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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 June 8: GotSneakers and CRUNCH FITNESS – See info in Clubs News Section – San Joaquin Lions - [FLIER](#)

Now thru June 30: Lions For Access Club Banner Patch - See article. [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

June 1: **Deadline** to register for MD4 Special Convention

June 3-5: MD4 Special Convention Delegates & Voting – See article in this newsletter

June 5: Coffee Mixer at Garden Joy at 929 West Main St., Ripon - put on by the Ripon Chamber of Commerce - 8 to 9 am. - Hosted by Ripon Lions

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 17: MasterClass – MD4 Marketing Team – See article in the [Upcoming Events section](#).

June 17: Installation BBQ – Upcountry 88 Lions

June 20: Yosemite Region's Lion & Leo Club Officer Training – in Merced CA - [FLIER](#)

June 20: Fathers' Day Event – West Point Lions - [FLIER](#)

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](#) – [Facebook Event Link](#) - see new article in the [UPCOMING EVENTS section](#) - [FLIER](#)

June 20: Installation Dinner – Denair Lions

June 30 Deadline: Youth, Environment, Inclusion Grants available - California Lions Foundation - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

July 1: Lions International - Applications Open for Marketing Grants - [LINK](#)

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

July 4: 4th of July Parade – Mokelumne Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)

July 15-16: Destruction Derby – Turlock Lions

July 18: DISTRICT MEETING & 2026-2027 Installation of VDGs/4-A1 Cabinet – [FLIER](#) - [Facebook Event Link](#)

Sept – Saturday date TBD – District Meeting/Training – Yosemite Region – tentatively 9:30am-4:30pm

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

Sept 12: Autumn Cruise Car Show – Escalon Lions
~ ~ 2027 EVENTS ~ ~

March 31-April 4, 2027: District 4-A1 Convention at Black Oak Casino/Resort – SAVE THE DATE!

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 - 1st Tuesdays

District 4-A1 Membership Orientations – ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED! 6:30pm - every 4th Tuesday on [Zoom](#) except November, December, June & July

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

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

District 4-A1 Newsletter Deadline – Fliers, articles & photos due 25th of the month – GFCLION@GMAIL.COM

From DG MATT STICKLER



Editor's Note: A message from DG Matt will be in July's Newsletter...IPDG Matt.

From DGE STEVE MOORE

Calling All Lions of District 4-A1!!

District Governor Elect Lion Steve Moore here. Seize the opportunity of the New Lions Year!!

Join us for the Installation of your New Cabinet Officers!!

The theme for the event is

"Commemorating 250 Years of our Nation's Independence."

You will be treated to a full sit-down dinner prepared by the cooks from the Linden Lions Club.

The evening's menu includes Genova bread, salad, barrel BBQ'd ribs, pasta with pesto, vegetable, wine on the table, and dessert - all for \$45.00 per person! See [FLIER](#). Your incoming officers welcome the chance to meet with the Lions they will be working for and hearing your ideas and the concerns you feel the district should address in the coming year.

This meeting will also double as the **first District Meeting** of the new Lion year, so you get attendance credit for two events at the same time.

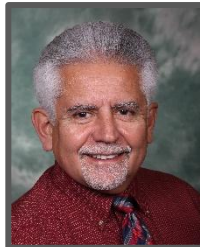
There will be several great raffle opportunities for you to participate in, including a chance to receive a free registration and meal package (excluding room and travel costs) to next year's Convention at Black Oak Casino & Resort (must be present to win).

The Installation ceremony will be presided over by special guest PCC Lion Kevin Guess - at the Linden Lions Clubhouse, 5041 N. Market Street, Linden CA 95236 - Saturday July 18th - libations 6 PM - dinner 7 PM.

So come on out and join us by making your reservations with Lion 1st VDGE Mike Bohl, (916) 764-7363 or email Lionbigmike@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you!!

~ Steve Moore, 4-A1 District Governor Elect



It has been an amazing three years serving as Cabinet Secretary, getting to know so many of you, and helping wherever I could. Alongside Matt and the kids, it has truly been a crazy and unforgettable ride. We have been so fortunate to meet many of you and learn more about your clubs and communities. Just like our own club, your love and dedication to your communities truly shine through. As we traveled, we proudly shared stories about every club with anyone who would listen, and we loved every minute of it!

As I step down from my role as Cabinet Secretary, I am honored and excited to take on the role of President of the Madera Evening Lions and continue serving my community, just as I have throughout my time as Cabinet Secretary. I also look forward to continuing to serve alongside communities across California.

I encourage all clubs to truly get out there and start visiting one another again. Some of my favorite memories are the stories my dad would share from visiting other clubs, the friendships he built, the experiences he had, and the connections that made Lionism so special. Those visits created lasting bonds, and I hope to see more clubs continue that tradition. Come visit us in Madera, and continue building those connections and friendships.

Work toward earning your [Short Tail Award](#), or even take on the adventure of earning your Long Tail! One of my personal goals is to continue visiting clubs and finish what my dad started before he passed away. He was only one club away from earning his Short Tail, and I would love to complete that journey in his honor.

Thank you to all our incredible clubs for everything you do. Continue moving forward with positivity, and always keep your focus on serving your communities, the communities of California, and communities around the world.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

With much love and respect,

~ Lion Maggie Stickler

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP RECEIVED

May 16, 2026: Leo Anaisse from the Buhach Colony High School Leos club was honored to receive her Melvin Jones Fellowship by Leo-Lion Asia Joaquim for her hard work, dedication to our organization and community, resilience in the face of challenges, and growth throughout this Lion Year!

Leo-Lion Asia Joaquim from the Merced Healthy Leo-Lions Club was honored to receive her Melvin Jones Fellowship by Lion Amanda Baptista and Lion PDG Gabby McKechnie on behalf of her Leo-Lion club, which she helped charter and grow this Lion-year as Charter President, while

From Cabinet Secretary **MAGGIE STICKLER**

simultaneously traveling and speaking for her own passion in “bringing the gap” between Lions generations and spreading the word on Leo-Lionism! They both would like to thank their moms for bringing them into this organization and their clubs for their endless support! Here’s to young women in Lionism!!



WHY IT MATTERS TO SUPPORT THE MELVIN JONES Fellowship
 HONOR A LEGACY. POWER A BETTER WORLD.

- POWERS GLOBAL IMPACT**
Your support fuels LCIIF grants that tackle critical needs like disaster relief, vision care, hunger, childhood cancer, and more—where help is needed most.
- HONORS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**
Named after Melvin Jones, our founder, this fellowship recognizes the spirit of selfless service and inspires others to lead with compassion.
- STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES**
Global support. Local impact. Grants often come back home—funding projects that improve lives in our own communities.
- CREATES A LEGACY OF GIVING**
More than recognition—it’s a lasting contribution that inspires others and keeps the cycle of service going for generations.
- ELEVATES YOUR CLUB’S IMPACT**
Supporting LCIIF shows your club is committed, credible, and making a difference—attracting members, partners, and greater opportunities.

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP
 DEDICATED HUMANITARIAN SERVICES
 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

ONE DONATION. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.
Be the change. Make it count.

SUPPORT TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW. **TOGETHER, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE IMPACT LIVES.**

Lion Jill Loving actually dressed up as a lion, delighting everyone. Michelle Ortiz received a tryke especially fitted for her. Other board members who attended were Laura and Dave Mc Cullough and Debbi Hopman. An additional check for \$5000.00 was donated to Project R.I.D.E. ~ Debbi Hopman



CENTRAL VALLEY Tykes & Trykes

Inspiring Mobility & Independence

CONTACT US
 Instagram: centralvalleytykesandtrykes
 Facebook: Central Valley Tykes & Trykes
 Email: centralvalleytykesandtrykes@gmail.com



CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP

What a way to start the Memorial Day weekend! On May 23rd, members of the California Lions Camp Board presented a check for \$5,000.00 to Central Valley Tykes and Trykes at Freedom Park in Modesto.





CLUB SERVICE CHAIR & SERVICE REPORTING - June 2026



Spotlight on Club [Service Reporting](#) and Club GAT Officer - the Club Service Chair -

As we close out the 2025-2026 Lions-year, let's finish strong by making sure our clubs have all reported our service in the [Lion Portal](#).

"We Serve" isn't just a catchy motto. It is what we Lions do! When new members are asked why they joined Lions, many answer "to make a difference in my community." When Lions are asked why they stay Lions, one of the most often cited reasons is: "I love all the ways we help the community." Service and member satisfaction go hand-in-hand.

It stands to reason that if we want to attract and keep members, we need to get the word out about the ways "We Serve" in our community. The first step is to get the service reported in the portal. If you need assistance in entering your service, please email me at Lionbethestante@gmail.com - and I will gladly assist you. As a reminder, when you enter your new officers for the year 2026-2027 into the portal, please be sure your club has a club service chair. This is a club officer position. They are part of the club's Global Action Team (GAT). Below is the Club Service Chair's job duties which suggest how clubs use the position. In the portal, the Club Service Chair can enter service in the portal. As the district GST (Global

Service Team Coordinator), I partner with the Club Service Chairpersons to ensure our service is being reported and to accomplish other service-related needs. ~ Beth Estante, 4-A1 GST 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

Section 8. SERVICE CHAIRPERSON

The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows:

- (a) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Service Chairperson.
- (b) Collaborate with the District Global Service Coordinator, Club LCIF Coordinator, district leaders, members of the club's service committee, and others to develop and communicate annual service goals and action plans. Goals and action plans should address current community needs and / or LCI's global causes, and can be comprised of advocacy and fundraising, in addition to direct service to beneficiaries.
- (c) Lead the service committee to implement the club's service action plans in order to achieve the club's service goals.
- (d) Incorporate opportunities for local youth and Leos to engage in all aspects of service activities, including goal setting, implementation, project evaluation, and reporting.
- (e) **Report service activities to Lions Clubs International.**
- (f) Serve as a club resource on current community needs by monitoring the service activities of other service clubs, developing community partnerships to expand service, and utilizing tools and resources offered by Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- (g) Increase member satisfaction by encouraging participation and engagement in service projects.
- (h) Collaborate with the club membership chairperson and other club committees to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects.
- (i) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.

EVERYTHING CA LIONS PODCAST



"Everything California Lions" is the new information-packed podcast brought to you by the California Lions. Lions Donna Rollins and Drew Sasser talk to guests about the importance of service and community service

projects. New episodes drop every two weeks, so tune in on your favorite platform, including Spotify, iHeart, Deezer, Pandora, and Apple Podcasts. Be part of the story. Listen. Share. Serve. <https://sites.libsyn.com/601475>
 #LionsHelpingMorePeople #EverythingCALionsPodcast

LIONS FOR ACCESS NEWS



Be a Part of the Story

Accessibility doesn't happen by accident— it happens when Lions step forward.

Lions for Access invites you to be part of a growing movement making service and communication accessible to all.

Click to explore resources, stories, and ways your club can lead.

<https://californialions.org/lions-for-access>

[Facebook LINK](#)



Clubs can earn a Lions for Access Accessibility Ambassadors banner patch. Visit the criteria and apply through June 30th, 2026

Information here:

[Lions for Access Banner Patch Reward Criteria official.pdf](#)



Calling All Accessibility Ambassadors!
An Exclusive Service Reward Opportunity for California Lions & Leos
Lions for Access Club Banner Patch

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

About the Award

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

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

Qualifying Projects: Service projects that:

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

Criteria for Earning the Patch

1. Service Activity Reporting

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

2. Branded Marketing Evidence

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

3. Application Submission Guidelines

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

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

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

Questions: Lion Jennifer Gass LionsForAccess@gmail.com

Accessible version here
[Lions for Access Banner Patch Criteria](#)



Lions for Access Toolbox /resources



CaliforniaLions.org
 #LionsForAccess

A grant opportunity is now open through June 30th, 2026, through California Lions Foundation

View details and apply at

[Youth, Environment or Inclusion Grant — California Lions Foundation](#)



LIONS FOR ACCESS T-SHIRT from \$20.00

Merch
 Proceeds help fund Lions for Access projects
 visit [Shop — Multiple District Four California Lions](#)



LIONS FOR ACCESS COLLECTORS PIN from \$10.00



Welcome to Inclusive Service



Diversity
 Is having a seat at the table

Inclusion
 Is having a voice

Belonging
 Is having your voice heard

Lions for Access is an initiative of California Lions Marketing, which promotes access, inclusion, and advocacy through volunteering, education, and community service.

Lions Clubs throughout California are looking for members who share our passion for inclusion and partnerships with businesses, organizations, and groups that serve people with disabilities.

We want to join hands in service and include those with disabilities in our leadership, our projects, and our outreaches.

Please connect and become part of a growing team as we bring people together to make Lions more welcoming to all and more impactful to society.



Visit Us on the web at:

CaliforniaLions.org/Lions-For-Access/

Visit Us Today



Email Us at

LionsForAccess@gmail.com

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.

~ Jennifer Gass, Secretary San Joaquin Lions MD4 Lions for Access Chair 209-774-8207

Web: www.CaliforniaLions.org/lions-for-access

Banner Patch Challenge Criteria:

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

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 flier, 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>

CLUB WEBSITE ASSISTANCE?



Any club wanting help updating their club's website, OR if you have questions, contact Lion [Gail](#), I.T. Chair for District 4-A1.

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

Excerpts from May's LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DIGEST

Final Video Showcase! - Join Lions and Leos worldwide for the premiere of the Environment Video Showcase on **June 8**, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. PDT, and see how clubs are making a meaningful impact through environmental service while gaining inspiration for future projects. [LEARN MORE](#)

Club Officer Installation Ceremony - The Club Officer Installation Ceremony is a long-time tradition typically held at the first meeting of the new Lion year. It is a celebratory event that is an opportune time for a club to express gratitude, recognize members, celebrate the club and much more. Download the Club Officer Installation Ceremony guide today. [DOWNLOAD](#)

View the Cub Program Webinar - Watch this Cub Program webinar recording to learn how your Lions club can teach children ages 12 and younger the joy of volunteering and

help them develop a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. (23 minutes) [WATCH](#)

DISTRICT 4-A1 TRAINING & OPPORTUNITIES

The District Global Action Team is here to help. We don't tell you what to do. We provide information and brainstorm with you. You make the decision(s) as to what is best for your club. We can come to you. **Clubs may request training** for their Club, Zone, or Region. Contact Global Leadership Coordinator Claudia Miller at ckay613cayucos@gmail.com and 209-596-1219.

Zoom links are on [District Google Calendar](#).

Member Orientation (Zoom) **2nd Monday of the month** 6-7PM, except for November & December and June & July [for new Lions and ALL Lions]

Town Hall Meetings (Zoom) **3rd Monday of the month** 6-7PM. Focus is on assisting officers and Lions with Lion Portal challenges, general questions, finding resources, and training on areas identified by district members. Ask questions and resolve challenges. Short trainings are provided throughout the year.

HELPFUL LINKS have been added to our District's website:

<https://lions4-a1.org/contact-links/>

TRAINING OPTIONS:

- * 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 – At this link, <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>, go to the "TRAINING" tab.

EXAMPLE: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leadership-development-institutes>

- * MD4 (California) Lions website has this Training tab:

<https://md4lions.org/training>

- * Our District 4-A1 website has this webpage with training suggestions: <https://lions4-a1.org/training/>

UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION (in date-order)

MD4 SPECIAL CONVENTION June 3-5

All delegates must be entered by June 1, 2026.

Zoom Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687031468?pwd=cD9aOUhYbueeiwivBl12e8NVW3gJeU.1>

From: MD4 California Lions Clubs International
<multi.dist4cc-gmail.com@md4lions.ccsend.com>
MD4Lions | 129 Los Aguajes Ave | Santa Barbara, CA
93101 US MD4 Council of Governors announces the establishment of a special convention from June 3 to June 5, 2026. The purpose of the convention is to obtain a vote of the general membership to approve the sale of the property at 129 Los Aguajes Ave, Santa Barbara, California. California Corporations Code Section 5911(a)(2) requires approval of the sale by the corporation's members "either before or after the transaction." The Council has decided it is in the best interests of the general membership and for full transparency to seek approval of the sale before its completion.

The convention will require registration and attendance at the event via Zoom, as permitted by California Corporations Code Section 5510(f). Clubs may begin entering their delegates in the Lions Portal beginning on or about May 3, 2026. Clubs and delegates must be in good standing to participate in the vote.

Register Here for the Convention:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687031468?pwd=cD9aOLhYbueeiwivBI12e8NVW3gJeU.1>

You must provide your member number as part of your registration.

MD4 Property Business Case and Resolution Background:

At the direction of the 2024-2025 Council of Governors (COG) and with continued support of the current Council, the MD4 COG explored options concerning our property located in Santa Barbara. The Budget & Finance Committee was directed to prepare a business case in June 2025. Creating a business case:

1. Creating the business case included a records review, which determined the property title is clear. It is held in the name of Multiple District Four, Lions of California, a 501(c)4 corporation with no restrictions. It was learned that the land was donated and the building was constructed using member money.
2. A multi-year financial review showed that MD4 is currently incurring an average of \$22,000 annually to maintain the property. In addition, MD4 has foregone repairs over the years, including roof replacement and support beam replacement, estimated at over \$100,000. In addition to expenses related to the building, our history included using this space for employees hired to provide support to the Multiple. The cost of living in the Santa Barbara area is extremely high compared to the rest of the state. The annual cost for one employee included salary, health insurance, retirement fund investments, workers' comp insurance, and attendance at the LCI International Convention, which consumed approximately \$116,000 during the year 2018-2019, just before COVID.
3. With the advent of COVID, the MD4 office began shifting to a virtual office. The MD4 employee became a part-time employee working from home, and in 2023, the part-time

employee was converted to a contract employee working from their place of business.

4. The building has become an unoccupied storage facility. This includes storage for the MD4 Flag display set, audiovisual equipment, some archived records, and other unused equipment. The MD4 COG needed to consider how to convert a nonproductive asset into one that will benefit MD4 membership going forward. Usage of the building has changed and is now functionally obsolete to the needs of MD4.

The COG considered three options in the business case: do nothing, leasing/rental, or selling.

Option 1 - Do nothing:

- Pro - Requires no action from the sitting COG during their respective year.
- Makes an office space available if the Multiple switches back to an employee model with a full-time office coordinator.
- Pro - Storage space is retained for flags, records, and equipment.
- Con - Annual ownership expenses continues at a \$22,000 rate annually adjusted for inflation.
- Con - Liability risk increases for each year the building sits vacant.
- Con - Location of the building, as the storage facility for flags and equipment, is not centrally located nor in proximity to the central travel corridor of California. Required travel time to retrieve and return the Flags and equipment exceeds 10 hours each direction at times and requires mileage reimbursement.
- Con - Security expenses increase while the building is vacant.
- Con - Significant increase in cost (\$70,000 or more) when hired employee(s) are required to use the building as an office.
- Con - If the Multiple converts back to an onsite employee model, approximately \$100,000 would be required for building repairs and an additional \$250,000 to bring the building into ADA compliance.

Option 2. Leasing/Renting

- Pro - Potential for annual income that offsets annual taxes and insurance.
- Pro - Liability risk is greatly reduced while the building is occupied.
- Con - Requires MD4 to perform the foregone repairs and maintenance before leasing the property.
- Con - Potentially, requires hiring of a company to manage leasing and or rental of property. Rates typically run 10% of the monthly rent.
- Con - Changing the purpose of this building to an office would not be approved by the city, as this is a Zone 4 area (housing or hotel). Changing the purpose of the building will eliminate the grandfathering under the previous Zone 4.
- Con - If the city agreed to the change in classification of the building, it would require approximately \$100,000 for

building repairs and an additional \$250,000 to bring the building into ADA compliance for any lease.

Option 3. Selling Property

- Pro - Selling of property eliminates an annual tax and insurance liability of \$22,000 or more.
- Pro - Cost of an environmentally controlled space for storage of flags, records, and equipment is estimated at being less than \$158 per month, \$1900 annually. A budget trade-off of approximately \$20,100 annually.
- Pro - Income from the sale could provide a significant source of future income that could be used to reduce the need for increases in per capita tax to MD4 members, reduce the cost of conventions, and or increase training opportunities.
- Pro – Divesting the property would eliminate over \$350,000 in repair and upgrades.
- Con - Requires MD4 to obtain an alternate Santa Barbara address to satisfy California 501(c)4 corporate address requirements.
- Con - Requires MD4 lease/rent alternate storage for flags, records, and equipment in an environmentally controlled area.

MD4 engaged non-Lion legal counsel and a non-Lion real estate broker from the Santa Barbara area. We crosswalked the legal counsel’s interpretation of our CBL with 2 members of our CBL committee independently to ensure our MD4 Constitution and Bylaws would allow the Council of Governors to take the needed actions to sell the MD4-owned building, since nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws prevented such a sale. Market analysis of this property determined the value range between \$1.0M and \$1.425M.

Subsequently, the attorney retained by the Council concluded that the sale would require a majority vote of the MD4 Delegates at a Convention, either before or after completion of the sale, per the California Corporations Code, and consent to the sale by the California Attorney General. The MD4 Constitution and By-Laws Committee is of the opinion that seeking a membership vote pre-approving the sale is proper since membership money and probably labor were used to build the building. Our constitution provides for the conduct of a special convention to handle business outside of our normal convention cycle. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has expressed concern about the timing and procedural requirements for holding such a Convention in the time available between now and the International Convention (a CBL restriction). However, the MD4 COG has determined that the benefits to our members are significant and proceeding with a special convention to approve the sale is in the best interest of the membership and that doing so following proper registration, certification, and voting procedures is achievable. As part of the business case and review of senior members of the Multiple, the recommendation was made to preserve the proceeds of the sale in perpetuity to support the Multiple's operations, as this asset was built and maintained using member dues. This verbiage is being developed by the CBL committee to be included in the measure with a focus on protecting the principle.

The Council reviewed the business case, voted, and unanimously approved proceeding with a divestiture of the asset located at 129 Los Aguajes Ave in Santa Barbara at the February 2026 Council of Governors meeting. The Council also approved the listing of the property at \$1.435M. As of April 12, 2026, we have received an offer of \$1.4M cash for the property. The Council has approved acceptance of this offer, and we are proceeding to a “Special Convention” vote with the delegates of our general membership to confirm approval of the sale. The special convention is entered into the Lions Portal, and clubs will be able to enter delegates on May 3, 2026.

MD4 Special Convention Delegates & Voting

The Special Convention has the same rules and procedures as our regular convention.

- All clubs participating in the convention must be in financial good standing no later than May 18, 2026
- All delegates must be from clubs in good standing.
- The delegate ratio is 1 delegate per 10 full members of a club with a minimum of 12 months and 1 day of membership, as usual.
- **All delegates must be entered by June 1, 2026.**
- All PDGs/PCCs/PIDs must be members of clubs in MD4
- **All delegates, DGs, PDGs, CC, PCCs, ID, PIDs, and PIP (aka MD4 Officers) must register for the convention via the Zoom link.**
- All delegates, DGs, PDGs, CC, PCCs, ID, PIDs, and PIP must log in to the Zoom meeting on June 3 or June 4th to meet credentialing requirements.
- The election ballot will only be sent to those registered for the Zoom link and in attendance during June 3d or 4th.
- The Special Convention will be in session from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on **June 3rd and June 4th**. Agenda will follow.
- **Voting will take place on June 5th from 7:30 am to 10:00 am**
- Below is a job aid to assist with entering your delegates

CHEAT SHEET
HOW TO ENTER YOUR DELEGATES
 — A QUICK GUIDE FOR LIONS CLUBS —
 Follow these simple steps to add your club's delegates for the District Convention.

- 1 LOG IN**
Go to lionsclubs.org. Click "Login" and enter your email and password.
- 2 GO TO CLUB DETAILS**
Hover over "My Club", click "Members", then select "Manage Club Delegates".
- 3 SELECT DELEGATES**
Select "Convention Type". In the left-hand menu, click on "Delegates".
- 4 ADD DELEGATES**
Click "Add Delegate". Search for your member and select their name. Choose the appropriate delegate position.
- 5 REVIEW & SAVE**
Review your delegates to ensure accuracy. Click "Save".
- 6 CONFIRMATION**
You will see a confirmation message once your delegates are saved successfully.

REMEMBER Only Lions in good standing can be added as delegates.

ENTER EARLY! Don't wait until the last minute. Ensure your club is fully represented.

NEED HELP? Contact your District Secretary or visit lionsclubs.org/support

MD4 PROJECT CARE – June

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!!!

17 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 Project Care 4th Quarter Service Projects 2025/2026

Accessible version here [Project Care Q4](#)

Environmental
Key Dates

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

Veterans
May
Lions Clubs Strengthen Membership Month
May 21st: Global Accessibility Awareness Day
Mental Health Awareness Month
National Military Appreciation Month

June
Pride Month
June 27th - 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](#)

📅 **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](#)



MASTERCLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

June 17th

SAME CONVERSATION. DIFFERENT OUTCOME.
Transform tension, misunderstanding, and conflict into connection and collaboration.

That’s not how we’ve done things before.

I appreciate you bringing fresh ideas to the table. Let’s explore what might work.

RESPECT | INNOVATION | COLLABORATION | COMPASSION

Practical Communication Tips to Foster Respect and Collaboration

Some conversations naturally feel easy. Others can feel tense, frustrating, or difficult—yet master communicators understand the outcome of a conversation is often shaped less by the topic itself and more by how people feel during the interaction.

Join the MD4 Marketing Team on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 PM PST, for a special Lions MasterClass focused on practical communication techniques that help foster trust, respect, collaboration, and stronger relationships within our clubs and communities.

Whether you are a club officer, committee chair, project leader, or simply someone who wants to communicate more effectively with others, this session will provide

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

<https://lionsvirtual.org/>

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

🎵 **Tell-A-Thon 6**

practical tools you can begin using immediately in your Lions journey and everyday life.

This workshop is open to Lions only, and registration is required. All registered attendees will receive access to the replay following the event. Register here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AplhYPECTdeAxWaEJpemgg>

Yosemite Region's Lion & Leo CLUB OFFICER TRAINING/WORKSHOP

June 20th

– in Merced CA – [FLIER](#)

Lion & Leo Club Officer Training

All Lions and Leos are welcome to attend.

Learn how Club Administrator, Service Chair and other positions can make the job easier.



June 20, 2026



**Merced County Sheriff's Office
Facility B Building
670 W. 22nd St, Merced**

FREE – your dues at work!

8:30AM check in
9:00AM to 2:00PM Training
2:00-3:00PM open for further discussion

Agenda

Club Officer and Director Training
Lion Portal
Service Reporting
Dues – Lions International, District & Multiple
Charitable Filings
Youth Protection—Raffle Application/Reporting
Service Ideas and More
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) & Grants
Vision Screening – Assisting Individuals in Getting Glasses
Q&A

Drinks, Lunch & snacks provided

To Register: email ckay613cayucos@gmail.com with your name, club and phone number. We have 30 spaces for this training.

If you want to stay past 2PM to ask questions or discuss things we will be available from 2 to 3PM.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Lion Claudia Miller @ 209-596-1219 or ckay613cayucos@gmail.com (I'm available from 7AM to 11PM and usually respond the same day or within 24 hrs.)

We will have three workshops. The first is in Yosemite on **June 20th**. A bit later we will have workshops in the San Joaquin and Mountain Regions (dates to be determined).

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, share your experiences, and build friendships. Please RSVP to Claudia Miller by text or email. We want to be sure to have a binder for you so you have a current resource.

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

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

**50TH ANNUAL
LIONS ALL-STAR
FOOTBALL**

**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** X @LIONSFB4A1

It's almost game time!

Saturday **June 20**, 2026

at Tracy High School Wayne Schneider Stadium Tracy CA
50 years of Lions Allstar Football Games!!
Inaugural Girls Allstar Flag Football Game!

Only \$15 covers both games. Gates open at 4 pm. Girls Allstar Flag Football Game at 5pm. Lions Allstar Football Game at 7:15 pm. Tickets available on GoFan. Tickets also available at the game - cash only for tickets at the game. A great concession stand, t-shirts for both the Lions' 50th game and the Girls' game will be for sale, along with 50th year pins and Girls pins! Credit cards accepted.

Coaches for the South Girls Allstar Flag Football are Coach Abassi and Coach Ramirez of Atwater High School. The South Coach for the Lions Allstar Football team is Coach Marques of Hilmar High School.

The North Coach for the Girls Allstar Flag Football team is Coach Rios of Kimball High School in Tracy. The North Coach for the Lions Allstar Football team is Coach Beam of Escalon High School in Escalon.

Various Lions clubs will be cooking for all four teams after each practice from Monday June 15th through Friday, June 19th - with game day on Saturday June 20th.

This promises to be a year of exciting games for all us and we hope to see you there!

~ Elizabeth www.lionsallstarfootball.com

CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION GRANT – **Deadline June 30th**

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/youth>

Youth, Environment or Inclusion/Access

CLF can help your club make a difference in your community. Apply for a CLF grant.

The California Lions Foundation is proud to announce new grant opportunities designed to help Lions clubs make an even greater impact in their communities.

California
LIONS FOUNDATION



CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION
Youth, Environment, and Inclusion & Access Grants

CLF can help your club make a difference in your community. Apply for a CLF grant.

- 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

www.californialionsfoundation.org



LI CONVENTION July 3-7

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/> – FLIER

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



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 #LionsCon26

4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING & CABINET/1VDG/2VDG INSTALLATION

July 18th

Happy Installation Day

JOIN US FOR THE 2026-2027

INSTALLATION OF VDGS AND 4-A1 CABINET

1st Vice District Governor ★ Mike Bohl
2nd Vice District Governor ★ Jose Aldaco
District 4-A1 Cabinet 2026-2027

Installing Officer ★ Lion PCC Kevin Guess

SATURDAY, 18TH JULY
LIBATIONS 6 PM ★ DINNER 7 PM

Linden Lions Clubhouse
5041 N. Market St., Linden, CA 95236

\$45 per Person | For reservations contact 1st VDG Mike Bohl
Cell (916) 764-7363 | Email LionBigMike@gmail.com

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

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 Bohl - Cell (916) 764-7363 Email LionBigMike@Gmail.com
[Share Event on Facebook](#)

ROSE PARADE FLOAT DECORATION

Dec 19th, 26th, 27th

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL ROSE PARADE
 presented by HONDA

Float Decoration OPPORTUNITIES

→ Be Part of Something Beautiful. ←
 VOLUNTEER. CREATE. CELEBRATE.

DRY DECORATION
 Saturday, December 19, 2026
 Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

FLORAL DECORATION
 December 26, 2026 – Saturday
 Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm
 December 27, 2026 – Sunday
 Shift 1: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Shift 2: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

MORE DATES AVAILABLE
 Join the Yucaipa Valley Lions volunteers on one of these dates for the first shift.

Scan the QR code to email us.
 CALL OR TEXT Lion Michele with the Yucaipa Valley Lions Club (909) 312-1363

No experience needed! Must be 14 years or older to volunteer.
 Make new friends. Be part of tradition. Help create magic!
 Your time helps bring the Lions' vision to life on the world's stage.

Together, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE BLOOM.

SIGN UP TODAY! | A willing heart and helping hands appreciated

lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-youth/leo-clubs

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Leo Club Type
Buhach Colony High School	Atwater Winton Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Chowchilla	Chowchilla Lions	Alpha (not specified)
El Capitan High School	Merced Breakfast	Alpha (School-based)
Golden Valley	Merced Breakfast	Alpha (School-based)
Madera	Madera Madera Evening Lions	Alpha (Community-based)
Madera II	Madera Madera Evening Lions	Omega (Community-based)
Merced	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)
Mountain House	Tracy Tank Town Lions	Alpha (School-based)
Oakdale High School	Oakdale Lions	Alpha (not specified)
San Joaquin	Stockton Healthy Leo Lions	Omega (not specified)
Tokay HS Leo Club	Stockton Healthy Leo Lions	Alpha (Community-based)
Yosemite High School	Bass Lake Lions	Alpha (Community-based)

ATTENTION LEO CLUBS

Please send an email to GFCLION@GMAIL.COM with 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!**

Yosemite Region's Lion & Leo CLUB OFFICER TRAINING/WORKSHOP - June 20th

See article in the Upcoming Events section.

USA/CANADA LEO FORUM – Aug 5-9

Nanjemoy, Maryland (USA) - [LINK](#)

SAVE THE DATE

USA CANADA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM
 AUGUST 5-9, 2026
 LIONS CAMP MERRICK
 Nanjemoy, MD

ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

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



DISTRICT LEO CHAIRPERSON – Paul Wagner

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB



On May 12th, the Leos prepared cookies and snacks to pass out to Yosemite High staff in appreciation of their work and care for the students. ~ Bruce Alameida

TOKAY ALPHA LEO CLUB

TOKAY ALPHA LEOS

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



The Bass Lake Lions and the Yosemite High Leos celebrated "Leo Appreciation Month" on April 28th. Active Leos received a certificate and gift card, as well as a Lions "We Serve" pen. During the celebration, the Leos played games and enjoyed doughnuts. Meanwhile, Lion Jennie has been busy at Yosemite High during three evenings helping seniors with their senior projects in order to graduate. Not only did she help them with exploring ideas, but she also brought them food for thought, pizza, to help with their endurance.



4/27/26



TOKAY ALPHA LEOS HOSTED A RECYCLING DRIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH MECHA, HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY, AND SINCERELY TOKAY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WEEK OF SERVICE AND COLLECTED 250+ ITEMS!! MEMBERS SORTED EACH RECYCLABLE BY MATERIAL (BOTTLES/CANS), WHERE IT WAS BROUGHT TO A RECYCLING DISTRIBUTOR ON CAMPUS.



5/11/26



TOKAY M.E.C.H.A, LEOS, AND HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY HAD AN END OF YEAR POTLUCK CELEBRATION, MARKING THE LAST MEETING WITH OUR GRADUATING SENIORS :(

TOKAY ALPHA LEOS HOSTED THEIR 2026 - 2027 OFFICER ELECTIONS AND ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING TERM!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS YEAR SO WONDERFUL AND FULL OF SERVICE. WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT NEXT YEAR BRINGS!!
- YOUR TOKAY ALPHA LEO OFFICERS 25-26




On Saturday, May 16, the Bass Lake Lions Club hosted the 34th Annual Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show at Miler's Landing along the lake. Seventeen boat owners from northern and southern California displayed their beautiful wooden boats at the docks for visitors to view and vote on as their favorite. The event started at 9 a.m. and ran through 3 p.m., with the Bass Lake Lions passing out tri-fold informational brochures, handling the voting for the People's Choice, and holding a raffle to earn money for next year's scholarships and other endeavors. The weather was very pleasant and everyone seemed to enjoy the day viewing the boats, looking over a few classic cars parked near the docks, listening to a live band, and enjoying a meal at Miller's Landing. ~ Bruce Alameida

CLUB NEWS SECTION

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

Here's a list of clubs (and links) with periodic posts on Facebook you might want to check out:

- [Atwater-Winton Lions](#) * [Chowchilla Lioness Lions](#)
- [Ceres Lions](#) * [Escalon Lions](#) * [Hughson Lions](#)
- [Le Grand Lions](#) * [Linden Lions](#) * [Madera Evening Lions](#)
- [Mariposa Lions](#) * [Oakdale Lions](#) * [Stockton Host Lions](#)

BASS LAKE LIONS

(See photos and article in Leos section too!)



ESCALON LIONS

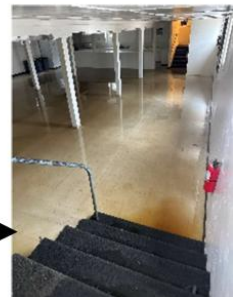
Upcoming Events:

- 6/4/26 Escalon Lions President's Dinner
- 6/12/26 Pre-Cruise Car Show at Hula's
- 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

What flood???



← Outside
Inside →



Last Meeting

At our last meeting, we were treated to pastrami sandwiches from Chef Extraordinaire, Lion Chuck Sawyer. Chuck turned some left-over corned beef from our corned beef dinner into Pastrami. As you might expect, Lion Chuck will be on the hook to do the same thing next year after the corned beef dinner. Thank You, Lion Chuck!!

Lions Club Presidents Dinner

Our incoming club Presidents dinner will be at the H-B in Oakdale **June 4**. They have always done a great job for us at a good price. Past dinners have included Steak and/or Chicken. We'll send a special bulletin next week.

Car Cruise Is Getting Closer

It's time to start thinking about getting raffle prizes for the Cruise. Much of the income from the Car Cruise comes from the raffle. Contact Lion Justice Naraghi with prizes. September isn't that far off.

JACKSON LIONS

Members of the Jackson Lions Club went to Argonaut High School to present members of the Argonaut Student Leadership a plaque that the club won at their recent District 4-A1 Convention held at Black Oak Casino. The Jackson Lions Club won the award for winning the top service project for extra-large Lions Clubs when they partnered with the Argonaut Student Leadership group to organize and host the first annual Argonaut High School Green and Gold Gala. In the picture are (left to right) Argonaut Advisor Taylor Wenske, students Nettie Brazil and Claire Kay, Jackson Lions Club First Vice President Jeff Votaw, Treasurer Alan McNany, and District First Vice President Elect Mike Bohl. The Jackson Lions Club and the

Argonaut Student Leadership and already planning their next Green and Gold Gala, which is scheduled for December 5. ~ Mike Bohl

WEST POINT LIONS

June 20th is our Father's Day vendor event - 9am to 4pm. We are having some really great gifts for dad.

~ Brenda Haggerman - [FLIER](#)

TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

The Tracy Breakfast Lions awarded three West High School seniors with the Dennis Noble Scholarship and two students with their community service block letter. Lion Jack Guzman presented their awards.



Tail Twister Lion Wes Huffman geared up to start collecting his weekly fines.



Lion Ivory shared his trip with a group of Veterans to Washington DC and visited all the memorials.



Tracy Breakfast Lions served 301 pancake breakfast to the senior class at West High School.



Lion Ivory Goodrum and Lion Randy Bodas served up some pancakes. ~ Jack Guzman

RIPON LIONS

The Ripon Lions completed our Love Ripon Project on April 25th. We did a clean-up of the Main Street Bridge over Highway 99 as the group of about 12 filled seven garbage cans of green debris and weeds. We hosted the CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, who spoke of all the activities the Ripon Chamber manages and coordinates. We also picked the high school graduates for scholarship awards: one male and one female from both high schools in Ripon (Ripon High and Ripon Christian). Three will be attending college and one will be attending Trade School. Our next meeting was postponed due to the holiday weekend and will be rescheduled for late May or early June. This will be our annual dinner to thank the volunteers for our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Also, this summer is normally a break time, but we will now be holding one meeting in June, July, and August on the first Thursday. The entire Board of Directors for this fiscal year will be on the Board next year as well.

~ Damon Woods, Secretary

Ripon Lions will be hosting a coffee mixer **June 5th** at Garden Joy at 929 West Main Street in Ripon. The monthly coffee mixers are a series put on by the Ripon Chamber of Commerce and encourage groups and businesses to come together and learn about one another. The event is from 8 to 9 am. ~ Brian Shearon

SUTTER CREEK LIONS

Pull Tabs and Eyeglasses Update for May



Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities

41 pounds collected!

Every **10 pounds** of pull tabs provides **one night's** stay for a family at a Ronald McDonald House.

"A Ronald McDonald House is that home-away-from-home for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost."



Families often travel far from home for medical care. Your pull tabs help keep parents close to their seriously ill or injured children when they need it most.



Eyeglasses for Recycling

61 pairs collected!

Lions Clubs around the world help conserve sight by providing **usable eyeglasses** to children and adults in need.

Donate your:

- Prescription glasses
- Reading glasses
- Sunglasses

Your donated glasses help someone see clearly again.

DENAIR LIONS

Our installation is on **June 20**, 2026 with our new President Dave Segna and his new board. ~ Edward Gonzales

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS



Tank Town Lions awarded five \$1000 scholarships this month. Scholarships are based on community service and are not based on grade point average. Lions Debbi and Maxine presented a scholarship to Noah Claes from Kimball High School.



At West High School, graduating seniors who received scholarships from Lion Debbi were Arjun Singh, Baktash Azizi, and Armando Martin. ~ Debbi Hopman

SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Recycle
Your
Sneakers!

There are an estimated 600 million pair of shoes going into America's landfills every year! 100% of these shoes can be recycled and most of these shoes can still be reused. That's why the San Joaquin Lions Club decided to start a sneaker drive fundraiser with GotSneakers in collaboration with CRUNCH FITNESS! The sneakers we collect through the GotSneakers program will help us raise much needed funds AND will keep sneakers out of landfills. Talk about a win-win! Can you collect 15-20 pair of gently used or new sneakers to help us out? With your help and CRUNCH FITNESS, we can achieve great results! If you can't collect 15-20 pair, don't worry. Just collect as many pairs as you can. Every pair counts! For questions and information, view or contact the following:

<https://stocktonsanjoaquinlionsclub.org/projects/sanjoaquinlions@gmail.com>, or Google Voice Number: 209-407-4047. FOR A LIMITED TIME, ATHLETIC SNEAKERS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT: CRUNCH FITNESS, 1155 E. MARCH LANE, STOCKTON, CA 95210 MAY 18 – JUNE 8, 2026 M - F 5 AM – 11 PM, SA – SU 7 AM – 7 PM. [FLIER](#)
~ Jennifer Gass

PATTERSON LIONS



Patterson Lions had a busy month of May! We have been cooking hotdogs for teachers and 6th graders around our school district to celebrate the end of the school year. We traveled to Modesto on May 16 to serve dinner to all the volunteers and walkers at Relay For Life of Greater Central Valley.



And finally, we were preparing for our biggest annual fundraiser during the Apricot Fiesta on May 30th with our world-famous BBQ Chicken Dinner! ~ Shawn Monnin

MOKE HILL LIONS



We presented a scholarship to a PHS senior at the annual P.R.I.D.E Scholarship night.

<p>Thank you to our Sponsors</p>	<p>Presenting Sponsors</p>	<p>Platinum Sponsors</p>
		<p>Gold Sponsors</p>
	<p>Bronze Sponsors</p>	

We are proud to be a Platinum Sponsor for PHS Sober Grad Night again this year.

Support for Local Veterans - The Moke Hill Lions work closely with our local Veterans, who own and manage all five parks in Moke Hill. Over the past two months, Lion David LeGrande and Goliath Hooe have worked on the baseball field bathroom, completing interior and exterior repairs, as well as pressure washing and painting the building. The project turned out beautifully.

Fourth of July Parade - Our biggest event of the year is the Fourth of July Parade in Mokelumne Hill. This year is especially significant because it marks the nation's 250th celebration. We are planning many extra activities and festivities to make the event even more memorable. [FLIER](#)
~ Cindy Pederson

given The International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation! ~ Erika Johnson



LATHROP LIONS



Lathrop Lions is growing! On May 12, 2026, the District Governor, Matt Strickland, was kind enough to come out and do the induction of four new Lions. Introducing Anna Lopez (Sponsored by Erika Johnson), Geo Lopez (Sponsored by Anna Lopez), Bettina Dreissig (Sponsored by Erika Johnson), and Mindy Kelly (Sponsored by Angela Barth).



We would also like to celebrate Angela Barth. She was

OFFICER IN NEED
OFFICER BATTLING CANCER

Benefit Dinner
TO SUPPORT
OFFICER AARON VANLUE

Join us for a night of community, compassion, and support for Officer Aaron Vanlue and wife Andrea Vanlue during this difficult time.

Enjoy a Delicious **PASTA DINNER!**

 RAFFLE PRIZES |
  SILENT AUCTION |
  DOOR PRIZES

TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON |
 DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 |
 DINNER: 6:00 PM |
 LOCATION: CHEZ SHARI IN MANTECA

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS! 

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
 Thank you for your support!


On May 26, 2026, there was a benefit dinner for Andrea Vanlue, the devoted wife of Lathrop PD Aaron Vanlue who has been diagnosed with cancer. Lathrop Lions put together a sports basket for the silent auction in partnership with C4C - Cops for the Community.

STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO LIONS



What an incredible achievement! Kudos to Griselda, Jesus, Elizabeth - mom and daughter, and Maricela for beautifully setting up, decorating, and making Tokay High Leo's club, M.E.CH.A club, and Hispanic Honor Society's end-of-year graduation party an unforgettable experience.

🌟 **CLUB VISITATION** 🌟 Huge shout out to Lion Lily and President Maricruz for attending their very first club visitation! 🧑🏻‍🦰💙 One step closer to earning their Proud Lion pin!

A special THANK YOU to Stockton San Joaquin Lions Club for the warm welcome and hospitality during your meeting. Your kindness and dedication to service truly inspire us. Shout out to Lion Mike Okamoto for gifting pins to Lions Lily and Maricruz — such a meaningful and encouraging gesture! 🗨️ [...] Overall, it was an amazing evening filled with fellowship, leadership, and service. Great job, Lions! Together we serve. Together we grow. 💙

🎓🌟 Huge shout out to the amazing scholarship committee for taking on the difficult task of selecting the recipients of the Dr. Brian Bobbitt Scholarship! We are incredibly grateful for your time, dedication, and commitment to recognizing outstanding students who

demonstrate academic excellence, community service, leadership, and personal growth. 🍀💛🧑🏻‍🦰
A special congratulations to all students who applied. Your hard work and inspiring stories made this decision extremely difficult.

Proud > Powerful > Purpose Driven

Welcome to Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club 🧑🏻‍🦰 Emely and Lily. We celebrated our May meeting surrounded by friends and family. Seven Proud Lion Pins were presented, 100% attendance pins were earned, and diabetes pins were present to several amazing Lions. Huge shout out to Zone Chair Rodrigo for conducting the induction ceremony, as well as Lion Mike for sharing a bit history of pin trading.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: FACEBOOK HAS LOTS MORE!

If your club has posted on Facebook or Instagram, please, please, please email District Newsletter Editor Gail.

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[LOS BANOS](#) (2270)

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