

# LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If you can... please email articles and event fliers to [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org) for March's District 4-A1 Newsletter BEFORE the February 25th deadline. I try to keep the deadline the same each month; but FEBRUARY is a short month, and I have some "stuff" going on during that last week. Thanks, ~ Lion Gail

## ~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

Jan 1-March 31: California Lions Foundation's Hunger -Youth Grants – [LINK](#) – [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#) - [FLIER](#)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Pickleball [Lessons](#) – See article in this newsletter - Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

February 1: Deadline for MD4's Environmental Photo Contest's entry - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

February 3: 4-A1 Cabinet/GAT Meeting – Zoom Link on [District's Calendar](#)

February 6: Crab Feed – Contact Lion Don at 209-765-6830 for tickets - \$80 per person - Turlock Lions

February 7: Don Osborne Memorial Run – [LINK](#) – [REGISTRATION FLIER](#) - Oakdale Lions

February 7: Green and Gold Gala – Jackson Lions – [FLIER](#)

February 7: 51st Annual Crab Feed – Mariposa Lions [FLIER](#)

February 7: [Tasteful Meet & Greet](#) – Upcountry 88 Lions

February 7: [Valentine's Vendor Event](#) – West Point Lions

February 7: Crab Feed – Copperopolis-Lake Tullock Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 7: Oyster & Barrel Roasted Rib Feed – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 7: Super Crab Bowl – See article in Clubs News Section - Stockton Host Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 7: Masterclass Workshop #5 – See article in this newsletter - [FLIER](#)

February 13: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions

February 15: EXTENDED Deadline for submitting Vision-Related Service Activity – See article - [FLIER](#)

February 15: [International Childhood Cancer Day](#)

February 17: [Drive-Thru Tri-Tip Dinner](#) – Patterson Lions

February 18-19: MD4 [Council of Governors](#) – in Long Beach on the Queen Mary – [FLIER](#)

February 19: Spaghetti Dinner – See article in Clubs News Section – Ripon Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

February 21: Crab Feed – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: MD4 Student Speaker Contest – Club-level Deadline – (to be hosted by today) See article - [LINK](#)

February 21: 2nd Amendment – Waterford Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: Entry in Ripon Apple Blossom Parade – Ripon Lions

February 21: 31st Annual Crab Feed - See article in Clubs News Section – Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: Crab Feed – Lodi Lions – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

February 26: Leo-Lion Board Liaison Town Hall - [LINK](#)  
February 28: Health & Vision Fair – Moke Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)  
February 28: [Texas Hold 'Em Tournament](#) – Lions Float Committee - [FLIER](#)  
March 1: City of Hope's 68th Annual Tribute Day – see Upcoming Events section of this newsletter - [FLIER](#)  
March 6: Deadline to register for LDUN New York - [LINK](#)  
March 13: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions  
March 14: 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance – RSVP by February 22nd - Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 14: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – Escalon Lions  
March 15: Bingo – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 15: Pancake Breakfast – Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 15: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - [FLIER](#) & Cayucos Drawing – [Cayucos FLIER](#) – Tracy Tank Town Lions  
March 19: [48th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations](#)  
March 20-21: District 4-A1 Meeting – Clubs: Bring used eyeglasses and pull tabs (already boxed /marked /counted/reported to Lion Portal) to Lion Paul Wagner!  
March 20: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions  
March 20: [Lions Day with the United Nations](#) – New York  
March 21: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 21: [March Madness Bazaar](#) – West Point Lions  
March 21: Lions Eyes Across California Day - Celebrate on the 3rd Saturday in March each year. See article in Vision News section of this newsletter  
March 28: Louie Galli Memorial Cioppino Dinner - Tracy Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)  
March 28: Shrimp with Tri-Tip – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)  
April 10: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions  
April 17: Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes' Annual Cioppino Dinner Fundraiser – Sonora Lions - [LINK](#)  
April 18: MD4 Student Speakers Contest – District-level – 2pm – See article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)  
April 18: 4-A1 Lions Allstar Football Banquet – see article  
April 18-26: MD4 [Environment](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)  
April 18: 75th Anniversary Gala – West Point Lions – [FLIER](#)  
April 21: [Fun Bowling Night](#) – Upcountry 88 Lions  
April 23-26: District 4-A1 Convention – [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) – [NEW SAVE-THE-DATE FLIER](#) – [LINK](#) – [FACEBOOK EVENT TO SHARE](#)  
April 25: Cajun Crab Bowl – Hughson Lions - [FLIER](#)  
May 2: MD4 Student Speakers Contest – Area-level – 2pm - See article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)  
May 2: Gardening & Plant Fair – West Point Lions - [FLIER](#)  
May 15: Leo Club Excellence Award Deadline – See information in the Leo Section of this newsletter.  
May 16: Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show – Bass Lake Lions – [FLIER](#)  
June 7: Lions Virtual's Tel-A-Thon 6 – Supporting LCIF - [REGISTER](#)  
June 12-14: MD4 Council of Governors [Meeting](#) – in Los Angeles  
June 13: Merced County All Star Football & Flag Football Games at Golden Valley HS in Merced - Merced Breakfast Lions – See article in the Clubs' News section - [FLIER](#)  
June 13: [MD4 Student Speakers](#) Final Contest @ COG  
June 20: 4-A1 Lions Allstar Football Game & Girls Flag Football Game – See article in Upcoming Events section  
June 26-28: MD4 Council of Governors Meeting in LA  
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

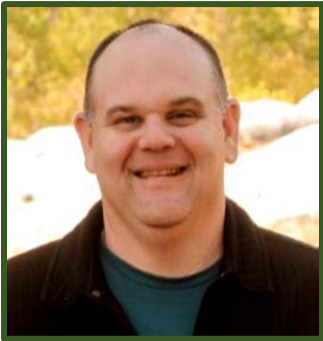
District 4-A1 Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings – 6pm - 3rd Monday of the month

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](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)

## From the DISTRICT GOVERNOR's DESK



Fellow Lions of District 4-A1,

Good afternoon and thank you for being here. When I look across this room, I see what makes our district strong: committed Lions who show up, step up, and serve with heart.

I want to take a few minutes to share the health of our district and I'm going to keep it positive, because the truth is: District 4-A1 has a lot to be proud of, and we have a lot to look forward to.

First, our district is healthy because we are active. Lions across 4-A1 are out in our communities doing what Lions do best, meeting real needs, supporting local families, partnering with schools and organizations, and making our towns better. That service matters. It builds trust. It builds pride. And it reminds every one of us why we joined.

Second, our district is healthy because we have leaders at every level. Not just people with titles, but Lions who lead through action, Lions who mentor new members, Lions who keep clubs moving forward, and Lions who quietly do the work week after week. That kind of leadership is a strength you cannot manufacture. It comes from character and commitment, and we have plenty of it in 4-A1.

Now, with all that good news, here is the opportunity in front of us; and this is a good opportunity. Our next level as a district is simple: grow and strengthen.

That means two things:

One - we keep more of the great Lions we already have. We make sure every member feels connected, useful, and appreciated. A phone call, a ride to a meeting, a personal invitation to a service project - these small acts keep Lions involved and clubs strong.

Two - we invite others to join us. Our communities need Lions. And people are looking for purpose and connection. When we tell our story and when we show what we do, people want to be part of it. Growth does not have to be complicated. It can be one invite at a time.

Here's what I believe: District 4-A1 is not struggling. District 4-A1 is building. We are building stronger clubs. We are building new leaders. We are building momentum. And we are building a district that will be here, serving and growing, for many years to come.

So, my challenge to Lions is this: keep serving, keep showing up, and bring one person with you. Bring them to a meeting. Bring them to a project. Bring them to see what Lions look like in action. Because when people see Lions serving, they understand what we already know, this is something worth joining.

Thank you for everything you do for your club, for your community, and for District 4-A1. I am proud to serve alongside you. And I am excited for what we will accomplish together this year.

Let's keep the momentum going, and let's show California what Lions of 4-A1 can do.

Yours in service,

~ Lion Matthew Stickler, District Governor, District 4-A1

## STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST UPDATE



Hello fellow Lions,

Student Speaker Contests are underway! Please let me know if you need anything from me or your district and if you email me your Contest date, I am going to try to get to as many as I can. You can email me at [lionangiebarth@gmail.com](mailto:lionangiebarth@gmail.com).

District Level is April 18, 2026 2pm

Area Level is May 2, 2026 2pm (Date Changed)

Contests will be held at Banta Elementary School,  
22345 El Rancho Rd, Tracy, CA 95304

~ Lion Angie Barth MD4-A1 GST

## ATTN: CLUB TREASURER - RE: DUES

"Lions International has gone paperless. Please note that statements will not be mailed. Club Presidents, Club Treasurers, Club Secretaries, and Club Administrators can pay online."

<https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/>

## CLUB'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

[HERE](#) is a PowerPoint with instructions for a "Standard Club Nominating Committee" that was revised July 12, 2025. And [HERE](#) is the .PDF version of the "Standard Club Nominating Committee" Instructions.

<https://lions4-a1.org/constitution-bylaws/>

## LIONS OF DISTRICT 4-A1:

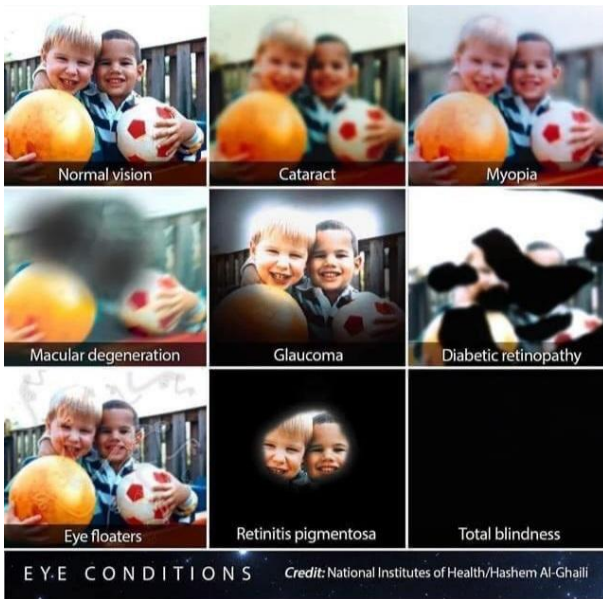


As the New Year is upon us – how about a New Year's Resolution to bring a new Lion (or more) into your club? Make it a priority! Just think about how much Lionism has meant to you! Let's bring that Joy to someone looking to make a difference in the life of a person in need. And watch for your January dues.

~ PDG Pat Casey-Gillum



## VISION NEWS



February is Low Vision Awareness Month. The National Eye Institute defines low vision as “a vision problem that makes it hard to do everyday activities. It can’t be fixed with glasses, contact lenses, or other standard treatments like medicine or surgery.” If you can’t see well while reading or driving, or have trouble recognizing people’s faces or telling colors apart, you may have low vision. Here is your personal reminder to keep an eye on your eyes and get an exam once a year!

**February 28:** Health & Vision Fair – Moke Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)

**March 21:** Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

Mokelumne Hill Lions and Atwater-Winton Lions are holding much-needed health and vision fairs soon where recipients can get free glasses!

Lions Eyes Across California Day is coming up **March 21**; plan your eyeglass collections and other vision service events as we shine a spotlight on vision service throughout California that day. Bring lots of eyeglasses to the **March 20-21** District Meeting for Lion Paul Wagner to deliver to Lions in Sight! And... you still have time between now and February 15 to get rewarded for your vision service with a special limited-edition Helen Keller challenge Banner patch. Apply now.

### **MD4 HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE EXTENDED to **2/15/2026** – [FLIER](#)**

Your Service Deserves Recognition — Be One of the First 100 California Lions and Leo Clubs.

Extended! Once-in-a-Century Service Reward Opportunity

Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0

Club Banner Patch Recognition

You’ve done the service — now earn the recognition.

Celebrate your club’s commitment to vision service and honor Helen Keller’s legacy through this special, once-in-a-century recognition opportunity.

Earn the Club Banner Patch in Three Easy Steps

1. Branded Marketing Evidence

Post your vision-related service activity completed between July 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 on your club’s social media platforms.

Be sure to include [#HelenKeller100](#) in your post summary.

2. Service Activity Reporting

Report your service activity through official Lions reporting channels and reference Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 in your description.

### 3. Submit Proof

Email screenshots or images of both your social media post and your service report to: [LionDonnaR@gmail.com](mailto:LionDonnaR@gmail.com)


#### Criteria & Application Submission Instructions

- Only the primary Lions Club sponsoring and organizing the activity may apply
- One application per club
- Clubs are encouraged to continue sharing Helen Keller Challenge–branded service throughout the year to increase visibility and impact

Submission must include:

- Club name
- Contact person's name, phone number, and email
- District number
- District Governor's name

 **Deadline:** All requirements must be completed and submitted no later than **February 15, 2026**

 **Recognition** is limited to the first 100 qualifying clubs — based on completed



MD4 *California*  
**LIONS CLUBS**

## *Once in a Century* **Service Reward Opportunity**

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

# You've done the service

now earn the **reward** in three easy steps

- 1- **Branded Marketing Evidence-** Post your vision service from July 1, 2025- February 15, 2026, to your socials and include #HelenKeller100 in your summary
- 2- **Service Activity Reporting-** Report your service and mention Lions Clubs and Helen Keller Challenge 2.0
- 3- Send screenshots or images of your social post and report to [LionDonnaR@gmail.com](mailto:LionDonnaR@gmail.com)

#### Criteria for Earning the Patch

#### 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 **February 15, 2026 Limited to 1<sup>st</sup> 100 clubs**



Media toolbox here: [Learn more:](#)

## FACEBOOK PAGE SUSPENSIONS

<https://lionsclubs.iotform.com/243304729351050>



Our Social Media Team is currently working to provide support to protect Lions clubs from Facebook page suspensions due to impersonation. [Learn more](#) about Facebook page suspensions, the appeals process, and tips for avoiding suspension.

Please [fill out this form](#) if you are the Facebook page administrator of a Lions club Facebook page. We will review your account to be added to our Allow List within Meta Brand Rights Protection, which lets Facebook know your page is allowed to use the Lions International trademark. We understand the importance of Facebook pages in Lions clubs' marketing efforts, and how frustrating this issue can be. Thank you for your patience as we work to provide support.

Please note that we cannot guarantee any suspended Facebook pages will be reinstated.

## LIONS FLOAT UPDATE 1/1/2026

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



Here's KTLA-5's photo of Lions Float is winner of the "Tournament Volunteer Trophy".





1/15/2026 post: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsFloat>

Newly installed President Terry Madigan revealed the 1/1/27 Pasadena Tournament of Roses theme 'Welcome!'



## ENVIRONMENT NEWS

TerraCycle: We are continuing to collect for “Bags for Benches, Round 9” through June 30, with no collections in July and August. Clubs can continue to support this final round of “Bags for Benches” during that time, and/or try out the “Plastic for a Purpose” to earn a \$100 Trex reward voucher and possible raffle entries for bigger prizes from the Trex Company. [FLIER 1](#) – [FLIER 2](#)

You can circle the Earth and never find an end to the planet’s project possibilities! There are several options;

the hardest part will be deciding which one(s) your club might like to participate in. Promote the Lions International's Week of Environmental Service **April 18-26** and beyond! Talk about good, clean fun. ;-)

[https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades?srsId=AfmBOoqkYiNVdNnmNGzKAcBloZnyHi6-YiPHJDLEeKshpK5P\\_bdaiKKY](https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades?srsId=AfmBOoqkYiNVdNnmNGzKAcBloZnyHi6-YiPHJDLEeKshpK5P_bdaiKKY)

### ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK OF SERVICE - IDEAS FOR **APRIL 18-26**

(There is more information in the UPCOMING EVENTS section.)

Trex® is refreshing the Recycling Challenge and is excited to announce that instead of one opportunity to earn a reward, Trex® will now offer quarterly drawings. This provides groups the opportunity to earn the chance to win rewards up to four times per year.

This fun, inclusive format allows every participant a chance to be recognized, while reducing pressure to meet specific collection goals. The updated program launched in January, so new registrations are paused until then giving everyone time to get ready for a more engaging and rewarding Recycling Challenge!

Trex® is dedicated to educating proper recycling practices for plastic bags and other soft plastic films through its Recycling Challenge. The company proudly supports local recycling initiatives across the country by partnering with participating organizations, including K-12 schools, civic groups, houses of worship, and colleges and universities.

- 25 participating organizations are randomly selected quarterly and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500
- Each 250 pounds is an entry into the drawing
- Each participating organization receives a gift from Trex when they reach the first 250 pounds (annually), valued at \$100

• Weigh, record, and attach pictures at [my.trex.com](http://my.trex.com)

• Deliver the collected plastic film to one of our participating drop-off retailer locations for recycling

• [Terms & Conditions](#)

NexTrex Recycling Challenge



**How does the challenge work?**

- Register on [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com) to obtain access to the Trex Portal. Report recycling totals at [my.trex.com](http://my.trex.com)
- Weigh, record and attach pictures
- Deliver collected plastic films/bags to a participating retailer for recycling (see list)

**What does Trex provide?**

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters
- Each participating organization receives a gift from Trex when they reach the first 250 pounds (annually), valued at \$100

**What can I win?**

  
Trex Bench

  
Solo Stove

  
Life-size Jenga

  
Life-size Connect 4

  
Pop-up Theater

Stores prefer small deliveries of plastic film for recycling. Please contact the store prior to delivery for larger amounts.

**What can be recycled?**  
All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

  
Grocery bags

  
Bread bags

  
Bubble wrap

  
Dry cleaning bags

  
Newspaper sleeves

  
Ice bags

  
Plastic shipping envelopes

  
Ziploc & other reusable food storage bags

  
Cereal bags

  
Case overwrap

  
Salt bags

  
Pallet wrap & stretch film

  
Wood pellet bags

  
Produce bags

For official sweepstakes rules and to register please visit [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com)

[DOWNLOAD FLIER HERE](#)



## PEACE POSTER CONTEST'S NEW THEME

LIONS INTERNATIONAL



"Harmony in Humanity" is the theme for the 2026-27 Lions International Peace Poster and Essay Contest! Digital Peace Poster Contest kits are now available for Lions clubs to sponsor a contest, and help young people in their community express their thoughts on peace. Learn more and get involved: <https://bit.ly/4qxpWDo>

## RESOURCES FOR LIONS & MARKETING CHAIRS

- ADA – ACCESSIBILITY – Diane Ringer & Jennifer Gass
- AI – Who can help Lions with this?
- ARTICLE WRITING – Shawn Monnin
- CANVA – Diane Ringer & Shawn Monnin
- FACEBOOK – Shawn Monnin
- FLYERS TRAINING CLASS [lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/members-page/publicity-ideas](https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/members-page/publicity-ideas) – Diane R.
- LINKEDIN ACCOUNTS – Diane Ringer
- LION PORTAL - Cabinet Secretary Maggie Stickler, District Governor Matt & District Administrator Claudia Miller [lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/](https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/)
- MD4 MARKETING TEAM – Training masterclasses - [e-district.org/sites/california\\_lions\\_marketing\\_committee](https://e-district.org/sites/california_lions_marketing_committee) - Diane Ringer is our Area 1 Rep.
- NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS – Gail Cates
- ONLINE RESOURCES – 4-A1 LINKS webpage <https://lions4-a1.org/contact-links/>
- PODCASTS – Mic Maguire AND Derick Sturke
- PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (PSA) – Michael Hammar & 2VDG Steve Moore
- TRAININGS by District 4-A1 – PCC Claudia Miller & Shawn Monnin
- WEBSITES – Gail Cates
- YOUTUBE VIDEOS – Gail Cates can help a bit. Who else can help Lions with this? [youtube.com/@lions4a1](https://youtube.com/@lions4a1)
- Other topics?

If you can help with any of these, or other topics, contact Lion Gail Cates.

(More information has been added to district's webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/contact-links/>.)

## From January's LIONS INT'L DISTRICT DIGEST

Check Out the Lions Video Center - [LINK](#) Find the latest inspiring stories from Lions, Leos and leaders from around the world in these exciting videos. You can even download them to use at club meetings, Lion events and on social media.

Learn Techniques to Tell Your Club's Story - Want to develop skills to promote your club's impact and gain more community support? Then check out the Promoting Your LCIF Grant Project course by logging in to the Lion Portal to access the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and search for the course by name. [LINK](#)

Start the Year Strong and Give Back with LCIF - Make your first donation or strengthen your support of our global foundation in 2026. Your generosity helps transform lives across the globe. [LINK](#)

## 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 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.

## OTHER TRAININGS & OPPORTUNITIES

New LINKS have been added to our District's website <https://lions4-a1.org/contact-links/> FYI.

Here are Training options for you to find out more:

- \* Sign into the Lion Portal and research classes given in the "Lions Learning Center"
- \* Lions International's YouTube has lots of training/ available: <https://www.youtube.com/lionsclubs>
- \* Lions International's website has training links - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center> and go to the "TRAINING" tab. Here's one of the options to learn more about LIONS: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leadership-development-institutes>
- \* MD4 (California) Lions website has this tab: <https://md4lions.org/training>
- \* Our District 4-A1 website has this webpage with training suggestions: <https://lions4-a1.org/training/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

### LionsUSA GROWTH WORKSHOPS **Feb 3rd & 17th**

This is important for planning and transition. The next Growth Workshop will be [and were] on the following dates: 1/6, 1/20, **2/3, & 2/17** - 5PM. Focus Topics are as follows: January 6: Process & Club Types, January 20: Recruiting, February 3: Marketing & PR, February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing.

I highly recommend that ALL incoming DG Team, GAT Coordinators and members, and District Leo Advisors attend this workshop. It would also be a good idea to market this to Leo Advisors and interested Lions and Leos in our District to attend this workshop series also.

All the Cabinet members are critical in supporting membership growth, service impact, and leadership development. This is an opportunity to develop a strong team, understand each other's skill sets, develop strategies, and much more. [...] I will be a Moderator at this workshop series and hope (since we have advanced information) that we get a strong showing from our district and use this as an opportunity to continue to strengthen our team. ~ Lion Claudia, GLT - [FLIER](#)



**LET'S GROW**  
Growth Workshop Series

Turn Passion Into Purpose

Bigger Impact Real Change

Leadership In Action

Expand Your Network / Find Your People

Fresh Energy / Fresh Ideas

Keep Lions Thriving

Multiply The Good

Build Your Brand Through Service

## Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for Let's Grow, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

**BONUS:** All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

**Our Focus:**

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

**Perfect for:**

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact

 **January 6 - February 17**  
(Every Other Week)  
8 pm EST / 7 pm CST  
/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s membership@lionsusa.org

## FEBRUARY WORKSHOP Feb 7th

MD4 Marketing is proud to present: Strategic Leadership MasterClass Workshop - [FLIER](#)

**February 7, 2026** 10am-2pm – Follow-Up Workshop

LI has gone to great lengths to preserve and strengthen the Lions brand for over 100 years. These experts have gone to great lengths to create resources and standards that clubs and groups can leverage to represent Lions in a consistent and recognizable manner. Despite those best efforts, all too often the guidelines get blurred when trying to apply them to real world projects.

Because real learning comes from doing, we will be offering a follow-up workshop on Saturday, February 7, from 10AM – 2:00PM. This is your opportunity to practice what we have been talking about in the first four masterclasses.

You don't need to stay for the entire time (but you are welcome to do so). Bring your real-world projects and we will help you make sure you express your club's personality and passion while staying within branding guidelines.

Let's make 2026 the best year ever!! [CALENDAR](#)

~ Lion Diana Ringer, CA Area 1, MD4 Marketing

## MD4'S ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST – Deadline Feb 1st

<https://md4lions.org/california-lions-environmental-photo-contest>



**MD4 CONVENTION Feb 20-22nd**

<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**. [FLIER](#) - 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."

**LIONS FLOAT INTERNATIONAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER Feb 28th**

**February 28:** [Texas Hold 'Em Tournament](#) – Lions Float Committee - [FLIER](#) – [ACCESSIBLE FLIER](#)

Help us raise some funds and have some fun in support of our Rose Parade float! Here are 4 ways you can help:

- 1) Promote and participate - Please help us spread the word throughout your district and encourage Lions (and friends of Lions) to register as players. A full room builds energy—and revenue - [www.lionsfloat.org/poker](http://www.lionsfloat.org/poker)
- 2) Food sponsorship - We are seeking a food sponsor to help cover the cost of hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns for the event. Reach out to PCC Craig Durand, [lioncraig414@gmail.com](mailto:lioncraig414@gmail.com), for more information.
- 3) Prizes and baskets - Donations of baskets or other prizes add excitement, drive participation, and elevate the overall experience. Reach out to FVDG Marianne Allen, [lionmarianneallen8@gmail.com](mailto:lionmarianneallen8@gmail.com), for more information.
- 4) Table sponsorships (\$150 each) - Sponsors will receive recognition with their logo and name displayed on a digital scrolling sign positioned next to the dealer during play. Reach out to PDG Mark Piva, [mark@markpiva.com](mailto:mark@markpiva.com) for more information.

Any level of support—promotion, sponsorship, or in-kind donations—will be sincerely appreciated. Your leadership helps keep the Lions Float active, visible, and financially sustainable for the year ahead.



## LIONS CLUBS & CITY OF HOPE 68TH ANNUAL TRIBUTE DAY **Mar 1st**

It's back—and it's more powerful than ever. Join Lions Clubs and City of Hope as we celebrate 68 years of a life-saving partnership rooted in service, hope, and healing.

Date: Sunday, **March 1, 2026**

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: City of Hope Campus

Address: 1500 E Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA 91010

♥ Wishing 'Well of Hope' - Turn spare change into real change! Donate onsite or bring a club/member donation to MD4Con and drop it in the Well.

🔴 Meet a Life-Saving Lion - Be inspired by MD4's top platelet donor, Lion Lorna Badame.

🏆 Honor Your Heroes - Celebrate your own City of Hope heroes—share their stories of courage and care.

👐 Hands-On Service Opportunities

Donate blood or platelets

Learn how to serve as a year-round lifesaving Lion

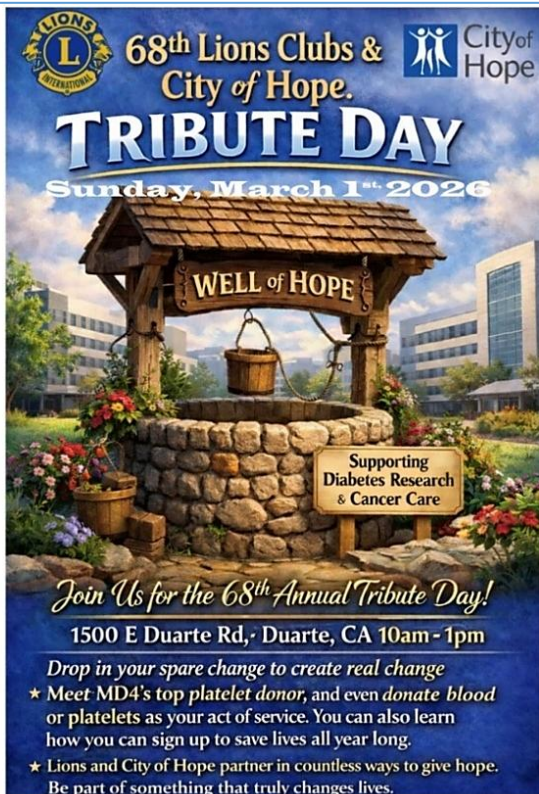
Organ donor sign-ups & advance directive guidance

🔍 Free Health Screenings Onsite: Diabetes screening, Fundal (eye) screening, and Blood pressure checks

👉 District & Club Recognition - Clubs and districts are invited to represent as we present City of Hope with a check for the combined MD4 donations.

💜 Why It Matters - Lions and City of Hope partner in countless ways to give hope, save lives, and support families. This is more than an event—it's a legacy of service.

📱 Can't Attend? Donate Remotely - Zelle Donations Available - 📱 Scan the QR code on the flier with your banking app to give from anywhere. [FLIER](#)



Contact Lion Donna Rollins [LionDonnaR@gmail.com](mailto:LionDonnaR@gmail.com) or Lion Vicky Sasser [emmettlady@gmail.com](mailto:emmettlady@gmail.com)



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Accessible version – [DOWNLOAD LINK](#)

Be part of something that truly changes lives.

We'll see you on the City of Hope grounds. ❤️🦁

## MD4's SERVICE WEEKS INITIATIVES

[Environment](#) Apr 18-26

Resources: CA Lions Projects at a Glance, view [here](#)

[California Lions Project Care Service Project Groups](#)

#LionsHelpingMorePeople #CalionsHunger - [FLIER](#)

Visit Service Resources for event ideas at [marketing.calionsclubs.org](http://marketing.calionsclubs.org) and

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



## DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION Apr 23-26

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

– [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) – [NEW SAVE-THE-DATE FLIER](#) – [LINK](#) – [FACEBOOK EVENT TO SHARE](#)

Hello Lions of District 4-A1,

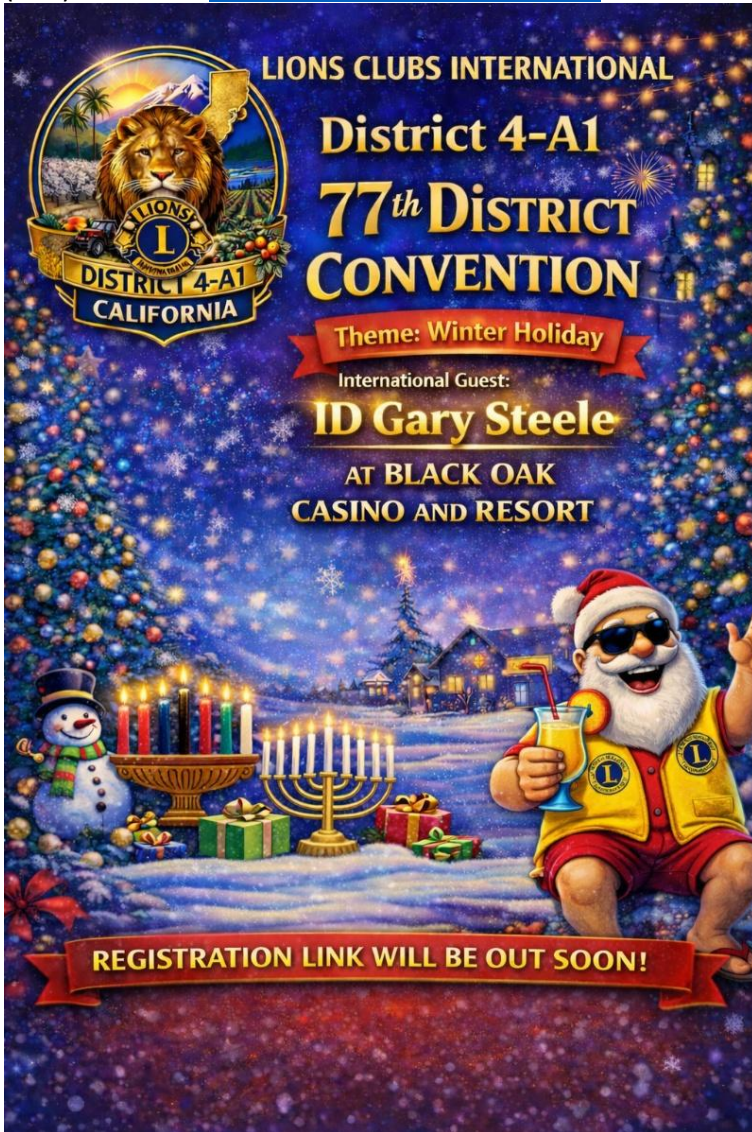
Convention season is fast approaching for our District 4-A1 Convention, **April 23–26**, at Black Oak Casino Resort.

This year's theme is Holidays, and we are planning a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, and games. We are also pleased to welcome our International Guest, International Director Gary Steele (North Carolina). If you are interested in attending (or think you may attend), please reply by email at your earliest convenience so we can plan appropriately for headcount, lodging, and event logistics. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to celebrating with you at convention.

In Lionism,

~ Matthew H. Stickler, District Governor, MD-4 A1

(559) 416-9821 [matthewhstickler@gmail.com](mailto:matthewhstickler@gmail.com)



## LIONS VIRTUAL'S TELL-A-THON June 7

<https://lionsvirtual.org/>



Register for the yearly Tell-A-Thon in support of LCIF.

 Tell-A-Thon 6

 Debuting June 7

 Hosted by VP Mark Lyon

- ✦ Inspirational stories
- ✦ Service powered by **LCIF**
- ✦ Music & entertainment that reflect the heart of Lionism
- 👉 **Register here:** [LINK](#)



## 50th LIONS ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL GAME **June 20th**



The Lions Allstar Football Game will be on Saturday, **June 20, 2026**, at Tracy High School Wayne Schneider Stadium in Tracy, California.

The banquet will be on Saturday, **April 18, 2026**, in the hall at St. Joseph's Church in Modesto and dinner is 6 pm.

The South Lions Allstar Football team Head Coach is Coach Marques (head coach of Hilmar High School in Hilmar). The North Team has a coaching update with the Head Coach of Coach Beam (head coach of Escalon High School in Escalon).

The South Team head coaches for the girls Allstar Flag Football Team are Coach Abbasi and Coach Ramirez of Atwater High School in Atwater. The North Team Head Coach for the girls Allstar Flag Football Team is Coach Rios of Kimball High School in Tracy.

Lions Allstar Football is excited to add the girls Flag Football to our game day for the 50th year! We want to make sure our 50 years of former players and coaches attend. If you have contact with them, let's bring them to our outstanding game!!

Please contact your local high school football coaches to nominate players for our 2026 game!

As always thank you for your support. ~ Elizabeth Olson

## LI CONVENTION **July 3-7**

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/> – [FLIER](#)

Join us at the 108th Lions International Convention on **July 3-7, 2026**. The vibrant city of Hong Kong, China will host thousands of Lions and Leos to celebrate the joys of strengthening communities, helping those in need and just having fun. So come for the fellowship, but stay for all the sights, sounds, and mouth-watering smells Hong Kong has to offer. Register now at [lionscon.lionsclubs.org](https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/) #LionsCon26



July 3-7, 2026 • 108th Lions International Convention



## Let's shine bright in Hong Kong.

With visa-free entry for more than 170 countries, it's never been easier to join us at the biggest Lion event of the year! So get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime as we celebrate our service in vibrant and bustling Hong Kong, China.

- Take in the stunning skyline, mountains and harbor
- Wander the buzzing night markets and savor the sights, sounds and smells
- Taste the flavors of Hong Kong, from dim sum to Cantonese classics
- Experience the glitz, glamour and unbelievable allure of Macau

It's all happening here in Hong Kong – don't miss the 2026 international convention!




**Register now for the best price on registration.**

[lionscon.org](https://lionscon.org)

## ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

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



DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON – Paul Wagner

[lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-youth/leo-clubs](https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-youth/leo-clubs)

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Charter Date	Leo Club Type
<a href="#">Buhach Colony High School</a>	Atwater Winton	3/23/2022	Alpha (School-based)
Chowchilla	Chowchilla	6/30/2025	Alpha (not specified)

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Charter Date	Leo Club Type
El Capitan High School	Merced Breakfast	8/22/2013	Alpha (School-based)
Golden Valley	Merced Breakfast	5/7/1999	Alpha (School-based)
Madera	Madera Madera Evening	3/10/2009	Alpha (Community-based)
<a href="#">Madera II</a>	Madera Madera Evening	12/21/2016	Omega (Community-based)
<a href="#">Merced</a>	Merced Breakfast	3/7/1988	Alpha (School-based)
Merced County Law Enforcement – Senior	Merced County LE Lions	1/15/2021	Omega (Community-based)
Merced County Law Enforcement – Junior	Merced County LE Lions	1/15/2021	Alpha (Community-based)
<a href="#">Mountain House</a>	Tracy Tank Town	1/27/2020	Alpha (School-based)
Oakdale High School	Oakdale	10/14/2025	Alpha (not specified)
<a href="#">San Joaquin</a>	Stockton Healthy	5/16/2024	Omega (not specified)
<a href="#">Tokay HS Leo Club</a>	Stockton Healthy	3/8/2015	Alpha (Community-based)
Yosemite High School	Bass Lake	3/29/2013	Alpha (Community-based)

### LEO-LION BOARD LIAISON TOWN HALL **FEB 26 5pm**

"Leo club advisors and district/multiple district Leo chairpersons, attend the Leo-Lion Town Hall to learn about methods and resources to support the Leo to Lion transition." [LINK](#) (from the Dec District Digest)



## DUAL LEO AND LION MEMBERSHIPS

[lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-lion-faqs](https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-lion-faqs) and

[lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/membership/leos-young-lions/leo-lion-program](https://lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/membership/leos-young-lions/leo-lion-program)



Leos have always been a strong influence in our District 4-A1. After my year as Governor (2021-22), I asked DG Doug Campbell (2022-23) to let me be his District Leo Advisor. I saw that many of our Leos and Leo Clubs lacked transition into Lion Clubs, as well as District recognition. Many of our Leos did not know they were sponsored by a Lions Club.

I made myself a 10-year plan. I wanted 7,000 members of our organization under the age of 31 to be reported by my 70th birthday.

My goal in year one (2022-23) was to clean up our roster and remove the Leo clubs that either did not make it through COVID or had long been set aside by the Lions club that sponsored them. In a way, I viewed my job as “Leo Region Chair.” I reached out to sponsoring clubs and asked them to begin reporting their Leos, educating their Leos about the club that sponsored them, or consider cancelling the sponsorship of the Leo club if there was no longer viable Lions club support, allowing for better service reporting statistics.

In year two, the goal was to engage the Advisors and secure active advisors for the Leo Clubs. During this year many Leo Club Advisors joined with advisors from other clubs to participate in the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Conference both in Visalia (2022, 12 Leos attended) and in Chicago (2023, 48 Leos and Lions attended). District Leo Clubs' participation in the Tournament of Roses decorating barn (2022-2025), participation in LDUN (Lions Day at the United Nations), expanding participation in Lions International, Youth Camps and Exchange programs were among many other opportunities we have offered to our Alpha and Omega Leos.

For my third year, I applied and received appointment by the International Board of Directors to the Leo Club Advisory Panel. Here, I sit on the Transition Committee and review proposed changes to Board Policy on the Leo program. With the knowledge attained, I have continued with my 10-year plan to cultivate and establish knowledge about the programs afforded to our youth. My third-year goal was to educate and inform Lions members about these programs - and my appointment proved to educate me. Placement on the Transition Committee opened my eyes to opportunities beyond the Leo programs (Omega/Alpha) and encouraged me to education Leos and Lions beyond District 4-A1 throughout Constitutional Area 1, USA.

Dual Leo and Lion Membership allows our Omega Leos to transition into a Lions Club while still enjoying the security of bonds establish as an Omega. Lions International places very few restrictions on this transition period. In fact, they leave placement of restrictions in the hands of our District Leadership.

Recently it was brought to my attention that District 4-A1 leadership has established the “4-A1 Leo Lion Transition Policy”, which allows only 30 days for transition. This policy removes all security and comfort in the transition period. I strongly encourage you to review Dual Leo and Lion Membership.

Additionally, I encourage review of a variety of membership types that are available to Young Lions and how to become a Leo Lion.

By encouraging and securing our young members in the future of our organization, we secure the future of Lions International's influence around the world.

Now in year four of my plan, the goal is to grow beyond Leos and encourage the formation of Leo Lions Clubs to foster and promote growth of our youth into your Lions club.

~ Gabrielle McKechnie

Lions International Leo Club Advisory Panel 2024-2026, Transition Committee

District Governor 4 A1 2021-2022  
District Leo Advisor 4 A1 2022-2024

## 4-A1 LEO-LION TRANSITION POLICY

The 4-A1 2025-2026 Cabinet has established the Leo Lion Transition Policy to clarify the procedures for making a transition from Leo-to-Leo Lion. Leos can be part of an Alpha (13-18 years) or Omega (18-30 years) Club, or, at any time once turning 18 years may choose to become a Leo Lion. A Leo Lion is a Lion in all regards. The Leo in the Leo Lion name identifies the individual as having been a Leo for at least one year.

We are excited to have two Leo Lion Clubs in our District. A Leo Lion Club must have 10 Leo Lions to Charter such a club.


Thank you to all the Leo Advisors, Lions, and Leos who have helped make this a reality in District 4-A1. The transition period is to allow a Leo to determine if he/she wishes to remain an Omega Leo or to become a Leo Lion. Whatever choice the individual makes is the right choice for them. Both Leos and Lions serve.

Respectfully,

~ District 4-A1 Cabinet 2025-2026

~ DG Matt Stickler

## LEO CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD



### Leo Club Excellence Award

Districts recognize a Leo club that excels in service, membership growth and operational excellence with the prestigious Leo Club Excellence Award. The club must have completed the following requirements:

**Membership**

- Achieved a positive net growth of Leo members

**Service**

- Reported service projects in the Lion Portal
- Contributed to LEP

**Organizational Excellence**

- Reported the Leo club advisor, officers and members in the Lion Portal for the fiscal year
- Participated in a continuing training at the district, multiple district or international level or online through a webinar or Lions Learning Center

Each district may nominate only one Leo club for this award per fiscal year. If a lion with the selected Leo club must be received by Lions International before May 31. If a club is unable to do so, please email the Leo Club Advisor at [leoclubadvisor@lions.org](mailto:leoclubadvisor@lions.org) or Young Lions and Lion Department, 300 W 23rd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60023, U.S.A.

**Nominate**

Leo Club Name  Leo Club ID Number

Sponsoring Lions Club Name

Sponsoring Lions Club ID Number  Lions District

**Nominators:** We certify that this Leo club meets the criteria for the Leo Club Excellence Award.

District Governor 2025-2026  Member ID

Signature  Date

District Leo Chairperson 2025-2026  Member ID

Signature  Date

\*This page is optional. Districts can request this form from Lions Clubs to help in their selection of the Leo Club Excellence Award. This page should not be submitted to Lions International.

**Membership**

1. What is the net growth of members in the Leo club?

**Service**

2. How many service projects did the Leo club complete and report in the Lion Portal?

3. What was the most impactful service project that was completed this year?

4. How many people were served this year by service projects of the Leo club?

5. Did the Leo club donate funds to LEP this year?

**Organizational Excellence**

6. Did the Leo club report their Leo club advisor, Leo club officers and Leo club members in the 2025-2026 fiscal year to Lions International? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. How did the Leo club officers participate in leadership training to improve the operations of the Leo club?

LCD 100 10/25/24

Attention Leo Clubs of District 4-A1!

Have you welcomed new members this year?

Did your club lead or participate in impactful service projects? Have your Leos demonstrated outstanding leadership and community involvement?

If yes — it's time to be recognized!

Your club may be eligible for the Leo Club Excellence Award!

Let your District Team know about your accomplishments by completing the Leo Club Excellence Award [application](#).

Fill out the form and submit it to me before the deadline **MAY 15**. [PAGE1](#) – [PAGE2](#)

Celebrate your Leo Club's dedication, service, and success!

Let's show the world what District 4-A1 Leos are made of!

~ District Governor Matt Stickler

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

## STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/people/Stockton-Healthy-Leo-Lions-club/61578752575566/>

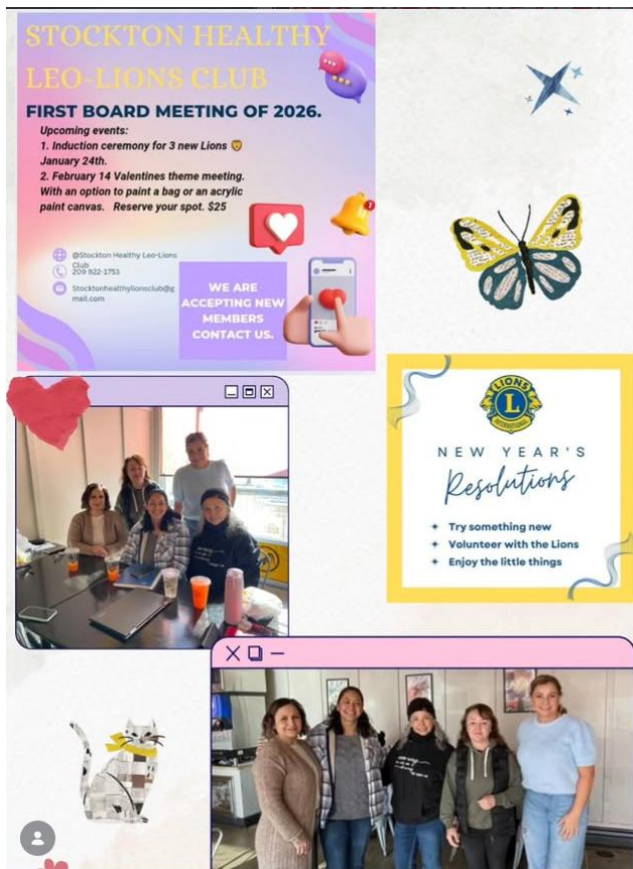
and INSTAGRAM <https://www.instagram.com/stocktonhealthyleolionsclub/>



What a night to remember! ([See Instagram video](#)). Our induction ceremony and monthly meeting were absolute fire! A warm welcome to our new members ❤️ and a huge thank you to our amazing team for making it all happen. [#weserve](#)



January 18: District Meeting recap! ([See Instagram reel/video](#)). Massive props to our Lions who crushed it on Saturday, serving and sharing their passion! Want to join the pride? Become a Lion.



Meet Terren Hinojosa, the embodiment of dedication and Lionism! 🦁 From Escalon to Pasadena and back, she gave 24 hours of her life to our team. We're honored to have her as part of our crew!





Meet 🦁 Maricela and 🦁 Jorge Vazquez, the ultimate service superheroes! Waking up at 5am, traveling 6 hours, and cutting flowers in Pasadena - these two are the definition of dedication. Thank you for inspiring us with your selfless service! We're honored to have you both as part of our team! [#WeServe](#) [#stocktonhealthyleolions](#)

### MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB

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



January couldn't have been busier for the Merced Healthy Leo-Lions (MHLL)! We started off the new year strong by putting together food baskets for local families and people in need. Thirty baskets were filled to the brim with dry goods, shelf-stable food, treats, snacks, and all the necessities. They went out to our Merced



County community so everyone could begin the new year with a full stomach. Thank you to our local neighborhood kids and the Buhach Leos for help assembling the baskets!!



The MHLL was invited to North Carolina, D31-I, Mid-Winter Convention to spread the word about Leos. On this service travel trip, we informed District 31-I Lions all about Leo, Leo-Lions, and young Lions furthering the mission of bridging the gap between Lion generations! The MHLL had a wonderful time and wanted to thank D31-I for their hospitality. We cannot wait to see ID Gary Steele again at our [District 4-A1 Convention](#) in April!



Our Club President, Asia Joaquim, got to go and train with Lions across California at RLLI during the 3rd weekend of January. Congratulations to all RLLI graduates and Asia for their hard work and learning. We cannot wait to see what you do with all your new knowledge!

And finally, we are submitting this newsletter entry before our Service Carnival happens on January 31st at Camp McConnell. But we would like to thank everyone who has shown interest and preemptively thank everyone for coming!! We are so excited, and we're sure when this newsletter comes out, we will be very happy with the Service Carnival and everyone's hard work!

~ Aisa Joaquim, Club President

## SAN JOAQUIN OMEGA LEO CLUB

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



It was a huge honor to be recognized at the district meeting! We earned a certificate for marketing - something we take pride in and constantly work to improve. Thank you [@calionsclubs](#) marketing for this amazing honor. Huge "shout out" to our Guiding Lion, Gabrielle McKechnie, for always supporting us. ❤️

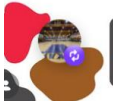


🎉🐯 Big Leo News! 🐯🎉 (See Instagram Reel – [LINK](#))

Back in July 2024, Lion Eugenia Hernandez and an amazing group of Tokay High School students had a crazy awesome dream: "Let's build the first Omega Leos Club in our area!"

And guess what?! Today that dream ROARED to life! We are officially the proud recipients of the Helen Keller Mission 2.0 Patch — making us the SECOND Leos Club in all of District 4-A1 to earn this honor! 🎉🔥 We're beyond proud, super excited, and ready for even bigger service adventures. Because when Leos dream big... we make it happen! ❤️🐯💪 #HellenKeller100 #4a1LEO #weserve



**TOKAY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB**<https://www.instagram.com/tokayfolkloricclub/>MECHA, LEO'S, AND HISPANIC HONOR  
SOCIETY PRESENT THE**PET FOOD  
DRIVE****January 13 - February 12**DOG FOOD ITEMS WILL GO TO  
SUPPORT HUNGRY TALES,  
CAT ITEMS WILL GO TO  
TOM'S BOOK STORE IN LODIDONATION BOXES CAN BE  
FOUND IN CLASSROOMS  
AROUND CAMPUS

M.E.Ch.A, Leos, and Hispanic Honor Society will be hosting a Pet Food Drive from Tuesday, **January 13th through February 12th**. Donations can be dropped off in Mrs. Hernandez' room or in any donation boxes found on campus.

**MADERA (Alpha) LEO CLUB**





In November, the Madera Leos distributed over 300 pairs of shoes and 1500 pairs of socks to 18 elementary schools in Madera.







Happy New Year! The Madera Leos went to help decorate the Lions float on December 27th. We are very grateful that Lion Gabby organized this trip so that 48 Madera Leos were able to have a bus. [Above] are some pictures.

~ Lion Ruth Nishimoto



**MADERA OMEGA LEO CLUB**

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



**Omegas On the Go Initiative to Combat Diabetes:** On December 11th, almost a dozen Omegas showed up to the Madera South High School Football field for an exciting game of soccer with ugly Christmas sweaters. These monthly activities are meant for the community to engage with the Omegas while also serving as motivation to stay active and healthy. This is also an amazing way for our Omegas to bond and connect with prospective Omegas.



**Coat Wash:** On December 11th, the Omegas hosted a coat wash at the laundromat, which was graciously provided by Lion Gaylen. We washed eight bags of gently-used clothing that were collected from local lost and finds in schools, and later, to be donated to the Children Youth and Transition Center - as well as for our very own Omega Closets. Luckily, we had four Omegas show up and nine Alpha Leos show up as backup. Together we accomplished the amazing feat of washing and drying well over 200 coats from 6:45pm to 8:00pm. To celebrate our victory, we ate pizza and socialized! We love to reward our volunteers with food, especially when they offer their evenings during the week.





**Angel Tree:** On December 12th, Omega Perla led the collection of Christmas gifts that were generously donated by members of the Madera community. The Christmas gifts were delivered to three locations: Perko's, Madera Movies, and Black Bear Diner, where we had Christmas trees decorated with descriptions of children in need, their ages, and potential gifts they would like. The club had a successful turnout, with over 300 gifts which filled Omega Marcos's dump trailer! The Omega club is proud to encourage the implementation of new projects, as the Angel Tree Project was proposed by Omega Perla last year and has grown exponentially this year.

**December General Club meeting:** On December 18th, the Omega Club hosted its annual Christmas Party, along with our December General Meeting. The theme was Ugly Christmas Sweaters, and there were definitely many jolly sweaters everywhere. The event was held at Lion Johnny and Lion Kayla's home. We provided refreshments and pizza! We had outdoor games like musical chairs (but with cups), cup flipping, corn hole, and many more. We had prizes, and overall, we wanted to encourage a laid-back and celebratory energy. This was accomplished, as there were smiles and laughter all around. We all agreed that we were ready for another innovative and productive year as the Omegas!



**Joy at Cedar Creek:** On December 26th, Omega Elizabeth chaired an event which was proposed in an effort to give back to our local elder community. Cedar Creek is a retirement community. The Omegas know that not all elders have family who live nearby, and we wanted to provide those present with a fun time. We hosted games. It was from 3 - 4 pm. Omegas were dressed in Christmas sweaters.



**Rose Bowl Parade:** On December 27th, Omega Nelly led eight Omegas as they woke up early at 2am so that they could arrive at Pasadena to help with the decoration of the International Lions Float. The team dedicated time to cutting rose petals for decoration, glued the petals, and were all over the float - helping the site coordinator with anything they could. The team celebrated with lunch and left with memorable experiences. They had the opportunity to meet other service organizations and observe the construction of many other floats.

~ Jose Rodriguez Vargas

## YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

On January 14th, the Yosemite High Leos hosted their first blood drive. The mobile unit collected 31 units of blood. Donors received candy bars with thank you labels from the Leos. The first-time event was very successful. Thanks to all who donated and saved lives!

## 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)

## MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS



3rd Annual Merced County All Star Football Classic 2026

Sponsored by: Merced Breakfast Lions Club

About the Games: Bob Green, from Chowchilla High School, started a small school All-Star football game in 1986 and was able to grow that game into a major event where many athletes were honored for both their athletic and academic excellence. This game was dropped in 2020, and we decided to bring back local All Star Football Games to the central valley area for the following reasons:

Provide our student-athletes with an opportunity to showcase their talents after the completion of their regular football seasons. For Senior athletes, an All-Star Game could represent the last time they will ever put on a uniform.

Promote the arrival of Girls Flag Football as a CIF High School Sport!

Provide academic scholarships to our local area student-athletes so they are better able to pursue their career choice.

Important Information about the 2026 Games:

Date: Saturday, **June 13, 2026**. Time(s): 5:30 PM Flag Game / 7:30 PM FB Game. Location: Golden Valley HS – Merced.

Participating Schools for 2026: Atwater, Buhach Colony, Central Valley, Ceres, Chowchilla, Delhi, Denair, Dos Palos, El Capitan, Golden Valley, Gustine, Hilmar, Le Grand, Livingston, Los Banos, Madera, Madera South, Mariposa, Merced, Orestimba, Pacheco, Patterson, Pitman, Sonora, Stoneridge, Summerville, Torres, and Turlock.

Coaches for 2026 - Football Coaches: NORTH SQUAD - Frank Marquez - Hilmar HS, and SOUTH SQUAD - Xavier Ramirez - El Capitan HS. Flag Football Coaches: BLUE SQUAD - Anthony Leal - Hilmar HS, and GOLD SQUAD - Juan Valdovinos - El Capitan HS.

Contact Information: Kevin Swartwood; 209 769-9845 or Lou Souza; 209 769-8042. - [FLIER](#)

## MOKE HILL LIONS

Our FREE Health Fair will be at Moke Hill Elementary School—8350 Highway 26 on **February 28, 2026**, 9:00am-4:00pm. Medical exams will include: vision screening, visual acuity, free eyeglasses, body mass index, A1C/diabetes, STD/HIV testing, blood pressure, and blood oxygen. Sponsored by: Mokelumne Hill Lions Club, Lions International Global Initiative for Health and Wellness, Calaveras County Public Health, Moke Hill Fire Protection District, and Calaveras Sheriff's Department. [FLIER](#)

### Mokelumne Hill Lions Club Health Fair

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**Free to all Families**

The health and wellness of residents living in Calaveras and surrounding counties is an important concern of the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club. In this regard, the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club proudly announces it will be conducting its second annual Health Fair on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the Mokelumne Hill Elementary School, 8350 Highway 26, Mokelumne Hill. To be conducted from 9 am- 4 pm, the Health Fair will provide the following free exams:

Medical	Visual
A1C/Diabetes	Vision Screening
STD/HIV	Visual Acuity
Blood Pressure	Free Gasses will be provided
Blood Oxygen	
Body Mass Index	

Participation is open to all family members.

For additional information, please contact David LeGrande at [davidelegrande1@gmail.com](mailto:davidelegrande1@gmail.com) or 301-503-9165.

## ATWATER-WINTON LIONS

Health Fair **March 21st** - [FLIER](#)

Isabella's Bar and Grill 2811 Shaffer Rd, Atwater CA 95301

Duration: 4 hr, 9am-1pm

Public · Anyone on or off Facebook – [EVENT LINK](#)

Reminder! We are hosting a health fair on March 21st! Mark your calendars! Spread the word! See you there.

## LINDEN LIONS

**March 14:** 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance – RSVP by **February 22nd** - [FLIER](#)

Linden Lions 75th Anniversary Gala - Join us for an elegant evening as the Linden Lions celebrate 75 years of service, generosity, and unwavering commitment to our community. This milestone Anniversary Gala honors the legacy of Lions who have dedicated their time and talents in making a lasting difference strengthening Linden for generations. The evening will feature fine dining, meaningful reflections on our history, and a look ahead to the future of Lions service.

The gala is a black-tie optional affair, offering the perfect setting to dress up and toast this remarkable achievement. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Celebrate the past. Support the future. Stand with the Linden Lions as we mark 75 years of service above self.





### Calendar:

**Feb 7th** Oyster & Barrel Roasted Rib Feed – [FLIER](#)

Feb 10th Student Speakers— Ladies Night

Feb 17th Board Meeting

**Feb 22nd** RSVP by today for 75th Anniversary Gala

Feb 24th General Meeting

Feb 28th Italian Night Citizen of the Year

Mar 3rd Reverse Raffle

Mar 10th General Meeting— Irish Night

**Mar 14th** 75th Anniversary Gala [FLIER](#)

**Mar 28th** Shrimp with Tri-Tip - [FLIER](#)

### ESCALON LIONS

Last Get-Together - Our last Get-Together was actually for our annual Christmas/Hanukkah Party at the H-B. Thanks to Lion Tom for setting everything up with the H-B. Thanks to Pam for running the gift exchange. This was FUN. Thanks to all who participated!

Girls Basketball Tournament - Thanks to all of you who helped out with the Pete Arellano Memorial Girls Basketball Tournament. Special THANKS to Lion Jeff Miller, who took the reins and made this a successful event. And another THANK YOU to all of you who took on multiple shifts. And, we got to see some great basketball. Well done!

Visitation To Ripon - Wow. We're going to have a visitation with the Ripon Lions at their annual Spaghetti Dinner, **February 19**. Get ready to bring your appetite. We'll have additional information in the next bulletin.

Student Speakers Contest - This year's topic, "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers To Well-Being" will, no doubt, prove to provide a really interesting topic; so this will be a meeting you'll want to attend. The Student Speakers Contest's meeting is open to spouses/significant others/guests. The contest will be held Thursday, **February 5** in the Escalon City Council Chambers, as we have done for the past few years. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and CLOSE at 6:30 pm. Following the contest, we will gather at D'Boni's Pizza for dinner. There will be another announcement in the next bulletin.

Christmas On Main Hot Chocolate Booth - Once again, the Escalon Lions Club hosted the Hot Chocolate Booth at the Christmas On Main Evening December 6. Thanks to those who helped with the set-up and take-down. Special Thanks to Lion Mike Powers and wife Yvonne for organizing, buying product, and running the operation. We also give a "Shout Out" to the student volunteers. Without their assistance, we would have had a difficult time handling the Chocolate Booth. And, we were BUSY. We went through gallons and gallons of hot chocolate, cider, and coffee. Plus, we handed out a boatload of cookies. Great job to all who pitched in.



Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner - Get Ready. Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held in the community center on Saturday, **March 14**. Yes, this is a departure from our normal schedule. Call it an experiment in scheduling. In any case, we'll be staffing up and gathering raffle prizes. Lion Brandon Scully has agreed to handle the logistics. Please set the 14th aside so you can help with this major Escalon Lions function. We'll be making out the work assignments schedule soon.

## RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions will be hosting their largest fundraiser of the year Thursday, **February 19th**. – [FLIER](#)  
Our annual Spaghetti Feed runs from 4:30 to 7:00pm at the Ripon Community Center at 334 W 4th Street in Ripon. Adult tickets are \$20 and kids 12 and under are \$5 - with unlimited spaghetti, salad, and bread with wine for the adults provided by McMannis Winery.

The Ripon Lions will also have an entrant in the annual Ripon Almond Blossom Parade Saturday, **February 21st**. The parade begins at 1pm and is on Main Street in Ripon.

~ Brian Shearon, President Ripon Lions

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More on the Spaghetti Feed: All proceeds benefit the Ripon Lions Club and the projects we do throughout the year as we accomplish our mission to serve the Ripon Community. PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

- Any Lions Club Member or call (209) 232-4420
- Ripon Chamber of Commerce: 104 S. Stockton Ave.
- Darryl Bartels State Farm Insurance: 210 S. Stockton Ave.

Thank you to our sponsors- McManis Family Vineyards, Genova Bakery, and Vernon Transportation.



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The Ripon Lions hosted the Fire Chief of Ripon Fire at our lone meeting in January, with largest meeting attendance (85% of members) attending. A new member was added to our roster - our youngest member in many years. This month, the Ripon Lions hosts the Student Speakers Contest, our largest fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner, and the Ripon Lions are designing and building a float for the February 21st Almond Blossom Parade. ~  
Damon Woods

## MODESTO 500 LIONS

### Red Kettle Bell Ringing -

Modesto 500 club members PDG Pat Casey-Gillum, Lion Diana Ringer, PP Dennis Miner, and PP Robin Brown rang the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle in front of O'Brien's Market on Dale. Not too chilly - and we think we did pretty well!



### Gospel Mission Hannah House Donation -

Modesto 500 helped provide Christmas gifts to some of the moms and their children who stay at Hannah's House, the Modesto Gospel Mission's new facility for women and children.



### Red Shield Senior Luncheon -

President Lori spearheaded a senior luncheon at Salvation Army's Red Shield on December 19. Plenty of delicious food was provided both by Lion Lori and the chef at the Red Shield. The room was beautifully decorated, and the seniors in attendance were very appreciative and grateful for the afternoon. PP Jerry and PP Robin helped serve as well!







### District 4-A1 Hunger Challenge - Met! -

Modesto 500 participated in the District's Hunger challenge January 3-11. Lion Lori dropped off much-needed food at Our Lady of Fatima Church for the St. Vincent de Paul's food bank to help low-income, food-insecure families in the Modesto area.

## COPPEROPOLIS-LAKE TULLOCH LIONS

**February 7:** Annual Crab Feed – [FLIER](#)

5-9PM at Black Creek Hall, 920 Black Creek Dr, Copperopolis. Tickets are running out get them before they are gone! Visit [copperopolislions.org/crabfeed](http://copperopolislions.org/crabfeed)

~ Daisy Borba

## HUGHSON LIONS

Come one, come all! On Saturday, **April 25**, 2026, the Hughson Lions, along with Hughson High Boys Basketball, will be hosting a Cajun Crab Boil. Event is 5:30-10:30pm. Single tickets are \$80 each, or get a group of ten together and the table is \$750! It's gonna be a great time! Reach out to any Hughson Lions member to purchase your tickets. – [FLIER](#)

### Hughson Lions Club's Post



We had the honor of cooking for the Ross Middle School 6th grade camp fundraiser! Thank you for letting us serve you.



## TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS



The Tracy Breakfast Lions have had a busy couple of months. Our TBL Crab Dinner, the first of our annual dinners, sold out. Our next big event was the TBL Tom Hawkins Girls Basketball Tournament. This year we invited two teams from each school, a JV and Varsity participant. Our next event is the Louie Galli Memorial Cioppino Dinner on **March 28th**. ~ Michael McGuire - [FLIER](#)



## SUTTER CREEK LIONS

Stop by the Sutter Creek Visitor Center at 71A Main Street (or email [info@suttercreekions.org](mailto:info@suttercreekions.org)) and pick up a FREE laminated bookmarker with a positive message. Need a bunch for a class or library? Let us know and we'll arrange to get them to you.

### Free Bookmarkers!



**SAVE THE DATE – Our next blood drive will be March 20.**

### California Lions Foundation “Go-Bag” Grant Update

**JANUARY 14** - Our first meeting was held to discuss the outline for this pilot project. In attendance was Nina Machado and Tassie Earnest (pictured) from First 5 Amador, Diana Haley from Amador County Public Health, and Nancy Champlin from Sutter Creek Lions.



As a recap, we discussed having the child's bag (supplied by First 5) as well as another bag for the adults. Items for the "family" bag would include the Public Health list of items to consider for an emergency, booklets, fire blanket, etc.

Items for consideration for the children's bags included flashlights, blankets, battery-operated radios, color books/crayons, dental kit, small activities items, a book on calming, etc.

**JANUARY 23** - A second meeting was held with Nina Machado and Sutter Creek Lions members Nancy Champlin and Jean Pinotti. At this time, donated materials have been received from the Amador Fire Protection District, Amador County Public Health, Amador County Sheriff's Office, Anne Lintz-State Farm Insurance Agent, and illustrator Barbara Alexander and local author Susan Ross. The Amador Fire Safe Council also wants to participate and donate backpacks for the adults. Once all donated items have been received, it will be decided how to best use the grant money to complete the project.



We are still discussing the best way to distribute the bags and at what locations.





*What goes up, must come down!*



We joined other community members in taking down the Christmas decorations [on the morning of January 14th. It was] a cool, but beautiful, morning in downtown Sutter Creek. Thank you! ~ From Nancy Champlin

### **TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS**

Tracy Tank Town Lions members attended the January District Meeting. VP Lilia, Secretary Rose, and Director Max proudly accepted the Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Certificate of Recognition and Banner Patch.





While in Puerto Vallarta, President Debbi connected with the women's Club de Leones Puerto Vallarta Centro. Meals were served in front of the hospital where patients' families waited outside and camped while their loved ones were being treated.



For the Hunger Initiative, our club collected cans of pork and beans, as well as hot dogs. On the first Tuesday of each month, people are fed at a Tracy park.

We are making final plans for our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on **March 15th**. (See [FLIER](#)) And the winning ticket for the Beach House drawing will be pulled at the dinner. (See [Cayucos FLIER](#)) ~ Debbi Hopman

## SONORA LIONS

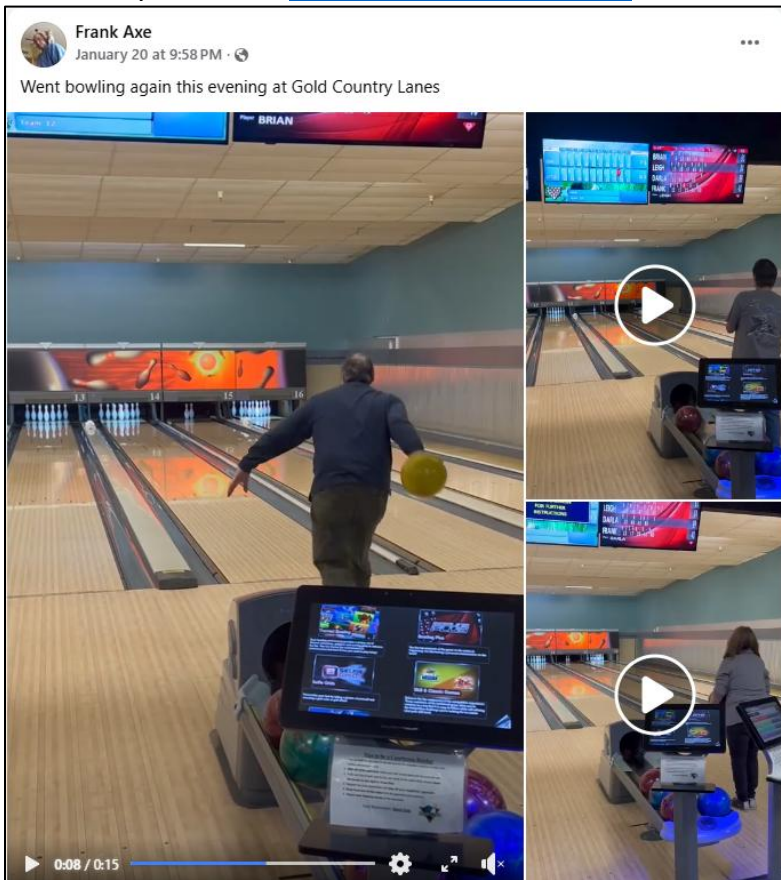
Here's the [FLIER](#) for our upcoming Cioppino fundraiser on **April 17**. ~ Ray Bailey, Secretary

## UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS

**February 7** – 2 pm - Tasteful Meet and Greet - “SPRING ROLLS”. Come and make your spring rolls with individualized dipping sauces! Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse - 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove



CA. Bring your used eyeglasses for Lions In Sight CA/NV & pull tabs for stays at Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for donations from Jackson's Cost Less and Lions District 4-A1. Learn what Lions do to support our community. Website: [UPCOUNTRY88LIONS.ORG](http://UPCOUNTRY88LIONS.ORG). Questions? Email [upcountry88lions@gmail.com](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com) - [FLIER](#)



We had our first "Fun Bowling Night" on January 20th at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek. Our next Fun Bowling Night is set for **April 21st**. Thank you to Lion Frank for organizing this and posting three videos on his [Facebook page](#) – one of Lion Brian getting a strike! If YOU want to be part of the fun (either bowling or cheering them on), contact Lion Frank ahead of time so he can sort out who is on which lane! Hopefully, our friends from our Community Partner, Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club, and ATCAA can join us again! Check out their website for Food/Bar options on their [website](#). SEE YOU THERE!



Lions Gail and Marie advertised upcoming events for our club on KVGC's Friday Noon radio show for non-profits.

Photo credits: KVGC's Facebook page

Donations for July-December 2025: Amador Lifeline,

Community Church Pine Grove – Maintenance of Mike Clark Field, Ear of the Lion, Interfaith Food Bank -

Project Thanks, Lions Eye Foundation CA/NV, Nexus Youth & Family Services – Backpacks, Pine Grove Elementary School Parent's Group P.A.W.S. - Science Camp, Pioneer Elementary School - Science Camp, and three school scholarships.



## STOCKTON HOST LIONS

Stockton Host Lions will be hosting their 28th Annual Super Crab Bowl, **February 7**, 2026. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Stockton Host Lions Scholarship Foundation and to fund projects serving the Greater Stockton Community. Please note that the location at St. Basil's Greek Orthodox Church! The Foundation was established to assist students in the greater Stockton area to further their education through scholarships to local universities. Tickets are \$85.

For tickets or more info, call: Blair Hake 209-481-9146 or Steve Richmond 209-986-8956. [FLIER](#)

## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS' INSTAGRAM PAGE



Instagram article's [LINK](#) - [@stocktonsanjoaquinlions](#)

👤 Our two newest members were inducted, and jumped right into volunteering at our Service Carnival at the District Meeting in Escalon! Welcome to our Lions family - Josh and Sandra! [#LionsClubs](#) [#WeServe](#) [#InclusionInService](#) [#LionsForAccess](#) [#SanJoaquinCounty](#)

## OAKDALE LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

**March 15:** Pancake Breakfast – Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)



1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Pickleball [Lessons](#) – [FLIER](#)

Oakdale is leveling up! A huge shoutout goes to all the new players jumping into our Beginner Pickleball Clinic — the energy, the laughs, the progress... unreal. If you've been wanting to try pickleball, this is your sign.



Next session drops [soon]. Spots go fast, confidence grows even faster. Come learn, play, and meet some awesome people. Let's grow the game in Oakdale! [Facebook LINK](#)

## HILMAR-IRWIN-STEVINSON LIONS

Hilmar Lions Crab Feed - Only \$75.00 each. Get ahold of any Lions member for tickets. We have a drive-through option, if that works better for you. Saturday, **February 21st**. Hilmar Grange Hall. Doors open at 6pm. All you can eat crab, open bar, and good time with great people. [FLIER](#)

## LE GRAND LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



## CERES LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

CRAB FEED **February 21st** - [FLIER](#)



[FACEBOOK LINK](#) for Ceres Courier article and this link:

<https://www.cerescourier.com/news/local/ceres-lions-club-helps-out-needy-seniors/>



Ceres Lions Club, California's Post

December 19th our Lions members cooked for a 3 day wrestling tournament that was held at Ceres High School.  
Friday we cooked and sliced tri tip.  
Saturday our crew fired up the flat grill and woks at 5am to have breakfast burritos to the event at 7am. Took a breather and fired up the barbecue to cook tri tips. Had them sliced and delivered by 11.  
Sunday we were back at it at 5am to get the breakfast burritos going again.  
Wrestling is a big part of our community. A big shout out to all the people that help organize and put on these events. The coaches and the parents that travel all over and spend alot of their weekends helping these kids to compete.  
It's a great day to be a Lion!  
[Lions Clubs International](#)  
Ceres Lions Club



WEST POINT LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE





**LODI LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE**

🦀 **SAVE THE DATE** - Lodi Lions Club Crab Feed is Saturday, **February 21**, 2026. Drive-Through Dinners for \$70. Mark your calendar and get ready to crack some crab while supporting local community programs. 🦀❤️ Tickets available now at [lodilions.com/crab-feed](https://lodilions.com/crab-feed) - [FLIER](#)



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

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Ex Officio: PDG Kent Christensen

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1. Club member in good standing

2. Club member in good standing

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