



LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER



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~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

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

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](#)

Now thru Aug: (1st Thurs) Farmers Market – Escalon Lions - [FLIER](#)

May 2-3: Tri Tip Sandwiches at the [Ceres Street Fair](#) – Ceres Lions

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

May 3: MD4 Student Speakers – Area - Contest – **Date/Location CHANGED** – *see article in this newsletter*

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

May 5: Lions Club Special Event - Special program at legendary Dick McClure's garage - Stockton Host Lions

May 9: RSVP by today for the 5/16 Melvin Jones Luncheon. *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](#)

May 21: MD4 Service Reporting/ Portal Workshop 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM via [ZOOM](#) - [FLIER](#)

May 30: Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser – Patterson 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: Hot Copper Car Show – Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch Lions - [FLIER](#) - [WEBSITE](#)

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

Sept 3-5: [USA/Canada Forum](#) – Memphis TN

Sept 12: Autumn Cruise Car Show – Escalon Lions
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**July 2-6, 2027:** [Lions Int'l Convention](#) – Washington DC

**Sept 16-18, 2027:** [USA/Canada Forum](#) – Huntsville AL

**June 23-27, 2028:** [Lions Int'l Convention](#) – Singapore

**Jun 29-Jul 3, 2029:** [Lions Int'l Convention](#) – Minneapolis MN

## ~ 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

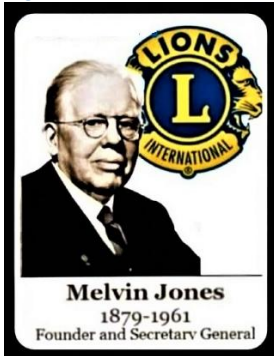
**District 4-A1 Rebuild Club Meetings** – (Zoom) 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 6:45pm

**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)

## MELVIN JONES - LCIF LUNCHEON



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



**Melvin Jones**  
1879-1961  
Founder and Secretary General

All Lions and Guests are invited to attend the **Melvin Jones Luncheon** on **May 16th** in Oakdale.

See [FLIER](#) in *Upcoming Events* section.

The Melvin Jones Luncheon in Oakdale is coming quickly. Please let either PDG Don Allen or PDG Kent Christensen know if you will be attending. Congratulations to Amanda Baptista from the Merced Healthy Leo Lions for winning the Melvin Jones Fellow at the Convention.

### Top 10 Reasons to Give to LCIF

As we celebrate the 147th birthday of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, we are reminded of how one person's vision can inspire a global movement of service. His commitment to helping others has continued to inspire LCIF's work in supporting communities and creating lasting change. In honor of his legacy, here are 10 meaningful reasons to give to LCIF.

#### **1. Make an Impact in Your Local Community**

LCIF Grants fund projects that improve lives close to home, including vision screenings, accessible playgrounds, food pantries, hospital upgrades, and more. Your contribution ensures Lions can continue addressing local needs through meaningful grant projects.

#### **2. Feel True Satisfaction**

Giving through LCIF allows donors to experience the fulfillment that comes from helping others in a significant way. "Giving is very important. When you give, you feel true satisfaction. We have been blessed with the ability to donate, so why not share with the community? And why not through LCIF, which in my experience, is the best platform to serve." ~ Million-Dollar Donor and Past International Director (PID) Aruna Abhey Oswal

#### **3. Help Provide Urgent Disaster Relief**

When disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to respond. LCIF ensures they are never alone, providing emergency funding for relief operations around the world. With global economic losses from natural disasters reaching \$250-300 billion annually, your support helps communities recover faster and rebuild stronger. Learn more about LCIF's Disaster Relief efforts. [LINK](#)

#### **4. Leave a Legacy of Kindness**

"What we do together is more than a donation. It is a legacy of kindness that truly changes lives." ~ Million-Dollar Donor and

PID Magnet Lin. A contribution becomes part of a global story of compassion that continues to touch lives long after the donation is made. [VIDEO](#)

#### **5. Address Unmet Needs by Supporting Our Global Causes**

Your donation directly funds LCIF's [eight global causes](#): childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger and youth. By giving, you help Lions reach people in need across every continent.

#### **6. Ensure 100% of Your Donations Support Grants and Programs**

[Fiscal responsibility and transparency](#) are important to LCIF. LCIF continues to ensure that 100% of donations go directly to grants and programs. This means that every dollar given is used to support humanitarian service.

#### **7. Be Acknowledged with LCIF Recognition Programs**

LCIF acknowledges donors through a comprehensive recognition system, including pins, plaques, patches, and public acknowledgments. To honor and recognize donors, LCIF has created a comprehensive recognition structure.

Recognition varies by level of support and is available to individuals, clubs, districts, multiple districts, corporations and other contributing partners. Learn more about [LCIF's recognition programs](#).

#### **8. Improve Young Lives with Lions Quest**

LCIF's global youth development program, Lions Quest, provides a curriculum for students from PreK through grade 12 to help them develop life skills, character, and resilience through activities like drug prevention, character education, and service-learning. Giving to LCIF ensures that Lions Quest can continue to make a difference in the lives of underserved youth. Learn more about [Lions Quest](#).

#### **9. Honor Someone Who Has Made a Difference**

A Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) can be given in tribute, recognizing mentors, loved ones, or outstanding Lions whose service has inspired you. An MJF or PMJF donation is one of the most meaningful ways to recognize someone whose actions, leadership, or kindness have left a lasting impact on your life or your community. Whether you are honoring a dedicated Lion, a family member, a mentor, or a community leader, an MJF tribute is a permanent acknowledgment of their impact.

#### **10. Set an Example and Inspire Others**

Supporters of LCIF demonstrate what leadership in service truly looks like. Your commitment encourages fellow Lions, family members, partners, and your community to join in and expand the impact.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps someone get through a difficult time or allows a community to rebuild. When you choose to support LCIF, you are continuing a legacy of kindness that started with Melvin Jones and still touches lives around the world.

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## LEGACY GIFT PLANNING - LCIF

### LIONS' TOMORROW DEPENDS ON TODAY

<https://lcif.myplannedgift.org/>  
[facebook.com/LCIFLions](https://facebook.com/LCIFLions)

"As a Lion, you've done so much for so many. To continue serving humanity, consider becoming an important part of our global foundation's future by including a gift to LCIF in your estate plan. Stewarded with care, your Lions Legacy gift will provide sustained funding for LCIF grant programs, like those that have empowered so much of your service. Your gift will make a lasting difference in people's lives. Plan for tomorrow, today. Join the many Lions and friends who have committed to improving and enriching lives worldwide by creating your personal legacy with LCIF." [BROCHURE DOWNLOAD](#)

This comprehensive estate planning kit will help you protect loved ones, organize everything in one place and save on taxes. [DOWNLOAD MY KIT](#)

## LIONS FOR ACCESS NEWS

### Calling all Accessibility Ambassadors!

Please let me know if anyone is interested in purchasing a "Lions for Access" pin to promote access and inclusion. They are \$7. Please consider planning and reporting a Lions for Access service project that includes or helps people with disabilities, makes your meeting place or materials more accessible, or educates about "Disability" before **June 30th**, so your club can earn a Lions for Access banner patch for your club's banner. I would love to help you do so.



I am attaching the Lions for Access logo, which is what the [pin](#) looks like. There are [T-shirts](#) available in the [MD4 Lions Shop](#) as well.

I am including a link with the banner patch challenge criteria and our website for Lions for Access.

Be part of the story! Thanks, and talk soon.

~ Jennifer Gass, Secretary San Joaquin Lions

MD4 Lions for Access Chair 209-774-8207

Web: [www.CaliforniaLions.org/lions-for-access](http://www.CaliforniaLions.org/lions-for-access)

Banner Patch Challenge Criteria:

[Lions for Access Banner Patch Reward Criteria Accessible Version\(2\)](#)



### SDAC Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, & Tuolumne County - From Valley Mountain Regional Center (NOTE: Not a Lions-Sponsored Event)

Our next round of **American Sign Language (ASL) classes** is here! Join us at our Modesto office from May 26 through July 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Childcare and Spanish interpretation will be available. Scan the QR code to register today. For more information, contact Midori.

**FLIER**

## MAY ENVIRONMENT NEWS



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>

### Subject: Golden Mussel

Good morning AFN & CC Advisory Committee members, The Golden Mussel is an invasive freshwater species that has been identified in the San Joaquin County portion of the Delta. These small mussels are of great concern as they impact water conveyance and agriculture infrastructure by adhering to hard surfaces, in addition to ecological impacts to native species like the endangered Delta Smelt. They spread easily through water conveyance and overland boats and equipment. Because they reproduce quickly, early detection is important. We need your help to share this information within your communities or by amplifying our messages directly from our social media pages.

**Download the Digital Toolkit - [Messages](#) - [Graphics](#)**

### Here's how community members can help:

1. Clean, Drain, Dry: Clean boats and equipment, drain all water, and allow surfaces to fully dry after use.
2. Learn how to identify golden mussels at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Golden-Mussel](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Golden-Mussel)
3. Report any sightings here: <https://arcs.is/10D4G8>

Thank you,

~ Xiong, Kia [OES]

(Submitted by Lion Jennifer Gass)

### 4-A1 CONVENTION 2026

<https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>  
District 4-A1's [Facebook page](#).

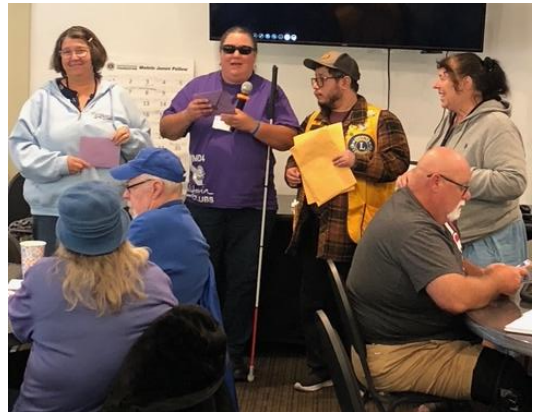
**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**  
**District 4-A1**  
**77<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
 Theme: Winter Holiday  
 International Guest:  
**ID Gary Steele**  
 AT BLACK OAK CASINO AND RESORT





Above photos are from Debbi Hopman and posted on District 4-A1's [Facebook page](#).





Above photos were submitted by 2VDGE Jose Aldaco.



Above photos were submitted by Jennifer Gass. She and Rodrigo Acosta handed out Lions for Access awards on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at the District 4-A1 Convention.

## 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://lionsclubinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1d>

## Excerpts from April's LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DIGEST

**Calling All Specialty Clubs** - We are asking all specialty clubs to log into the Lion Portal and make sure you have entered all of the details about your club's specialty so clubs of the same specialty can connect with one another. <https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/>  
**So Many Members, So Little Time!** Members new and long-serving, energized and tired — as a leader, you work hard to motivate them all. The *Member Motivation* and *Team Motivation* courses can help you. Both are available in the Lions Learning Center (LLC) in 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](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/>

## PROJECT CARE – MD4

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

Hey California Lions - REPORT YOUR SERVICE IN THE [LION PORTAL](#) so we all can celebrate your accomplishments!!!

**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

MD4 California LIONS CLUBS


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](#)



Contest will start at 1:00pm and I would like everyone to be there no later than 12:30.

~ Angie Barth MD4-A1 GST [lionangiebarth@gmail.com](mailto:lionangiebarth@gmail.com)

**Topic suggestions for next year's Student Speakers Contest please?**

**Suggest a topic for the 2026-27 student speakers contest here:** <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

The submission form is up on the website at

<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

California Lions intends to select next year's topic at the June Council of Governors Meeting so they need to have folks submit topics no later than **June 6th.**

**MD4 MASTERCLASS May 6**  
**"From Hello To Welcome Aboard"**



**Encore Master Class**  
 Expanding the mission and passion of Lions by Asking Others to Join Us  
**MAY 6, 2026**  
 7:00 - 8:00 PM PST  
 on Zoom

☀ You're Invited: Special Lions MasterClass ☀

**What if growing your club didn't involve complicated strategies ... just more meaningful invitations?**

Join us on **May 6 at 7:00 PM** for an exclusive **LIVE MasterClass**, where we'll take a deeper dive into the presentation we shared at State Convention on the Queen Mary. This session is all about **simple, effective ways to invite community members into service**—not with pressure, but with purpose. Because when people connect with a cause that speaks to them, something powerful happens ... they lean in, they engage, and often—they stay. This session will leave you inspired – and equipped to take action.

💡 **In this MasterClass, you'll discover:**

- Practical, real-world ways to invite others into service
- How to spark genuine interest (without feeling like you're "selling")
- Small shifts that can lead to meaningful growth in your club

📌 **Registration is required:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ODfskQj7QASMyF2c\\_nFwpw](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ODfskQj7QASMyF2c_nFwpw)

Replays available for all registrants. Let's turn simple conversations into lasting impact—together.

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

**STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST May 3**  
 👉 **NOTE DATE & LOCATION CHANGE**



AREA 4-A1 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST. The next level is the Area 1 Contest. It will be held at the Loma Rica Foothill Lions Club's Clubhouse. 5667 Fruitland Road, Loma Rica, California 95901. The

**MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON May 16****DOWNLOAD FLIER**

(See article earlier in this newsletter.)



**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  
209-617-3682

or

PDG Don Allen 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

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.

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**MD4 MASTERCLASS May 20**  
**"LEGAL-EASE FOR CLUBS"**



**Legal Forms For Clubs - Club Best Practices**

🌟 **You're Invited: Special Lions MasterClass** 🌟

**Take the guesswork out of compliance - 🎯 Reserve your spot today and lead with confidence.**

MD4 Marketing Area Representative, Anthony Kojo, an attorney, will guide you through the maze of questions and explain when and how these forms are required. Running a successful Lions club takes heart ❤️—but it also takes the right structure behind the scenes. From forms and filings 📄 to recordkeeping and archiving 📁, the details matter more than most of us realize. In this practical, easy-to-follow MasterClass, we'll simplify the "paperwork side" of Lions' service so you can lead with confidence. You'll learn which forms your club needs, when to use them, how to stay compliant ✔️, and simple systems to stay organized—without being overwhelmed. Whether you're a current officer, incoming leader, or simply want to better understand how your club operates, this session will give you clarity, confidence, and peace of mind.

🌟 **You'll walk away with:**

- 📌 A clear understanding of essential club forms
- 🕒 Guidance on timing, usage, and best practices
- 📁 Simple archiving and recordkeeping strategies

🛡️ Tools to protect and strengthen your club's operations

📌 **Registration is required:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yvkCEhhaRuKfLzBVZss\\_2Q](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yvkCEhhaRuKfLzBVZss_2Q) Replays available for all registrants.

## SERVICE REPORTING – PORTAL WORKSHOP **May 21**

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM via [ZOOM](#) - [FLIER](#)



**MD4 Lions**  
Workshop on Service Reports  
in the LCI Portal

Thurs March 26, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Thurs April 23, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Thurs May 21, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Learn how to quickly and easily report Service to the Portal and boost your districts' reporting! This workshop is being offered on 3 dates; you may attend one or all.

**Please Log on at**

Topic: MD4 Service Reporting/ Portal Workshop  
Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82176188413?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82176188413?pwd=fBANyKmYd9La92RLkoV40xsfQd0cnL1)  
[pwd=fBANyKmYd9La92RLkoV40xsfQd0cnL1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82176188413?pwd=fBANyKmYd9La92RLkoV40xsfQd0cnL1)  
Meeting ID: 821 7618 8413  
Passcode: 443945

For more information, contact Craig at [lioncraig414@gmail.com](mailto:lioncraig414@gmail.com)

🌟 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/>



**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
LIONS ALL-STAR  
FOOTBALL**

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL GAME: 5PM  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOOTBALL GAME: 7:15PM**

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

50th Lions' Allstar Football Game

Saturday, **June 20**, 2026

Tracy High School

Wayne Schneider Stadium in Tracy CA

Gates and Great Concession Stand open at 4:00 pm.

Girls' Allstar Flag Football Game is at 5:00 pm.

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

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

The football banquet was held on April 18 at St Joseph's Church, Father O'Hara Hall in Modesto. Our guest speaker was George Visger former 49er and Lions Allstar Football player, who had an inspirational speech and shared his love of football.

Ads are available in our online digital program and player sponsorships are also available at \$125 per player.

\$50 per business card size / \$100 for double business card

\$150 for a 1/4 page / \$300 for a 1/2 page

\$450 for 3/4 page / \$600 for a full page

And the Lions Club keeps 10%

## 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



Thank you for supporting our game for the last 50 years!  
[www.lionsallstarfootball.com](http://www.lionsallstarfootball.com) ~ Elizabeth Olson

**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!

108th Lions International Convention

Register now for the best price on registration.

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

**ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION**

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



DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON – Paul Wagner

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

| Leo Club Name                                          | Sponsoring Lions Club Name  | Leo Club Type           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <a href="#">Buhach Colony High School</a>              | Atwater Winton Lions        | Alpha (School-based)    |
| <a href="#">Chowchilla</a>                             | Chowchilla Lions            | Alpha (not specified)   |
| <a href="#">El Capitan High School</a>                 | Merced Breakfast            | Alpha (School-based)    |
| <a href="#">Golden Valley</a>                          | Merced Breakfast            | Alpha (School-based)    |
| <a href="#">Madera</a>                                 | Madera Madera Evening Lions | Alpha (Community-based) |
| <a href="#">Madera II</a>                              | Madera Madera Evening Lions | Omega (Community-based) |
| <a href="#">Merced</a>                                 | Merced Breakfast Lions      | Alpha (School-based)    |
| <a href="#">Merced County Law Enforcement – Senior</a> | Merced County LE Lions      | Omega (Community-based) |
| <a href="#">Merced County Law Enforcement – Junior</a> | Merced County LE Lions      | Alpha (Community-based) |
| <a href="#">Mountain House</a>                         | Tracy Tank Town Lions       | Alpha (School-based)    |
| <a href="#">Oakdale High School</a>                    | 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. ~ gfc**

**ATTENTION LEO CLUBS**

Please send an email to [NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@LIONS4-A1.ORG) OR [GFCLION@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GFCLION@GMAIL.COM) with either photos and an article updating us on what your club has been doing. Or –

**Email a notification to Newsletter Editor Gail when you have social media posts to include in upcoming District's Newsletters!**

**LEO CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Leo Club Excellence Award**

Submit this form to your District Governor for consideration for the Leo Club Excellence Award. The award is presented to the Leo Club that has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the community.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a Leo Club in District 4-A1.
- Must have been active for at least one year.
- Must have a minimum of 10 members.
- Must have a minimum of \$1000 in dues for the year.
- Must have a minimum of \$1000 in service projects for the year.
- Must have a minimum of \$1000 in fundraising for the year.
- Must have a minimum of \$1000 in community service for the year.
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**Checklist:**

- 1. Is the Leo Club active for at least one year?
- 2. Has the Leo Club demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the community?
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**Signature Lines:**

Leo Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Leo Club ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Leo Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Leo Club ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District Governor 2025-2026: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

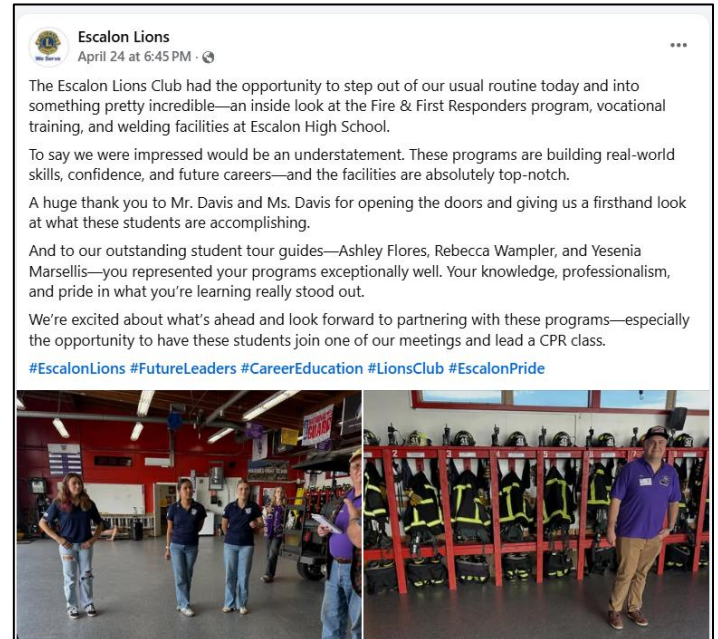
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District Leo Club Chairman 2025-2026: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 6/17/26 [Farmer's Market](#)
- 7/10/26 Pre-Cruise Car Show at Hula's
- 7/15/26 [Farmer's Market](#)
- 7/21/26-7/26/26 Park Fete Week
- 8/14/26 Pre-Cruise Car Show at Hula's
- 8/19/26 [Farmer's Market](#)
- 9/12/26 Autumn Cruise

**Opening Night of Escalon Farmers Market – [FLIER](#)**  
<https://www.escalontimes.com/news/opening-night-success-seen-for-escalon-farmers-market/>



Find 20 photos of this event here - <https://www.facebook.com/EscalonLionsClub/>

**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)

**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 email a notification to Newsletter Editor Gail when you have social media posts to include in upcoming District's Newsletters!**

**ESCALON LIONS**

**Senior Awards Ceremony** - The annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be held at Escalon High School, May 20. We will be presenting 13 graduating seniors with \$1500 scholarships. This is a really great function and gives our club the opportunity to "Serve" our community. Funding for these scholarships comes from our annual Car Cruise, held **September 12**, 2026.  
**Calendar:** <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/escalon/calendar.php>

**WEST POINT LIONS**

**May 2:** Gardening & Plant Fair – [FLIER](#)  
 Hey everyone, we will be setting up on Friday, May 1st, from 3pm to 7pm. Saturday set up starts at 7:30 am and doors open to the public at 9am. If you have any questions, please email me at [brendahagermanlions@gmail.com](mailto:brendahagermanlions@gmail.com)



At the Gala, Vicki Snead-Hinkell received the Melvin Jones award.



## SUTTER CREEK LIONS

### Sutter Creek Lions Club

P.O. Box 71, Sutter Creek CA 95685  
 Email [info@suttercreekions.org](mailto:info@suttercreekions.org)  
 April 2026

#### “Emergency Go-Bag” Grant Update

**CHILD’S “EMERGENCY GO-BAG”** – The child’s bags were donated by First 5 Amador. A comfort blanket, small rubber ball, a “Getting Calm & Happy” booklet, and “I-Spy” card with magnifying glass was also donated by First 5. State Farm Broker Anne Lintz donated a “Practice Fire Safety” coloring book, a small box of crayons, and a small flashlight. Diana Haley with Amador County Public Health donated a “Smile Kit” (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss), mini coloring books, and a “Be A Planning Hero” pamphlet. The Amador County Sheriff’s Office donated a “Be Smart, Be Prepared, Be Responsible” coloring book. And Listos California donated “Ready...Set...Prepare” which is a disaster preparedness activity book and card.



**ADULT “EMERGENCY GO-BAG”** -The adult bags were donated by the Amador County Fire Safe Council. The bags include an “Emergency Information Organizer” handout and pen donated by the Amador Fire District; a book about love for children “Loving Ways” donated by local author Susan Ross and illustrator Barbara Alexander; and Amador County Public Health also donated a dental kit, a dual mode thermometer, hand sanitizer, and a pocket envelope (containing various lists of emergency information and preparedness handouts). The Sutter Creek Lions purchased emergency pocket, 4 band (WB/FM/AM/SW) radios.



First 5 has arranged for bags to be distributed among children and their families on April 13 in Ione and on April 21 in Jackson.

This project was made possible by a \$500 grant to the Sutter Creek Lions from the California Lions Foundation.



California Lions Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation with the sole purpose of providing designated and matching grants to California Lions Clubs and California Lions Districts. Designated funds and matching grants are provided to enable California Lions Clubs to provide even greater service to their local communities.

Club members filled 50 child’s and 50 adult bags at the First 5 office.

#### “Emergency Go-Bag” Contents and the Donors

##### 50 CHILD’S “EMERGENCY GO-BAGS”

- **State Farm Broker Anne Lintz** - A “Practice Fire Safety” coloring book, a small box of crayons, and a small flashlight.
- **Amador County Public Health**, Diana Haley, Program Manager, Emergency Preparedness - A “Smile Kit” (containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss), mini coloring books, and a “Be A Planning Hero” pamphlet.
- **Amador County Sheriff’s Office** - A “Be Smart, Be Prepared, Be Responsible” coloring book.
- **Listos California** - “Ready...Set...Prepare” which is a disaster preparedness activity book and card.
- **First 5 Amador** -Go-Bags, a comfort blanket, small rubber ball, a “Getting Calm & Happy” booklet, and an “I-Spy” card with magnifying glass.

##### 50 ADULT “EMERGENCY GO-BAGS”

- **Amador County Fire Safe Council** – Go-Bags
- **Amador County Public Health**, Diana Haley, Program Manager, Emergency Preparedness - A dental kit, a dual mode thermometer, and a pocket envelope (containing various lists of emergency information and preparedness handouts), fire blanket, and a hand sanitizer.
- **Amador Fire District** -An “Emergency Information Organizer” handout and pen.
- **Author Susan Ross and illustrator Barbara Alexander** - A book about love for children “Loving Ways”.
- **Sutter Creek Lions** - Purchased emergency pocket, 4 band (WB/FM/AM/SW) radios.

## LINDEN LIONS

#### CALENDAR:

- May 12th General Meeting
- May 16th Cherry Festival
- May 19th Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- May 26th PDG Night & Ladies Night
- June 9th General Meeting



On March 24th, the program was **MD4 Regional Student Speakers Contest**. Two contestants competed. Rodrigo S. Acosta Jr. officiated.




The Speech Contest winner was announced. "Speaker #2" Praneet K. Runner up was Scarlet M.



**INDUCTION OF TWO (2) NEW MEMBERS** - Donald Drake and Kent Norman, both sponsored by 1st VP Jerry Colombini, were called to the podium for the ceremony. 1st VDG Steve Moore officiated.



**FATHER SON DAUGHTER NIGHT** was April 14. Program (for the kids) was **LIZARD LADY** from **STOCKTON**.

 Linden Lions Club - Linden, CA added photos to the album: **2026 Convention** — with ... April 26 at 4:46 PM

Another amazing District 4 A-1 Lions Club Convention in the books! 🥰  
 Linden Lions Club had 23 members and their families that came together for a fun and memorable weekend! It was a great opportunity to connect with fellow Lions from across our region, share ideas, and celebrate the impact we're making in our communities.  
 This year's Christmas theme made it even more special—full of festive spirit and lots of fun! 🎄  
 We love that it's such a family-friendly event, making the experience even more meaningful. Grateful for a great weekend with our Lions family!



[Linden Lions Facebook](#) has 62 photos of Convention 2026.

**COPPEROPOLIS-LAKE TULLOCH LIONS**

**HOT COPPER CAR SHOW**  
 Free Admission **JUNE 20th** 8am - 3pm  
 TOWN SQUARE, COPPEROPOLIS

<https://copperopolislions.org/2026-hot-copper-car-show/>

**Hot Copper Car Show**  
 April 27 at 7:49 AM · 🌐

Announcing the headline entertainment for the Lake Tulloch Lions Club Hot Copper Car Show being held June 20th from 8am-3pm at The Town Square in Copperopolis!

The Penetrators Groove Band, one of the most popular acts in the Mother Lode, will be performing from 11am to 2pm. Playing the BEST in 60's, 70's, R&B, Blues, Classic Rock by Miss Powerhouse - Christine Weber - Vocals, Jeff Evans - Guitar/Vocals, Rick Jensen - Drums/Vocals, Andy Gonzales - Bass/Vocals, John MacGregor - Keys, Tim Durante Sr - Sax/Vocals

If you haven't heard them before, you won't want to miss it. If you HAVE seen them perform YOU DEFINITELY WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

As always, the Hot Copper Car Show is FREE OF CHARGE to our visitors!

**The Penetrators Groove Band**  
 1.3K likes • 1.3K followers  
 R&B, Rock, Blues you name it, we got it! Let us play for you!  
 El Jefe - Jeff Evans - Guitar/Vocals  
 Musician/Band 🎸 (209) 275-2278



The Ripon Lions Club was up early helping kick off the Annual First Responders Appreciation Day by serving breakfast to our local first responders. It was a great way to start the day and be part of an event that means so much to our community. We're always glad to show up, lend a hand, and support the men and women who are there for Ripon every single day. Events like this are a great reminder of what makes Ripon special, people showing up for each other and working together to create something meaningful. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen! (More photos on [FACEBOOK](#))  
 #RiponCA #RiponLionsClub #FirstResponders #CommunityStrong #ServeOthers

**RIPON LIONS**

The Ripon Lions participated in Love Ripon - with a clean-up of the Main Street Bridge. Earlier this month, we hosted Casa San Joaquin - an organization that provides support for foster kids in this county. Also, we hosted Kevin Werner of the City of Ripon, who announced a new bus option for residents of the county titled Van Go. In May, we will host the CEO of the Ripon Chamber of Commerce at our first meeting. At the second meeting, we had our annual 'Pay-off Dinner' for all the volunteers at our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. This year's fundraiser was the most successful since before the Pandemic.

Normally in the summer, the Ripon Lions take a break, however, this year, we will have one meeting per month on the first Thursday at the Ripon Firehouse: June 4, July 2, and August 6th.

~ Damon Woods, Secretary

**MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS**





For the Merced Healthy Leo-Lions, April meant getting back to work and service. We have been on a kick of starting our new training model with our members to get everyone started in the Lion Portal and at Lions University. The first week of May will bring our first training “study date”-style meeting to get people situated. On the topic of training or learning, we had four members Zoom into the GenLeadsNow: Global Youth Summit 2026, a virtual event on April 18th. Sitting and listening to young leaders around the world was an amazing opportunity as well as being introduced to so many thriving, professional, young adults. We also are participating in the International Leo Advisory Day on the 30th! Though this has not happened at the time of this newsletter submission, we are so excited for it! President Asia and VP Amanda also went and volunteered at the Atwater-Winton Lions Clubs snack booth at the Fran Oneto Atwater-Winton Lions Club Easter Baseball Tournament. Getting to be a part of the longest running high school baseball tournament in California was such a special thing, especially since we were serving in rain or shine (heavy on the rain)! As April chugged along, we got ready for our District Convention. We got to participate in cooking breakfast on Friday morning, the Food Faire, and our President Asia even MC'd the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night at the convention. The Merced Healthy Leo-Lions were so happy to see so many Leos, Lions, Leo-Lions, and Guests at the District 4-A1 Convention and felt welcomed by each participating club! That same week of convention was Environment Week of Service, so to combine this service week and convention, we set out a recycling can at the convention's RV park! We are taking three 1/2 bags of recycling home because of the can! We cannot wait for May to come and to finish this Lions-year strong! ~ Asia Joaquim, Club President



We've been Patched!! We received our Helen Keller Challenge 2.0 banner Patch from the amazing Lion Jennifer Gass! Huge shout out to her and the [@stocktonsanjoaquinlions](#) for the help of acquiring the patch! Now we just have to design and order our banner...! 🐾💙

### TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

In April, Tracy Tank Town members, family, and Downey High football players helped at the All Star Football banquet. MC for the event was Mark Tennis from Cal-Hi Sports and guest speaker was George Visger, former Stagg High, All-Star Football player, and 49er. Two members attended the District Convention at Black Oak Casino. ~ Debbi Hopman



The non-alcohol bar was open.



Rose, Elizabeth, and Karen were getting ready for the banquet.



Guest Speaker George Visger



Jane and Lilia prepared appetizers.



Downey High Football players ready to serve



Emcee Mark Tennis

MURPHYS-ANGELS LIONS



New member Cathie with her Sponsor Henry.



Lion Members helped hide all the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at Ironstone. Members also helped monitor the hunts for the three age groups.



President Sue fangirling over the Easter Bunny and Lion.



Our upcoming meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 14, 2026**. Please assist our cooks and setup crew by confirming your attendance. It's essential to RSVP so we can arrange enough tables and ensure there's ample food for everyone to enjoy. Thank you!

MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS



Our new members: Steve and Lori Brewer

The Mokelumne Hill Lions Club has been exceptionally active in recent months. We are pleased to formally welcome our newest members, Steve and Lori Brewer. The Brewers are continuing a proud family tradition of dedicated service to the Lions Club. They have already demonstrated outstanding commitment by volunteering at the Health Fair, contributing to the success of the Easter Egg Hunt, and participating in the planning of our upcoming Fourth of July Extravaganza.





This year's Health Fair was a tremendous success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our club members, and the support of various health organizations. Their collective involvement made this annual event especially impactful for our community. During the fair, we were able to serve 60 community members, providing valuable health resources and services. With the positive response and growing community interest, we anticipate even greater participation in the coming years.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a memorable occasion for our community. More than 30 children and an equal number of adults attended the event, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere hunting eggs and receiving gifts. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate, connect, and make lasting memories.  
~ Cindy Pederson

### PATTERSON LIONS

#### May 30: Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser - [FLIER](#)

The Patterson Lions kept busy in April. We started the month with the Patterson Barnstormers giving us and Crows Landing Lions an appreciation dinner for what we do for them.



On April 18, we partnered with Love Patterson and Patterson High School's HOSA (Health Occupation Student Association) to do a vision screening for the youth of Patterson. We weren't extremely busy doing screening, but we did give out five referrals for kids to see a professional. ~ Shawn Monnin



**Patterson CA Lions Club**  
April 26 at 1:13 PM

Our very own Lion Shawn was recognized at our District Convention this past weekend with the MD4 Excellence Award. Thank you for everything you do for Lions.

The club was also recognized for being a donor again this year for Parker's Prom and doing everything we do for our community.

### STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS

The STOCKTON San Joaquin Lions Club had an amazing April. We recycled eyeglasses, hearing aids, soft plastics, and sneakers for the Lions International Week of Service - and continue to do so. If you have any contributions, let us know. Our members did blindness awareness activities with Tokay High School Leos and other students. Our "Lions Fight Diabetes" virtual steps challenge and fundraiser benefiting City of Hope went well. We congratulate the winners and thank all the participants.



Black Oak Casino - live on site. Lion Josh got to throw out the first pitch as a member of the Stockton Stingrays Beep Baseball Team!

[Download the updated "Are You Feeling Lucky" Flier](#)

We hope you will join us on **May 3rd** from 1 PM to 5 PM in STOCKTON for our "Are You Feeling Lucky?" Event benefiting the SJC Chapter National Federation of the Blind! On May 6 at 6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza, 8010 Holman Rd., Stockton, our speaker will be from Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin. Join us!

*Below photos are of Lions, Steve, Jennifer and Rodrigo from the BANG (Blind Amateur Network Group) at Black Oak Casino/Resort.*

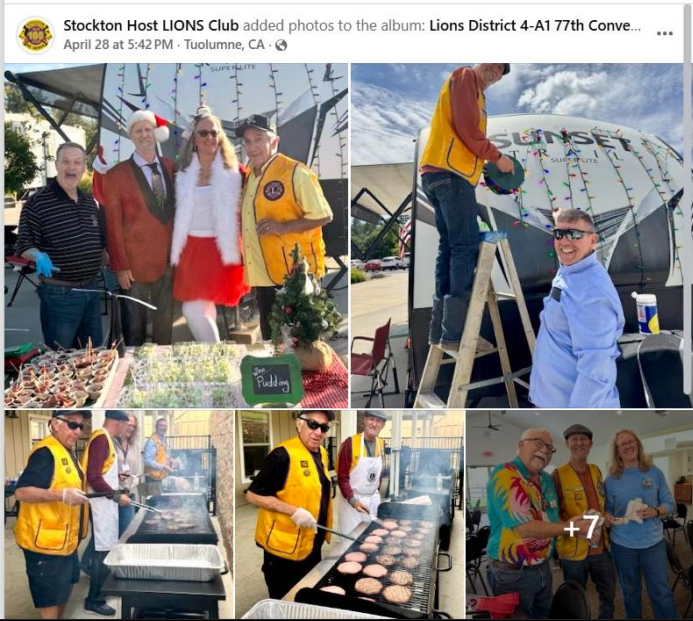


Our Blind Amateur Net Group ran a ham radio net from Disability Awareness Night at the Stockton Ports baseball game and again on Friday night of the 4-A1 Convention at

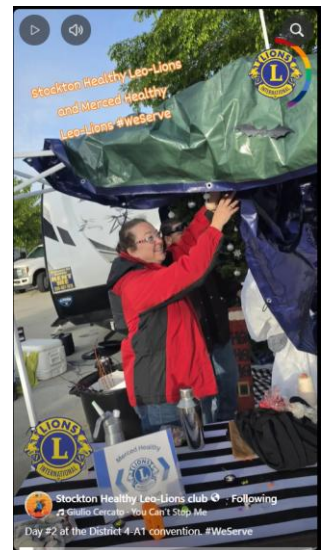


Above photos are from Saturday Night at Convention.  
~ Jennifer Gass

### STOCKTON HOST LIONS' [FACEBOOK](#)



### STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)



<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1278256623863000>

### CHOWCHILLA LIONESS LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Chowchilla Lioness Lions Club  
April 25 at 11:49 AM · 🌐

Having some Fun at MD4A1 District Convention at Black Oak... more pics to come. #weserve #md4a1



### ATWATER WINTON LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Atwater-Winton Lions Club is with Joe Dutra.  
April 8 at 4:38 PM · 🌐

Day 1 of The 65th Annual Fran Oneto/Atwater-Winton Lions Club Easter Baseball Tournament was a big success! We celebrated our 1960's Atwater Falcon baseball players. Raul Gonzalez threw out the first pitch. Great competition and community at Fireman's Memorial Ballpark! Come out to the tourney April 6th-9th Mon-Thurs game times are 10am - 1pm - 4pm - 7pm!



### HUGHSON LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Hughson Lions Club  
April 20 at 2:57 PM · 🌐

Great work is being done!



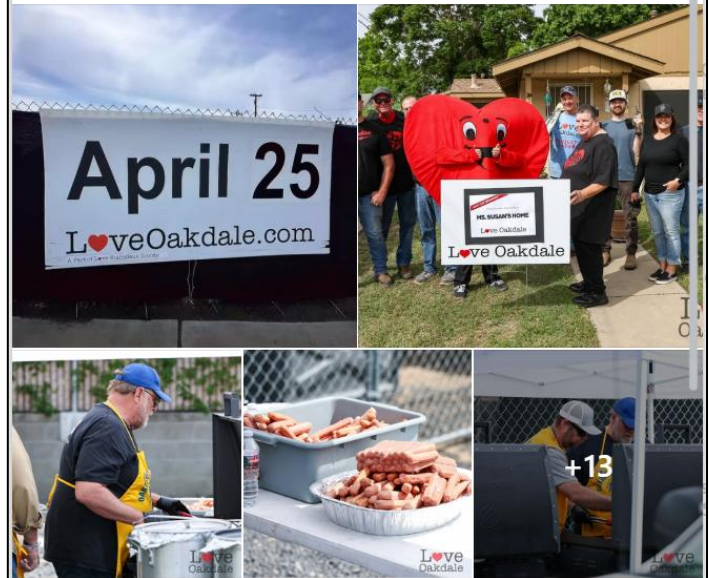
### OAKDALE LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Oakdale Lions Club - Oakdale, CA  
April 27 at 10:46 AM · 🌐

Oakdale Lions Club & LEO's members were busy for LOVE Oakdale this past weekend!

Our members were on 5 teams and also cooked and served lunch for the volunteers at Dying Breed Brewing.

A few photos from our project teams ... more to come ...



### CERES LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Ceres Lions Club, California  
April 20 at 1:23 PM · 🌐

Who is ready for Tri Tip Sandwiches at the Ceres Street Fair. Saturday May 2nd and 3rd. Stop by our booth and say hi and get a sandwich.  
[Lions Clubs International](#)  
Ceresstreetfair



Ceres Lions Club, California  
April 27 at 10:07 AM · 🌐

Last Saturday we were out bright and early making breakfast burritos for the Love Ceres participants. Thank you to all of the organizers and participants for making improvements around Ceres. We Serve!



### LATHROP LIONS [FACEBOOK](#)

Lathrop Lions Club CA  
April 23 at 8:28 PM · 🌐

Pictured are Lathrop Lions and other local Lions members, along with the students who competed in the District Speaker Contest held on April 18, 2026, at Banta School. The contest was organized by Angie Barth.



**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/>

**This webpage also has links to clubs' FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES!**

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2. Club member in good standing

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