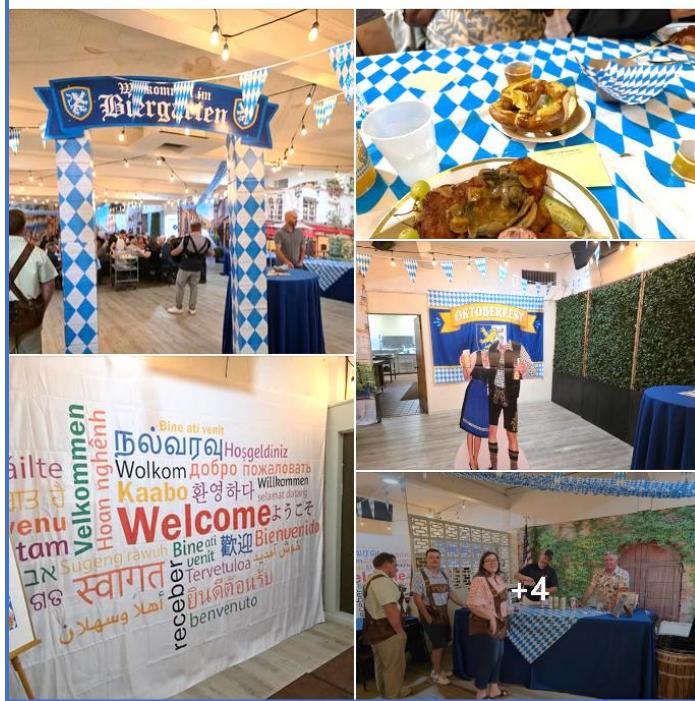
SPEAKER - Shauna Buzunis-Jacob, development director for the Child Abuse Prevention Council, gave a presentation on the programs provided by San Joaquin County for child abuse prevention. CASA Care System (Court Assisted Special Advocate). CAPC has been around since 1974—initially started because a child was murdered by the mother's boyfriend. She talked about strengthening the family which could take the form of supplemental food, shelter, and counseling. She talked about the psychology of supporting families, mental health, suicide prevention, life skills, and court intervention.



Wreaths Across America raised enough for the purchase of 176 wreaths, two more than are needed in Linden. The others will be donated to another cemetery. The ceremony will be held on **December 13th** at 9AM. Hope for good weather.

Linden Lions Club - Linden, CA
October 5 at 5:13 PM

Had a wonderful Oktoberfest last night! Here are a few photos. Thanks to all the helpers! If you have any photos to share, post them here in the comments.



RIPON LIONS

In October, the Ripon Lions managed the Main Street Days Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

Thanks to the Ripon Fire Department who previously held this fundraiser.

We served over 600 people on the morning of October 18th.

This fundraiser, coupled with our annual Garage Sale, plus two meetings this month, has also helped with our recruiting efforts as well.

The Ripon Lions are also providing kids in the schools a red ribbon arm band this month.

Next Month, the Ripon Lions will attend a meeting at the Escalon Lions and host a group entitled the Fun Strummers for our 2nd meeting of the month.

~ Damon Woods, Secretary



Ripon Lions Club - District 4A-1 is in Ripon.

October 22 at 1:18 PM

Give A Little Bit (Made Popular By Supertramp) [Karaoke Version] - Party Tyme Karaoke

Thank You, Ripon!

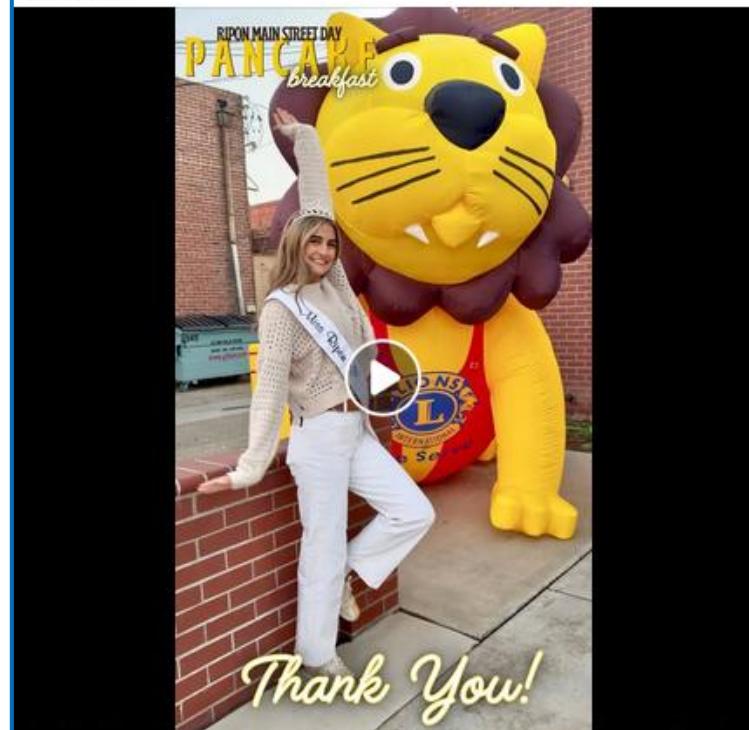
The Main Street Day Pancake Breakfast was a huge success, and we couldn't have done it without this incredible community!

A big thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy breakfast, to our amazing volunteers who kept the griddles going, and to our sponsors whose generosity made it all possible.

The Ripon Lions Club, in collaboration with the Ripon Consolidated Fire District, is proud to continue this tradition that brings our community together year after year. Your support helps us serve local youth, schools, and service projects right here in Ripon.

We're so grateful for the spirit, smiles, and syrup-covered good times that make mornings like this one so special. Until next year-thank you, Ripon! ❤

#RiponLionsClub #RiponFire #CommunityStrong #PancakeBreakfast #ThankYouRipon #WeServe #RiponEvents



Ripon Lions Club - District 4A-1 is in Ripon.
September 30 at 12:48 PM ·

60 Years Strong!

The 60th Annual New Teacher Night is officially in the books. One of our favorite traditions each year is welcoming and celebrating incredible educators from Ripon Unified School District, Ripon Christian Schools, and California Online Public Schools.

We're so grateful for the chance to meet, greet, and cheer on the teachers who make such an impact in our community!

A huge thank-you to District Governor Matt Stickler and his wife Maggie for joining us and sharing with our club and guests about the impactful programs and grants Lions offer to support educators.



And of course, big shout-out to @riponmeatmarket_ for fueling the evening with their amazing taco bar!

#RiponChamber #NewTeacherNight #WeLoveTeachers #RiponPride #ripon #riponca



Ripon Lions Club - District 4A-1 is in Ripon.
October 23 at 10:07 AM ·

Red Ribbon Week • October 23–31

This week, the Ripon Lions Club is proud to support Red Ribbon Week by providing wristbands for every student in Ripon Unified and Ripon Christian Schools.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and longest-running drug prevention campaign. It's a time for students, families, and communities to come together to live healthy, drug-free lives.

By wearing their wristbands, our Ripon students show their commitment to making positive choices and supporting their friends in doing the same.

The Ripon Lions are proud to invest in our youth and help keep Ripon a strong, safe, and caring community.

#RiponLionsClub #WeServe #RedRibbonWeek #DrugFreeLooksLikeMe #RiponPride
#CommunityStrong #YouthFirst



SONORA LIONS

Our annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is coming up quickly. Donation is \$15 per person. [Find a Sonora Lions Club member to purchase your tickets from or call

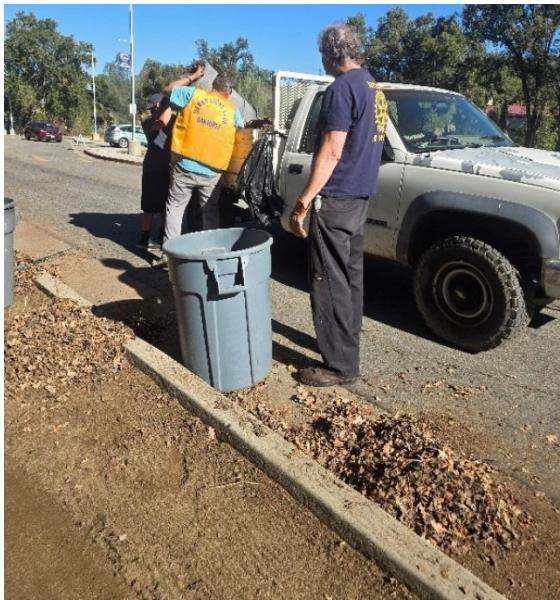
members listed on the flier.] The date is **December 6th** at Applebee's, 8-10 am. Be there or be square! [FLIER](#)

SIERRA LIONS (OAKHURST AREA)



It has been a busy month for Sierra Lions! We visited both Bass Lake and Madera Evening Lions and had lots of fun. We gave out \$4300 in scholarships to teachers from our car show in May. We helped with Toys for Tots mobilization from South to North Pole (in conjunction with VFW).





Finally, we had a great day helping clean up at Yosemite High School on 10/18. We cleared gutters and made sure they are ready for winter storms. A great month was had by all, and we can't wait to do more! ~ Liz Winterton

SUTTER CREEK LIONS



Businesses and organization line Main Street Sutter Creek with scarecrows for the entire month of October. Here is our scarecrow on Main Street. ~ Nancy Champlin

Meet our newest team member... The Sutter Creek Lions Club Scarecrow! We're showing off our community spirit and entering the town scarecrow contest — and we need YOUR vote to win! Vote Number 7 on your ballot sheet! 🎃 Find us outside The Music Box Company on Main Street Sutter Creek and cast your vote for our lion-hearted creation! ❤️

<https://www.facebook.com/SutterCreekLions>
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[#CommunityFun](#) [#SutterCreekCA](#)

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

See our photos from the Lions Eye Foundation fundraiser earlier in this newsletter.

Tank Town Lions is selling \$20 raffle tickets for a week-long stay in Cayucos! Enjoy a get-a-way for seven days and six nights. All proceeds will benefit local charities. For tickets, please contact Carol Metivier at 209.629.9424, Debbi Hopman at 209.640.8612, or any Tank Town Lion member. Tickets will be sold from now until **March 15, 2026.** ~ Debbi Hopman – [FLIER](#)



Brian MacDonald, Tracy Parks and Recreation Director, spoke at our October 9th club meeting. As part of the Mental Health and Well-Being Initiative, he spoke about the new multi-generational recreation center being built, Tracy Aquatic Center (which is under design), and the

expansion to Gretchen Talley Park (which is under construction). His department also provides services to the unhoused with temporary emergency housing modulars.



Lions Lou and Rodrigo



Lion Rose with Fred



Lion Debbi with Fred



Derrick and Jeannie



Joe and Gary



Lions Lilia and Karen

Tracy Tank Town Lions continued to run the West High School football concessions stand through October. Thank you to members and friends for helping us out.
~ Debbi Hopman

MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

Moke Hill didn't have any events this month, but our big fundraiser is coming up on **January 24th. [FLIER](#)**
~ Cindy Pederson

TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

JIM MESERVY 27th ANNUAL CRAB DINNER –

December 13. Social Hour 5:30. Dinner 6:30. Raffle following dinner. (No Door Sales) PORTUGUESE HALL, 430 West 9th Street, Tracy, CA. Tickets courtesy of Shelli & Jack Guzman. Tickets \$75.00 Available at: Edward Jones 2880 N. Tracy Blvd., Suite #4 839-0179. Email: jack.kiperhomes@gmail.com or gregandvelma@sbcglobal.net or from any Breakfast Lion. Proceeds to benefit the Breakfast Lions Charity Fund. – [FLIER](#)



Congratulations to Lion Dick Spence for pulling out the winning golf ball in our weekly ball draw!!! #lions #tracyca #cityoftracy ~ Jack Guzman



In Memoriam: Lion Eugene D. "Gene" Birk

It is with heartfelt sorrow that Lions District 4-A1 honors the memory of Lion Eugene D. "Gene" Birk (August 6, 1936 – September 27, 2025), a beloved member of the Tracy community and a steadfast champion of service. For decades, Gene embodied the very spirit of Lionism — leading with humility, compassion, and a deep love for helping others.

A lifelong advocate for local charities and community programs, Gene was instrumental in organizing countless fundraisers, service projects, and youth initiatives that strengthened the fabric of our district. His warm smile, calm leadership, and unwavering dedication inspired generations of Lions to serve with purpose and heart. As we remember Gene, we celebrate a life lived in true service to others — a legacy that will continue to shine in the lives he touched and the community he helped build. Our deepest condolences go out to his family, friends, and fellow Lions. *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* Here's a link to an article that covered his work with "Brighter Christmas" in Tracy - <https://brighterchristmas.org/about/> ~ Joey Chavez

MODESTO 500 LIONS



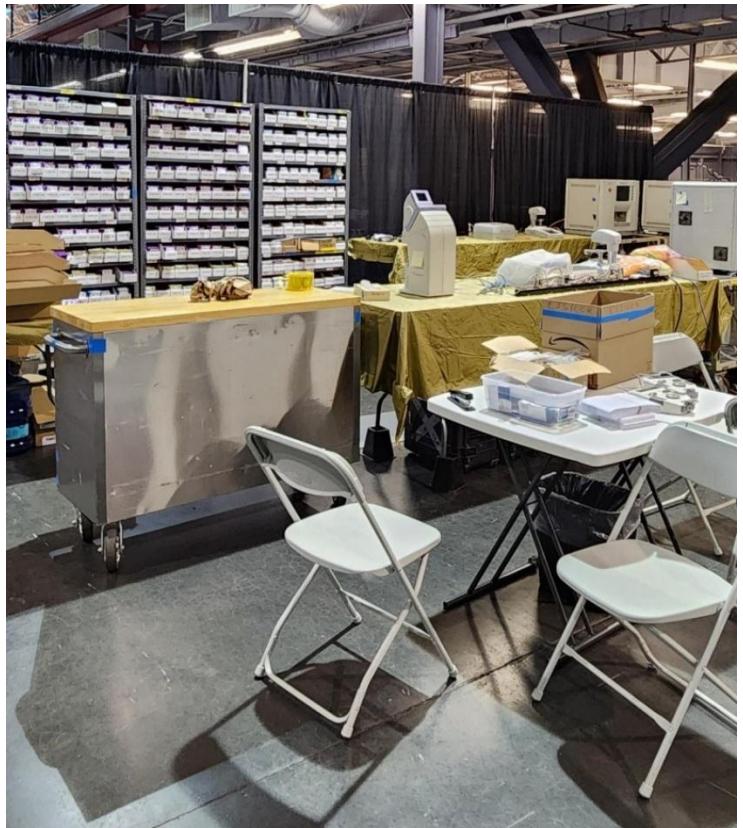
Club Meeting Recap-October 7 - PDG/Secretary Claudia shared some tips about mental health, a practical guide for everyone. The tips included not only ideas on how to aid our own mental health, but also how to help others who may be dealing with their own - including best communication methods. It was a good learning experience!



California CareForce, a charitable organization that promotes the health and well-being of those in need through volunteer-supported, no-cost healthcare clinics throughout California, held a medical/dental/optical event in Sacramento, October 10-12 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. PP Robin attended for all three days and served in the dental area (she works in a dental-related field) but also helped a little in the optical area. Overall, 791 people received free dental care (including some dentures), 437 [received] medical [care], and 404 [received] vision care (glasses fitted onsite) - for a total of \$730,507 worth of care for those in need. She had the chance to reunite with others who had also previously served at many other free dental events, which made the event extra meaningful - as was the gratitude of being able to help so many!



So many glasses frames to choose from!



The lab area where the lenses were made to fit.



PP Robin in front of the so many lenses available!



One section of the dental floor where dentists helped relieve pain and suffering for so many!

Charity of the Month Returns! Our Club is relaunching the Charity of the Month service projects. We recognize that not everyone can attend (or wants to attend meetings), but everyone cares about service. So, to make things easier for club members and to continue our service to the community, we are relaunching Charity of the Month. The charity for October will be for the Children's Crisis Center. Items needed:

Food Items: Canned Chicken - Canned Tuna - Assorted Baby Food - Canned Fruit and Veggies

Program Supplies: Multifold paper towels / Vinyl Gloves / Lice Shampoo / Hand Soap / Printer Copy Paper / Laminating Sheets / Paper Plates / Napkins / 8oz paper cups. [...] Please make your donation no later than Friday, **October 31**. We will be arranging delivery the first week of November.

Salvation Army's Red Kettle Kickoff - The Club will be participating in the Annual Kettle Kick Off Fundraiser on Thursday, **November 20th**. The Club is purchasing a table for 10. If you are interested in attending please contact PP Gabrielle to register with her. We are encouraging all club members to consider making a donation to The Salvation Army Modesto. The donation is tax deductible. We are also encouraging club members to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to make a donation too. These donations will be collected and placed in our kettle. The goal is to raise \$2,500 on average from each table. Please turn in your donation and any collected to either Gabrielle or PDG Claudia. Thank you again for your service!

Crab Feed-Update - Oh, what a night and a good time was had by all! Thank you to club members who sold tickets, provided raffle and dessert items, and donated spirits for the bar. Special shout out to those club members who helped do set up and those who ran around like crazy that evening filling in multiple positions making the evening enjoyable for our guests. And a big "thank you" to the Boy Scout troop and their leaders who help us every year by waiting on our guests hand and foot, and clearing everything away after the event like locusts!



A big surprise was a presentation by PP Dennis Miner who awarded PP Jerry Cooper with the prestigious Helen Keller Award. Well deserved!

Calendar:

- November 4 - Club Meeting - 6:00pm Denny's-Speaker Kathleen Rowe-Glendon from the Haven
- November 5 - Board Meeting - 6:00pm Zoom
- December 2 - Club Meeting - 6:00pm - Speaker from the Children's Crisis Center
- December 13 - Club Holiday Celebration @ Pat & Frank Gillum's lovely abode

TRI DAMS LIONS

The Tri Dams Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament was held at La Contenta Golf Club in Valley Springs on Saturday, October 4th. It was a successful day of fun competition and giving back to the Valley Springs and Burson area community! There were 14 teams of four players! A full game of 18 holes, tee contests and games, catered lunch, drawings, and silent auction made for a terrific day! *LEDGER DISPATCH* Publisher Jack Mitchell supported us actively, and he generously provided his photographic skills to capture the fun and camaraderie of the day. Jack's excellent pictures of the tournament can be found on Facebook under "Tri Dams Lions Club Golf Tournament - 10/04/25". The funds raised in the golf tournament will go toward our annual service scholarships donated to graduating senior students, costs for our Tri Dams Lions events, and the operating costs for the Burson Community Center - a gratis home to our local nonprofit groups!



The Tri Dams Lions are continuing their work on the Burson Community Center. The Center is available for use at no cost during the week by nonprofit groups. The floor has recently been refinished by professionals, and

this summer, our amazing President Kip applied for and secured a grant to go toward updates and repair of the well system! The Tri Dams Lions completed another series of Senior Planet smartphone classes sponsored by Calaveras HHSA. In addition, a local group of seamstresses and quilters, KidBiz Hub, and other community and nonprofit groups continue to hold their classes and meetings at the Center.



The Tri Dams Lions will work with a local nonprofit, HORSESPEAK EQUINE ASSISTED COUNSELING, to transform the Burson Community Center for the group's annual fundraiser - their Code Red Haunted House! The "Code Green" version is available for young children. The Tri Dams Lions are happy to support the HORSESPEAK group's community impact in the vital field of mental health.

Coming Soon!

- **November 14th** will be the 2nd Fridays Burson Bingo night. Come join us for what is always a fun night of games and laughter! [FLIER](#)
- Also, the Tri Dams Lions will mentor our aspiring new Leo club members in their first project: to create a "Free Little Library" located at the Burson Community Center.

LATHROP LIONS

We sponsor the Craft Fair on **November 22nd** between 11am-3pm.

On Veterans Day, **November 11th** at 11am, there will be a ceremony of Veterans, and Lathrop Lions will donate and serve donuts. It is held at the Lathrop Community Center in the gym. ~ Erika Johnson – [CRAFT FAIR FLIER](#) – [VETERANS FLIER](#)

CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS



Our club had a Halloween Booth at the city's annual Halloween Trail. It was quite of fun seeing kids in their costumes. Our club received 3rd place for our decorated booth.



Our Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club will be having a Blood Drive on **November 11, 2025** from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the SaveMart Parking Lot located at 1225 E Robertson Blvd. Lioness Lions Club will be having "White Cane Days" on **November 1st & 2nd** from 10 am - 5 pm at SaveMart Parking Lot located at 1225 E Robertson Blvd.

~ Sylvia Gutierrez

November 15: Autumn Fest Dinner/Auction - Chowchilla Lions Club & Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club - [FLIER](#)

CERES LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE

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



Ceres Lions Club cooked for the Ceres High / Central Valley Booster Fundraiser.



UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS





October 1st Guest Speaker: Wilma Fortich represented [Substance Solutions for Amador Youth \(SSAY\)](#). Wilma described her involvement in the local program to reduce substance and promote healthy activities for local youth. Their goal is to reduce alcohol and pot use by local junior high and high school students. From 3-14% of students used pot in a recent survey - alcohol use was even higher. Pot edibles are a problem. E-cigarettes and vaping are also an issue. Some of these problems may be caused by significant chronic sadness issues faced by up to 45% of students. She is creating a "Voices of Youth Committee" made up of students to work with other students at events to address their issues in hope of reducing substance abuse.



Chris and Salina Gunn (Pine Grove's parent group president) accepted a check from President Gail for their Science Camp.



Ms. Merten, Principal at Pioneer Elementary School, accepted a donation from President Gail for their 6th Grade Science Camp.

ATWATER-WINTON LIONS

Atwater-Winton Lions Club

October 7 at 7:20 PM ·

What a fantastic National Night Out! We want to extend a massive thank you to our incredible law enforcement officers, dedicated community agencies, and hardworking service clubs who made this night possible. Seeing everyone come together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods is what it's all about. We truly appreciate your time, effort, and commitment to our community! [#NationalNightOut](#) [#CommunityBuilding](#) [#ThankYou](#)



It is with a deeply grateful tone that we share some exciting news about a wonderful collaborative project. The Atwater-Winton Lions Club is incredibly thankful for the opportunity to partner with the City of Atwater in a joint effort to purchase and plant 12 new trees at the Veterans Park. This project was a true community success story.

The club wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the many dedicated members who generously rolled up their sleeves and dedicated their time and energy to the planting effort. These new trees will soon provide much-needed shade for the spectators and athletes who use the soccer field. This initiative is a beautiful testament to the power of working together, and the club is truly thankful for the positive impact this collaboration will

have in meeting the needs of the youth in the community.



District 4-A1 Governor, Matthew Stickler, presented on the goals of the district and LCIF. His message was one of inspiration and encouragement.



Atwater-Winton Lions showed up in a big way to plant trees at Veterans Park soccer field.



Atwater-Winton Lions Club at Tree Planting Day at Veterans Park.



(Pictured left to right) Lion Eric Birlier, Lion IPDG Eric Cheung, and Lion Frank Dutra planting a tree at Veterans Park. The Atwater-Winton Lions Club extends a heartfelt thank you to all who supported the recent White Cane Day efforts. Club members were out in full force on Saturday, October 25th, diligently collecting donations crucial for supporting local visual assistance programs. The club deeply appreciates the management at Grocery Outlet for their generous hospitality in allowing a donation table to be set up on their premises. The success of the drive is a testament to the community's spirit and generosity.



Members George McAtee and Gigi Dutra collect donations at Grocery Outlet.



Club members Richard Lopez, Vickie Diaz, and Connie Garza on White Cane Day.



President Jennifer Ruiz and member Vickie Diaz collected donations at Five Corners in Atwater.



Club member Mike Hammar is pictured here collecting donations for White Cane Day.

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

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Maggie Stickler, Cabinet Secretary

1. Club member in good standing

2. Club member in good standing

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