

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER



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~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

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

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

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

July 3: Fireworks - Jackson Lions - [LINK](#)

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

July 4: 4th of July Pancakes in the Park - Tracy Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

Jul 4: 4th of July Parade - Moke Hill Lions - [REVISED FLIER](#)

Jul 13-14: Destruction Derby - Turlock Lions

Jul 15: MD4 Masterclass - *see article in this newsletter*

Jul 18: 2026-2027 Installation of VDGs/4-A1 Cabinet -

RSVP please - *see article.* [FLIER](#) - [Facebook Event Link](#)

July 18: SJC Chapter National Federation of the Blind event - Stockton San Joaquin Lions are hosting a table - *see article in Clubs' News section* - [LINK](#)

Aug 5-9: USA/Canada Leo Forum - [LINK](#)

Aug 15: Lions/Leos Club Officer Training in Linden - [FLIER](#)
see article in this newsletter

Aug 12: MD4 Masterclass - *see article in this newsletter*

Sep 3-5: [USA/Canada Forum](#) - Memphis TN - [PDF Newsletter](#)

Sep 12: Autumn Cruise Car Show - Escalon Lions

Sep 19: District Meeting - in Chowchilla CA - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

Oct 8-18: Lions Int'l Weeks of Service - Vision - [LINK](#)

Dec 19, 26, 27: Lions Float Decorating - [LINK](#)

~ FUTURE EVENTS ~

Feb 13-21: Lions Int'l Weeks of Service - Youth - [LINK](#)

Feb 19: MD4 Student Speakers Contest - Club Contest to be held on or before today. [LINK](#) *See article in this newsletter*

Feb 27: 100th Anniversary - Jackson Lions - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

Mar 31-Apr 4: District 4-A1 Convention at Black Oak Casino/Resort

May 29-Jun 6: [Lions Int'l Weeks of Service](#) - Environment

Jul 2-6, 2027: [Lions Int'l Convention](#) - Washington DC

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

Jun 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

A Message from Your District Governor

Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends,
Welcome to a new Lions year! It is an honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor; and I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue our tradition of service, compassion, and leadership. Together, we have the opportunity to make a lasting difference in our communities. Whether through longstanding projects or new initiatives, every act of service strengthens our mission and reflects the heart of Lionism.



I encourage each of you to embrace the year ahead with enthusiasm, invite others to join us in serving, and celebrate the friendships that makes our organization so special. By working together, we can accomplish great things and leave a positive impact on those who need us most.

Our first District 4-A1 get together is our installation of our new cabinet officers on **July 18th** at Linden Lions Club 5041 N. Market St. Linden, CA 95236. The theme for the event is "Commemorating 250 Years of our Nation's Independence."

Libations begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a full sit-down dinner prepared by the cooks from the Linden Lions Club at 7:00 PM. 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](#).

Make your reservations with Lion 1st VDG Mike Bohl, (916) 764-7363 or email Lionbigmike@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you!! We are also making plans for our next District Meeting on **September 19th** at Merle L. Fuller School in Chowchilla. [FLIER](#) – [LINK](#) - Details to follow. Thank you for your dedication and commitment. I look forward to sharing a wonderful year of service with all of you.

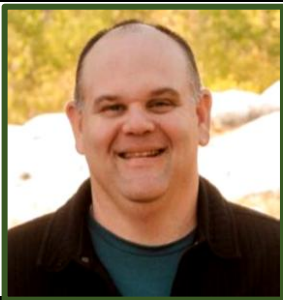
Yours in Lionism,

Steve Moore

District Governor

"Solidarity Through Service"

Message from IPDG MATT STICKLER



A FINAL MESSAGE

FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR MATTHEW STICKLER

Lions District 4-A1 | 2025–2026

Dear Lions, Leos, and friends of District 4-A1,
As my year as District Governor comes to an end, I have struggled to find the right words for this final message.
How do you put an entire year into a letter?
How do you adequately thank the people who stood beside you, encouraged you, challenged you, welcomed you into their clubs, and trusted you to lead?

The truth is, I do not believe words will ever fully express what this year—and all of you—have meant to me. Serving as your District Governor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has also been one of the most humbling experiences I have ever had. This year brought moments of celebration and moments of difficulty. There were successes that filled me with pride and challenges that caused me to reflect deeply on leadership, service, and responsibility.

Through all of it, I was reminded again and again that Lions is not about a title, a position, a pin, or a place at the head table.

Lions is about people.

It is about the Lion who arrives early to set up chairs and stays late to clean up. It is about the club secretary who quietly keeps everything moving, the treasurer who carefully watches every dollar, and the club president who keeps encouraging members even when the road becomes difficult.

It is about the Lion who notices when someone has not attended a meeting and takes the time to call. It is about the member who welcomes a guest, mentors a new Lion, serves a meal, comforts a family, supports a child, or steps forward when their community is hurting.

Those moments may never appear in a district report, but they are the true measure of who we are.

During this year, Maggie and I had the privilege of traveling throughout our eight counties and visiting many of our clubs. Everywhere we went, we found people who cared deeply about their communities and about one another.

You welcomed us into your meetings, your celebrations, your service projects, and your traditions. You shared your successes with us, but you also trusted us enough to share your struggles. Those conversations mattered to me more than you may ever know.

I will remember the laughter around dinner tables, the stories of Lions who came before us, the pride members showed when talking about their projects, and the quiet determination of clubs working hard to continue serving.

I will also remember the difficult conversations.

Leadership sometimes requires decisions that not everyone agrees with. There were times when I had to listen to different sides, weigh competing concerns, and make the best decision I could with the information available. I know I did not always get everything right. No leader does.

But I hope you always knew that I cared.

I hope you knew that I listened.

I hope that even when we disagreed, you felt respected.

One question has guided me throughout this journey: ***Did I leave people respected, even when I had to rule against***

them? That question will remain with me long after this year ends.

I have always believed that when the team wins, we all win. When the team struggles, the leader must accept responsibility, look honestly at what went wrong, and ask what could have been done differently.

Whatever we accomplished this year was not mine alone. It belonged to every Lion who showed up, every officer who carried responsibility, every committee chair who accepted an assignment, and every member who continued serving even when no one was watching.

To our Cabinet members, region and zone chairs, committee chairs, club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and district leaders: thank you for answering the calls, attending the meetings, solving problems, and giving your time to this district.

There were long days, difficult conversations, last-minute changes, and moments when the work seemed overwhelming. Yet you continued to serve. I will always be grateful for your commitment.

To every club in District 4-A1: thank you for allowing me to be part of your story. Our clubs are different in size, history, traditions, and personality, but each one has something valuable to offer. Each club matters, and every Lion has a place in the future of this district.

Our greatest challenge remains membership, but membership is about much more than numbers.

It is about belonging.

People stay where they feel valued. They stay where they are given meaningful work, where their ideas are welcomed, and where someone notices when they are missing. Growing our district will require us not only to invite people into Lions, but also to make room for them once they arrive.

Every new Lion brings a new story, a new idea, and another pair of hands ready to serve. When we welcome new members and help them become leaders, we are not simply growing a club, we are expanding our ability to change lives.

To the Lions who encouraged me personally during this year, thank you. There were times when a kind word, a phone call, or a quiet conversation came at exactly the moment I needed it. Some of you may never know how much those moments helped me keep moving forward.

To Maggie, Glenn, and Kinsey: thank you for sharing this journey with me.

Public service and Lions leadership often ask more from a family than people see. There were meetings, phone calls, miles on the road, evenings away from home, and responsibilities that did not end when the event was over. Maggie, you were not merely beside me during this year—you were part of everything that made it possible.

Your patience, strength, honesty, and love carried me through more moments than I can count.

Glenn and Kinsey, thank you for understanding that your dad had made a promise to serve. I know that promise sometimes required sacrifices from you as well.

I did not serve this year alone. My family carried this office with me, and I will always be grateful.

To our incoming District Governor and the leaders who will serve in the coming year, I offer my friendship, encouragement, and full support.

Leadership is not something we own. It is something entrusted to us for a season.

We carry it for a while, protect it, learn from it, and then place it into the hands of the next leaders. We should do so - not with bitterness or regret, but with hope.

I believe deeply in the future of District 4-A1.

I believe in our clubs.

I believe in the Lions who continue to serve when the work is difficult.

I believe in the leaders who have not yet discovered that they are leaders.

And I believe our best days are still ahead of us—if we are willing to listen to one another, welcome new people, strengthen our clubs, and remember that service is the reason we are here.

The state of our district is not simply found in where we stand today. It is found in what we are willing to build together tomorrow.

As I leave this office, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. I am grateful for the trust you placed in me, for the lessons you taught me, and for the opportunity to serve alongside you.

I hope that in some small way I helped make our district stronger.

I hope I encouraged someone to keep going.

I hope I helped a club believe in its future.

Most of all, I hope I served you with honesty, fairness, and respect.

Thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor.

Thank you for your friendship, your service, and your faith in what Lions can accomplish.

This year will remain with me for the rest of my life.

I did not serve this year alone. Together, we carried the work forward. Now, with gratitude, humility, and confidence in those who follow, I place it into the hands of the next Lions who will carry it forward.

Lead to serve, and serve to lead.

With heartfelt gratitude and yours in Lionism,

Matthew H. Stickler

District Governor, 2025–2026

Lions District 4-A1

STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS CLUB IS THE ONLY CLUB IN ALL OF Constitutional Area-1* TO WIN THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AWARD!!! WOW!

CA1

USA Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club District 4 A1

This club focused on optimizing their social media presence with high-energy, AI-generated content to entice new members to join. They dedicated themselves to promoting every single one of their events to the community.

Goals

- 5 new members
- Increase SM engagement by 15%

Results

- 5 new members, 10 prospective
- 450 Instagram views
- 40 service projects, 540 hours served

Lions Clubs International



Recruitment social post



Event social posts



Event flyers



Event booth

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🏆 🦁 WE'RE STILL CELEBRATING THIS INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT! 🦁 🏆

The Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club is honored to be recognized as a winner of the 2025–2026 Lions International Marketing Award! 🌍 ✨ Out of hundreds of submissions worldwide, our club was recognized for innovative marketing, impactful community service, membership growth, and dedication to serving others. This award reflects the passion, teamwork, and commitment of every member, volunteer, and supporter who believes in making a difference.



Website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing-communications-chairperson/marketing-award>

*** CA1 (Constitutional Area 1) consists of the United States, its affiliates, dependencies, and surrounding islands.**

They received:

- The \$2,000 cash award
- Physical award for your club
- Complimentary Lions International Convention 2026 Hong Kong or 2027 Washington, DC, registration* for two (2) club members plus one (1) guest each (four total).

NEXT CONTEST: Club marketing chairperson or club president submits the online application by February 1, 2027.

Check out the Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club Facebook page [LINK](#) and Instagram page [LINK](#).

ANNOUNCING OUR 2026-2027 WEEKS OF SERVICE FROM Lions International

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



WEEKS OF SERVICE
THREE WEEKS. THREE POWERFUL CAUSES.
2026-2027

LIONS SERVE. COMMUNITIES THRIVE. ❤️ TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



VISION
OCTOBER 8-18, 2026
Opening eyes. Changing lives.
Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.



YOUTH
FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027
Empower today. Lead tomorrow.
Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.



ENVIRONMENT
MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027
Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.
Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean community initiatives.

adoptable & adaptable service project ideas
<https://bit.ly/CALionsOwnIt>

Own it!
Service From idea to Impact - in 4 Simple Steps

accessible version [here](#)



"This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of vision, youth and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So, get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!"
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 8-18: Weeks of Service – Vision 

Feb 13-21: Weeks of Service – Youth 

May 29-Jun 6: Weeks of Service –

Environment 

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>



Multiple District 4 has announced the topic for the 2026-27 Student Speakers Contest--**Should We Return to Teaching "Life Skills" in the High School Experience?**

More information regarding how to order club packets will be forthcoming.

As you develop your club's calendar, please note the following due dates:

Club Contest to be held on or before **February 19, 2027**

Zone Contest to be held on or before **March 12, 2027**

Region Contest to be held on or before **March 31, 2027**

District Contest to be held on or before **April 26, 2027**

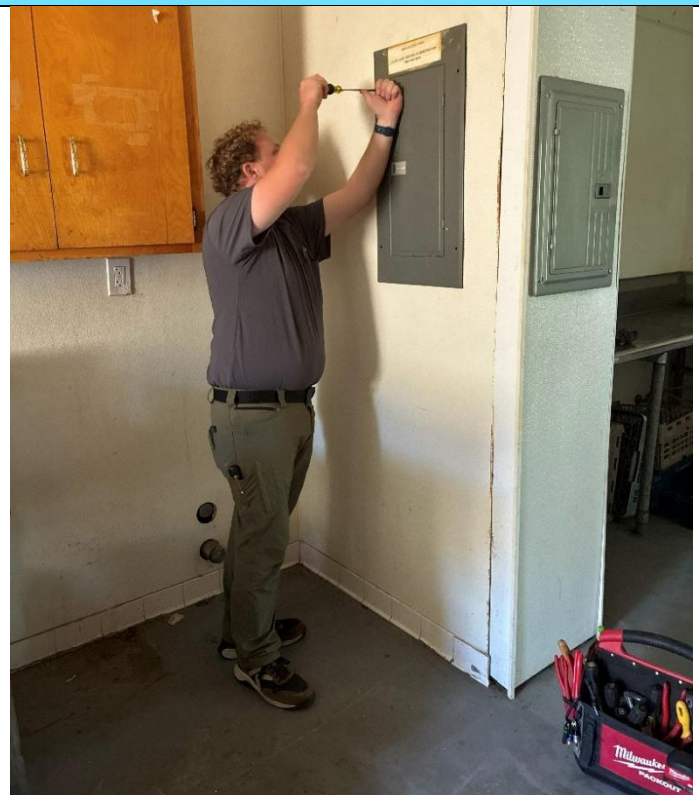
Area Contest to be held on or before **May 21, 2027**

Final Contest to be held on the **Saturday** of the June Council of Governors' Meeting.

~ Garrett Becker

LEO-LIONS CLUBS NEWS

Reaping the fruits of their efforts, Hawai'i's Kona Healthy Leo-Lions Club presented this one year after Perla and Jade Jimenez joined Lion Gabby McKechnie in starting three new Leo-Lions Clubs in Hawaii. She is excited to hear they are working on number four!

SERVICE PROJECT at CAMP McCONNELL

Nic Hartzler of **Stockton Host Lions** replaced an electrical panel saving the BSA a few thousand dollars for other repairs.



Join us every 5th Saturday for brunch and an early dinner and a few hours of service.

Merced Healthy Leo Lions are moving forward to help make the camp the heart of the [Greater Yosemite Council, Scouting America](#). ~ PDG Gabby McKechnie

NEXTREX RECYCLING PROGRAM



San Joaquin Lions Club Bags for Benches



No Collections in July and August!

Thank you for your support during Round 9 and enjoy your summer break.

Collections will resume September 1, 2026 and a new flyer will be posted to show our public collection sites for "Bags for Benches, Round 10".

Learn more:
StocktonSanJoaquinLionsClub.org

Our community and our planet thank you! With your help we have kept another 2000 pounds of plastic out of the landfills since September 1, 2025! A reminder that "Bags for Benches" collections are paused during July and

August and resume for Round 10 September 1. Thank you to everyone who attended the Round 9 Fong Park Bench dedication in March; we still have a few dedications in the queue, although we are no longer guaranteed a bench for 1000 pounds recycled during a year since Trex has gone to a lottery system beginning in January 2026.



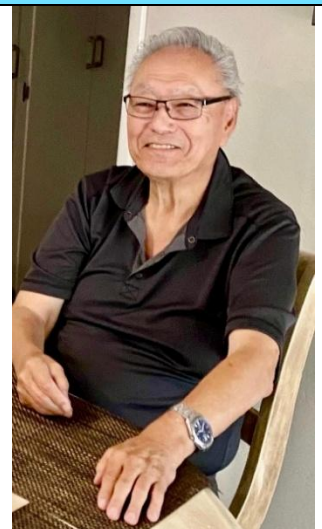
Stay tuned for our Bench dedication in collaboration with the Tokay High School Leo Club, our Rededication of the Helen Keller Centennial Bench at the Maya Angelou Library (thanks to the generous donation of a bench by PCC Claudia Miller), and a memorial bench dedicated to our dearly departed member Lion Carol Hadley at the City of Stockton's new Hadley Park!

PASSING OF MD4-A1 PDG DAN AGARI

Passing of PDG Dan Agari District 4-A1, DG 1997-1998

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Past District Governor Dan Agari of Lions District 4-A1. Dan was a dedicated Lion whose heart for service, leadership, and community touched countless lives throughout our district and beyond. Dan served as District Governor of 4-A1 from 1997 to 1998. A celebration of life will be scheduled for late July or August.

Please join us in keeping Dan's family, friends, and fellow Lions in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. 💙💛 Well done, good and faithful servant.



INFORMATION WHEN A PDG or PCC PASSES

This is information for current and future passing of PDG, DG, PCC from our district.

4-A1 collects the information: name, passing, brief info about services (Legacy usually has the best information for the obituary - you need to search). You obtain a picture - obituary often has it; if not, any nice picture

(headshot) works. You send this to MD4 Council Secretary. For other Lions in our district passing, the same information is sent to the Cabinet Secretary, the DG, and the Newsletter Editor. Put this information where you can find it. Contact information for MD4 is on their website. It is best to have a point person and a backup to the point person send it to the MD4 Council Secretary and the 4-A1 Cabinet Secretary.

MD4 puts together a Celebration of Life for PDG, PCC, PID, etc., but not for general Lions.

4-A1 puts together a Celebration of Life for all Lions in the District which is held at Convention - usually on Sunday.

Hope this helps. ~ Claudia Miller, PCC

CLUB WEBSITE ASSISTANCE?



DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE AN E-CLUBHOUSE WEBSITE? HAVE YOU **LOST YOUR USER/PASSWORD**? If so, have your Club

President email clubhouse@lionsclubs.org, explain your situation, and they'll email you the user/password.

Questions, let me know. 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/>

MD4 MASTERCLASSES

Here's the schedule for 2026-2027 Lions Year.

Thank you to everyone who made the made the MasterClasses inaugural year so successful! We're looking forward to the next season of special classes.

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

From Conflict to Connection and Collaboration
(Live Encore) - JULY 15, 2026 7:00 PM - [Register Today](#)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2026-2027 MASTERCLASS SERIES. ALL CLASSES START AT 7:00PM and last approximately one hour. REPLAYS are available for all registrants. (A Bonus Workbook is available.)

	JUL 15	OCT 14	JAN 13	APR 14
	AUG 12	NOV 18	FEB 17	MAY 19
	SEP 16	DEC 16	MAR 17	JUN 16
	2026		2027	

Excerpts from June's LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT DIGEST

Celebrate a Year of Service - Ensure all of your club's service is reported for the 2025-2026 year in the Lion Portal. Activities can be reported through July 31.

Leo-Lion Cultural Exchange Ambassador Scholarship Applications Open - Do you know a Leo-Lion who would be interested in learning about global service at a constitutional area Lions forum abroad? Encourage them to apply for the Leo-Lion cultural exchange ambassador scholarship! [LEARN MORE](#)

Leo-Lion Professional LinkedIn Networking Group - Help your club's Leo-Lions connect with their peers by encouraging them to join the Leo-Lion LinkedIn group! This group is an exclusive benefit of the Leo-Lion program and is a space for Leo-Lions to network and share their service. [LEARN MORE](#)

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)

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**. Register at lionscon.lionsclubs.org.

4-A1 CABINET/1VDG/2VDG INSTALLATION July 18

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

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

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

SATURDAY, **JULY 18th**

LIBATIONS 6 PM ★ DINNER 7 PM

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

\$45 per Person | For reservations contact 1st
VDGE Mike Bohl - Cell (916) 764-7363 Email

LionBigMike@gmail.com

[Share Event on Facebook](#)

LION & LEO CLUB OFFICER TRAINING AUG 15

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.



August 15, 2026

**Linden Lions Club
5041 N Market St
Linden, CA**



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 by August 1st

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.)

Club Officers & Team Workshop All Lions & Leos Welcome

Mark your calendar and join us on **August 15th** for a fast-paced and informative workshop created to launch your club for success in the 2026-2027 Lions' Year. This is an interactive workshop where you get to ask questions, share information and get to know other Lions and Leos. An early RSVP assures a resource binder for you!

The Global Leadership Team is excited to share the updated information from Lions International and help you plan for the year. Linden has lots of room - so gather everyone and make it a fun day.

We will be moving the discussion about dues and collecting dues to the end so that Leos attending can retreat to an area and discuss things that are meaningful to them. We hope to see you in Linden!

Global Leadership Team:

[Claudia Miller](#), GLT Coordinator
Region/Zone Chair Shawn Monnin
Leo Lion Asia Joaquim
IPDG Matt Stickler
Family & Women's Specialist Maggie Stickler
LCIF Co-Coordinator Kent Christensen

MD4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING SEP 19

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

SAVE THE DATE

District 4-A1 Meeting on Saturday, **September 19**
Location: Merle L. Fuller School, 1101 Monterey Ave,
Chowchilla, CA 93610 [FLIER](#) – [LINK](#)

"Solidarity through Service" - Details to follow.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2549555412173494/>

ROSE PARADE FLOAT DECORATION

Dec 19, 26, 27

<https://lionsfloat.org/>



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.

Together, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE BLOOM.

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.

SIGN UP TODAY! A willing heart and helping hands appreciated

Leo Club Name	Sponsoring Lions Club Name	Leo Club Type
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!**

USA/CANADA LEO FORUM – Aug 5-9

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



The Leo Leadership & Service Forum is a three-day, immersive experience designed for young leaders. Hosted by Leo Leadership of the United States and Canada Foundation Inc, this forum empowers Leos through leadership development, hands-on service, team-building, and community engagement. Registration is now open.

ALPHA & OMEGA LEO NEWS SECTION

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



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)

LION & LEO CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**August 15** – Linden CA

See information on Page 9 of this newsletter.

FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL'S JUNE DISTRICT DIGEST

Recognize a Leo Club President - Leo club advisors can award a Leo club president the **Leo Club President Achievement Award certificate** with the approval of the sponsoring Lions club president to recognize outstanding service in leadership development, membership extension, administration and Leo club activities during their term. [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

LEOS AGING OUT

Leos Aging Out as of 6/30/2026 U.S. and Affiliates,
Bermuda and Bahamas

Multiple District 4 District 4 A1

Alpha Leo Club - Club Name Leos Aging Out

- El Capitan High School 17
- Golden Valley 23
- Madera 2
- Merced 8
- Merced County Law Enforcement Junior 2
- Mountain House High School 5
- Oakdale High School 1
- Tokay High School Leo Club 1
- Yosemite High School 2

= 61 Total Alpha Leos Aging Out

~ PCC Claudia Miller

YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB

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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](#)

MOKELUMNE HILL LIONS

On June 6th, the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club hosted 'Fun Day' for the elementary school students who were ending their school year. A great crew of Lions served 170 meals and provided games to all the kids that marched up to the ball field from the school...and met our new Lion mascot!



Terry Weatherby presented our scholarships to Martin and Alyssa on Wednesday, May 27th for service to the community through the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club.

~ Mik Maguire

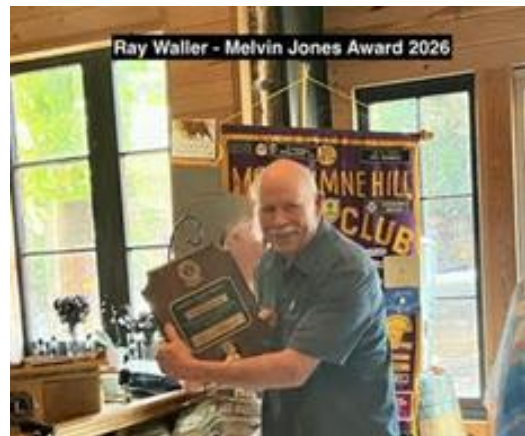


President Amanda, from the Bret Harte Football Boosters, came to speak to the members about the Bret Harte Football Program and their Summer Camps. Our Lions Club graciously donated \$2000 to the program.



Mokelumne Hill Lions Club had a lovely induction dinner and had our "changing of the guards". Our new Officers are excited to start the new year!

David LeGrande has been named Lion of the Year—an honor that is truly well deserved. David is an integral part of our community, serving on several local committees and consistently giving his time and energy to make a difference. He single-handedly turned our Health Fair into not only a success, but a signature annual event we are incredibly proud of. Beyond that, he umpires Little League, substitute teaches at the grammar school, and has played a key role in building a new dog park and community garden, as well as improving the ballpark—just to name a few of his contributions. David is a tremendous asset to both our Lions Club and our town.



Ray Waller received the Melvin Jones Award this year, and we couldn't have chosen a more deserving recipient. Ray has worked tirelessly—often behind the scenes—to guide our club and keep us moving in the right direction. He leads with a level head, a calm demeanor, and the strength of character that defines him. Whether he holds the title or not, he has consistently been our leader. When you have a question or need advice, Ray is the person everyone turns to.



Longtime Lion Bob Leitzell, a thoughtful, kind, and helpful man who gave so much to his community and the Lions Club, recently passed away and will be deeply missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Paula, and to their children and grandchildren. Bob

joined the Lions in 1952 while working as a civil engineer in Juneau, Alaska. After that work ended in 1955, he moved to San Anselmo, California, and rejoined Lions in 1965. He remained an active Lion until 1980, when he and his family moved to Calaveras County. In 1986, he joined the Mokelumne Hill Lions Club, where he continued his remarkable legacy of service. Over the course of 58 years as a Lion, Bob volunteered for nearly everything he was asked to do, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him and served alongside him.

~ Cindy Pederson

4th of July Parade: COME TO THE BEST AMERICANA SMALL TOWN PARADE! MOKELUMNE HILL, CA. We are looking for parade entries! Promote your business, show off your organization, get the kids involved with decorated bikes, let's see some floats and bands! Parade entry is [found on our Facebook page.] [REVISED FLIER](#)

TURLOCK LIONS

It's almost that time Derby fans! The Turlock Lions Club and Stanislaus County Fair has created a few rule sets for this year's Destruction Derby – **July 13-14**. We will be having our typical modifieds, our Standard Derby Rules and brand-new basic stock class where you just show up with minimal work and get after it with your friends!!!! We have been thrilled at the early responses! Sign up early, it's going to be a great show this year!! Pre-Entry [REGISTER](#)

LINDEN LIONS

Dear Lions,

It is with deep sadness that I inform you that Past President Paul Wagner has passed away. No services are planned at this time as his wife Jan is recovering from a knee and hip surgery of her own. A celebration of life will be planned for later in the year. Paul held many board positions, including serving as president and secretary. Paul collected eyeglasses and pull tabs for the district and went on many eyeglass missions to Mexico and other countries in Central America, delivering eyeglasses to people who needed them. For his efforts, Paul has been recognized as Lion of the Year by the district and as a Melvin Jones Fellow by the club. Paul was a great example of the Lions' motto "We Serve".



Yours in Lionism, Bob Arrigone Jr

Past District Governors Night 5/26/26 —a Tribute to them. Past District Governors and their guests were invited to the Linden Lions Club to honor them for their service to Lionism and give them an opportunity get together and share their experiences. The following PDGs were in attendance: Russ Carter 2001-02, Francis Bognuda and Norma 2009-10, Dave McCullough and Laura 2011-12, Kent Christensen and Barbara 2014-15, Gabrielle McKechnie 2021-22, Doug Campbell and Rosie 2022-23, PCC Claudia Miller 2023-24, and special guest, DG Matt Stickler—our current DG, representing 48 clubs, 8 Counties and 1625 members. 2nd VDGE Jose Aldaco is in Waterford Lions. Turlock Lions Club now has women. At our last Board Meeting, DGE Steve Moore talked about an organization called Women Helping Women and proposed supporting them. [...] President Albert Dondero announced that the number of graves for Wreaths Across America has increased to 181.

The Linden Lions Club presents the

76th Installation of Officers

✦ ✦ President-Elect ✦ ✦

Jerry Colombini

Saturday, July 11, 2026

6pm - Cocktails
7pm - Dinner
\$60 per person
Cocktail Attire
Linden Lions Clubhouse

✦ ✦ ✦

Advanced reservations required by
July 1st : 209-483-0329
Jay & Janice Colombini

- No reservations will be accepted after July 1st.

June 9, 2026 – [The program began with the] introduction of AllStar representatives, Linden Lions' scholarship recipients, and 2026 Linden Cherry Festival Queen.



President Albert Dondero introduced Hunter and Andrew — representatives from the All-Star North team. Each was given an opportunity to introduce family and friends and share their future goals.



Next to be introduced were the Linden Lions Scholarship recipients for 2026. President Albert had the honor to first introduce the \$500.00 winners. Left: President Albert Dondero and Dayana. Right: President Albert Dondero and Merisol.



Next were \$1000.00 winners. Left: President Albert Dondero and Elizabeth. Right: President Albert Dondero and James. Each was also given an opportunity to introduce family and friends and share their goals in life.



Next to be introduced was this year's Linden Cherry Queen— Molly Lares.

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS

At Amador High School Gymnasium on May 19th, Chloe received the Joe Bonini Memorial Scholarship. Sophia received the Lion Ed Shaver Memorial Scholarship. Both were \$800 scholarships. Lions Frank and Gail did the presentation. The power went out during the LONG event!





The 2026-2027 Installation of Officers/Board and BBQ/Potluck was held on June 17, 2026 at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse.

Installing Officer was Past Council Chair Don Gall from Pioneer.

PCC Don also did our Club Officers' Installation at the 40th anniversary of our club on 6/5/2019. PCC Don's wife, Lion Susan also attended. Theme was "tropical."



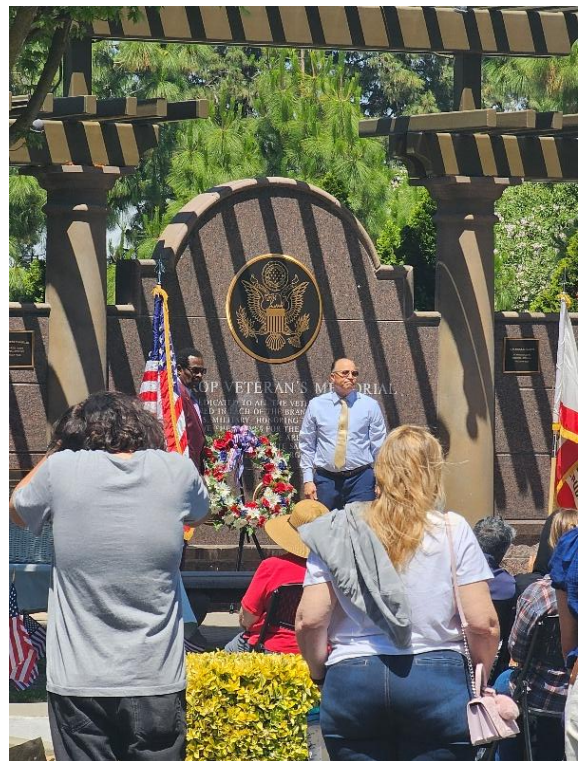
We had a great time on June 23rd at Gold Country Lanes at in Sutter Creek for our recurring "Fun Bowling Night". Members of our Community Partners from [Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club](#) (PGCIC) also join us.

It's also a way to get more involved in the area's bowling scene for another, possible fundraiser there.

In the above photo, our Charter Member Larry, is with Darla, Secretary of PGCIC.

~ Gail Cates, Marketing Chair

LATHROP LIONS





Here is how Lathrop Lions spent Memorial Day. We handed out donuts to the wonderful Lathrop community and their Veterans. Lathrop Parks and Recreation put on a wonderful ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Thank you to all our Veterans for the sacrifice you made for us!





On June 19, 2026, Lathrop Lions had the pleasure of providing a catered Panda Express dinner for the North flag football ladies' team, serving 20 players and their coaching staff following their practice. They were served by Lions Jon Estante, Beth Estante, and Kayla Estante. The team went on to win their Lions Allstar Flag Football game at Tracy High the following day with an impressive score of 44 to 6. We were well-represented at the game by members Jon Estante (who was the spotter assisting the announcer) and Shanon Barth, who were joined by our guests, Sara Barth and Kennedy Courtney, who did ticket sales. It was a wonderful opportunity to support the athletes, and we were thrilled to see their success on the field!

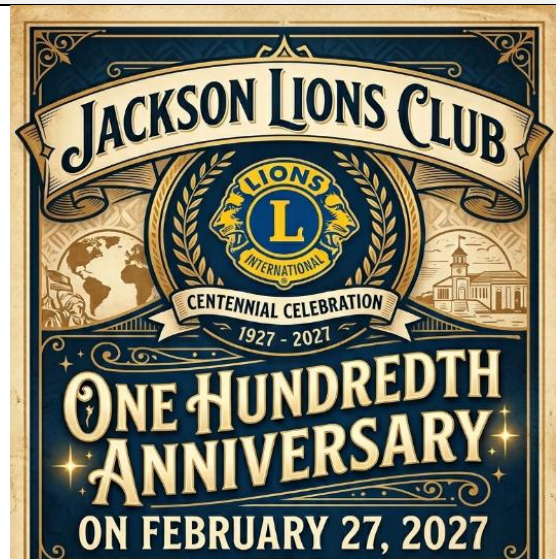
~ Erika Johnson

WEST POINT LIONS



~ Brenda Hagerman

JACKSON LIONS



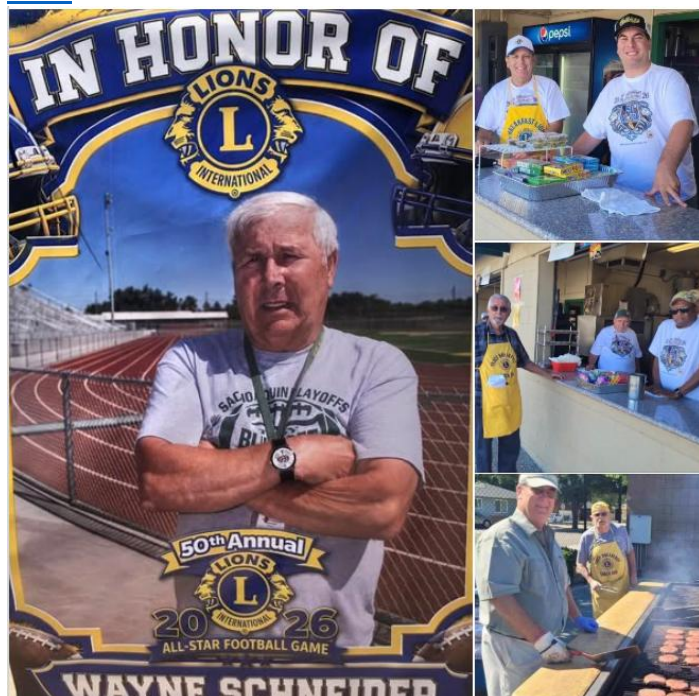
Jackson Lions's One Hundredth Anniversary will be on **February 27, 2027**. It's a century of service – 1927-2027. Social Hour is at 5:00 P.M. Dinner is at 6:30 P.M. Location is at the Amador County Fairgrounds. Past International President, Brian Sheehan, will be our keynote speaker with a special appearance by International Director, Liz Crooke. The Centennial committee has been working hard for months, and you will not be disappointed. For ticket information, go to <http://www.jacksonlionsclub.org>. [FLIER](#)

TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS



4th of July Pancakes in the Park starts at 6 a.m. at the Lincoln Park in Tracy. It's an annual event that draws up to 900 people. During breakfast, we normally have several HOT AIR BALLOONS getting ready for lift-off at the park which is spectacular to watch during the lift off. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee for only \$6.00 per person. See ya there. ~ Roy Hawkins –

[FLIER](#)



Congrats to Lion Wayne on being honored at this years' All Star Football Game. Also, thank you to our club members for helping out at the concession stand.



Thank you to Chief Millington, Captain Contreras, and Sergeant Rogers. It was great to have you come share with us the things that the police department has put into place and the upcoming additions.
~ Jack Guzman

STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS

1. We have an upcoming Diabetes Awareness 5K-WALK/RUN. We are looking for sponsors, and we're hoping we can have other Lions clubs support us and collaborate in this great event. [FLIER](#) – [SPONSORSHIP LETTER](#)



STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS CLUB

Healthy Challenge

BE ACTIVE. STAY POSITIVE. ♥ LIVE HEALTHY.

Take care of your body. Nourish your mind. Serve with heart.



ALPHA LEOS



OMEGA LEOS

YOUR CLUB LOGO HERE

THE 9 PILLSARS OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RUN OR WALK WITH YOUR PET	SMELL THE ROSES	TAKE A WALK AT THE BEACH	READ A NEW BOOK	ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE	MAKE IT MARKETING	PRACTICE MINDFULNESS OR MEDITATION	DRINK MORE WATER	TRY A HEALTHY RECIPE	GET SOME GOOD SLEEP	DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS	SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS
											
<i>Move more. Feel better.</i>	<i>Take time to appreciate the little things.</i>	<i>Breathe in. Let go. Relax.</i>	<i>Feed your mind. Inspire your soul.</i>	<i>Pause. Recharge. You deserve it!</i>	<i>Share healthy tips and inspire others!</i>	<i>Calm mind. Strong you.</i>	<i>Stay hydrated. Stay healthy.</i>	<i>Eat well. Feel great.</i>	<i>Rest your body. Refresh your mind.</i>	<i>Kindness heals. Lead with heart.</i>	<i>Stronger together. Better together.</i>

TAG OUR CLUB ON YOUR POST TO EARN ONE TICKET FOR OUR GIVEAWAYS!

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Let's stay active, support each other, and build a healthier community this summer break!

YOUR HEALTH. OUR MISSION.

SPONSORS WANTED!

Join our mission and donate cool items to motivate the community to stay healthy during the summer break.

Thank you for your support!

TOGETHER WE SERVE. TOGETHER WE THRIVE.

2. Our current Healthy Bingo Challenge – Cross out each of the 12 boxes on above flier to complete the challenge.

FLIER



3. We were invited to Lodi Mexican-American Lions Club's Installation of Officers.

4. We are currently planning our first anniversary party, but it will not happen until August.

5. We are going to Hong Kong for the International Convention. I will share images in the next newsletter.

6 We earned our Lions for Access patch, <https://www.facebook.com/LionsHelenKellerChallenge>,

but we have not met to take pictures. We will do so.

7. Stockton Healthy Leo-Lions Club is the only club in **ALL** the Constitutional Area-1 to win the Lions International Marketing Award! *See the article earlier in this newsletter.*

~ Eugenia Hernandez

BASS LAKE LIONS



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(EDITOR'S NOTE: It's also copied in the Leo section of this newsletter)

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

June 20, 2026 was the 50th Annual All-Star Football Game at Wayne Schneider Football Stadium at Tracy High School. This was the first time the Girls Flag Football Team was included in the games. During the week before the big game, the Girls Flag Football Team held their daily practice at Kimball High School. Tracy Tank Town Lions provided three of the five after-game meals. The girls were very appreciative.



Above picture is of Jane Williford and Rose Norwood serving the after-game meals.



Above picture: Girls enjoying burritos

Jane Williford, of Tracy Tank Town Lions, organized the Lion helpers and food preparation that was served from the Tracy Breakfast Lions Concessions Stand at Tracy High. Thank you to the Tracy Breakfast Lions for barbecuing the hamburgers and hotdogs, and helping with food sales. Working together, "We Served" successfully at this memorable game.



Above photos: Wayne Schneider Tribute



Above photo: Cathy Goodrum, Dave McClanahan, Rose Norwood



Above photo: Lou Campbell and Ivory Goodrum
~ Rose Norwood, Secretary



Above photo: We were serving from the concessions stand



Above photo: Lilia Ireland and Derrick Davis

PATTERSON LIONS

June was a quieter month for our club. We spent time recovering from our annual Apricot Fiesta Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the end of May. We cooked and sold 500 BBQ chicken halves and raised money that lets us do what we do for Patterson. Thank you to everyone who helped and bought a dinner.



At our June 10 meeting, DG Matt and his family were our guests. He talked about the District, and presented Lion Shawn with the International President's Award for everything he has done for the club and district. On June 15, the club served pulled pork and mac and cheese to the South's boys and girls teams as they practiced for the annual Lions All Star Football game. The kids enjoyed it so much, many came back for 2nd and 3rd helpings. Thank you, Lion Chris and team.



The Patterson Lions have been a longtime supporter of Invest In Me, a local nonprofit that focuses on youth in our area. We were happy to be a sponsor of their recent Men's Empowerment Luncheon on June 20, and our very own Lion Shawn was one of the panelists this year. And finally, on June 24, we inducted our new officers and board, including Lion President Richard. And a big "thank you" goes to the outgoing officers and board for a great 2025-2026 Lion year.

STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



Left: Outgoing President Rodrigo. Right: Lion Wonder Woman Lisa



Lions Sandra and Jennifer



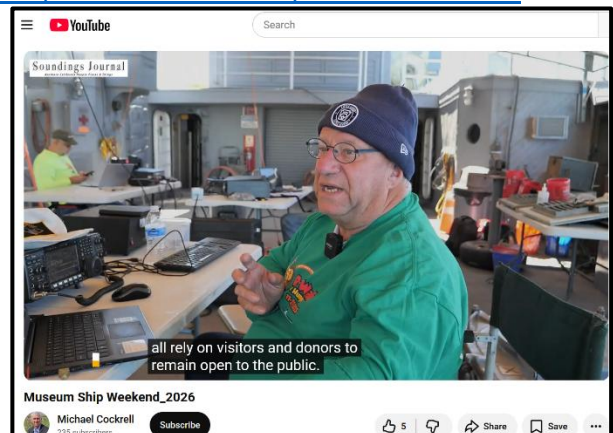
We had a super time having our new officers installed by DG Matt and family on June 3! His and Maggie's efforts this year were nothing short of heroic. (San Joaquin Lions Officers 2026-2027)



Lion Xena continued to build community collaborations and had Crunch Fitness hosting our sneakers collection box, netting us two shoes and a guest speaker for our July 1st meeting!

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<https://m.facebook.com/groups/2140656616465027/permalink/2293468501183837/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Our members assisted with recognition of a Deaf/Blind graduate, blind bowling, and ham radio with the Blind Amateur Net Group (BANG), during Museum Ships Weekend on the USS Lucid in Stockton. Video:

<https://youtu.be/I5TiNFS5EU4?is=EmPw0YR5Z18-5jk9>

Other link to Museum/Ships Weekend Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5TiNFS5EU4&authuser=0>

We're looking forward to hosting a table with the SJ Chapter National Federation of the Blind at the Block Party outreach event to youth and families at Pixie Woods **July 18**, 11 AM-2 PM! Join us, everyone is welcome. We are donating two backpacks full of school supplies for participants. [LINK](#)

See article on our Bags for Benches project earlier in this newsletter.

~ Jennifer Gass



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Invitation-Application for Membership

Lions club name: _____

Member sponsor: _____

First name: _____ MI: _____ Last name: _____ Suffix: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non Binary ☐ Prefer not to answer Occupation: _____

Date of birth: _____ Spouse's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please review qualification criteria and fees for the following:

I am a: ☐ New member

☐ Former member ☐ Transfer member Member number: _____
(if unknown, email statelionsclubs.org)

Previous Club Name: _____ Previous Club Number: _____

☐ Family member ☐ Student member ☐ Current or former Leo ☐ Young adult

Enclosed is \$ _____ as an entrance fee, in addition to \$ _____ for international, multiple district, district and club dues.

I accept membership into Lions Clubs International and that the standards are limited to persons of good moral character and reputation. I recognize the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons. I understand that membership is not valid until approved by the club's board of directors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR CLUB SECRETARY USE

I confirm that the board of directors has approved this member for membership in this Lions club.

Signature of club secretary: _____

OUR MISSION

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



Checklist:

- Keep a copy of the completed application form for the club's files. Do not send it to Lions Clubs International.
- Add the member using My CI or include the member's name and address on the monthly membership report.
- When the entrance fees and dues have been collected and the new member has been provided with a membership card, turn money over to the club treasurer.
- Add the new member's name and address to the club roster and mailing list.
- See that the new member receives a New Member Kit. The materials within are to be presented at the new member's induction ceremony. Take the time to complete the certificate for the new member prior to the induction ceremony.
- Included in the New Member Kit is a coupon for our Club Supplies store at www2.lionsclubs.org. Show the new member the website so they may browse items to spend their coupon on, such as shirts or personalized badges.

DIRECTORY

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

2026-2027 DISTRICT 4-A1**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Steve Moore

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Matt Stickler

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Mike Bohl

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

José Aldaco

CABINET SECRETARY

Debbi Hopman

CABINET TREASURER

Patricia Casey-Gillum

LEO CLUBS COORDINATOR

Asia Joaquim

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT)

Global Leadership Team Coordinator (GLT) Claudia Miller

Global Membership Team Coordinator (GMT) Tom Machado

Global Service Team Coordinator (GST) Beth Estante

Global Extension Team Coordinator (GET) Open

MOUNTAIN REGION

Mountain Zone Chair – Jill Schwab
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(47759)

[JACKSON](#) (2263)
[MOKELUMNE HILL](#) (39671)
[MURPHYS ANGELS](#) (2282)
[SONORA](#) (2292)
[SUTTER CREEK](#) (111484)
[TRI DAMS LC](#) (2303)
[UPCOUNTRY 88](#) (37207)
[WEST POINT](#) (2307)

SAN JOAQUIN REGION

San Joaquin Zone 1 Chair – Rodrigo Acosta Jr

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[ESCALON](#) (2258)
[LINDEN](#) (2266)
[LODI](#) (2268)
[LODI MEXICAN AMERICAN](#) (46183)
[RIPON](#) (2288)
[STOCKTON HEALTHY LEO-LIONS](#)
(181676)

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[STOCKTON DELTA PACIFICA](#) (47862)
[SAN JOAQUIN](#) (2298)
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[TRACY BREAKFAST](#) (2302)
[TRACY TANK TOWN](#) (67535)

EDITOR'S NOTE: More contact information will be in future newsletters.

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[CROWS LANDING](#) (2253)
[GUSTINE](#) (2259)
[HUGHSON](#) (135129)
[LOS BANOS](#) (2270)
[MODESTO 500](#) (2279)
[PATTERSON](#) (2286)

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[DENAIR](#) (2255)
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[LIVINGSTON](#) (2267)
[OAKDALE](#) (2285)
[TURLOCK](#) (2304)
[WATERFORD](#) (2306)

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[CHOWCHILLA LIONESS](#) (98271)
[DOS PALOS](#) (2256)
[LE GRAND](#) (2265)
[MADERA MADERA EVENING](#) (61592)
[MERCED BREAKFAST](#) (2276)
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[MERCED HEALTHY LEO LIONS](#)
(182692)

Yosemite Zone 2 Chair – Paula Hansen

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[MARIPOSA](#) (2274)
[NORTH FORK](#) (2284)
[SIERRA](#) (2291)