



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER



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## ~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays:** [Pickleball Lessons](#) - Oakdale Lions  
**Now thru April 14:** Virtual Steps Challenge – Fundraiser to help fight Diabetes – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**Now thru June 30:** Youth, Environment, Inclusion Grants available - California Lions Foundation - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)  
**Now thru June 30:** Lions For Access Club Banner Patch - See article in this and March's newsletter. [REVISED FLIER](#)  
**Now thru June 30:** Round 9 Bags For Benches – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**April 2:** GOLF TOURNAMENT AT CONVENTION – REGISTER BY TODAY! [FLYER](#) - [DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION](#)  
**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**April 4:** Easter Egg Hunt – Denair Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**April 8:** DEADLINE for registering for 4-A1 Lions' Allstar Football Banquet - [LINK](#)  
**April 10:** [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions  
**April 11:** City of Hope Fundraiser – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)  
**April 11:** Dinner and Auction – See info in March's 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 - [LINK](#)

**April 18:** 4-A1 Lions' Allstar Football Banquet – [WEBSITE](#) - see *updated* article in the UPCOMING EVENTS section...

**April 18-26:** MD4 [Environment](#) Service Week – [NEW 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](#) – [FACEBOOK EVENT](#) - [LINK](#) - [Food Faire Sign-up LINK](#) - [Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

**April 25:** Worldwide Induction Day - [LINK](#)

**April 25:** Adopt-A-Duck Fundraiser & Ice Cream Sales – see article in March's 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 - [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 – [REVISED FLIER](#)

**May 9:** Melvin Jones Luncheon – **RSVP by today.** See article in this newsletter. [FLIER](#)

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

**May 16:** Melvin Jones Luncheon – Oakdale CA - [FLIER](#)

**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 LA

**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 – [WEBSITE](#) – see *updated* article in the 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays  
**District 4-A1 Membership Orientations** – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm - every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
**District 4-A1 Rebuild Club Meetings** – (Zoom) 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 6:45pm  
**District 4-A1 Newsletter Deadline** – Flyers, articles & photos due 25<sup>th</sup> of the month - [newsletter@lions4-a1.org](mailto:newsletter@lions4-a1.org)

## LCIF LUNCHEON



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

All Lions and Guests are invited to attend the **Melvin Jones Luncheon** on **May 16th** in Oakdale. It will be held at the Community United Methodist Church. It is located at 1480 Poplar St., Oakdale, CA. Cost is \$30 per person. We will be honoring those Lions who have received a Melvin Jones Award. We will also be presenting information regarding [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF), such as grants, how to support your Foundation, District community grants, and the Legacy Foundation. [FLIER](#) Please support your Foundation. Since its inception in 1978, MD4 has received over 8.1 million dollars. District 4-A1 has received \$693,000. The end of the year is approaching quickly, and many clubs have budgeted donations to LCIF. If you need help submitting your donation, please contact PDG Don Allen or PDG Kent Christensen. If your club is purchasing a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) to honor someone at years-end, you should send that paperwork in soon as it takes time to get the plaques shipped back.

As clubs are working on officers for next year, please include having a LCIF Coordinator for your club. This is a recommended position per Lions International. This would help the district coordinators in their work with clubs. There is a brochure on Lions International's website for Club LCIF Coordinator. [INFO SHEET](#) – [BROCHURE](#) All attendees will be eligible for receiving a MJF that will be given away at the luncheon, along with other items.

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## APRIL VISION NEWS

Many eyeglasses were brought in to recycle in recognition of "Lions Eyes Across California Day" on March 21st (always recognized the third Saturday in March). All eyes are on District 4-A1! Thank you, Atwater-Winton Lions, for hosting a health and vision fair on March 21st that served many in the community. I was thrilled to recognize the vision service of four more clubs, **Modesto 500, Sierra, Upcountry 88, and West Point Lions**, with a Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 banner patch at the district meeting.



The San Joaquin Omega Leo Club was the first Leo Club to complete the Helen Keller Challenge, and they were recognized with a club banner by the Lions Clubs & Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 Co-Captains, Lion Donna Rollins and Lion Jennifer Gass, for embracing the challenge and spreading blind awareness. (Photo: logo and photo of Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club President and founding member of San Joaquin Omega Leos, Abigail Resendez with Lion Jennifer Gass.)



Although the deadline has passed to apply for a Helen Keller Challenge banner patch, vision service is still part of the new Lions for Access initiative, which encourages service including and benefiting persons with disabilities. **Now through June 30,**

complete, market and report a "Lions for Access" project which includes Lions or non-Lions with disabilities or serves groups or organizations or individuals with disabilities, and you can earn a beautiful Lions for Access banner patch! [REVISED FLIER](#)

Here are some suggested activities you can incorporate into your meetings, activities or outreaches for awareness and three upcoming Lions for Access vision service opportunities in the San Joaquin Region you can support.

## Interactive Disability Awareness Activities:

- Blindfold Challenge: Complete tasks without sight.
- Texture Guessing: Identify objects by touch.
- Communication Challenge:  
Use gestures, writing, or a letter board to communicate without speaking.
- Wheelchair Navigation Course:  
Maneuver through a small obstacle course.
- One-Handed Task Station:  
Perform tasks using only one hand.
- Hearing Loss Simulation:  
Follow instructions with limited hearing.

## More Engagement Ideas:

- Vision Distortion Glasses:  
Try reading or writing with altered vision.
- Advocacy Pledge Board:  
Write one action to support accessibility.
- Accessibility Trivia Game
- Braille Name Writing
- Sensory Overload Simulation
- Inclusive Design Challenge

Promoting Access, Advocacy,  
and Inclusion Through Service

## Are You Feeling Lucky?

If so, come join us for an afternoon of fun, including casino-themed card games, delicious small bites, and a silent auction!

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: San Joaquin Valley Ranchers Clubhouse  
1240 N. Shaw Road in Stockton

### Tickets are \$30 per person and include:

20 poker chips to play at your leisure - At 4:30 p.m., prizes will be given to the 3 individuals with the most poker chips!

Tasty snacks to enjoy throughout the event - Lost all your poker chips or in need of a break? Relax in the designated food area and eat, drink, socialize!

The opportunity to take home enticing items - Be sure to keep checking the silent auction to outbid your contenders! Bidding ends at 4 p.m., and winners must be present and able to pay by cash, check, or Zelle to collect.

Purchase your tickets now via our Zelle account at: nfb.ca.sj@gmail.com. Please specify in the memo/notes that your payment is for "x" number of tickets to our "Are You Feeling Lucky" fundraising event.

If you prefer to pay by check, contact Angela at (925) 360-6643 for mailing info. Checks should be made payable to "National Federation of the Blind."

Thank you for supporting the blind community of San Joaquin County We so very much appreciate it!

Please keep me posted on what is going on in your region so we can share and make everyone aware!

—Lion Jennifer Gass, 4-A1 Vision Chair

## SPARKLE TEAM POWERED BY LIONS CLUBS

Lions for Access - Everyone can do this!  
Inspired by Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club



◆ SIGNATURE LINE: *Where Humanity Meets Environmental Action*

### ★ CORE DEFINITION

Sparkle Team Powered by Lions Clubs is an inclusive service model where people of all abilities come together to care for the environment while uplifting humanity— one simple act at a time.

### 🌱 HOW IT WORKS (SIMPLIFIED MODEL)

#### 1 COLLECT

Everyday items. Real impact. Everyone can participate.

- 👓 Eyeglasses – restore sight
- 👟 Sneakers – provide mobility & dignity
- 🗑️ Plastic bags – reduce waste, create new materials
- 🏠 Pull tabs – support families in medical crisis
- 🔋 Batteries – protect the environment
- 👕 Clothing & goods – support those in need
- 🎧 Hearing aids – give the gift of hearing

👉 *Even one item can change a life.*

#### 2 CONNECT

Turn items into human impact.

Every donation has a story. Every item has purpose.

#### 3 ENGAGE

Invite the public into meaningful, accessible service.

👉 *No experience needed. All abilities welcome.*

#### 4 SHARE

Show the impact. Inspire others. Grow service.

### 🎧 FEATURE SERVICE: HEARING AID COLLECTION

Give the gift of hearing. Change a life.

Lions collect gently used hearing aids that are refurbished and repaired to help individuals in need through the Ear of the Lion Foundation.

### 📦 DONATION GUIDELINES:

- Accepting BTE (Behind-the-Ear) and RIC (Receiver-in-Canal) hearing aids
- Must be 5 years old or newer

### 📧 MAIL DONATIONS TO:

Ear of the Lion  
850 San Jose Ave., STE 115  
Clovis, CA 93612

### ♥ INCLUSIVE BY DESIGN

- ✓ No heavy lifting required
- ✓ Multiple ways to participate
- ✓ Accessible for all ages and abilities

👂 Everyone has a role. Everyone belongs.

📣 PUBLIC CALL TO ACTION

Turn what you no longer need into something someone else can't live without.

Donate. Volunteer. Be part of something bigger.

✨ MIC DROP - "We turn everyday items into life-changing impact—together."

## SAN JOAQUIN REGION STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST



These were the participants at the San Joaquin Region Student Speakers Contest in Linden on March 25th. On the left is Linden Lions Club President Albert Dondero. Person on the right was the winner.

~ Carrie Guadagnolo

## PEACE POSTER – DIGITAL KIT AVAILABLE



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>

## EXPERIENCE MORE MARKETING CAMPAIGN

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/marketing-events/marketing-public-relations/club-marketing/marketing-tools> AND [YouTube Video](#)



**An experience worth sharing** - With our Experience More at Lions advertising campaign, we're encouraging people to see how becoming a Lion can add more meaning, connections, and fun to their lives. Take part in this new global campaign by using pre-designed and customizable campaign assets in your community.

Check out this helpful resource to learn more about the kit and how to use it. [VIEW THE GUIDE](#)

**Social media images and templates** - Social media is one of the best places to get your message in front of people quickly. And this kit includes flat graphics that are ready to post on your social media accounts and templates that can be customized for your club and region using Canva, a free design tool for non-designers. Use these social media graphics to share how your Lion experience is so much more than volunteering.

**Ready-to-use images** - Simply download and share on your social media accounts to get the word out.

**Customizable templates** - If you want to get a little more personal, use these Canva graphics to add any extra information specific for your club. Drop in your club logo or change an image to best show what your club is all about.

**Billboards and signage** - Want to go bigger with your ads? Connect with your local media agency to put up a billboard in your community and get your club noticed even faster. With a variety of size options designed for different placements like highways, poster panels, and street kiosks, these billboards are designed to make a statement about the joys of being a Lion. Make it your own by providing a trusted vendor or designer with your club's logo and contact information.

**Experience More branded gear** - The Experience More Collection in the Lions Shop features items that are perfect giveaways at events to start the conversation about becoming a Lion. Check out the collection and give people something to talk about. [SHOP NOW](#)

### Excerpts from March's LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DIGEST

#### Help Leos Aging Up Find Their Next Steps -

Leo club advisors, Leos whose records exceed the maximum ages for the Leo club program (Alphas age 19, Omegas age 31) will have their records automatically ended on June 30. Help your Leos find their next steps. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### Invite Leos to Continue Serving -

To Lions clubs sponsoring Leo clubs, invite Leos in their final year of service to join your club! Work with your Leo club advisor to invite impacted Leos who may be interested in joining your club. [LEARN MORE](#)

#### Promotional Tools to Share Your Lion Experience -

The Experience More Marketing Campaign Toolkit is here — featuring pre-designed, customizable social media graphics, billboards, signage, and fun gear. Share your club's story using these impactful tools and invite others to see that being a Lion is more than volunteering — it's about finding meaning and experiencing more connection, friendship, joy and fun. [VIEW MATERIALS](#)

### 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) **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month** 6-7PM, except for November & December and June & July [for new Lions and ALL Lions]

**Town Hall Meetings** (Zoom) **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 are provided throughout the year.

**Rebuild Club Meetings** (Zoom) **4<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION'S NEW GRANTS AVAILABLE

**Now thru June 30:** Youth, Environment, Inclusion Grants available - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

The California Lions Foundation is proud to announce new grant opportunities designed to help Lions clubs make an even greater impact in their communities. Clubs can now apply for funding in several key focus areas:

-  Youth Grants — Support leadership, education, and youth development programs
-  Environmental Grants — Fund projects that protect and improve our environment
-  Inclusion Grants — Promote diversity, equity, and opportunities for all

These new grant categories are designed to empower clubs to address today's most important community needs while expanding Lions service across California.

- April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026
- Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500
- Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4

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

[PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com](mailto:PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com) or call at 408-890-7119.

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

[PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com](mailto:PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com) or call at 408-898-7119. Please allow two to three weeks for your grant application to be processed.

Email completed grant application to: [PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com](mailto:PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com) or hard mail to: California Lions Foundation, c/o John Schroeder, 5970 WATERFRONT PL, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

**PROJECT CARE – MD4**

[e-district.org/sites/california\\_lions\\_marketing\\_committee](http://e-district.org/sites/california_lions_marketing_committee)

Accessible version here  
[Project Care Q4](#)

**Project Care**  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Service Projects 2025/2026

**Environmental**

**Health and Wellness**

**Veterans**

**Key Dates**

**April**

**Leos Awareness Month**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> : World Autism Awareness Day  
 April 10–15<sup>th</sup> : World Music Therapy Week: Highlights the therapeutic benefits of music for physical, emotional, and cognitive health.  
 April 15<sup>th</sup> - World Art Day: Celebrated internationally to promote art, and the contributions of artists.  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> LCI Environmental Service Week**  
 April 29<sup>th</sup>: International Guide Dog Day

**May**

**Lions Clubs Strengthen Membership Month**

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Global Accessibility Awareness Day  
 Mental Health Awareness Month  
 National Military Appreciation Month

**June**

**Pride Month**

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Helen Keller Day  
 PTSD Awareness Month  
 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month  
 Sports America Kids Month

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

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

Hey California Lions— It’s go time. We have three months left in this Lion year...Let’s finish strong and serve BIG. REPORT YOUR SERVICE IN THE [LION PORTAL](#) so we all can celebrate your accomplishments!!!

**APRIL — Awareness + Action**

- **Leos Awareness Month**
- **April 2: World Autism Awareness Day**
- **April 10–15: World Music Therapy Week**
- **April 15: World Art Day**
- **April 18–26: LI Environmental Service Week**
- **April 29: International Guide Dog Day**
- 👉 **Great focus areas: youth, inclusion, environment, vision support**

**MAY — Grow Service + Grow Membership**

- **Lions Clubs Strengthen Membership Month**
- **Global Accessibility Awareness Day (May 21)**
- **Mental Health Awareness Month**
- **National Military Appreciation Month**

👉 **Perfect for: Lions for Access, veterans support, mental health initiatives**

**JUNE — Serve with Purpose + Impact**

- **Pride Month**
- **Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month**
- **PTSD Awareness Month**
- **Sports America Kids Month**
- **June 27: Helen Keller Day**

👉 **Highlight: Vision service, inclusion, youth engagement, wellness**

**ALL MONTHS — ALWAYS IN SERVICE**

**Focus on what matters most in your community:**

- **Humanitarian Efforts**
- **Disaster Relief (LCIF)**
- **Youth, Women & Families**
- **Music, Arts & Sports**
- **Lions for Access — Bringing People Together**

**ADVOCACY WEBPAGE ON  
LIONSCLUBS.ORG**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/programs/advocacy>



"Our updated Advocacy Webpage empowers Lions. Does your club want to engage in service through advocacy — or want to learn more about it? We’ve updated our online advocacy webpage with exciting new content, resources, and ideas for getting started. This is a one-stop shop for clubs wanting to raise awareness of important

issues, educate community members, and create positive change.

"Check out our new advocacy webpage today and spread the word about how Lions and Leos advocate for the causes they care about."

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

**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](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

**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 – [NEW 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>

**GOLF TOURNAMENT Apr 23**

**DISTRICT 4-A1**  
**GENE WEATHERBY MEMORIAL GOLF**  
**TOURNAMENT**

**\$100 PER PERSON: INCLUDES GREEN FEES,  
 CART FEES, RANGE BALLS, AND LUNCH**  
 WE NEED 48 PLAYERS TO DO A SHOTGUN START AT 9AM

**THURSDAY APRIL 23, 9AM SHOTGUN  
 2026 START**

TELELI GOLF CLUB- 17566 LIME KILM RD- SONORA

**TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

BEST MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND MIXED TEAM  
 SCORE, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LONGEST  
 DRIVE, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLOSEST-TO-  
 THE-HOLE

**REGISTER BY APRIL 2ND**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
 TO LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1

This is a two person scramble/team, with the option of four if you would like to be paired with a certain group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

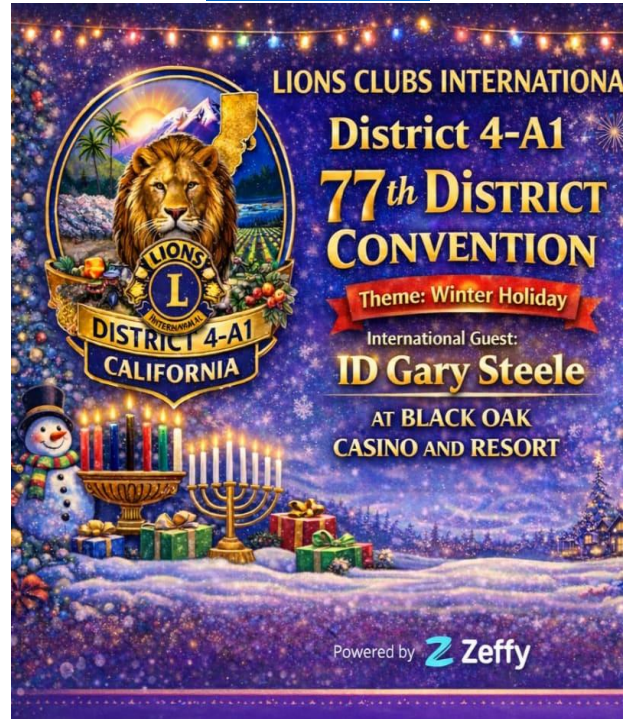
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT LION DAVE CARLSON AT 209.765.3055  
 OR LION JEFF VOTAW AT 209.304.6993

District 4-A1 Gene Weatherby Memorial Golf Tournament  
**Register by April 2nd**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 9AM Shotgun Start  
[Teleli Golf Club](#) 17566 Lime Kilm Rd, Sonora CA  
[DOWNLOAD GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM](#)

**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**



**REMINDER:**

- **Price Increase:** April 1st at Midnight
- **Current Price:** \$85.00
- **New Price:** \$115.00 (includes registration and all meals)

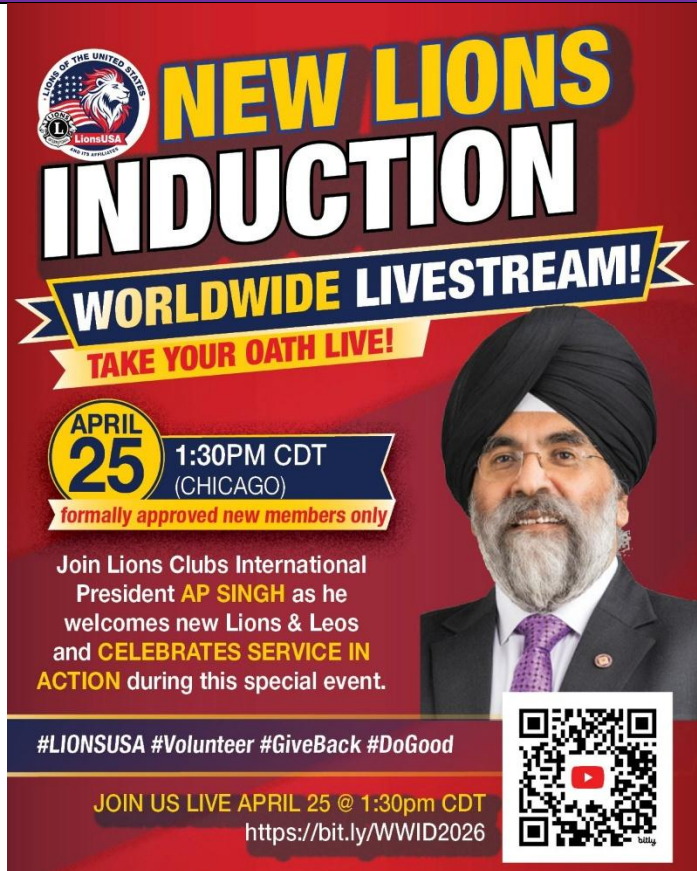
Don't miss out on this opportunity to secure your spot at the lower price. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to our Cabinet Secretary Maggie Stickler [maggiellan@gmail.com](mailto:maggiellan@gmail.com)  
 If you haven't registered yet, here is the [registration link](#).  
 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 **Winter 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](mailto:matthewstickler@gmail.com)  
(NOTE Information is on District's webpage: <https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>)

## LionsUSA World-Wide Induction Day

**Apr 25**



**NEW LIONS INDUCTION**  
**WORLDWIDE LIVESTREAM!**  
**TAKE YOUR OATH LIVE!**

**APRIL 25** 1:30PM CDT (CHICAGO)  
formally approved new members only

Join Lions Clubs International President **AP SINGH** as he welcomes new Lions & Leos and **CELEBRATES SERVICE IN ACTION** during this special event.

#LIONSUSA #Volunteer #GiveBack #DoGood

JOIN US LIVE APRIL 25 @ 1:30pm CDT  
<https://bit.ly/WWID2026>

Join Lions Clubs International President AP Singh as he welcomes new Lions and Leos and celebrates service in action during this special event. Join us Live on April 25, 2026 at 11:30 am PST. <https://bit.ly/WWID2026>

## MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON **May 16**

[DOWNLOAD FLIER](#)

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

All Lions and Guests are invited to attend the **Melvin Jones Luncheon** on **May 16th** in Oakdale. It will be held at the Community United Methodist Church. It is located at 1480 Poplar St., Oakdale, CA. Cost is \$30 per person. We will be honoring those Lions who have received a Melvin Jones Award. We will also be presenting information regarding [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF), such as grants, how to support your Foundation, District community grants, and the Legacy Foundation. [FLIER](#)

Please support your Foundation. Since its inception in 1978, MD4 has received over 8.1 million dollars. District 4-A1 has received \$693,000. The end of the year is approaching quickly, and many clubs have budgeted donations to LCIF. If you need help submitting your donation, please contact PDG Don Allen or PDG Kent Christensen. If your club is purchasing a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) to honor someone at years-end, you should send that paperwork in soon as it takes time to get the plaques shipped back. As clubs are working on officers for next year, please include having a LCIF Coordinator for your club. This is a recommended position per Lions International. This would help the district coordinators in their work with clubs. There is a brochure on Lions International's website for Club LCIF Coordinator. [INFO SHEET – BROCHURE](#)

All attendees will be eligible for receiving a MJF that will be given away at the luncheon, along with other items.  
~ PDG Kent Christensen 2164 Leeds Rd. Merced, CA 95340  
[kbclion@aol.com](mailto:kbclion@aol.com) 209-617-3682  
~ PDG Don Allen 1881 Foothills Ct. Oakdale, CA 95361  
[DonAllen5678@gmail.com](mailto:DonAllen5678@gmail.com) 209-988-3098



**DISTRICT 4-A1 LIONS MELVIN JONES CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026**

11:30 AM Check IN  
12:00 LUNCH IS SERVED

Special Guest Speaker

The luncheon will be held at the  
**Community United Methodist Church**  
1480 Poplar St. Oakdale, CA  
\$30 per person



Please RSVP by **May 9, 2026** to  
PDG Kent Christensen [kbclion@gmail.com](mailto:kbclion@gmail.com)  
209-617-3682  
or  
PDG Don Allen [donallen5678@gmail.com](mailto:donallen5678@gmail.com)  
209-988-3098

**Checks to District 4-A1 2164 Leeds RD. Merced, CA 95340**

Dress is Lions Casual  
All attendees will be eligible for a MJF drawing  
District 4-A1 lions

**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**<https://www.lionsallstarfootball.com/>

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 is at 5:00 pm.

Lions' Allstar Football Game starts at 7:15 pm.

Our **Players' Banquet** is on Saturday **April 18**, 2026 at St. Joseph's Church Hall 1813 Oakdale Rd Modesto CA, Father O'Hara Hall. Cost for dinner is \$50.00 per person reservations are required. Our speaker is George Visger, former 49er player - as well as a Lions Allstar Football player. Doors open at 5 pm for players and coaches - pictures - buffet dinner is at 6 pm. 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!

On **June 20th**, we will be adding our first year of the **Girls' Allstar Flag Football Game**. The game time for the Girls' Allstar Game is at 5 pm. The **Boys' Allstar Game** starts at 7:15 pm gates. Gates and Concession Stand open at 4 pm. **Player sponsorships** are \$125.00 per player, a pack of 50 game tickets is \$150.00, and business card ads in our digital program start at \$50.00.

As always thank you for your support.

[www.lionsallstarfootball.com](http://www.lionsallstarfootball.com)

~ Elizabeth Olson



**SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026  
WAYNE SCHNEIDER STADIUM  
TRACY HIGH SCHOOL**

**1ST GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL GAME: 5PM  
50TH ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME: 7:15PM**

**LIONSALLSTARFOOTBALL.COM  
DISTRICT 4-A1**   **@LIONSFB4A1**

**LI CONVENTION July 3-7**<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/> – [FLIER](#)

**HONG KONG 2026**  
108th Lions International Convention

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

## 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	Leo Club Type
<a href="#">Buhach Colony High School</a>	Atwater Winton Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Chowchilla	Chowchilla Lions	Alpha (not specified)
El Capitan High School	Merced Breakfast Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Golden Valley	Merced Breakfast Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Madera	Madera Madera Evening Lions	Alpha (Community-based)
<a href="#">Madera II</a>	Madera Madera Evening Lions	Omega (Community-based)

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Leo Club Type
<a href="#">Merced</a>	Merced Breakfast Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Merced County Law Enforcement – Senior	Merced County LE Lions	Omega (Community-based)
Merced County Law Enforcement – Junior	Merced County LE Lions	Alpha (Community-based)
<a href="#">Mountain House</a>	Tracy Tank Town Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Oakdale High School	Oakdale Lions	Alpha (not specified)
<a href="#">San Joaquin</a>	Stockton Healthy Leo Lions	Omega (not specified)
<a href="#">Tokay HS Leo Club</a>	Stockton Healthy Leo Lions	Alpha (Community-based)
<a href="#">Yosemite High School</a>	Bass Lake Lions	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

**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)

## TOKAY HIGH ALPHA LEOS CLUB

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## 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!

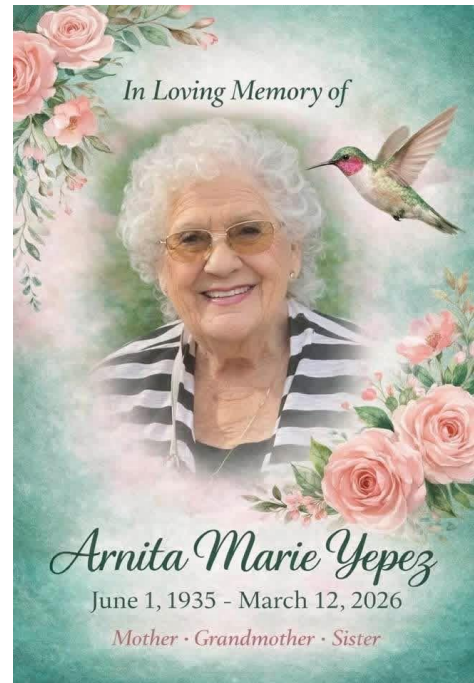
## LATHROP LIONS



Angie Barth and Beth Estante attended the Lathrop Relay for Life Bingo, sponsored by the Lathrop Lions on March 15th. They had a wonderful time celebrating the event's Mardi Gras theme.



On March 15, 2026, some of our club members supported the Tracy Tank Town's Corned Beef. Check out this fabulous meal!



Lathrop Lions Club Member, Arnita Yopez, passed away March 12, 2026. Arnita was a Charter Member of Lathrop Lions Club, joining on 4/1/2009. Arnita sponsored four members into Lions. Arnita also served the club as Secretary and 1st VP for several years. Arnita was an active member of our club and participated in numerous service projects over the years. Most recently, Arnita earned a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which had not yet been presented to her due to declining health.

~ Erika Johnson

## ESCALON LIONS

**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner (Recap) Wow!!** Where to start.... First, KUDOS to Lion Brandon Scully, and in fact, to the Scully family for taking on this project, and to Lion Chuck Sawyer, Head Chef. There were some changes from our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. For one thing, we hosted the dinner on a Saturday rather than on a Thursday. Another innovation was the introduction of VIP tables (there were five). The bottom line is that the

dinner was a real success. And, there were several other events in the area that evening. According to our treasurer, Lion Matt Yelland, the gross income was the highest it has ever been. And, once again, we had the help of local students who were superb. Thanks to all of you Lions who showed up to help and support this event!! (Editor's Note: See article in the *Escalon Times* – [LINK](#) And there are photos on their Facebook page – [LINK](#))

**“New” Members** - We welcome Heather Teixeira and Megan McNinch to the Escalon Lions Club. You have seen both new Lions as they have already contributed time and effort in our functions. If you haven't already met them, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our club.



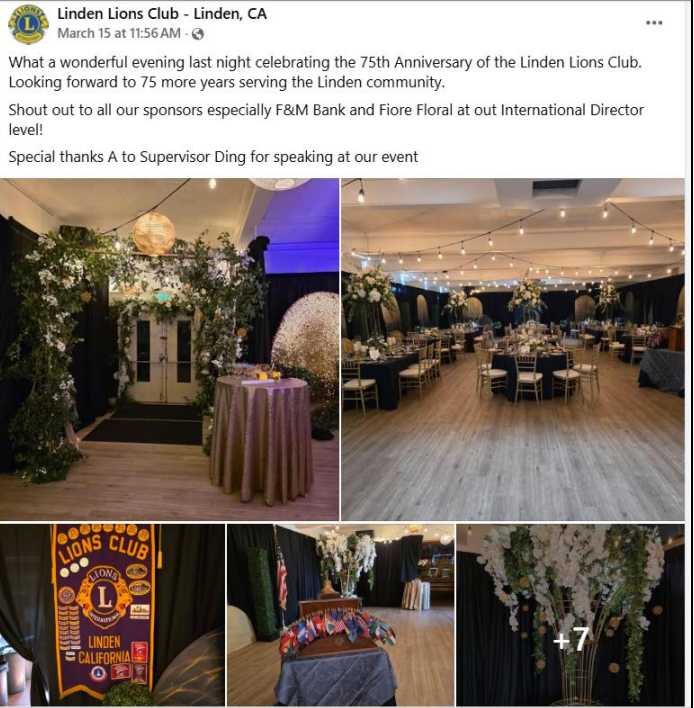
**MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS**

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

Hello and happy April! The month of March was a leisurely one for the Merced Healthy Leo-Lions as they gear up for a busy April and the rest of the Lions year. The Leo-Lions have caught up on their rest, and are welcoming spring with sunny motivation and an itch for service! In March, we participated in the Atwater-Winton Lions Health Fair and attended the District Meeting in Sutter Creek. The Health Fair was a busy and exciting event: watching everyone receive the health care that they needed for no cost, and getting to be a part of a project that sent lots of people home with new eyeglasses was such a rewarding experience. Thank you, Atwater-Winton Lions, for putting on an amazing Health Fair in our community! Though the district meeting has not happened at the time this newsletter article was sent, the Leo-Lions are still very excited to learn and meet new members of our district in Sutter Creek! Finally, thank you to everyone who has reached out to our club after the passing of our Guiding Lion Logan McKechnie, his Lion legacy and his passion for this organization lives on through every Lion/Leo he spoke to and every person he has helped. We miss him deeply and will continue to serve with him in our hearts. He was a huge supporter of the

Leos, Young Lions, and Leo-Lions and we hope that we make him proud every day. ~ Asia Joaquim, Club President

**LINDEN LIONS' FACEBOOK PAGE**



**RIPON LIONS**

The Ripon Lions will be giving back to the community on [Love Ripon Day \(April 25th\)](#) by cleaning and weeding the Main Street overpass.

The Ripon Lions hosted PDG Don Allen at our first meeting. Since that time, the Board of Directors voted to add a budget line for a Melvin Jones Fellowship as we await the next appointment. The Ripon Lions also attended the Escalon St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Change is hard for old timers, but necessary to allow a club to grow - and this is evident with some younger members of the club enacting change as we experience new members joining lately. We will be inducting a new member [on [April 25th \(Worldwide Induction Day\)](#)], as well as recognizing our three newest members.

The Ripon Lions will host speakers from the City of Ripon and Casa San Joaquin. ~ Lions Damon and Brian

**TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS**

Our big event, on March 28th, was our annual Louie Galli Memorial Cioppino Dinner. It was held at Tracy's Portuguese Hall. Our next large fundraisers will be covering the Tracy High School snack bar during football season. That will keep us busy for several months.

~ Michael McGuire

**STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS**



3/28/2026 @StocktonHealthyLeoLionsClub 🦁 showed up strong, ran with purpose, and had an amazing time doing it! 🏃💖 From promoting health and wellness to supporting local charities, this event was full of energy, smiles, and community spirit.

🦁 Huge congratulations to our incredible Lions:

🦁 Lion Silvana – 2nd place in her age category

🦁 Lion Viramontes – 1st place in his age category

🦁 Lion Abigail – 2nd place in her age category

Your dedication and passion truly inspire us all! 🦁 Together, we're not just running... we're making a difference. 🦁 ✨

#StocktonHealthyLeoLionsClub #accessforall

♿ Accessible Description (for visually impaired audiences) [INCLUDED IN ALT TEXT]



Club Monthly Meeting March 14: Our members gathered to plan impactful service and leadership initiatives.

Highlights included the Lion Proud Pin presentation by Terren Hinojosa, updates on the Black Oak Casino [Convention], and planning a project to earn the Access Banner Patch.

We also planned the induction of our newest member, Emily, discussed future board leadership, the Hong Kong International Convention, and began organizing our Diabetes Walk/Run 5K project. Members also learned how to log service hours and projects using the Lion Portal. Together we continue to grow, serve, and make a difference.

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## STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

**Present-April 14:** Virtual Steps Challenge – Fundraiser to help fight Diabetes – Stockton San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

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

We're stepping it up to raise money for City of Hope!

<https://californialions.org/be-the-reason-someone-thrives>

Please keep track of your steps, help spread the word, and join us for our Mountain Mike's fundraiser on **April 11th!** Show our PRINT or [ELECTRONIC FLIER](#), or mention the Lions club fundraiser at the cashier between 9:30 AM-9:30 PM, and 30% will go to fund diabetes research and treatments.

We are hoping to dedicate our Bench in collaboration with **Tokay High School Leo Club** during the [Lions International Week of Environmental Service](#) at Tokay High School in Lodi on **April 18th**. We will keep you posted on the exact date and time of the ceremony.

Thanks to 1st VDG Steve Moore for inducting our new member and representing the District, along with Zone Chair Rodrigo Acosta Jr., at our Bench dedication at Fong Park on March 7th. YouTube LINK:

[https://youtu.be/dl\\_FFVderpM](https://youtu.be/dl_FFVderpM)

Please join us in welcoming Lion Preston Bayhi, whose wife Sandra was inducted at our January district meeting! YouTube LINK: <https://youtu.be/cGMZdT0Ts-o>



Our Blind Amateur Net Group (BANG) project exploded with service at the "Pedaling Pass to Independence" bike ride fundraiser for Community Center for the Blind in Linden February 28 and the "World of STEAM Expo" at Lincoln High School, Stockton, helping out with communications and giving children their first experience with ham radio. FACEBOOK LINK:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid021seXdr5YBRxJasJqP2LuAEWXJpNFSpDyd7s1QmurfKvtg1Bmp hKJhGvMpKfrx2ykl&id=100080152820862&mibextid=wwXlfr](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid021seXdr5YBRxJasJqP2LuAEWXJpNFSpDyd7s1QmurfKvtg1Bmp hKJhGvMpKfrx2ykl&id=100080152820862&mibextid=wwXlfr)



Lions Jennifer and Josh checked out the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Net tables at the STEAM Expo.



BANG member Eric volunteered on net control at Pedaling Paths to Independence.



Lion Jennifer and fellow BANG member Eric did net control in Linden.



Lion Steve and fellow BANG member Jake tested out our communications at the STEAM Expo.  
~ Jennifer Gass

### TURLOCK LIONS

It's almost that time Derby fans! The Turlock Lions Club and Stanislaus County Fair have created a few rule sets for this year's Destruction Derby. We will be having our typical modifieds, our Standard Derby Rules, and brand-new basic stock class where you just show up with minimal work and get after it with your friends!!!! We have been thrilled at the early responses! Sign up early, it's going to be a great show this year!!  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-r5JGzaFQ\\_nEaTVNsBPJq4cnaNZakVrZFOYZhHM4g9tOqjw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-r5JGzaFQ_nEaTVNsBPJq4cnaNZakVrZFOYZhHM4g9tOqjw/viewform)

### TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS



March was a busy month for our club. We held our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage fundraiser. (Pictured are Lions Lilia and Lou). Proceeds will provide student scholarships to graduating high school seniors. And, congratulations to the Brooklyn Williford -- who won the one-week getaway to Cayucos. There was much excitement when the winner was called. On March 27th, we dedicated a park bench to Valpico Memorial Park. This is our 5th park bench--1 to Banta School, 1 to Mountain House High School, and 3 to

Valpico Memorial Park. We thank our dedicated partners--The Look, Eastern Star, Brighter Christmas of Tracy, Bishops' Storehouse of Stockton, Angie Barth of Lathrop Lions, Kohls of Manteca and Stockton for helping us collect and recycle 1000 pounds of plastic for this final park bench. While we will continue to recycle plastic, the Trex rewards program has changed, and we will no longer be able to receive a park bench.



Lion Jane greets special guests Dick and Donna.



We dedicated our 5th Bags for Benches bench to Valpico Memorial Park.



Thanking our partners from Eastern Star.



Thanking our partners from Brighter Christmas of Tracy.



At the District Meeting, Lilia and Debbi were sitting with Jose Aldaco, who is running for 2nd Vice District Governor! ~ Debbi Hopman

### MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

Mokelumne Hill springtime events are popping, including Hobbs Field, our revitalized baseball field. In partnership with the Mokelumne Hill Vets, the Mokelumne Hill Lions have been deeply committed to ensure the field and

associated buildings, like the snack bar, the scorer's box, and the bathrooms, are kept in top shape. For example, at present, led by Lions Goliath Hooe, Dean Dix, and David LeGrande, our Lions are making much needed repairs to bring the bathrooms up to excellent condition. Repairs were started and completed on March 29th, with painting to follow. The renewed bathrooms are sure to be a big hit for parents and ball players. ~ David LeGrande

### PATTERSON LIONS



The Patterson Lions continue to be busy in our community. This spring, we have been supporting our local youth baseball and softball teams. Go Tigers!



We were one of three supporters that got our logo placed on the new scoreboard at Patterson HS baseball field.



We donated to the high school softball program for them to buy new helmets, and they put our banner on the outfield fence! (We finally bought a presentation check after this donation)

Patterson Little League  
March 10 at 3:02 PM · 📍 Short Stop · Lance Taber · 🌟

🔥 Opening Day at Patterson Little League! 🌟

What an amazing way to kick off the season. The energy was incredible and the community really showed up to support these young athletes. From the opening ceremonies to the first pitches, it was great to see both the boys and girls out on the field doing what they love.

Proud of all the players, coaches, and families that make this league such a special part of our community. Looking forward to a great season ahead!

Here are a few highlights from Opening Day.

#PattersonLittleLeague #OpeningDay #LittleLeague #PlayBall #Community #YouthSports



And finally, we once again donated our time to cook a pile of food for the little league to sell in their concession stand for their Opening Day.

Oh, and can't forget the presentation from Lion Kirk and Walrus about Lions Project for Canine Companions at one of our meetings in March.

~ Shawn Monnin



### STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA LIONS

Here are the winners in the Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions Student Speaker Contest. Lion Norma Bognuda was the chairperson. The coach was from Lincoln High School in Stockton. The students who participated were also from Lincoln High School in Stockton. ~ Carrie Guadagnolo



Stockton Delta Pacifica Lions hosted the Zone Student Speakers Contest. Zone Chair Lion Rodrigo Acosta, Jr. is on the left in the photos below. ~ Carrie Guadagnolo



## SUTTER CREEK LIONS



### Sutter Creek Lions Club



P.O. Box 71, Sutter Creek CA 95685  
Email [info@suttercreeklions.org](mailto:info@suttercreeklions.org)

## The Results are In!!

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by to donate blood or drop off a food donation on March 20. We collected 29 pints of blood. There were 21 whole blood donations, three Power Red donations, and two plasma/blood donations. **There were also three first time donors!**



**Whole Blood Donation:** Red blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body and must be transfused within 42 days. They can help replace blood lost in a car accident. This is why blood drives are so important.

**Power Red:** The most common blood components transfused to patients are red cells. When you give a Power Red (also called double red) donation, you double the impact of your donation because the automated procedure collects a concentrated donation of red cells that can help twice as many patients (some eligibility requirements apply).

**Plasma/Blood:** Plasma is 92 percent water and carries nutrients throughout the body and can be frozen up to 1 year. Plasma can help replace fluids and proteins after suffering from a burn.

We also collected 135 pounds of food that was taken to the Interfaith Food Bank.

### SAVE THE DATE

Our next blood and food drive will be on September 11, 2026, at the Sutter Creek Community Building.



## SONORA LIONS –

### Jim Gormely's Celebration of Life

**Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 07:10:35 PM PDT**

**Subject: James Gormely Celebration of Life**

**This is Lisa Ellingson, James Gormely's Daughter.**

**There will be a celebration of life for Jim and all are welcome on **May 9th** at 11:00 am at his Church of the Latter-Day Saints and a light lunch served after. If you could let people who knew him know, I'd greatly appreciate it.**

**Celebration of Life James (Jim) Gormely**

**5/9/26 @ 11:00am**

**19481 Hilldale Dr. Sonora, Ca 95370**

**ANY CLUB WANTING HELP UPDATING THEIR CLUB'S WEBSITE, CONTACT LION GAIL, IT CHAIR FOR DISTRICT 4-A1.**

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

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

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[STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN](#) (2298)

[STOCKTON HOST](#) (2294)

[TRACY BREAKFAST](#) (2302)

[TRACY TANK TOWN](#) (67535)

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[CROWS LANDING](#) (2253)

[GUSTINE](#) (2259)

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[LOS BANOS](#) (2270)

[MODESTO 500](#) (2279)

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[DOS PALOS](#) (2256)

[LE GRAND](#) (2265)

[MADERA MADERA EVENING](#) (61592)

[MERCED BREAKFAST](#) (2276)

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(182692)

**Yosemite Zone 2 Chair – Paula Hansen**

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[MARIPOSA](#) (2274)

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District Governor Matt Stickler

1st VDG – Steve Moore

2nd VDG – Rob Hyatt

Ex Officio: PCC Claudia Miller

Ex Officio: PDG Kent Christensen

**CONVENTION MANAGEMENT**

Chairs - Rob Hyatt &amp; Samantha "Sam" Pierce

1. Bobby Arrigone Jr (1st VDG)

2. XXX (2nd VDG)

3. Doug Campbell (PDG Advisor)

4. XXX (Treasurer)

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEES****CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Chair - Claudia Miller

Matt Stickler, District Governor

Steve Moore, 1st VDG

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**CREDENTIALS and ELECTIONS**

Chair - Matt Stickler, District

Governor

Maggie Stickler, Cabinet Secretary

1. Club member in good standing

2. Club member in good standing

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Debbi Hopman

All Zone Chairs

Vice District Governors – Steve Moore

&amp; Rob Hyatt

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PDG Don Allen

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