

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER

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~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

[DISTRICT 4-A1 ONLINE CALENDAR](#)

[MD4 GOOGLE CALENDAR](#)

[LIONS INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR](#)

July 31: All clubs complete Youth Protection Policy – see article in this newsletter

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

Now thru Sep 30: California Lions Foundation Grants – see article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)

Now thru Dec 31: [Lions For Access](#) – Club Banner Patch

Now thru Feb 2027: California Lions' Move Be-Cause Campaign – see article in this newsletter - [LINK](#)

Aug-Sep: Project Care – MD4 California Lions - [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

Aug 4: National Night Out - with Community Partnership for Families – Stockton San Joaquin Lions – see article in this newsletter

Aug 5: Cabinet Meeting – All are invited! See article in this newsletter. Link on [District's Calendar](#).

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

Aug 5: Guest Speaker Kirk Noffsinger, Topic Canine Companions – Stockton San Joaquin Lions – see article in Club News section

Aug 12: MD4 Masterclass [FLIER](#) –article in this newsletter

Aug 13: BANG Members participate in Fox Hunt – Stockton San Joaquin Lions – see article in this newsletter

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

Aug 16: Bunco – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)

Aug 20: Dedication of Bench at Tokay High School during Back-to-School Night in collaboration with the Tokay High School Leo Club! – Stockton San Joaquin Lions

Aug 21: Texas Hold'Em Tournament – for Rose Festival Float – [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

Sep 1: "Bags for Benches, Round 10" kicks off – Stockton San Joaquin Lions

Sep 1: Deadline for parade entry – Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)

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

Sep 5: Mariposa Labor Day Parade - Mariposa Lions - [FLIER](#)

Sep 12: Deadline for registering for 9/19 District Meeting

Sep 12: Casino Night – Merced Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

Sep 12: Autumn Cruise Car Show – Escalon Lions

Sep 16: Booth at Chamber Fall Fest & selling tickets for our Tri Tip fundraiser on October 16th – Los Banos Lions

Sep 19: District Meeting – in Chowchilla CA – [UPDATED FLIER](#) - [LINK](#) – See article in Upcoming Events section

Sep 19: Relay for Life – Linden CA – See article in this newsletter – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

Sep 19: Fundraiser with Senior Center – Sonora Lions – see article in Clubs' News section

Oct 1: Deadline to order Peace Poster packets - [LINK](#)

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

Oct 16: Tri-Tip Fundraiser – Los Banos Lions

Oct 18: Bunco – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)

Oct 23: Surf & Turf Dinner – Sonora Lions - see article in Clubs' News section

Nov 15: Peace Poster Contest – deadline to submit - [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 - [LINK](#)

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 Meetings – 1st Wednesdays, 6:45pm - – Zoom link on [District's Calendar](#)

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

November, December, June & July

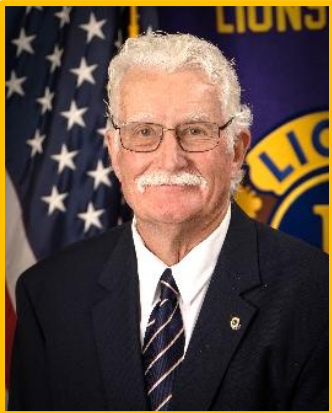
District 4-A1 Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings – 6pm - 3rd Monday of the month

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

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

Message from 1stVDG Mike Bohl



Hello fellow Lions,

As the newly installed District 4-A1 First Vice District Governor, I am honored to be serving our eight counties and 48 clubs. As you can imagine, I will be following the lead of District Governor Steve Moore of Linden and preparing myself to become District Governor at this time next year.

I will admit I have much to learn about district's operations; but I am eager to get involved, assist Lion DG Steve, and help him accomplish his goals. I feel we have a great district cabinet and the outlook for the upcoming year is very exciting and positive.

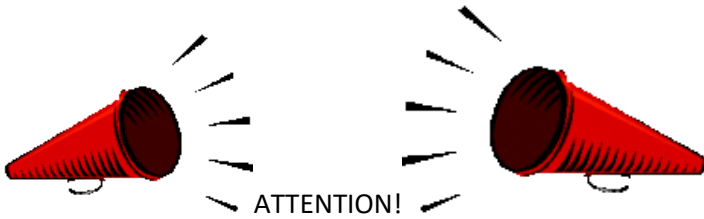
Over the next two years, I look forward to meeting many new Lions, visiting all the clubs in District 4-A1, and working with all of you to accomplish our goals.

I would like to thank the members of the Jackson Lions Club for their support in helping me become 1stVDG. I would like to give a very special "thank you" to my wife, Rita, who has been tremendously supportive.

Yours in Lionism,

~ Mike Bohl

CLUBS MUST COMPLETE EACH YEAR MD4 Youth Protection Policy



Dear District 4-A1 Presidents and Secretaries:

You should have recently received an email, because per the MD4 Youth Protection Policy, by **July 31, 2026**, California Lions Clubs must complete a MD4 Youth Service Compliance Form. This form must be completed annually, even if your club does not participate in any youth service programs/activities wherein you have club members or volunteers who have direct contact or supervision of minors for 16 hours or more per month or 32 hours or more per year. All required forms and attachments were included in that email.

The reasons why this policy was developed are threefold: (1) it's the law (AB 506 California Business Professions Code section 18975);

(2) it's required by MD4, so that all Lions Clubs comply with the law; and

(3) it's for the protection of the children we serve and individual Lions members and volunteers, Clubs, and Districts who serve them. Child abuse and neglect is not

just an issue with other service organizations, schools, and some churches. It has impacted California Lions Clubs as well. In August, 2023, a then-sitting Vice District Governor, Daniel Cortez, was convicted of child sexual assault and sentenced to 12 years in State Prison. While we sympathize with the sentiment that it is just one more thing Clubs have to do, it is an important thing to do, and we appreciate your cooperation in getting it done.

As of 7/23/26 we have received forms from Lathrop, Livingston, Jackson, Stockton Delta Pacific, Stockton Host Lions Clubs. THANK YOU!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

John FooSum (Jackson Lions Club) 209-915-6870 johnfoosum@yahoo.com

or

Debbi Hopman (District's Cabinet Secretary) 209-640-8612 debbihopman@gmail.com

District 4-A1 Youth Protection Officers

INVITATION TO CABINET MEETINGS!



Come join our monthly Cabinet zoom meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 PM.

This meeting is open to all district Lions as listeners. The zoom meeting ID is 874 8047 7903 and the passcode is 144617.

Our next cabinet meeting is **August 5th** at 5:45 PM.

~ Debbi Hopman

RELAY FOR LIFE Sep 19th

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=112352



I would like to thank all the clubs that have been involved in helping Relay for Life raise money for The American Cancer Society again this year. So far this year, the three Relays that already happened have raised over \$250,000!

Name	City	Goal 2026	Raised 2026
Relay For Life of Heart of California	Madera	\$50,000	\$66,119
Relay for Life of Greater Central Valley	Modesto	\$175,000	\$162,960
Relay for Life of Los Banos	Los Banos	\$30,000	\$24,605
TOTAL		\$255,000	\$253,684

There is still one Relay event happening this year, and that is Relay for Life of Linden on **September 19**. It is not a traditional Relay event. It is a community concert with DeJay & the OG's - and is a family-friendly evening. Let's support them and help push them over their fundraising goal of \$25,000 for the year!

Let's keep the remaining Relays in our area going for many years to come. If you or your club are interested in getting involved in one of our local Relays, feel free to reach out to me for information. If you would like to have someone from Relay For Life come talk at one of your club meetings, let me know. [FLIER](#) - [LINK](#)

~ Shawn Monnin shawnpmonnin@gmail.com

California Lions Foundation Back-to-School, Youth & Childhood Cancer Grants Are Now Open! (thru 9/30)

Looking to make a difference for youth in your community? California Lions Foundation is offering grants to help Lions Clubs expand their impact through Back-to-School, Youth, and Childhood Cancer initiatives.

Grant Period: **July 1 – September 30, 2026**

Grant Highlights:

- Up to \$500 per Lions Club
- Up to \$2,000 total available per MD4 Lions District

Whether you're providing school supplies, supporting youth programs, or helping children battling cancer, this is a great opportunity to turn your ideas into action.

 Learn more and apply at: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/youth>

California
LIONS FOUNDATION



California Lions Foundation BACK TO SCHOOL, YOUTH & CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANTS

Help make a difference with **YOUTH** in
your community & apply for a CLF grant

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

www.californialionsfoundation.org



DISTRICT 4-A1 INSTALLATION

On July 18th, PCC Kevin Guess installed our District 4-A1 Cabinet, including:

District Governor	Steve Moore
1st Vice District Governor	Mike Bohl
2nd Vice District Governor	José M. Aldaco
Cabinet Secretary	Debbi Hopman
Cabinet Co-Secretary	Paul Wagner (posthumously)
Cabinet Treasurer	PDG Pat Casey-Gillum
GLT Coordinator	PCC Claudia Miller
GMT Coordinator	Tom Machado
GST Coordinator	Beth Estante
Mt. Region Zone 1 Chair	Rich Ferro
Mt. Region Zone 2 Chair	Jill Schwab
San Joaquin Region Zone 1 Chair	Rodrigo Acosta, Jr.
San Joaquin Region Zone 2 Chair	Ron Cutler
Yosemite Region Zone 1 Chair	Karla Gran
Yosemite Region Zone 2 Chair	Paula Hansen
Stanislaus Region Zone 1 Chair	Rick Hernandez
Stanislaus Region Zone 2 Chair	Shawn Monnin
Leo-Lion Advisor	Asia Joaquim
Immediate Past District Governor	Matt Stickler

"Solidarity through Service" is our DG Steve's theme. Thanking you in advance for a year of dedication and leading by example.

~ Debbi Hopman, Cabinet Secretary





CLUB WEBSITE ASSISTANCE?



WANT HELP WITH YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE? DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE AN E-CLUBHOUSE WEBSITE? Questions, let me know. Any club wanting help updating their club's website, OR if you have questions, contact Lion

[Gail](mailto:gfclion@gmail.com) = gfclion@gmail.com, I.T. Chair for District 4-A1

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR E-CLUBHOUSE USER/PASSWORD? If so, have your Club President email

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

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

MD4 TRAVELLING YOUTH EXCHANGE



MD4 Traveling Youth Exchange visited Sequoia National Park. They were hosted by members of the Madera Omega Leo Club.



Kitchen s'mores-no outdoor fires allowed. We compromised! ~ PDG Gabby McKechnie

MD4 MASTERCLASSES

EVERY CLUB HAS A STORY WORTH SHARING

Marketing Is About Sharing Service

YOU'RE PROBABLY ALREADY DOING MARKETING!

Someone is taking photos. Someone is posting on Facebook. Someone is writing the newsletter. Someone is talking about your club in the community. Now it's time to MAKE THOSE EFFORTS OFFICIAL by having a Club Marketing Lead.

You Might Be a Great Fit If You...

Enjoy taking photos or videos.
 Like social media, newsletters, websites, or graphic design.
 Enjoy writing or telling stories.
 Want your club to receive the recognition it deserves.
 Believe service should be celebrated.
 Enjoy learning new technology and AI tools.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Share your club's service stories
- Promote projects and events
- Celebrate members and volunteers
- Connect your club to California Lions marketing resources
- Help make marketing part of every service project

YOU'LL HAVE SUPPORT

Your District Marketing Lead • California Lions Marketing Committee • Lions Clubs International • Templates • Campaign Toolkits • AI Tools • Training • A statewide network of fellow Club Marketing Leads

FLEXIBLE COMMITMENT

Most Club Marketing Leads spend only 1–3 hours per week. Many responsibilities can be shared with other club members.

READY TO HELP YOUR CLUB SHINE?

Contact your Club President and let them know you're ready to lead as your club's official Marketing Lead.

Share the story. Inspire the community. Grow Lions.

Service + Marketing = New Members

New website: <https://clubhouse.everythingcalions.org/>

MD4 CALIFORNIA PROJECT CARE



Project Care
1st Quarter Service Projects
2026/2027

July
Disaster Relief

August
Vision

September
Lions for Access and Childhood Cancer

Key Dates

July
Disaster Preparedness & Resilience Month- Prepare. Protect. Respond.
 July is a great month for **Disaster Relief** service because it falls at the start of wildfire, hurricane, heat emergency, and storm seasons across many areas. Lions can focus on preparedness, response readiness, and community resilience before disasters happen.

August
 For Lions Clubs, the biggest opportunity is to turn awareness into action before school starts. Here are six simple, visible, and impactful service projects for Children's **Vision** Eye Health and Safety Month. Service ideas [here](#)

September
 Lions for Access, Inclusion & Advocacy. September offers a unique opportunity for Lions to raise awareness, remove barriers, and create more inclusive communities through service.
 Every day, children and families face the challenges of **Childhood Cancer**. September is an opportunity for Lions to provide hope, comfort, awareness, and support while helping communities understand the importance of pediatric cancer research and family assistance.

Participate in the virtual **Move Be-Cause** health campaign! View the beneficiaries, choose your cause, and MOVE- Every minute qualifies as a reportable service opportunity



Adoptable, adaptable, accessible, & actionable
Lions service project ideas
<https://calionsclubs.org/OwnIt/ServiceProjects>



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Accessible version here
[Project Care Q1](#)



California Lions Project Care – 1st Quarter Is Underway!

We're off and running with four impactful service focus areas:

[Disaster Relief](#)

[Childhood Cancer](#)

[Vision](#)

and Lions for Access

View, share, and download flyers:

<https://clubhouse.everythingcalions.org/everything-ca-lions-service/>

Accessible versions of all resources are available here:

<https://clubhouse.everythingcalions.org/accessibility-center/>

But wait... there's more!

"OWN IT!" Explore California Lions Adoptable, Adaptable, Accessible, and Actionable Service Project Hub, featuring ready-to-use project ideas, tip sheets, flyers, and marketing resources to help your club make an even greater impact. [OwnItServiceProjects](#)

Whether your club is launching a new project or enhancing one already underway, these resources are designed to help you serve your community and share your story.

We Care. Lions Helping More People!

OUTREACH/SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS



Calling All Accessibility Ambassadors!

An Exclusive Service Reward
Opportunity for California Lions & Leos

Lions for Access Club Banner Patch

Accessible
version here

[Lions for
Access Banner
Patch Criteria](#)



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 December 31, 2026**

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

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

Questions: Lion Jennifer Gass LionsForAccess@gmail.com

Lions for Access
Toolbox /resources



CaliforniaLions.org
#LionsForAccess

Here's a great Lions for Access service opportunity to be part of. The banner patch challenge has been extended through **December 31!** share this flyer to connect with more vision service opportunities and membership growth! ~ Jennifer Gass



International Week of Vision Service October 8–18, 2026



Join hands in service with Lions and Leos around the world as we work to improve the lives of people who are blind or low vision and help prevent avoidable blindness during our Vision Week of Service from October 8–18, 2026!

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs to become Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness. Over 100 years later, Lions are still hearing the call and highlighting vision service during October.

A Great Time to Connect

Lions and Leos are already volunteering in your community and looking for vision service opportunities. Please reach out now to start the conversation with a local club and see what you can accomplish together during the International Week of Vision Service, October 8–18, 2026, and beyond!

Email: LionsForAccess@gmail.com

Website: CaliforniaLions.org/Lions-For-Access

Facebook & Instagram: @LionsHelenKellerChallenge

#LionsForAccess #HelenKellerChallenge

Lions for Access Club Banner Patch, extended until **DECEMBER 31, 2026!**

California Lions' MOVE BE-CAUSE CAMPAIGN



Our [Move Be-Cause Campaign](#) is running now **through February 2027** and culminating in a live walking event at the MD4 Convention. We're thrilled to announce some very special guests will be joining us along the way — including Canine Companions puppies, who will be walking with us! This is a great event and you don't need to be a Lion to participate. You can do it solo, or create a team. Run it virtual, in-person, or hybrid - however you would like to. You can support one cause - or all eight [Global Causes](#) for that matter - and you can change your cause as often as you would like. Share your wins with family and friends across social media (or however you choose to share). You pick the way you move - walk/run/bike/swim - line dance - the possibilities are almost limitless! ~ Diane Ringer

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)**California Lions' MASTERCLASS **AUG 12****

LIONS CLUBS CALIFORNIA

MASTERCLASS

How to apply as A CA Lions Club for Local Service Projects.

Obtain a 50/50 matching grant, and **double** the dollars for your service project.

YOU'LL LEARN:

- Step-by-step guidance on applying for a 50/50 matching grant
- How to **maximize your impact** and double your dollars
- Fund your local service project with **CA Lions Foundation Dollars**.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2026

7:00 PM PDT

LIVE ON zoom

Stronger Together.
BIGGER IMPACT.

Register

TOGETHER, WE SERVE. | Compassion. Connection. Community.

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

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM **SEP 3-5**<https://lionsforum.org/>

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USA/CANADA

Lions

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Learn. Connect. Inspire.

The world's premier leadership training event for Lions Clubs!

Memphis
TENNESSEE

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026
RENASANT CONVENTION CENTER | MEMPHIS, TN

GROW YOUR IMPACT. STRONGER TOGETHER. WE SERVE.

GAIN NEW SKILLS
70+ seminars and workshops

BUILD CONNECTIONS
Network with Lions from across North America

SHARE IDEAS
Bring fresh ideas back to your club & community

BE INSPIRED
Hear from dynamic leaders who motivate

Make Plans Today!

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn, connect, and grow with Lions!

LEARN MORE AT
lionsforum.org

MD4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING SEP 19<https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>District 4-A1 Meeting on Saturday, **September 19**RSVP Deadline: **September 12**, 2026Location: Merle L. Fuller School, 1101 Monterey Ave,
Chowchilla, CA 93610 [UPDATED FLIER](#) – [LINK](#)

"Solidarity through Service"



DISTRICT 4-A1

DISTRICT MEETING

KICKOFF THE NEW LION YEAR... ROAR!

GAME DAY ★

Saturday,
September 19, 2026

KICKOFF ★

8:30 AM -
2:00 PM

★ **HOME FIELD** ★

Merle L. Fuller School
1101 Monterey St. | Chowchilla, California

SCAN ME!



Scan the QR code
for more information!

★ **REGISTRATION LINEUP** ★

★ REGISTRATION FEE ★	
Members & Guests - Advance Registration	\$15
Members & Guests - At-the-Door Registration	\$20
Leo-Alpha-Omega Members - RSVP Required	\$10
Alpha-Omega Members - At-the-Door Registration	\$15
Alpha Omega Members / Leo Alpha- Omega Members / Full Time High School or College Students	\$0

RSVP DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

✉ maderaeveningtreasurer@gmail.com

✉ CHECKS: Mail to
3056 Hillcrest Ct., Madera, CA 93637

💰 PAYABLE TO:
Lions - District 4-A1

★ **RAFFLE PRIZE** ★

Each club is encouraged to bring one raffle prize.

★ **ATTIRE:** ★

CASUAL - WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL JERSEY!

Student Speakers Contest Training

Get ready for an interactive hour of learning! For our District Meeting on **September 19**, District Governor Steve has asked the Global Leadership Team to provide guidance on how clubs, zones, and regions can run an effective and compliant Student Speakers Contest.

We'll cover who can participate, ideas for increasing student participation, common challenges clubs have faced when hosting a Student Speakers Contest, and several other important aspects of the contest. There will also be plenty of time at the end of the training for comments and questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to get prepared, ask questions, and help your club create a successful Student Speakers Contest experience for local students.

For those not able to attend the district meeting, we will offer the training over Zoom later this fall.

What's Inside This Guide



Purpose & Topic

Why the contest matters and this year's subject



Levels

Six contest levels and their deadlines



Scholarships & Awards

What winners receive at every level



Running & Judging

Chair duties, judges, timers, and tellers



Eligibility & Rules

Who may enter and how speeches are run



Foundation & Giving

History, impact, and how clubs can help

~ Shawn Monnin, Global Leadership Team member and Zone Chair
Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids



We will still be collecting used eyeglasses at the district meeting and transporting them to the [Lions In Sight \(LIS\)](#) warehouse. Please bring the eyeglasses you collect to the meeting. PLEASE DO NOT BRING CASES. LIS is still collecting hearing aids - but not ink cartridges.

~ PDG Don Allen

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

----- Accessible Wording -----

Flyer: Lions District 4-A1 District Meeting, "Kickoff the New Lion Year... Roar!" Saturday, September 19, 2026, 8:30 AM–2:00 PM, at Merle L. Fuller School, 1101 Monterey St., Chowchilla, CA. RSVP Deadline: **September 12**, 2026.

Event Hours: 8:30AM – 2:00PM

Attire: Casual — wear your favorite football jersey!

Each club is encouraged to bring one raffle prize.

Advanced Registration:

Members & Guests – Advance Registration: \$15

Leo-Alpha-Omega Members – RSVP Required: \$10

At-the-Door Registration:

Members & Guests – At-the-Door Registration: \$20

Alpha-Omega Members – At-the-Door Registration: \$15

Alpha Omega Members / Leo Alpha-Omega Members / Full-Time High School or College Students: \$0

Paying by Check? If you would prefer to pay by check, make it out to Lions – District 4-A1 and mail it to
3056 Hillcrest Ct., Madera, CA 93637

Pay Online!

QR code provided to reserve your tickets online.

Got questions? Email: maderaeveningtreasurer@gmail.com



PEACE POSTER CONTEST – by **NOV 15**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/marketing-events/events-programs/international-peace-contests/peace-poster-contest>

January 15: Kits go on sale in the Lions Shop online.

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Lions Shop online.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at Lions International Headquarters.

February 1: Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2026–2027 theme is "Harmony in Humanity"

This year's theme encourages young people to imagine a world where people from different cultures, backgrounds, and communities live together peacefully by showing respect, kindness, and understanding.

Theme Description

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. We invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully—celebrating differences, finding common ground, and creating true harmony in humanity.

Contest Eligibility

Age: 11–13 years old (as of November 15, 2026)

Organizer: Sponsored by local Lions Clubs worldwide

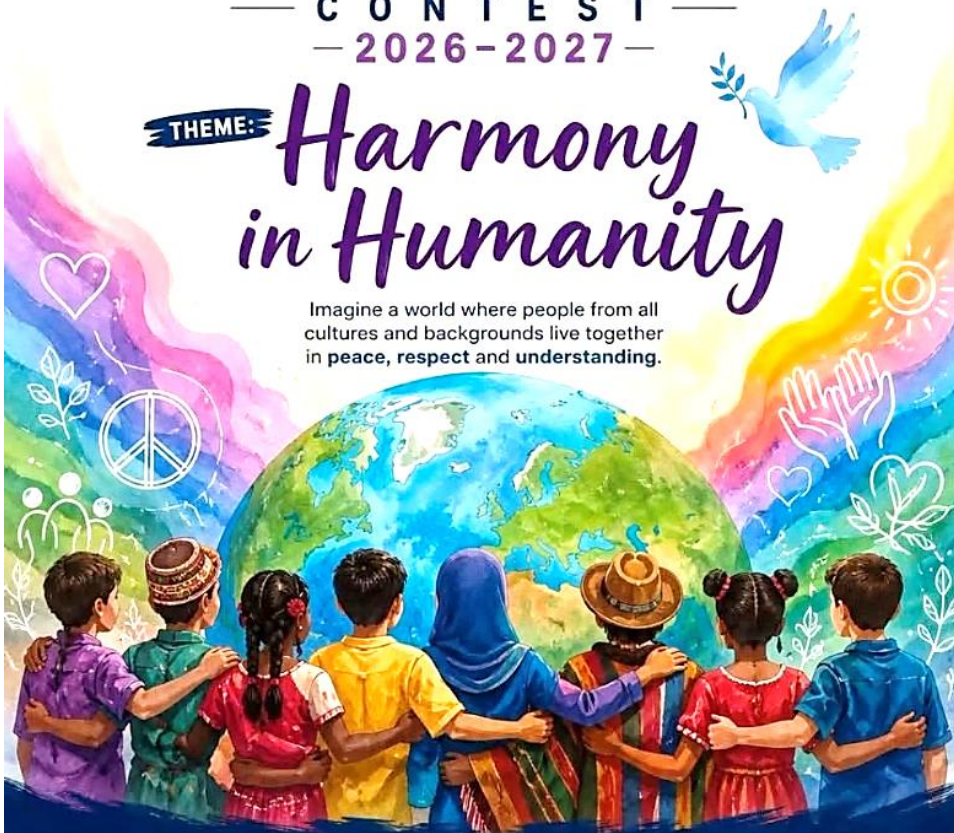
Medium: Original hand-drawn artwork reflecting the annual theme.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER
 CONTEST
 2026-2027

THEME: *Harmony
in Humanity*

Imagine a world where people from all
cultures and backgrounds live together
in **peace, respect and understanding.**



**WHO CAN
PARTICIPATE?**

Children who are
11, 12 or 13 years old
as of November 15, 2026



**CREATE
WITH HEART**

Use your imagination
to express peace
through art.



**SPONSORED BY
YOUR LOCAL
LIONS CLUB**

Ask your art teacher
or local Lions Club
for details.



**YOUR ART CAN
INSPIRE THE WORLD**

Your poster could be an
international winner!

CREATE PEACE. *INSPIRE THE FUTURE.*

One World. One Dream. One Peace.

Lions Int'l WEEKS OF SERVICE

Oct 8-18 - Feb 13-21 - May 29-Jun 6

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

"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

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!
From idea to impact
in 4 simple steps

accessible version [here](#)

ROSE PARADE FLOAT DECORATION

Dec 19, 26, 27

<https://lionsfloat.org/>

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT
TO BENEFIT THE LIONS FLOAT

FRIDAY, **AUGUST 21**, 2026

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

GAME 6PM-10PM

ONTARIO SHERATON HOTEL

429 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA 91764

\$60 PER PLAYER / \$25 RE-BUY IN

DRESS: LIONS CASUAL • CASH BAR AVAILABLE

For More information:

PCC Craig Durand 714-936-5778

Must be a minimum of 21 years old – [FLIER](#)



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* ♥

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

* Club Contest Held by **Feb 19**

<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

ATTN CLUBS – You can now order your packets on this website: <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

2026-2027

MD4 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

SPEAK. INSPIRE. LEAD. SERVE.

THIS YEAR'S TOPIC:
Should We Return to Teaching "Life Skills" in the High School Experience?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION at [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) Mar 31-Apr 4

Check back later for details...

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)

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.

LION & LEO CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

August 15 – Linden CA

See information in the UPCOMING EVENTS section of this newsletter.

ALPHA LEOS AGING OUT – District 4-A1

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

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

ZONE NEWS SECTION**SAN JOAQUIN ZONE 2**

San Joaquin Zone 2 Clubs served hot dogs, chips, granola bars, and water to attendees at the Family Promise Fun Festival. Thank you to Stockton Delta Pacifica, Stockton Host, Lathrop, Tracy Breakfast, Tracy Tank Town, and Stockton San Joaquin Lions Clubs for working together and supporting our community.





On Saturday, July 18, the Lathrop, Stockton, and Tracy Lions Clubs came together in Stockton to support the Family Promise community event. Club members proudly served free hot dogs, chips, and drinks to attendees, enjoying the opportunity to connect with and serve local individuals and families.

It was truly inspiring to see so many organizations and volunteers working side by side with the shared goal of helping those in need. Events like these are a wonderful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together with compassion, generosity, and a heart for service. We are grateful to have been a part of such a meaningful day and look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in our communities. [See photos below] ~ Anna Melissa Pascual



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](#)

LINDEN LIONS

President Albert Dondero introduced our speaker, Alesha Pichler, Community Relations Manager for the Emergency Food Bank. Alesha gave us an overview of the food bank, its history, current growth, and where its future plans are for growth. Their webpage is StocktonFoodBank.org. They have 24 employees and 15-25 volunteers daily. Their involvement in providing food assistance, education, etc. is extensive. If you are interested in learning more, go online to the webpage. Alesha gave a wonderful presentation of what they do, where they are going, and a multitude of other organizations they are associated with. She gave an opportunity for questions.



Lion Bob received his 30-year pin.

MURPHYS ANGELS LIONS

JUNE FAMILY
DINNER COOK:
JIM FRAGUERO





Congratulations to the 2026-2027 Slate of Officers.

SUTTER CREEK LIONS

Sutter Creek Lions Club

Serving with kindness, compassion, and purpose

Pull Tabs & Eyeglasses Collection – July Update



ANOTHER 20 POUNDS COLLECTED!

Thank You Everyone -
and remember, Sutter Creek Visitor, at 71A Main Street, is a collection site for us.

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.



AND 68 pairs of eyeglasses 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, and Sunglasses

2026 High School Scholarship Announcement Award Recipient: Emma Peterson

The Sutter Creek Lions Club is proud to recognize **Emma Peterson** as the recipient of our **2026 High School Scholarship**. Emma exemplifies the maturity, confidence, and determination we hope to inspire in all young adults. Her commitment to both academic achievement and entrepreneurial growth sets her apart as a remarkable leader among her peers.

We are especially encouraged by Emma's initiative in launching her own business here in Sutter Creek while continuing her education. Her shop, **Lucky Traveler Vintage**—located behind the Antique Gardener on Main Street—reflects her creativity, dedication, and investment in our community.

Please join us in congratulating Emma and supporting her as she pursues her goals. Stop by her shop and encourage one of our local youth who is already making a positive impact on our town.



Dear Sutter Creek Lions Club,
I would like to sincerely thank you for choosing me as the recipient of your scholarship. I am so honored and incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. This scholarship will help me continue my education at Cosumnes River College for the next two years. I will also continue to work hard at my store, Lucky Traveler Vintage, in Sutter Creek. Receiving this award helps motivate me to continue my hard work both academically and personally. Thank you again for investing in my future. I truly appreciate your kindness and support!
Sincerely,
Emma Peterson

TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS

July 17, 2026 - July has been a busy month already.



Our 4th of July Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. We served over 750 pancake breakfasts.



Congratulations to Lion Jack G., Lion of the Year recipient, and Lion Ron Y., Melvin Jones recipient.



Past president Scott Secker was presented with our donation banner. All our [fundraising] efforts have been donated back into the community. Well done!





July 4, 2026 - Thank you to everyone who came out this morning to share a pancake breakfast with us at Lincoln Park and to watch the hot air balloons lift off. It was another amazing day! Happy birthday, America!!!





We attended the new teacher luncheon for TUSD. Our club put together 10 school supplies baskets for the raffle. Welcome to Tracy!!

MERCED BREAKFAST LIONS



Hey everyone - we are selling our **September 12, 2026** Casino Night tickets. Please contact any Merced Breakfast Lions Club member for tickets. Or email mercedbreakfastlions@gmail.com to reserve your tickets. It will be a fun filled evening. [FLIER](#)

SONORA LIONS



L-R: Jerry Jensen, Joe Skaff, Tim Atchley, Jerri Regelin, Bill Dunlavy Jr., Jill Schwab, Ray Bailey, Cecil Steen, Bud Regelin, Jan Newman



L-R: Tim Atchley, Lion of the Year; Jill Schwab, Melvin Jones Fellow; Jan Newman, Volunteer of the Year

We volunteer – an explanation. Monthly, and sometimes more often, I report to Lions International the hours we members donate to help others. Over this years' time, all members have been credited with something, particularly our fundraisers. However, it is only just to spotlight those who regularly volunteer, and report their efforts. Such as "Volunteer of the Year" Jan Newman, Bud & Jerry Regelin, Irene Wetzels, Nick and Cat Reuter, Tim Atchley, and Dan Ward. Note the word "Report". If you don't report, I don't either.

January: 79.5 volunteer hours - 57,000 people served (includes population in Tuolumne County)

February: 201 volunteer hours - 794 people served

March: 223 volunteer hours - 2954 people served

April: 376 volunteer hours - 1,175 people served

May: 57 volunteer hours - 445 people served

June: 105 Volunteer hours - 565 people served

A joint fundraiser with the Senior Center will be on **September 19**. The Senior Center will be conducting a yard sale, and we will be selling food.

Surf & Turf Dinner fundraiser will go forward, and is scheduled on Friday, **October 23** at the Sonora Elks Lodge. Watch for updates, tickets, and flyers. We need a chairperson. Again, watch for updates.

~ Ray Bailey, Secretary

TRACY TANK TOWN LIONS

June 25, 2026: Tracy Tank Town Lions did their installation of officers for the 2026-2027 year. The theme was "Over the Moon." PCC Claudia Miller cleverly presented how stars and constellations work together and tied it to how we, as Lions Officers, can support our new president, Lilia Ireland. We ended the evening enjoying an old favorite "Moon Pies!"





Tracy Tank Town Lions inducted a new member, Cathy Goodrum, on July 23rd. Wes Huffman from Tracy Breakfast Lions (they sponsored our club) led the induction giving an excellent overview of Lions International and the Tracy Tank Town Lions. Above photo: Marie Patterson, Sponsor, Cathy Goodrum, and Wes Huffman

Above photo: Wes Huffman, Cathy Goodrum, Marie Patterson, and Lilia Ireland

MOKE HILL LIONS



The Mokelumne Hill Lions Club was proud to help celebrate our nation's 250th birthday this year through our annual Moke Hill Parade. The event was a tremendous success, bringing the community together for a day filled with patriotism, celebration, and plenty of fun.



We are also pleased to recognize Lion David LeGrande as our Lion of the Year. David not only led the effort to establish the new dog park at the edge of town, but he continues to demonstrate outstanding dedication, leadership, and service in everything he does.

As we look ahead, our new president, Susan Weatherby, brings fresh energy and many new ideas for the club, and we are excited for all that the coming year has in store.

~ Cindy Pederson

MADERA EVENING LIONS



June 27, 2026 - Maggie Stickler was installed as Club President at the 27th Annual Installation of Officers Dinner by MD 4 Council Chair, Cheri Provancha.

~ Karla Gran

LATHROP LIONS

🎉 Congratulations to Our 2026–2027 Lathrop Lions Club Leadership Team! 🦁

We are excited to announce that all our nominated members were officially voted into the positions for which they were nominated! Congratulations to each of our dedicated Lions who have stepped up to serve our club in the coming year.

We are incredibly grateful for your willingness to lead and give back to our community. Your passion, commitment, and servant hearts are what make the Lathrop Lions Club so special.

Please join us in congratulating our new officers and chairpersons:

President – Lion Beth Estante

Immediate Past President – Lion Linda Rose

Secretary – Lion Erika Johnson

Co-Treasurers – Lion Angela Barth & Lion Mindy Kelly

Membership Chairperson – Lion Louis Grego

Service Chairperson – Lion Kayla Estante

Marketing Chairperson – Lion Anna Lopez

Safety Officer – Lion Jon Estante

Lion Tamer – Lion Robert Johnson

Tail Twister – Lion Cheryl Williams

We also have several open leadership opportunities, and we encourage any members interested in serving to reach out. Together, we can continue making a positive difference in our community.

Here's to another amazing year of fellowship, service, and making a lasting impact. We know each of you will do an incredible job in your new roles! ~ Anna Melissa Pascual



STOCKTON SAN JOAQUIN LIONS



You're invited! San Joaquin Lions Club Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Round Table Pizza,
8010 Holman Road, Stockton

Special Guest Speaker: Lion Kirk
Noffsinger, 3rd Vice President of Lions
Project for Canine Companions, and his canine
companion, Walrus!



Please place your food and drink orders at the counter by 6:00 PM; they will be served in the meeting room. The meeting begins promptly at 6:30 PM.

Bring your donations: unwanted eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, athletic sneakers, and pull tabs — we'll recycle them to help others in need.

For more info:
San Joaquin Lions Club, sanjoaquinlions@gmail.com,
STOCKTONSanJoaquinLionsClub.org

Please join us **August 5**, 6:30 PM at Roundtable, 8010 Holman Road, Stockton to hear from Lion Kirk Noffsinger and his Canine Companion Walrus!



Stockton San Joaquin Lions' Sneakers Collection is still going on. Save your sneakers for us to recycle!
The San Joaquin Lions Club enjoyed participating in the Stockton Fourth of July Parade with Stockton Host Lions.

[FACEBOOK LINK](#)



Lions Xena and Jennifer attended the ribbon-cutting of the new Stockton City Hall on July 7 and took a tour. [LINK](#)



July 18th was a busy day as Lion Rodrigo volunteered at the Family Promise Day. Five members volunteered at the SJC Department of Child Support Services' Block Party at Pixie Woods. Lions Rodrigo and Jennifer attended the 4-A1 Cabinet Installation that evening in Linden. [LINK](#)



Photo is of San Joaquin Lions at our July meeting with Zone Chair Ron Cutler.

We are looking forward to participating in National Night Out on **August 4** with Community Partnership for Families at their Villa Monterey Center!

Our BANG members will be participating in a "Fox hunt" with the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club at their potluck on **August 13**.

We're excited to be dedicating a bench at Tokay High School during Back-to-School Night on **August 20** in collaboration with the Tokay High School Leo Club!

"Bags for Benches, Round 10" kicks off on **September 1**. We appreciate your ongoing support with soft plastic and sneaker donations to recycle and help others in need!

LOS BANOS LIONS

September 16, 2026 we will have a booth at the Chamber Fall Fest where we will be selling tickets for our Tri Tip fundraiser (**October 16**, 2026) and have flyers for our upcoming Poinsettia sales which will raise money for scholarships we give out to Local High School students. We will also have a bucket for our pull tabs and a basket for people to bring their used eyeglasses. ~ Karen Haas

Donate your used eyeglasses. There are two drop-off locations: Dr Emerson 1030 W. I St and Dr Soares 1028 6th St in Los Banos. Let them know you are dropping off for the 🦁 Lions Club and we will have somebody collect them. Thank you for your donations.

MARIPOSA LIONS

🎉 The 2026 Mariposa Labor Day Fair Parade is coming soon! 🇺🇸 🦁

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Mariposa Labor Day Parade will take place on Saturday, **September 5**, 2026, with the parade stepping off at 10:00 AM.

It's time to start planning for one of Mariposa's favorite traditions! Parade applications are now available, and we invite businesses, organizations, clubs, families, and individuals to join in the fun.

📄 Pick up a hard copy at the Mariposa Visitor Center, where completed applications may also be returned.

Parade entry deadline is **September 1**, 2026!!

This year's Mariposa County Fair and Labor Day Parade theme is "Red, White, Blue, and Ewe!" 🇺🇸 🦁 We encourage everyone to get creative, decorate your float, vehicle, or entry, embrace the theme, and help make this year's parade one to remember!

We look forward to celebrating our community with you and can't wait to see all the amazing parade entries.

Parade Sponsored by The Mariposa Lions Club. [FLIER](#)