

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Lions who attended the California State's [MD4 Convention](#), please send photos and articles in for next month's newsletter. ~ Lion Gail

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1st & 3rd Wednesdays: [Pickleball Lessons](#) - Oakdale Lions

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

Present-March 31: Helen Keller Challenge 2.0, deadline extended! See article in this newsletter. [FLIER](#)

Present-June 30: Lions For Access Club Banner Patch - See article in this newsletter. [FLIER](#)

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

March 1: City of Hope's 68th Annual Tribute Day – see Upcoming Events section of this newsletter - [FLIER](#)

March 3: San Joaquin Zone 2 Student Speakers Contest

March 4, 18, 25: Smart Phone Classes for Seniors – free – Tri Dams Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 5: San Joaquin Zone 1 Student Speakers Contest - Round Table Pizza 8010 Holman Rd, Stockton at 6pm

March 6: Deadline to register for LDUN New York - [LINK](#)

March 7: Annual Crab Feed – Jackson Lions – see article in Clubs News Section - [FLIER](#)

March 7: Student Speakers Contest for Stanislaus Zone 2, see article in this newsletter

March 7: Bench Dedication – see article in this newsletter - Stockton San Joaquin Lions

March 8: Omelet Breakfast – Livingston Lions – [FLIER 1](#) and [FLIER 2](#)

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

March 14: 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance – Linden Lions – [REVISED FLIER](#)

March 14: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – see article in Clubs News Section – 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 – see March 28th

March 20: Blood Drive – see article in Clubs News Section - Sutter Creek Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 20: [Lions Day with the United Nations](#) – New York

March 21-22: Dandelion Days – see article in Clubs News Section - Jackson Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 21: Spring Fling Bazaar – West Point Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 21: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions – [FLIER 1](#) and [Spanish FLIER 2](#)

March 21: Lions Eyes Across California Day - See article in Vision News section - [FLIER](#)

March 25: Mountain Region's Student Speakers Contest - Senior Center on Greenly Rd, Sonora - 5:00 pm

March 28: District Meeting – in Sutter Creek - NOTE: Change in date and location. See article in this newsletter. Bring used eyeglasses & pull tabs (already boxed /marked /counted /reported to Lion Portal) to Lion Paul Wagner!

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 11: Dinner and Auction – See info in Clubs News Section - Le Grand Lions

April 11: Strides for Diabetes [LINK](#) – Madera Evening Lions

April 17: Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes' Annual Cioppino Dinner Fundraiser – Sonora Lions - [LINK](#)

April 18: MD4 Student Speakers Contest – District-level – 2pm – Banta Elementary School, Tracy - See article - [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 1](#) and [FLIER 2](#))

April 21: [Fun Bowling Night](#) – Upcountry 88 Lions

April 23-26: 77th District 4-A1 Convention – at [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) – [REVISED FLIER](#) – [REGISTRATION LINK](#)
[Food Faire Sign-up LINK](#) (Golf Tournament info will be posted on our District's webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>)

April 25: Adopt-A-Duck Fundraiser & Ice Cream Sales – see article in Clubs News Section – Sutter Creek Lions – [FLIER 1](#) and [FLIER 2](#)

April 25: Cajun Crab Bowl – Hughson Lions – [Revised FLIER](#)

May 2: MD4 Student Speakers Contest – Area-level – 2pm – Banta Elementary School, Tracy - See article - [LINK](#)

May 2: Gardening & Plant Fair – West Point Lions – [Vendor FLIER](#) and [Event FLIER](#)

May 3: "Are You Feeling Lucky?" Fundraiser for San Joaquin Chapter of National Federation of the Blind – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

May 15: Leo Club Excellence Award Deadline – See information in the Leo Section of this newsletter.

May 16: Melvin Jones Lunch – 11:00 – Oakdale CA

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 February 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](#)

July 15-16: Destruction Derby – Turlock Lions
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** ~

(Some 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

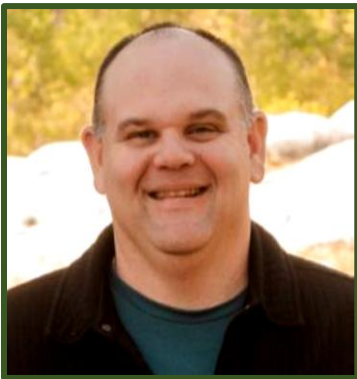
District 4-A1 Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings – 6pm - 3rd Monday of the month

District 4-A1 Marketing Meetings – 7:30pm - 4th Mondays

District 4-A1 Rebuild Club Meetings – (Zoom) 4th Friday of the month at 6:45pm

District 4-A1 Newsletter Deadline – Flyers, articles & photos due 25th of the month - newsletter@lions4-a1.org

From the DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DESK



Lions of District 4-A1,

I hope you and your club are doing well and that life is giving you just enough calm between the moments of service, family, and everything else you're balancing.

This is a friendly reminder that our upcoming District Meeting is right around the corner, and I'd truly love to see every club represented. These meetings are where we reconnect, share what's working, solve what isn't, and leave with real momentum, not just notes.

And while I have your attention, please register for our District Convention if you haven't already.

Convention is more than agendas and reports. It's the best kind of Lions reset: time with people who get it, fresh ideas you can actually use back home, recognition for the great work happening in our clubs, and the fellowship that reminds us why we joined in the first place.

If your club has been meaning to send a few Lions but hasn't committed yet, consider this your gentle nudge - delivered with a smile. Bring your officers. Bring your newer members. Bring the Lion who always says "I might go," and let's make it happen.

As my year as your District Governor continues moving quickly toward the finish line, I'm especially grateful for your service and leadership. Let's keep building, keep inviting, and keep showing our communities what it looks like when Lions lead with heart.

Thank you for all you do, and I'll see you at the District Meeting and at Convention.

Warmly in service,

~ Lion Matthew Stickler

District Governor, District 4-A1

Lions Clubs International

PASSING OF PCC LOGAN McKECHNIE

It is with deepest sympathies that we share the passing of PCC Logan McKechnie on Saturday, February 14, 2026. PCC Logan, a member of the Atwater Winton Lions Club and previous memberships with Merced Breakfast, Lakeside, and Santee Lions Clubs, served for over 42 years. He served as District Governor of District 4-L6 from 1991-1992 and as the MD4 Council Chair from 1992-1993. Subsequently, he stayed engaged in service with his Lions clubs, served at the District-level in both 4-L6 and 4-A1, and most recently at the Multiple District level on our Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The thoughts and prayers from the entire Multiple District are with PDG Gabby McKechnie and their entire family and friends. Let us find comfort in our many memories of such dedicated service and friendship. Rest in peace PCC Logan.

~ MD4 California Lions Clubs International 2/16/2026

To honor Logan's wishes, there will be no funeral service.



DUES NOTICES WERE SENT



Dues notices for January to June 2026 for MD4 and 4-A1 have been emailed. Did you get it? If not, call PDG Pat Casey Gillum for another (209) 765-7897. They are due and payable now! Thank for your service to Lionism!

Email: patricia_gillum@sbcglobal.net

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

(Stanislaus Zone 2 Contest)

Please see the last two pages of this newsletter for clubs that are in that zone.

* **March 7th**, Saturday - Door shuts at 9am - 4 contestants

Atwater Elementary School District Boardroom (same location as last time) 1401 Broadway Ave, Atwater, CA BUT, the District Boardroom is on the backside of the building. You might want to park on Cedar Ave and go through the black gate and ramp/steps down to the room.

Contact: Eric Cheung 209-683-0588 lioneric4a1@gmail.com.

MARCH VISION NEWS & "LIONS FOR ACCESS" NEWS



Lions for Access - Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 – Extended through March 31st

Once in a Century Service Reward Opportunity

Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Club Banner Patch

About the Award

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

Criteria for Earning the Patch

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- March 31, 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**

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 March 31, 2026, Limited to 1st 100 clubs

Lots of amazing vision service is springing up in District 4-A1!

Have you applied for your “Helen Keller Challenge” banner patch yet?

The deadline has been extended to **March 31st** to make sure you have time to organize an eyeglass collection, support an activity for the blind, share vision information in a campaign, hold a vision screening, or help someone in need receive glasses.

There are so many projects that all make a huge difference. Our Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Team wants to recognize your club for championing "vision." [FACEBOOK LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

LIONS EYES ACROSS CALIFORNIA DAY

A STATEWIDE VISION SERVICE CHALLENGE

MARCH 21, 2026 **SERVING COMMUNITIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA**

ONE DAY. ONE CAUSE. ONE POWERFUL IMPACT.





Lions Eyes Across California Day unites Lions Clubs statewide for a visible, coordinated day of service focused on **VISION**—one of Lions Clubs International's most enduring causes.

Since 2015, Lions across California have come together on the same day to **protect, restore, and preserve sight** while showing our communities the true power of Lions service.

WHY PARTICIPATE

- ✓ Raise awareness of Lions leadership in vision care
- ✓ Increase access to screenings and vision resources
- ✓ Promote eyeglass recycling and sustainable solutions

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN TAKE PART


-  Eyeglass Collection Drives 
-  Vision Screenings
-  Vision Education, Referrals & Support for people who are blind or visually impaired

THE CHALLENGE

Plan a vision-focused service project, engage your community, and share your story.

- 👉 Accept the Challenge.
- 👉 Serve with Purpose.
- 👉 Show California what Lions can do.

LAST CHANCE TO EARN A LIONS CLUB & HELEN KELLER CHALLENGE 2.0 BANNER PATCH!



March 21 is “Lions Eyes Across California Day”. [FLIER](#) - It is celebrated on the third Saturday in March each year and focuses around clubs throughout our state that will be organizing vision service activities. Please let me know what you have planned! Make sure to bring your glasses to the March District Meeting for Lion Paul Wagner to deliver to Lions in Sight to recycle and help others in need!



[DOWNLOAD VIDEO LINK](#)



Calling All Accessibility Ambassadors!

An Exclusive Service Reward
Opportunity for California Lions & Leos

Lions for Access Club Banner Patch

California Lions Clubs are invited to step forward, lead with purpose, and be **recognized for meaningful accessibility service** through the **Lions for Access Club Banner Patch** program.

Accessible
version here

[Lions for
Access Banner
Patch Criteria](#)



Sponsored by
California Lion Clubs

About the Award

The **Lions for Access Club Banner Patch** will be awarded to:

- **The first 45 California Lions Clubs**, and
- **The first 5 California Leo Clubs** in MD4 that successfully meet all outlined criteria. *This is a first-come, first-recognized opportunity.*

Qualifying Projects: Service projects that:

- Serve **people with disabilities, and/or**
- Intentionally **include individuals with disabilities** as participants, leaders, or partners in service

Criteria for Earning the Patch

1. Service Activity Reporting

- Report a **Lions for Access-branded** service activity in the Lions Portal
- Activity title **must begin with:** *"Lions for Access"*
- Include a **screenshot** from the Lions Portal

2. Branded Marketing Evidence

- Submit a screenshot or photo of:
 - A social media post **and/or**
 - Photos from the service event
- Must include:
 - The **Lions for Access logo and/or**
 - **#LionsForAccess**

3. Application Submission Guidelines

- Only the **primary sponsoring/organizing Lions or Leo Club** may apply
- **One application per club**
- Continue sharing the Lions for Access-branded service throughout the year
- Include:
 - Club name, Contact person's information, District number
- **All requirements must be completed and submitted by June 30, 2026**

Submission Instructions: Send all required documentation to Lion Jennifer Gass LionsForAccess@gmail.com Subject Line: **"Lions for Access Banner Patch"**

This is more than a patch. It's leadership. It's visibility. It's service that opens doors.

Questions: Lion Jennifer Gass LionsForAccess@gmail.com

Lions for Access
Toolbox /resources



CaliforniaLions.org
#LionsForAccess

The "Helen Keller Challenge" has extended its focus to "Lions for Access", promoting "accessibility" and "service" to and including persons with disabilities. We have another Banner Patch Challenge for you to complete by **June 30th**. – [FLIER](#) - We hope you will include this in your project list for the rest of the Lions Year. Thank you for being Accessibility Ambassadors! Please reach out to Lion Jennifer Gass if you have any questions.



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 Lions for Access chair Jennifer Gass was thrilled to dub
 First International Vice President Mark Lyon, a Knight
 of the Blind and Accessibility Ambassa... See more

Here is an exciting video of her dubbing Lions First International Vice President Mark Lyon as a Knight of the Blind 2.0 Accessibility Ambassador at the California Lions Convention aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Listen to Lion Jennifer challenge your club to become “Accessibility Ambassadors”! [FACEBOOK'S VIDEO LINK](#)



This video shows Izimba Munilu, a Leo-lion from Lions Club of Jinja proudly displaying Helen Keller shirts that were made for their medical camp to serve seniors and others with disabilities in Uganda. [DOWNLOAD VIDEO](#)



<https://md4lions.org/shop>

If anyone would like to order a “Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0” or “Lions for Access” shirt, they are in the California Lions Shop, along with many other great choices of shirts and pins to express the Lion in you! I have Lions for Access and Helen Keller Challenge pins at a cheaper price than online; \$7 for Access pins and \$5 for Helen Keller Challenge pins (which are almost gone). See me in Stockton or at the District Meeting in Sutter Creek on March 28th. ~ Jennifer Gass

NEW TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

NexTrex Recycling Challenge

NexTrex

How does the challenge work?

- Register on [NexTrex.com](https://www.nextrex.com) to obtain access to the Trex Portal. Report recycling totals at [mytrex.com](https://www.mytrex.com)
- Weigh, record and attach pictures
- Deliver collected plastic films/bags to a participating retailer for recycling (see [list](#))
- 25 participating organizations are randomly selected each quarter and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500
- Each 250 pounds is an entry into the drawing

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 reclosable 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](https://www.nextrex.com)

PEACE POSTER – DIGITAL KIT AVAILABLE

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE
CONTESTS

The Peace Poster 2026-2027 Contest Kit is titled "Harmony in Humanity". Current price is \$11.95. Each digital kit includes all the contest information for download, including all official contest guide and rules, participant flyer, certificates, and winner sticker. Also, included are rules and entry form for the Peace Essay Contest. After purchase, please retain license key for your records and for use on the contest entry form. Learn more about the digital kit [here](#).

One kit is required for each contest sponsored. All kits must be purchased by a Lions club or district. Kits are sold January 15 through October 1. Please note, this listing is for the DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ONLY. If you want a physical kit, they may be purchased as item PPK1 [here](#). Digital kits are not eligible for return or refund.

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1d>

NEW LOGO FOR MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS!



Note from Lion Gail, District 4-A1 Marketing Chair...

Thank you, Merced Breakfast Lions, for making your NEW club's logo by following the Lions International's logo guidelines on their website – it looks great! <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>

LIONSUSA.ORG



**Build The
Club
People Want
to Join**

Evolve what you can. Build what you need.

Growth Resources You Need, Only A Click Away
Access all the Let's Grow series tools/resources 24/7.

<https://bit.ly/LetsGrowMaterials>

4 Sessions designed to help you...

Evolve what you can. Build what you need.

Session 1: Grow Membership & Impact

What You'll Learn in This Session:

The 2 non-negotiable truths behind sustainable Lions growth

Why volunteers aren't disappearing — they're just volunteering differently

How episodic & micro-volunteering attract busy professionals, families, and younger generations

The difference between traditional vs modern volunteer models

The simple philosophy that unlocks growth:

Evolve what you can. Build what you need

Session 2: More Lions. More Impact. A New Way to Grow

What You'll Learn (Practical + Immediately Usable)

The mindset shift: Recruit → Invite

The Invitation Ladder: Notice → Ask → Share → Invite → Follow Up

Asset Mapping + ABCD (find the "doers" already serving in your community)

How to grow your club without pressure, guilt, or awkward scripts
 How Lions can meet modern volunteer trends and build a better member experience
 Session 3: Stop Posting. Start Inviting.
 Why visibility drives membership growth
 The difference between posting to members and inviting the community
 A simple framework for every project: Before → During → After
 How to make your club easier to find (Google matters)
 The “minimum effective dose” for social media consistency
 The 6 photos that make every event marketable
 How small posting shifts lead to real member growth
 Session 4: Build the Club People Want To Join.
 The #1 growth problem: the handoff (and how to fix it fast)
 How to create a “front door” experience people love (Open House vs. Service Project)
 How to make the next step crystal clear (QR code list, volunteer pass, next date/time)
 How to close the “back door” (people drifting away after one visit)
 The Sprint Method (10–14 days): one barrier + one upgrade + one metric
<https://www.youtube.com/@USLionsRock>



You shape what's next.
 Take 5 minutes: what worked best,
 what we missed, what you want more of





Growth Sprint Check Lists

Choose 1 & Do It!

<p>EVOLVE + BUILD NEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Easier to volunteer → Easier to be proud (marketing) → Easier to connect (asset mapping) → Doers Map + Volunteer Invite 	<p>BUILD NEW</p> <p>→ Prototype Launch</p>
<p>EVOLVE EXISTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Easier to stay (onboarding) → Easier to show up (meetings) 	



The 14-Day Growth Sprint Challenge

A Sprint is a short, focused push—10–14 days, not a forever project.
 Pick one thing that’s slowing growth (volunteers, retention, visibility, follow-up), make one simple upgrade, and track one number to prove it worked.
 The Sprint = 4 steps:
 Name the barrier
 Build one repeatable fix (follow-up, invite, event format, partnership, etc.)
 Run it for 10–14 days
 Track one metric

That's the point: small, fast, repeatable wins.

Sprint checklists + templates are in the Session 4: Build the Club People Want to Join resource folder

<https://bit.ly/LetsGrowMaterials>

—grab them and go.

No Tech Skills Needed

Level Up Your Socials

Many clubs know they should be posting more consistently. The challenge isn't commitment — it's knowing what to post and how to make it look professional.

The LionsUSA Social Media Kits solve that.

Each Kit includes:

- Professionally designed graphics
- Ready-to-use captions
- Clear, welcoming language that speak to your neighbors who are unfamiliar with Lions or who don't realize that they can use their skills to make our hometown better

No design skills required.
No marketing background needed.
No starting from scratch.

Use the posts/designs on:

- Facebook / Instagram / LinkedIn
- Your website
- Flyers or posters

Important Details:

- Graphics are currently available in English and cannot be customized
- Captions can be edited and translated
- Add #volunteer[YourHometown] to every post (Example: #volunteerMadisonWI)

How to Get Results:

- Pick one kit and post it consistently for 30 days.
- You don't need to master social media.
- You just need to show up consistently.

Consistency builds visibility.

Visibility builds credibility.
Credibility builds membership.

Pick A Post. Copy & Paste. Post.

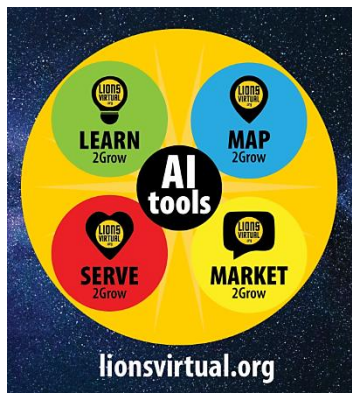
The LionsUSA team has created:

- Professionally designed graphics
 - Monthly themes
 - Target audiences (young professionals, families, early retirees, new clubs, etc)
 - Social Media Manager recruitment
- Clear, welcoming captions
- Messaging for people who may not know Lions yet.

Go to the LionsUSA Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1000000000000000>

1. Click on MEDIA → ALBUMS → FOLDER you are interested in
2. Choose a graphic - copy it, then paste it to a post on your page
3. Copy the caption, then paste to your post
4. Post



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Smart. Free. Built just for Lions & Leos.

Learn2Grow – Build skills & leadership

Map2Grow – Grow your club

Serve2Grow – Service to increase impact

Market2Grow – Promote like a pro



- Free to use
- Works in ChatGPT (Free or Pro)
- Start now at lionsvirtual.org

Let AI help you increase your impact.

Excerpts from February's LIONS INT'L DISTRICT DIGEST

Connect with Your Fellow Lions - The GAT Facebook Group connects Lions and Leos across the world and provides an opportunity to share ideas, strategies, and questions with one another. Join now to be a part of the conversation! [JOIN](#)

E-Learning Course Content Available for Visually-Impaired Lions - To better serve our members, the Lions Learning Center (LLC) includes screen reader-compatible course content in Word documents. Easily find the English document in the "Additional References" tab within each LLC course. For course documents in other official languages, please email elarning@lionsclubs.org.

[SIGN INTO THE LION PORTAL](#)

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 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

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

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 Training 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)

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](#)

🔔 Follow & Get Involved

[Diabetes Service Projects by California Lions](#)

[Childhood Cancer Service Projects by California Lions](#)

✉ Contacts -

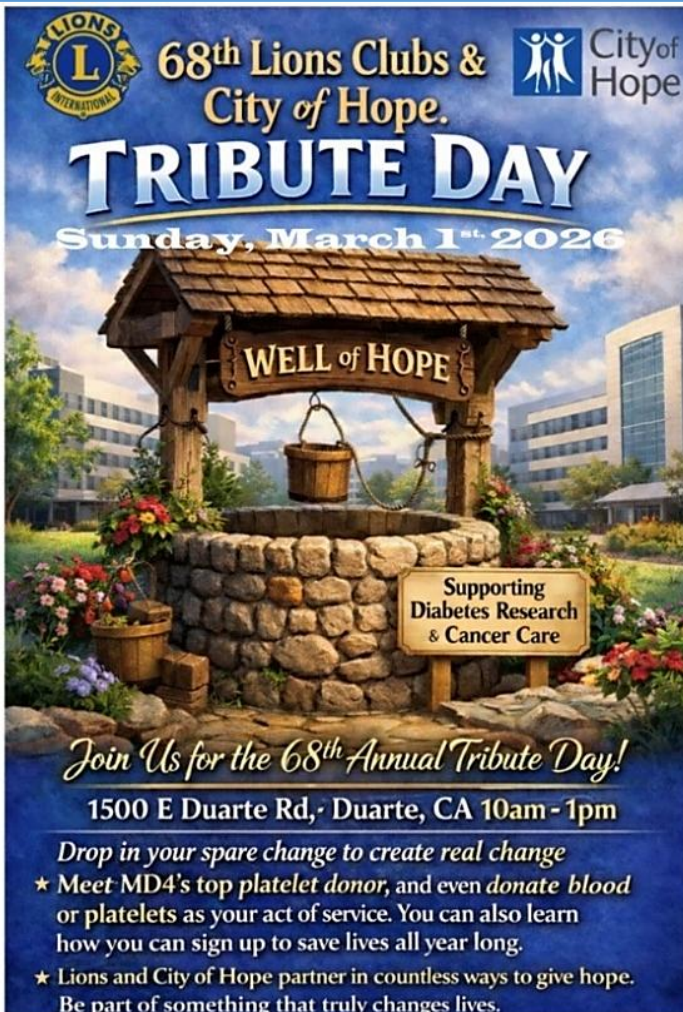
Lion Donna Rollins 📧 LionDonnaR@gmail.com

Lion Vicky Sasser 📧 emmettlady@gmail.com

Accessible version – [DOWNLOAD LINK](#)

Be part of something that truly changes lives.

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



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68th Lions Clubs & City of Hope.

TRIBUTE DAY

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

WELL of HOPE

Supporting
Diabetes Research
& Cancer Care

Join Us for the 68th Annual Tribute Day!

1500 E Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA 10am - 1pm

Drop in your spare change to create real change

- ★ Meet MD4's top platelet donor, and even donate blood or platelets as your act of service. You can also learn how you can sign up to save lives all year long.
- ★ Lions and City of Hope partner in countless ways to give hope. Be part of something that truly changes lives.

Contact Lion Donna Rollins LionDonnaR@gmail.com or Lion Vicky Sasser emmettlady@gmail.com

Scan or your banking app to pay
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Donate
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[Lions Tribute](#)
[Day](#)



[Diabetes Service Projects by California Lions](#) [Childhood Cancer Service Projects by California Lions](#)

DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING Mar 28th

[Sutter Creek Community Center](#)

33 Church Street – Starts at 8am

The March District Meeting is just around the corner. We have four months to serve and grow our membership. At the March meeting, we need your input, ideas, and opinions (good, bad, and otherwise). The District sent out a survey to gather your thoughts and ideas. One of the things we have learned in the last five years is each Club is unique and has different needs. With your help, we are able to develop workshops, training, and one-on-one sessions to better meet your needs. And in the process, we have learned a lot from Lions. Together we are stronger and are able to do more for our communities.

Please plan to join us for a fun District Meeting and help us continue to improve our ability to better meet your needs. Your input is critical. ~ DG Matt and Cabinet

Details will be posted on this webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST Apr 18 & May 2

Hello Fellow Lions,

Student Speakers Contests are underway! Please let me know if you need anything from me or your district; and if you email me your contest's date, I am going to try to get to as many as I can. You can email me at 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

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 and

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



**California
LIONS CLUBS**

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

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

Hunger
January 3-11, 2026

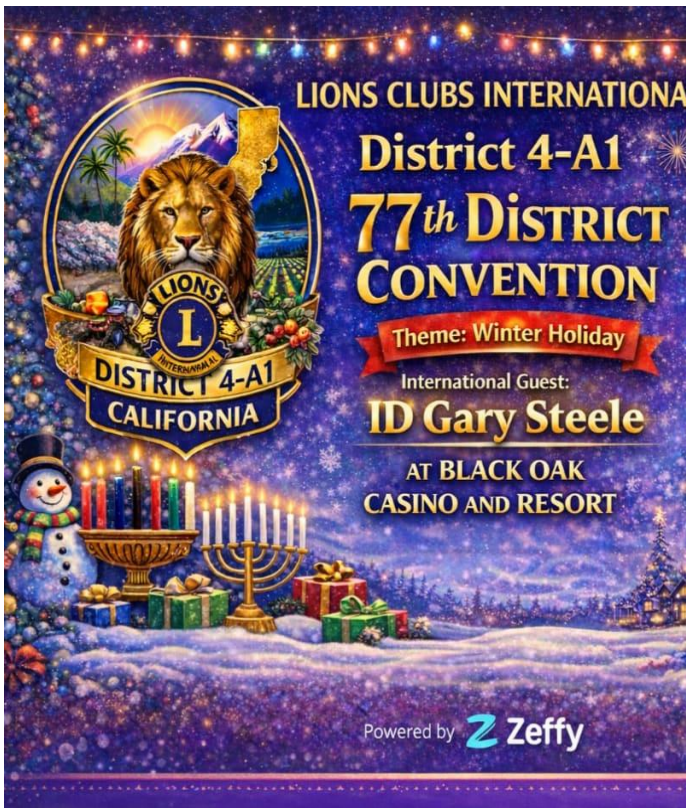
Environment
April 18- 26 2026

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

California Lions Global Service Team Coordinator- Lion PCC Craig Durand
LionCraig4L4@gmail.com (714) 936-5778
Service 1st! California Leads the Way! CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org


DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION Apr 23-26

<https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>
at [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) –
[77th District 4-A1 Convention REGISTRATION](#)
[Food Faire sign-up](#)



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.

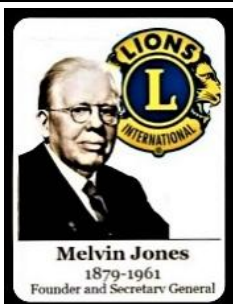
In Lionism,

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

(559)416-9821 matthewstickler@gmail.com

(NOTE: Golf Tournament info will be posted on our District's webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>)

MELVIN JONES LUNCH **May 16**



HOLD THIS DATE

Saturday, **May 16**, 2026 - 11:00 - Oakdale CA

It is for all Melvin Jones Fellows - and those who want to be one - by donating \$1,000 to LCIF. [LINK](#)

~ PDG Don Allen

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**


50th Lions' Allstar Football Game Saturday, **June 20**, 2026

Tracy High School

Wayne Schneider Stadium Tracy CA

Gates and Concession open at 4:00 pm

Girls' Allstar Flag Football Game 5:00 pm

Lions' Allstar Football Game 7:15 pm

We are excited to present our 50th annual Lions' Allstar Football Game!

Our Players' Banquet is on Saturday **April 18**, 2026 at St. Joseph's Church Hall 1813 Oakdale Rd Modesto CA, Father O'Hara Hall. Doors open at 5 pm for players and coaches - pictures - buffet dinner is at 6 pm. Guest speaker will be George Visger. Pre-paid dinner reservations are required due to needing a meal count.

Lions' South Team head coach is Coach Marques, head coach of Hilmar High School in Hilmar CA. Lions' North Team head coach is Coach Beam, head coach of Escalon High School in Escalon CA.

The Girls' Flag Football Team head coach is Coach Rios of Kimball High School and Coach Myers of Tracy CA. The Girls' South Flag Football Team head coaches are head coaches Coach Abbassi and Coach Ramirez of Atwater High School.

Congratulations to all the coaches and well done!

Please be sure to join us on game day, Saturday, June 20, 2026 in Tracy CA to help us celebrate Lions' 50 years of Allstar Football and the first year of Girls' Flag Football!

~ 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 #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

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

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Charter Date	Leo Club Type
Buhach Colony High School	Atwater Winton	3/23/2022	Alpha (School-based)
Chowchilla	Chowchilla	6/30/2025	Alpha (not specified)
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)
Madera II	Madera Madera Evening	12/21/2016	Omega (Community-based)
Merced	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)
Mountain House	Tracy Tank Town	1/27/2020	Alpha (School-based)
Oakdale High School	Oakdale	10/14/2025	Alpha (not specified)
San Joaquin	Stockton Healthy	5/16/2024	Omega (not specified)
Tokay HS Leo Club	Stockton Healthy	3/8/2015	Alpha (Community-based)

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Charter Date	Leo Club Type
Yosemite High School	Bass Lake	3/29/2013	Alpha (Community-based)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our District's two [Leo-Lion Clubs'](#) articles are now located in the Lions News Section. Thanks to a couple of Lions who explained that they belong in that section!!! ~ gfc

LEO CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

The image shows the Leo Club Excellence Award application form and informational page. The top left features the Leo Club logo and the title "Leo Club Excellence Award". Below this is a list of eligibility criteria, including membership requirements, service projects, and organizational excellence. The right side of the page contains a detailed application form with sections for Membership, Service, and Organizational Excellence, each with numbered questions and lines for answers. At the bottom, there are fields for member and sponsor signatures and dates.

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

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB



Yosemite High Leos created Valentine crafts to send to residents at the Majestic Mountain Care Center in Oakhurst. The items, along with notes from the students, were delivered to the center on Valentine's Day to remind patients that they are loved and not forgotten.



On Saturday, February 14, the Bass Lake Lions and Yosemite Leos celebrated Valentine's Day by dropping off a box of chocolates for the staff at the Majestic Mountain Care Center. Leos created craft items with words of kindness written upon them for the residents.

Following that visitation, they journeyed over to Reimer's Ice Cream parlor in Oakhurst to join up with the Sierra Lions for an ice cream social. Thank you, Sierra Lions, for sponsoring this event and treating eight Leos to some delicious ice cream. Everyone had a great time conversing with one another as they enjoyed their treat.

~ Bruce Alameida (Article also copied in the Clubs Section)

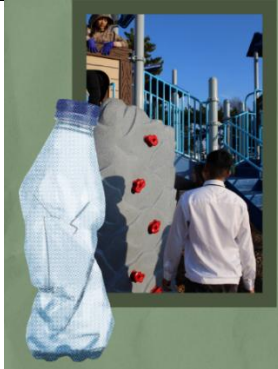
MADERA ALPHA LEO CLUB

Madera Evening Lions Club
February 14 at 11:41AM · 🌐

As ongoing Leo fundraising activities continue, Movies Madera was flocked!!!! Consider having some fun with friends and support the Madera Leo Club in their efforts to send members abroad!!!!

TOKAY HIGH ALPHA LEOS CLUB

MECHA: 1/26/26
PARK CLEAN UP



REMEMBER TO
ALWAYS PICK UP
AFTER YOURSELF AT
HOME AND WHEN
VISITING PLACES !



RECAP
Mecha Meetings
& Leo's Rock
Dancing





GROUP PHOTO !!

SEE YOU ON 2/9 !!



THANK YOU TOKAY
ALPHA LEO'S FOR
VOLUNTEERING !!

MEchA/Leo's/SHH

2/9 Meeting Recap

creating valentine's Day cards
for senior citizens



MEChA, Leo's, SHH 2/23 Meeting Recap

Hungry Tailz Presentation
& Donation Collection

Thank you to our guest speaker from Hungry Tailz for giving our members a presentation, as well as all those who donated to support this amazing organization !!



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!

BASS LAKE LIONS



On Saturday, January 31, 2026, the Bass Lake Lions sponsored the Student Speakers Contest (mental health) at the Oakhurst Library. Three high school students presented their speeches concerning mental health in front of an audience made up of Bass Lake Lions, Yosemite Leos, a Sierra Lion, and a few community members. The event went smoothly and each student gave a remarkable speech - making it a very close call. Pictured is Bass Lake Lion President Bruce handing the winner of the contest a check for \$100. Best wishes to this young lady as she advances to the next stage!



Following the speech contest, the Bass Lake Lions made their annual donation to the Friends of the Oakhurst Library. Pictured are several Bass Lake Lions, along with Lion Bruce, handing an envelope of checks from the club and a few individuals to librarian, Sarah McIntyre.



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~ Bruce Alameida

STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS CLUB

[FACEBOOK LINK](#) and [INSTAGRAM LINK](#)

EDITOR'S NOTE: All these great events are also on their Instagram account!



San Joaquin Zone 1 & 2 Meeting
Round Table Pizza 10952 Trinity PKWY
In person Meeting at 6pm to 7pm
February 17, 2026

Business:

Call to Order
Introduction
Membership

Service Projects

- Family Day Promised July 18, 2026
- Lion Week of Service Environment April 18, 2026, through 26, 2026.
- Reporting Service Activities

Student Speaker Contest

- Location for Zone 1 Student Speaker Contest: March 5, 2026 Round Table Pizza 8010 Holman Road Stockton Ca, 95216pm (contestants arrive 30 minutes early)
- Location for Zone 2 Student Speaker Contest: March 3, 2026 Round Table Pizza 10952 Trinity PKWY Stockton, Ca. 95216pm (contestants arrive 30 minutes early)
- Location San Joaquin Region Student Speaker Contest: M 24, 2026, Linden Lions Club House 5041 N Market St Lind Ca. 95236 at 7pm (contestants arrive 30 minutes early)

Club Issues
Club Announcement
Adjourned

Find Your Place in Lions

Whether you want to serve hands-on, support behind the scenes, or lead, there's a place for you in Lions. Come discover how you can make a difference alongside others who care.





Zone Meeting: Huge props to Lion Terren for pushing through and earning that Proud Lion pin! 🦁 Griselda and Jesus are giving it their all too! Can't wait to see more collaboration and idea-sharing. Great job, everyone, at the San Joaquin Zones 1 & 2 Meeting!

Valentines montly meeting
STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS



2026

February's Valentine-themed Meeting:

See 22 pages with photos and videos at this LINK: https://www.canva.com/design/DAHBJ50pJ6l/FVp-9U6yWdiNkmp_Et0YjA/view?utm_content=DAHBJ50pJ6l&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=h03e297bd60





STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-
LIONS CLUB
Board members
meeting



Board Meeting: Shout out to Hollywood Cafe for providing us with delicious food - even when they were slammed. The service was fantastic! We had a productive board meeting and can't wait to share our plans for the February Valentine's theme event! Join us for a paint night, bring donations for a great cause, and get a raffle ticket for pet food items, pull tabs, and prescription glasses. Because together [#WeServe](#) !



Service project: Saturday's service was EPIC! From rock painting to running and cleaning up Camp McConnell, we did it all. Special shoutout to 🦁 Silvia and 🦁 Evencio for stepping up and giving it their all. So proud of our Lion family!

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Service Project: RACE DAY FUN - Member Spotlight 🦁 Horacio and 🦁 Nohemi ran the 5k supporting St. Joseph's local run. We are so proud of you. Both placed in their perspective age categories. VIDEO LINK: https://www.canva.com/design/DAHACfn7pZY/pnVcCb8HANCOenZr1VRBXw/watch?utm_content=DAHACfn7pZY&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h7439ebf9fd



Service Project: Our monthly meeting was epic! We celebrated our friendship, shared beautiful memories, and decorated bags full of sparkles while collecting pet food, pull tabs, and prescription eyeglasses. Thanks for the amazing company and support. A new Lion is on the horizon.

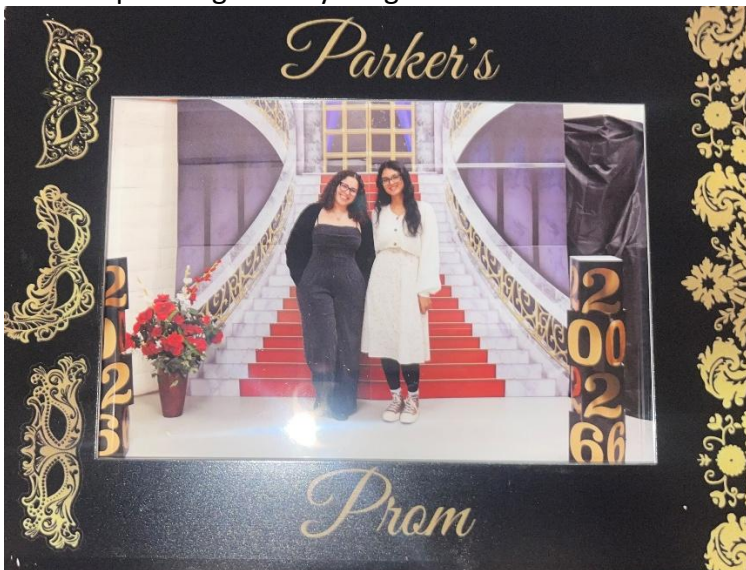
(NOTE: Several photos of these events are on Instagram.)

~ Eugenia Hernandez

MERCED HEALTHY LEO-LIONS CLUB



February, another month in this Lion year, has come and gone! We wrapped up January with our Camp McConnell community clean-up, with over 70+ participants from these community organizations: Kiwanis, American Legion, Lions, Eagle Scouts, Rotary, and Knights of Columbus. We are so happy with the clean-up and organization of camp. A large dumpster rental was filled by 1pm. Stacks and stacks of fire wood was organized, sheds were decluttered, and equipment was evaluated - what a day! Thank you to our members for coming out and participating!! We send a huge shoutout to our members, Louis and Daniel, for cooking dinner. Everyone can't stop talking about your guacamole!



The Merced Healthy Leo-Lions had the privilege of volunteering at Parker's Prom on Valentine's Day! Music, sweet treats, and carnival games seemed never-ending on that prom night! Thank you to the Bockhop family for a wonderful event and letting us participate! We also loved getting to volunteer alongside Leos from the Madera Omegas and Chowchilla Alphas!



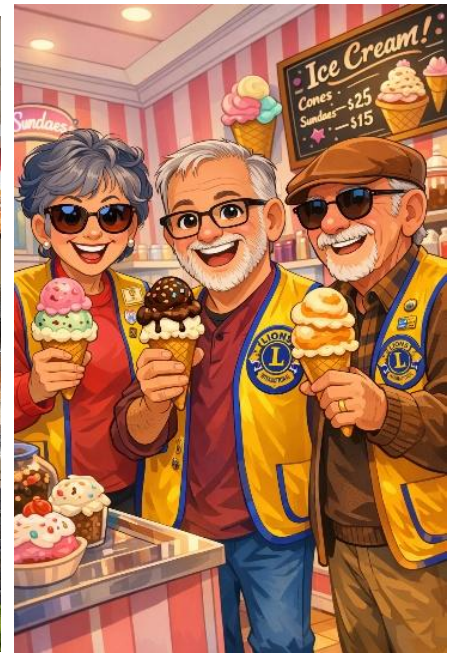
Lastly, we took a trip down to Long Beach for the MD4 Convention on the Queen Mary! Our club got to host a booth as a part of the exhibit hall (or should we say exhibit deck!) and talk about all things Leos, Leo-Lions, and our Youth Exchange projects! Our President Asia also got to give a seminar moderated by our secretary and PDG Lion Gabby about Leos, Leo-Lions and the transition in-between. Thank you to all the Lions who came and stopped by our booth or attended our seminar! Huge "thanks" go to Omega Jade and Alphas Analisse and Alex for all their help. We may have gotten lost on the ship a few times, but we had fun while doing it!

See you in March Leos, Lions, and Leo-Lions!

~ Asia Joaquim, Charter Club President (2025)

SIERRA LIONS





Our Valentine's Day Ice Cream Outing to Reimers in Oakhurst was a hit. Here are Lions Linda, Rob and Jim enjoying their ice creams! 😊 Thank you, District Governor Matt and family, a bunch of fabulous Leos, and our next door friends, Bass Lake Lions, for joining in the fun - and to President Liz for setting it all up! ❤️ ~ Catie Knies



Sierra Lions Oakhurst CA

February 1 at 1:47 PM · 🌐

Proud Sierra Lions with eyeglasses and hearing aids collected for the #HelenKeller100 challenge! #WeServe. #SierraLions #OakhurstCA



ESCALON LIONS

At our last Get-Together, we were regaled with speeches from the Student Speakers Contest. The topic was: "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers To Well-Being". Student Speakers were: Drew Bellinger, Brooklyn Dugo, Peyton Jacobs, and Dominic Risetto - with the ultimate winner being Peyton Jacobs. Judges were: Scott Tyrell, Chief of Staff, Robert Rickman, SJ Supervisor, Jaylen French, Escalon City Manager, and Christine

Foreman, MJC English Professor. It was very entertaining, with some really great insights. And a "SPECIAL Thanks" to the City of Escalon for providing us with the City Council Chambers. Well done, speakers and judges!!

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (Again) - The Escalon Lions Club Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is rapidly approaching (3/14-Saturday) at the Escalon Community Center. This is not only a big fundraiser; it is a great function with a lot of good food and fun. We'll need lots of raffle prizes and help with set-up, cooking, etc. We also need to SELL TICKETS!! We'll have a tentative work schedule out shortly. Lion Brandon Scully has been knocking himself out to get this function going. Get Ready!!

JACKSON LIONS

The **March 7th** Jackson Lions Annual Crab Feed is a sold-out event every year. With all-you-can-eat crab, salad, bread, and pesto pasta, we even provide wine on the table! There are plenty of great raffle prizes and a silent auction. Tickets online at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/253647711643157>

All the proceeds from this event benefit our local youth sports programs. [FLIER](#)

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Dandelion Days Celebration on **March 21st and 22nd** is a family-oriented event, and it's lots of fun! It includes an outdoor bazaar and street fair that features antiques, relics and collectibles, arts and crafts, and much more. It is two days of live music on two stages, a Beer & Wine Garden, lots of fun food, and kids' carnival rides. A pancake, ham, and egg breakfast, located at the Jackson Civic Center, kicks off both days' activities at 7:00 am (or thereabouts). But Dandelion Days is also known for its rich local community flavor; it's one thing that makes it so popular. In fact, a great many attendees come from outside the county to join the fun! Not least of all, Dandelion Days is one of the Jackson Lions Club's largest fundraising events that benefits student scholarships and community events. ~ Alan McNany – [FLIER](#)

TURLOCK LIONS



THS Baseball Fundraiser Club Dinner -

Thanks to the Lions who helped cook for the dinner for the Turlock High School Baseball Fundraiser. Our Lions club was pleased to cook for them because the team was helpful parking cars at the Fruit Yard last summer.

Upcoming Event: Destruction Derby will be on **July 15-16.**

SUTTER CREEK LIONS

Thank You
for your support by purchasing a duck adoption!

The Great Sutter Creek Duck Race

April 25, 2026
Minnie Provis Park
Sutter Creek, CA
10am
Rain or Shine

ducks are rubber | you will not receive a physical duck | this ticket is not redeemable | your receipt will be emailed | names will be randomly assigned to numbered racing ducks | need not be present to win, but join the fun if you can!

ADOPT MORE DUCKS & FOR MORE INFO:
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Adopt a Duck from Sutter Creek Lions! We're just waiting for the creek to fill so the games can begin! We will also be selling ice cream on **April 25** at our booth. Money raised from our club will go toward an Amador High School scholarship. Stop by and see what we have, and learn more about us (and yes, we would love to have you join)! Email: info@suttercreeklions.org to make arrangements for a duck adoption. Ducks are \$5 each or a team of five for \$20. [FLIER 1](#) and [FLIER 2](#)

Ducks will also be up for adoption at our Blood Drive on **March 20** at the Sutter Creek Community Building. [Click here to schedule an appointment](#). [FLIER](#) - See the flyer for five reasons to donate blood, and don't forget to drop off some canned goods for the Interfaith Food Bank. Vitalant will host a Sutter Creek community blood drive to meet the community's need for blood and blood products. The blood drive is hosted by the Sutter Creek Lions Club. Donors will be entered into a Vitalant drawing for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment by going to donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code 10053385, or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Walk-ins are welcome and will be accommodated if space allows. For more information or eligibility questions call Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

~ Nancy Champlin, President



Sutter Creek Lions Club

February 7 at 9:14 PM · 🌐

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This year's Student Speaker Contest was held on February 5th, at the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School. The topic was "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being". The Winner, Amador High School Student Alexander Fuller, was presented with \$100.00. Alexander advanced to the Zone Contest, which will be held at Mel's in Jackson on February 26th!



Sutter Creek Lions Club

February 4 at 11:26 PM · 🌐

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Update on the Boy Scout Eagle Project! - Children's Literacy & STEM Program using LEGOs : Items needed for the younger kids (LEGO Duplos & such) have been purchased. Scout Zachary and his Dad (Chris) brought them to the Jackson Library to show what they had, and to go over plans for the next step.



UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS



We had a fun time at our recent Tasteful Meet & Greet. Thank you, Lion Marie, for teaching us how to make Spring Rolls. They were delicious, and we got to bring left-overs home. We focused on a healthy, diabetes-friendly menu to help educate people regarding one of Lions Clubs' Global Causes of "DIABETES" awareness.

[WEBSITE](#) -

Based on our advertising for this event, we had several people bring in their used eyeglasses for [Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern California](#) (and hearing aids too). Eyeglasses recycling helps with the Global Cause of "VISION". [WEBSITE](#) - Lions for Access- Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 -

#HelenKeller100

Thank you for donations from [Wok and Roll Asian Kitchen](#), Jackson's Cost Less, and Lions District 4-A1. If you would like recipes, or to find out more about our club, please email Upcountry88Lions@gmail.com



February 4: Announcing the winner of our California/MD4 Club Student Speakers Contest, drum roll... Kaleb Huanaco! Thank you for a great speech on this year's topic: "Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being." Thank you to Logan Carnell, Jeff Brown District 3 Supervisor, Kevin McCann, and Shilpa Rassmussen, Secretary of Amador [NAMI](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness), for being judges and alternate. Thank you to Kaleb's parents, Mike Spinetta, Jacob Guidi, and Giles Turner for supporting him. Kaleb is entered in the next (Zone) round of the contest on February 26th at Mel's Diner. Our club awarded him with a check for \$100. A winner at each level can get over \$10,000 in scholarships. 🧑🏻‍🎓 <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers> and <https://studentspeakersfoundation.org/>

TRI DAMS LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

March 4, 18, 25: We're starting up Smart Phone Classes for Seniors again at the Burson Community Center. email: hhsatrainer12@gmail.com if you're interested in attending. [FLIER](#)

March 13 and April 10: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fridays



TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS



February was a busy month for our club. We held our Student Speakers Contest with Lion Lilia chairing this event. Student speaker, Lara Saban, from West High School, received a \$100 check for winning the event. She will compete at the zone-level contest in March.



Lions Lilia and Debbi joined other zone Lions at the zone meeting. ~ Debbi Hopman

ATWATER WINTON LIONS

Community Connections: Atwater-Winton Lions Club Update - It has been a busy season of growth and service for the Atwater-Winton Lions Club. From educational insights to celebrating local youth, our recent activities highlight our commitment to the community.

Knowledge and Partnerships - Our recent meetings have featured a diverse array of presentations, including public health programs, higher education opportunities for high schoolers, and All-Star Football scholarship fundraisers. Member Kay McAtee has done a fantastic job booking speakers who help us align our efforts with

Lions Global Causes. These sessions have strengthened our partnerships with local groups to better meet community needs.



Representatives from Merced County Public Health provided information on free health screening services available to the public.



Alberto Velarde and a representative from Bridge2College spoke on opportunities for students to travel to top universities.



Kevin Swartwood and Lou Souza, of the Merced Breakfast Lions Club, presented information on their annual North-South All-Star Football Game. The game serves as a fundraising event for scholarships for the players. Youth Excellence - We are proud to announce the winners of our recent youth competitions:
Speech Contest: Morgan Sorensen (Stone Ridge Christian School).



Peace Poster Contest: Shayonna Young (Mitchell School), Kinsley Britton (Peggy Heller School), and Briana Licea (Winton Middle School).





Upcoming Event: Free Community Health Fair - Join us for a day of wellness! With the support of our official sponsor, the Bloss Memorial Health Care District, we are hosting a Health Fair on **March 21st** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Juniper Elementary School (661 E. Juniper Avenue, Atwater).

Free services include:

- Vision screenings & prescription eyeglasses
- Blood pressure & glucose checks
- BMI screenings
- Community blood drive

This event is entirely free and open to everyone. For more information on the health fair call (209) 756-2691.

[FLIER 1](#) and [Spanish FLIER 2](#)

 **Atwater-Winton Lions Club**
February 16 at 9:57 AM · 🌐

Atwater-Winton Lions Club members attended Parker's Prom and contributed to the fun as well as the plush pile collection!



TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

The Tracy Breakfast Lions will be having their annual Louie "Gee Gee" Galli Memorial Cioppino Dinner on Saturday, **March 28**, at the Tracy Portuguese Hall 430 W. 9th Street.

This is a very popular event that "sells to the walls" every year. Tickets are \$75.00 each. Raffle prizes galore!!!! Bring your appetite. ~ Roy Hawkins - [FLIER](#)

STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Our members feel lucky to serve! We will be cheering on our student speaker as she prepares to compete on **March 3rd** in the San Joaquin Zone 2 Contest! We enjoyed good food and company at our club contest on February 4th.



We are gearing up for several projects in March, including a bench dedication and new member induction at Fong Park, 2525 Blossom Circle, Stockton on Saturday, **March 7**, 10:00-10:45 AM. [FLIER](#)
- Induction will directly follow the ceremony for the bench.



Our Lions continue to volunteer with Blind Bowling and the Blind Amateur Net Group (BANG). (Screenshot is below)

Photos from our last amateur radio group meeting at Mission Pizza



We're also collecting eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, pull tabs, soft plastics, and sneakers to recycle.



STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club is with Xena Ferrario at University Park.

January 31 at 9:14 AM · Stockton · 🌐

San Joaquin Lions Xena and Jennifer are collecting sneakers to recycle and help others in need in collaboration with St. Joseph's at their Fun Run this morning! Thank you everyone for the support and participants for helping to fight cancer. #LionsGoGreene #LionsClubs
#Stockton#LionsForAccess #InclusionInService



Lions Xena and Jennifer enjoyed being part of St. Joseph's Fun Run. We are happy to report we collected 154 sneakers through their drive.



Lion Paula helped make beaded White Cane pins for a giveaway at the California Lions Convention to help promote "Accessibility". We're looking forward to earning our "Lions for Access" banner patch this month! **May 3rd** will be an "Are You Feeling Lucky?" fundraiser for the San Joaquin Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. Sign up through the Zelle QR code. [FLIER](#)

~ Jennifer Gass

Everything California Lions Marketing added a new photo — with Jennifer Gass. February 1 at 8:56 AM

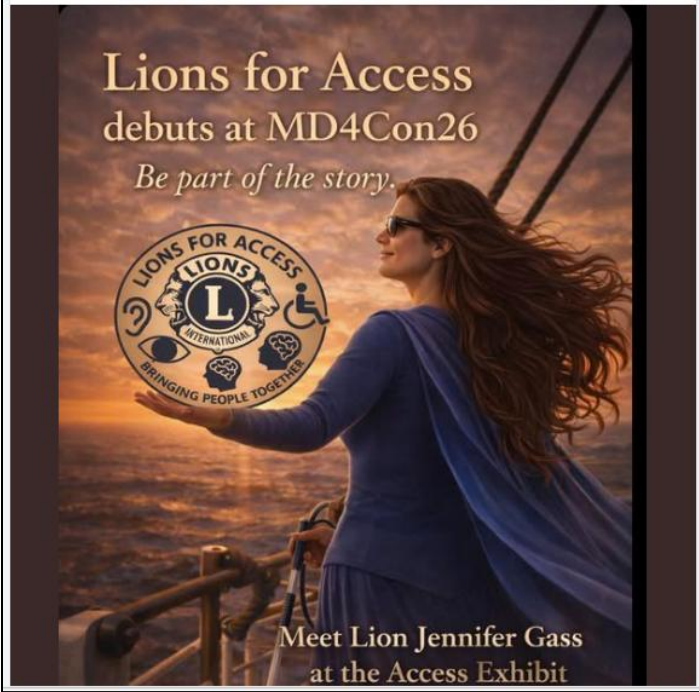
The California Lions Marketing Team is proud to announce the debut of one of our Signature Projects at MD4Con.

Lions for Access makes its official debut—championing accessibility, inclusion, and service for all abilities.

Visit the Lions for Access Exhibit, meet the team behind the movement, and be part of the story as it unfolds.

This is more than an exhibit.
This is a moment.
This is Lions leading the way.

#LionsForAccess
#EverythingCaliforniaLionsService



STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club February 12 at 9:18 PM

Recently Lion Paul of Linden and Lion Xena of Stockton-San Joaquin Lions Club happily delivered eyeglasses to a student in need. She can see better now thanks to Lion Linda from "Lions in Sight of California and Nevada" who helped make it possible. The student was excited to wear her new eyeglasses!



STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club is at Olive Garden. February 7 at 6:08 PM · Tracy

Happiest of birthdays to our new member Lion Sandra! Thanks for collecting eyeglasses and sneakers to recycle and help others in need, you rock! #LionsClub #WeServe #SanJoaquinCounty



LINDEN LIONS

March 14: 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance – [FLIER](#)



Linden Lions Club - Linden, CA
February 17 at 11:12 PM · 🌐

A little late but last Tuesday we held our speaker contest. Had two wonderful young ladies. Congratulations to Olivia Frenette for winning our club level and moving on!



Around the Clubhouse

CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club
February 17 at 8:11 PM · 🌐

This evening we held our Student Speaker Contest. The winner was "Genesis Castro". Our judges for the evening were Barbara Moran-Jimenez, Savanna Linhares & Maria Plascencia.



LE GRAND LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

👉 Join Us for the Annual Lions Club Dinner & Auction! 📅

We're excited to invite you to the Lions Club Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 11th at the Veterans Memorial Building in Le Grand, CA!

📍 Location: Veterans Memorial Building — 12560 E Le Grand Rd, Le Grand, CA 95333

📅 Date: Saturday, **April 11th** 🕒 Time: TBD

Enjoy a great evening with delicious food, fun, and exciting auction items — all while supporting our community efforts! ❤️👨🍳

🎟 Tickets and more info coming soon — stay tuned!

LIVINGSTON LIONS

Livingston #Lions Omelet Breakfast annual fundraiser is just a few weeks away.

Event: Omelet Breakfast

When: Sunday, **March 8th**

Time: 7:30 am to 11:30 am

Place: VFW Hall

Address: 1605 7th St, Livingston, CA

Donation: \$15 Adult, \$8 Child

Proceeds benefit scholarships, service projects & community programs.

How many Breakfast tickets 🎟 can I deliver for you, your family, or company employees?

For tickets text Jose at (209) 585-8565 or Jill Loving (209) 489-7533. [FLIER 1](#) and [FLIER 2](#)



Livingston Lions Club

February 18 at 9:10 PM · 🌐

Our February meeting was packed full of great food, great guests, updates on future projects and fundraisers

Lion Martha cooked up a delicious pozole perfect for this weather.

[Merced Breakfast Lions Club](#) stopped by to provide information for a June flag football and football all star game event.

Lion Doug provided updates for our yearly Omlette Breakfast Fundraiser taking place March 8th from 7:30am to 11:30am at the [Livingston VFW](#). Please reach out to any Livingston Lions member or direct message for tickets.

March will be a packed month as we will also be taking part in a share the profit fundraiser with [Taqueria Los Dos Amigos](#) on March 18 from 3pm to 8pm. This is a great way to support your Livingston Lions Club and support a local family business. Details to follow.

Lastly, Lion Danielle provided updates on the club's monthly service projects. With the goal on focusing every month on collecting items to donate directly to organizations. This month we are collecting shower hygiene items for Merced County Rescue Mission. If you would like to donate to this month's project please reach out and see below for the remaining months.

February - Merced County Rescue Mission- Shower Hygiene
 March - CASA of Merced County - Toy/Game
 April - Willy's Closet - Hygiene items
 May - New Beginnings - Dog/Cat Toys
 June - D St Merced, CA, Homeless shelter - Tooth Brush/Tooth Paste
 July - Backpacks -a notebook & a pack of pencils
 August - Care Packages - Support Our Troops - Hygiene items
 September - Walk-a-thon- bring a case of water or snacks (bars or fruit)
 October -
 November - Thanksgiving Basket
 December - Holiday Basket

If you would like to be added to our monthly newsletter or would like to attend our meetings and possibly become a member please reach out for more information.




MADERA EVENING LIONS FACEBOOK PAGE

 Madera Evening Lions Club is at Madera Golf And Country Club.
February 12 at 11:13 PM · Madera · 🌐

Wonderful having Alisha Brown as our speaker at the last meeting! She does a fabulous job with Project Run Madera!!!!



DENAIR LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

 Denair Lions Club
January 31 at 2:42 PM · 🌐

Denair Lions doing good in community members cleaned up years of trash and waste in monta vista across from football field



CERES LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Ceres Lions Club, California
February 6 at 9:36 AM

Pictured below: Lion Casey Giovannoni, Max Ulmilla, Sovannary Carter and Lion President Matt Mann

Lions Student Speaker Contest.

- Three high schools in Ceres Unified School District participated in the Lions Student Speaker Contest (Ceres High School, Central Valley High School, and Whitmore Charter High School). Each school hosted its own Site-Level Contest and was able to determine a representative for each school
- The Whitmore Charter winner was not able to attend last night's Club-Level Contest.
- The school representatives were as follows:
 - Ceres High School: Sovannary Carter (12th grader)
 - Central Valley High School: Max Ulmilla (12th grader)
 - CHS's Sovannary Carter won last night's Club-Level Contest
 - Sovannary will next compete at the Zone-Level Contest

Congratulations to both contestants on a great job.
We are proud of Sovannary Carter moving on to the Zone level Contest.
[Lions Clubs International](#)



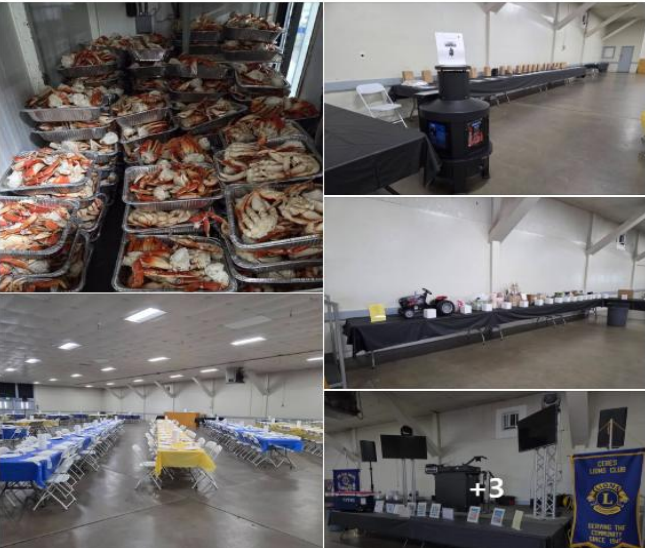
Ceres Lions Club, California
February 21 at 11:53 AM

We are ready. Who is ready for The Ceres Lions Club Crab Feed!

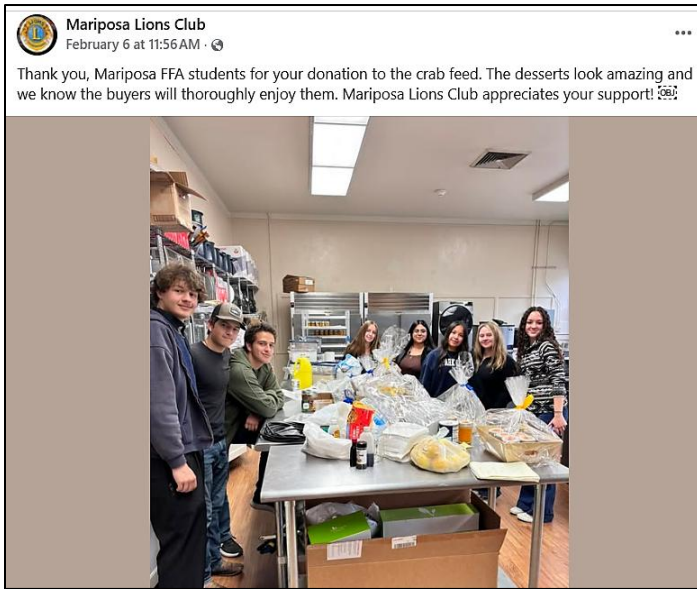
Thank you to everyone that supports our club with the awesome raffle and auction prizes.

Special thanks to:

- Barnwood Arms
- Ceres Tractor Supply
- Modesto Police Department
- Stanislaus County Sheriff K9 Unit
- KB Bookstore
- Dave's meats
- Yonan's Jewelry
- Ceres La Morenita
- Turlock Golf Club
- Family Pizza
- N&S Tractor
- Ceres Drug Store
- Strand Ace Hardware



MARIPOSA LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions had our largest fundraiser of the year on February 19th. Our Spaghetti Dinner was held during Ripon's Almond Festival weekend. 90% of our membership was there, plus several other groups, including: high school cheerleaders, ROTC, Boy Scouts, and many spouses of our members. In March, we are hosting PDG Don Allen, of the Oakdale Lions, who will speak about LCIF (Foundation). Many of our members will be attending Escalon Lions' St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. During the last few months, the Ripon Lions have added three new members, all in the same family.

~ Damon Woods

ESCALON FARMERS' MARKET FACEBOOK PAGE

[Escalon Farmer's Market](#)

🌻 BIG NEWS FOR 2026! 🌻

The Escalon Lions Club presents the Escalon Farmer's Market — and we couldn't be more excited to partner with such an incredible organization that does so much for our community! 🧑🏻‍🦱💛

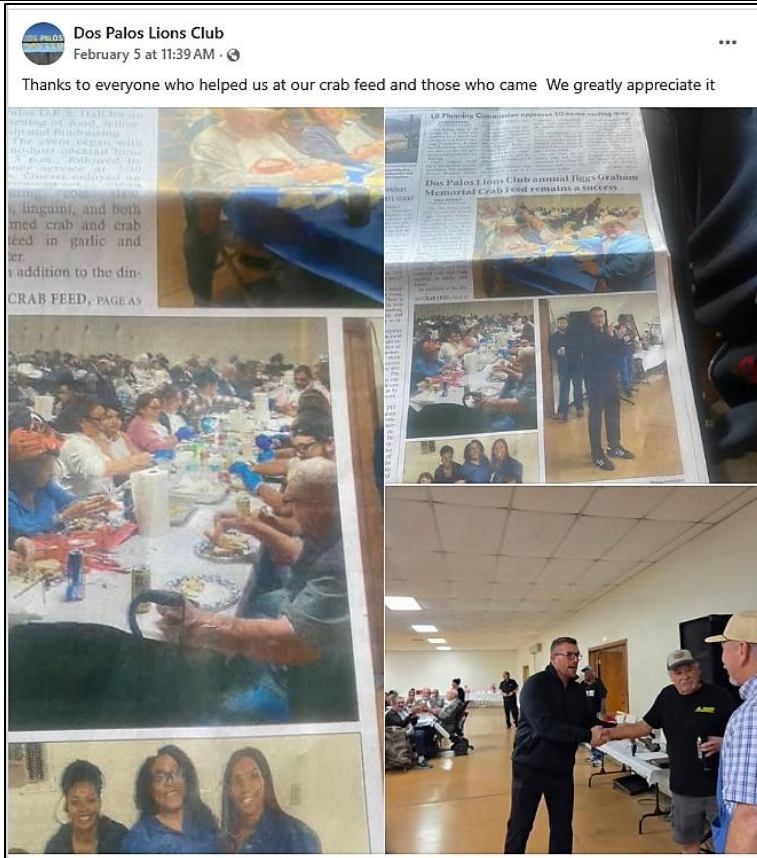
We're bringing the Market back for its 4th year and trust us... we have even more in store for Escalon!

- 🌟 More vendors
- 🎵 More live music
- 💛 \$20 Senior Bucks
- 🥒 More fresh, local goodness
- 🎉 And MORE fun for everyone!

We are so proud to continue growing this Market for our community — supporting local farmers, small businesses, and our seniors along the way. 2026 is going to be our best season yet!

#EscalonFarmersMarket #EscalonLions #SupportLocal

DOS PALOS LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



OAKDALE LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE



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2. Club member in good standing

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