



# Roar of the Lion District A-42



JANUARY 2018



My dear Lions, Leos and family,  
Namaste & best wishes for the new year!

On behalf of my family and our District 4-A2 Lions & Leo Club families I sincerely pass our deepest condolences to our fellow Lions who are not with us today or those who have lost their family member & pray Almighty God to rest their soul in eternal peace.

Congratulations Lions & Leos on your achievements through this lionistic year!

Deep from our hearts, i.e. myself, District First lady- my wife Lion Falguni Patel and our District Cabinet team, we want to thank all the clubs for the invitation to visit your clubs especially during the festive season, events, fundraisers, and projects for the warm welcome and great hospitality that have helped us gain more knowledge about the Lions & Leo clubs of our district. We have all the memories saved in our heart and the pictures we had during the visitations, especially the group selfies - they are everlasting memories.

Some clubs were dark until end of September and others were still active since the beginning of our lionistic year 2017-2018. We truly understand because we are based in the rich land of Agriculture. It is a great privilege for us to travel across four counties and in our other Multiple District 4 Districts as guests. Thanks to our GMT, GLT, GST (GAT - Global Action Team) coordinators with Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, faculties, District Chairs and teams who have successfully been working throughout the year to make our district stand-out, to have more service hands to serve together to our community with love, care, respect and peace. All this made us a great profit in earning more smiles. We'll continue through out the year and then pass to our future leader 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion John Burns and his team.

LIONS & LEO friends, only five months and few days left for this lionistic year and we have many challenges to overcome for which we request your support & kind cooperation with maximum efforts to achieve our goals. We are planning to have several trainings during this time and we do have planned a Membership Workshop during the March month through LCI. During this workshop you can have prospective Lions & Leos attend it, which will help them to decide and know the reason of joining our World's Largest non-profit service Organization.

So, those who are willing to acquire more knowledge and participate in these trainings will highly benefit them, and we highly encourage and recommend attending these trainings. You will have chance through these several resources available through different Lion channels of district and multiple from these trainings.

Friends, our 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting & our Multiple convention are both coming near in the first & second week of February for which please register in time & support our fellow Lions & Leos. This meeting is for you and you have the power to make it the best through, "Power Of We".

(Also, attached with this newsletter, is application for the District, "My Lion Story" book. I'll tell you about it on another page.)

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Further, the success of clubs depends on proper & timely reporting about their activities & membership, so please make sure you report accordingly. We specially urge the Club officers to visit the websites to pass the latest updates and important information, forms about various opportunities available along with the detail information by visiting District, Multiple and the International Websites: [www.4a2lions.org](http://www.4a2lions.org), [www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org) & [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Lastly, my Lion friends with our joint efforts, responsibility as a true Lion & teamwork let us step into the next Centennial and have more service hands to accept greater challenges for the betterment of our community. Looking forward to see you all soon at our 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting on February, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Fresno.

***We Serve with Love, Care, Respect and Peace!***

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Keep in touch and keep smiling!

*Here's the International and MD-4 calendar for January through March:*

**January 2018** *Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge*

January 13: [Melvin Jones' birthday](#)

January 13: Last day for early discount on convention registration fees

January 15: Leo Club Program Advisory Panel nominations due

January 15: Peace Poster Kits go on sale from Club Supplies Sales

*January 20-22 MD-4 Leadership Institute North: Courtyard Marriott in Fairfield, CA*

January 26-29: Faculty Development Institute - Constitutional Areas I and II (Atlanta, Georgia)

**February 2018**

February 1: International Peace Poster contest winners will be notified on or before this date

*February 7-8: MD-4 Mid-Winter Council of Governors meeting Crowne Plaza Hotel San Diego, Mission Valley, 4-L6*

February 8: Application **Deadline** for Standard, Core 4 and IAG grants to be reviewed at the May 2018 board meeting

*February 9-11, 2018 MD-4 Centennial Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel SD Mission Valley, San Diego, CA; 4-L6*

*February 26: MD-4 Student Speakers Club Contest (Last Day to hold the contest)*

February 17: MD-4 Lions Flag Day

**March 2018** *Eye Donor Awareness Month*

March 1: **Deadline** for MD4 Office to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to LCI Headquarters

*March 10-12: MD4 Leadership Institute South: Ontario Radisson Hotel*

*March 19: MD4 Student Speakers Zone Contest (Last Day to hold the contest)*

March 31: Last day for regular convention registration fees

**April 2018** *Protecting Our Environment Centennial Service Challenge*

*Family & Friends Month Leo Club Awareness Month*

April 1: Leo of the Year Award applications (Leo- LOY) due

April 6-9: International Board of Directors Meeting (Miami, Florida USA)

*April 9: MD4 Region Student Speakers Contest (Last Day to hold the contest)*

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

***"It's always a Great Day To Be A Lion! "***

Membership, why is it important to clubs, the district, etc or is it? At the end of December 2017 (the first half of our Lion's 2017-2018 fiscal year) only 16, (25.4%) of our clubs experienced positive membership growth. Another 24 clubs, (38.1%) had no change in membership. The disappointing result is the 23, 36.5% of the clubs that lost enough members to erase the positive results of the 16 clubs had and reduced our net growth to -74 members for the period. The clubs in the district have dropped 161 members year-to- date. That's **161 friends and family members** that have walked out of our clubs door for the last time. That's 161 members that are no longer helping to serve our communities, is that important? There were two club closures processed during the period; the first club advised the district and LCI that they were closing and they last met in January 2017. The district leadership should have worked with the club to plan a membership development program or orderly closure of the club in 2016-2017. The second 23 member club, stopped meeting more than 19 months ago, stopped paying dues, and no one in the club knew how to drop members. The club was closed by LCI for non- payment of dues, **where were we?** The club should have been addressed a year ago, we may have saved the club. We have an additional 5 clubs that have less than 12 members, can they server their communities as they have in the past?

I am a believer in service, and our Governor's theme **"WE SERVE" WITH LOVE, CARE, RESPECT AND PEACE"**, is something we all need to think about. I don't serve because I need attention or rewards. I serve because I want to make a difference. I serve because there are needs at every turn that are not being addressed. One person, one club alone cannot handle opportunities that are offered us daily. Is membership important? I think so.

When I **Ask** everyone I meet to join us in community service, some do. When they join, I understand the my service to my community just doubled via the new hand of the new member. Again, this is a Centennial Year which offers tremendous opportunities which includes increasing our ability to better serve our communities by increasing the membership in our clubs as well as the district. Again this year our new member pin will have the word Centennial across the top making it more desirable and the member sponsor will receive the awesome Centennial Sponsor pin. Special Banner Patches, more media attention, etc.. Take advantage of the extra tools.

Remember, we are to focus on Protecting our ENVIRONMENT, Relieving the HUNGER, Sharing the VISION, and Engaging our YOUTH. When you record these activities note the number of man hours served and people affected by your efforts. You cannot get the credit that you deserved unless you complete the applicable reporting. Additionally, there are three Lion Legacy Project recognition levels that your club can earn again this year.

To further assist you with your membership growth program, we have scheduled membership development workshop that I encourage everyone to attend. The meeting is free, scheduled for 9:00am to 12:00 noon on February 17, 2018 at the School District Admin. office in Bakersfield.

**Region Chairs/Zone Chairs, please** make sure *all* your Club Presidents *and* Secretaries know how to enter the new club officers into MyLCI prior to April 15, 2018.

We have a new Club name being added to the new Membership Growth Trophy which will be announced at our next District meeting on February 3rd. The rules and details of the contest follow this writing.

Good Recruiting to all

In Lionism

PDG Dean Church,  
GMT-D



# Membership Growth Trophy

The new Membership Growth recognition trophy was unveiled at the second District Meeting in Richgrove. The Lion that stands on the top of the trophy is an 11" by 11" bronze and very proud Lion. The base was made by an Auberry, CA cabinet maker and given a furniture quality finish by Dean Church, so again we can safely say it is a "one of a kind" trophy. It is a three-year trophy that offers 15 opportunities for your club to be recognized by having the highest net gain in membership for a quarter or the highest total net gain for the year. The trophy will be presented to the winning club at the first Cabinet Meeting or Convention following the close of the quarter and the winning club is identified. Each quarterly winner will retain the trophy until it is time for the update for the next recipient. The club whose name appears on the trophy the most during the three-year contest will keep the trophy for all to see when you visit their club. Contest rules are as follows:



1. Participating clubs must be in good standing with Lions Clubs International.
2. Membership results must be positive: example a) previous results -2 members, current quarter net +3 members equals +1 for the quarter; example b) previous results +10 members, current quarter net +3 members equals +3 for the quarter.
3. The minimum requirement: the club's membership net total must exceed the membership numbers record on the last day of the previous year and must increase by 1 member during the contest quarter.
4. There will be 12 quarterly winners; each will be the club with the highest net gain in membership for the quarter.
5. There will be 3 annual winners: the club that has the highest net gain in Membership for each year.
6. LCI, MD-4 & District 4-A2 dues for the new member must be paid.
7. The trophy must be returned in the same condition as it was when you took possession.
8. Branch Club members are included in parent club totals.
9. New Clubs do not qualify for this award their Charter year.

There are two primary components of membership growth, the first is member retention, keep the members that you have. There are always recognizable signs that indicates a member is less than excited about being a Lion, i.e., he or she stops attending meetings or club events, slow to pay dues, nonparticipant during meetings, becomes antisocial, etc. Sometimes it is easier to retain one rather than find one. Second, "Ask One", new members are out there, we just need to invite them to join a club that they find attractive and is doing the things that they want to be associated with.

There is an easy formula to win your club name plate on the trophy: Retain Members + Add New Members = growth. I am always available to assist you with planning and conducting membership drives.

Congratulations to the first two clubs to receive this recognition; the **Kingsburg** and the **Shaver Lake** Lions Clubs. They both recorded a net gain of 5 members during the first quarter of year 2017-2018. Awesome!

Good Recruiting to all,

F. Dean Church, PDG/GMT-D

## club briefs

Five **McFarland** Lions and six LEOS participated in the clean-up and beautification of the Pomfret Cemetery by removing over grown grass, tumble weeds and trash. They also removed dead flowers and replaced them with fresh flowers. Total Lion hours: 17.

The **Arvin** Lions Club is sad to report the passing of two of its members during October. At our convention in April, the District will remember the lives and service of Lions Ken Randolph and Jack Salter.

**EXETER** Lions Club ORGANIZED, STARTED AND ANNOUNCED Fall Festival PARADE and PROVIDED AWARDS TO WINNING ENTRIES.

### LEO CLUB NEWS

Central Valley Leos, Daniella Escorcia, Kimberly Lopez, Nizeth Salazar, Leo President Kevin Garcia, with Advisers Max, Lucy, and granddaughter Maycee recently collected over \$340 for Disaster Relief on the corners by **Selma** Walmart, Burger King, and Starbucks. Those who donated seemed very pleased to see our youth out in the commu-nity working for such an important and selfless cause.

At their last meeting, the Leos voted to donate 3/4 of the money to LCIF, going to Puerto Rico Disaster Relief and locally, the other 1/4 of the amount to Northern California's devastating fire disaster. Leos serve their both their community and globally!

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Kevin Willard, the leader of the popular band Kevin Willard and the Cadillac Cowboys, was an active member of the **Laton** Lions Club until his untimely death in an automobile accident in September. Lion Kevin will be remembered at our convention April 28 and 29 at the Tachi Palace near Lemoore.

## LET'S GO TO MEXICO!

On the next two pages, please find the details of this year's **Operation Friendship**. It's a Lions visitation to the Lions of **Ensenada**, Baja California, Mexico.

This year's visit will be the 56th consecutive annual trip! The committee (see second page) has been working since November getting all the details together. Lions will get to take part in a service project and to enjoy the hospitality of the Ensenada Lions.

If this is new, or you finally have time to take this great opportunity this year, ask any committee member your many questions. They will help you here, they will help you in Mexico, and they will help you in between — with travel matters and border crossing, too.

### Down Town Visalia Waiters Race

Every year the Visalia Breakfast Lions do a waiters race where any waiters around our valley are invited to participate in a race up and back Main Street where they carry a serving tray with food and water or wine. Winners in different categories get money. You can see the pride in restaurants all around Visalia, as you enter and read the plaques on the wall won by waiters and waitresses at their own restaurant.

The **Cutler-Orosi** Lions conducted three vision screenings in October. They were conducted at Palm, Cutler and Golden Valley Elementary Schools. At the first two schools Lions screened a total of 182 students and some parents. They had 35 who didn't pass the screening and were recommended for follow-up by an optometrist.

The **Lemoore** Lions regret to report the passing of Lion Ted Dones in September. He was a builder of Lions clubs on three continents. At our convention in April 2018, the District will remember the life of service of Lion Ted Dones.

## April 20: Annual Crab Feed

Friday, April 20, 2018 is the annual Crab Feed and Auction at Clovis Veteran's Memorial Center. This the biggest fundraiser of the **North Fresno** Lions Club. Lions Kaden Ferretti and Bob McCollister are co-chairs this year. Contact them for info, including auction items and prizes.

*Lemoore Lions Club*  
Present   
*Sweetheart Dinner and Dance*  
*Fundraiser*  
*Saturday February 3, 2018*  
*Lemoore Civic Auditorium*  
*6:00 PM - Midnight*  
*Tickets \$35:00 per ticket*  
*Semi-Formal Attire*  
*Music: DJ*  
**For Tickets call**  
**559-362-6192**  
**559-772-9505**  
*Benefits proceed*  
*To the community*

# 56th LIONS OPERATION FRIENDSHIP VISITATION

## MARCH 15 - 18, 2018

# VISITATION PACKAGE & HOTEL RESERVATION FORM



**◆ THE VISITATION PACKAGE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL LIONS & GUESTS ATTENDING ◆**  
**CANCELLATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO MARCH 15, 2018**

### HOTEL ROOM COST AND INFORMATION

HOTEL	STANDARD	JR. SUITES	PREMIER (NEW ROOMS)
EL CORTEZ	ONE KING / TWO QUEEN	ONE QUEEN	ONE KING / TWO QUEEN
	\$75.00	\$90	\$100

- ◆ Room Price: you can have up to 4 people per regular room per night ◆  
• Call Lion Jeff Garcia at (559) 924-4417, FOR AVAILABILITY •

VISITATION PACKAGE PRICE IS \$75.00 PER PERSON (This is required for everyone attending)

*This money goes directly to help cover the cost of food, entertainment and other incidentals to the visitation. Everyone attending must pay for a Visitation Package. The package includes the following; 2018 Lions Operation Friendship Visitation Pin & the Lions Operation Friendship Visitation T-Shirt, Thursday Night Social (Wine, Beer, Margaritas, Soft Drinks & Taco Bar), Friday's Lunch, Business Meeting & Dinner and Sunday Breakfast at Las Bugambillas Restaurant is provided by Ensenada Riviera Lions .*

HOTEL ROOM AND VISITATION PACKAGE PRICE MUST BE PAID TOGETHER

## RESERVATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Include)  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
FULL NAME OF GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE T-SHIRT SIZE: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

NUMBER OF VISITATION PACKAGES: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ X 3 nights = \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMPLE OF A STANDARD ROOM (ALL IN ONE HOTEL ROOM) AND VISITATION PACKAGE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

1 PERSON ATTENDING \$300 • 2 PERSONS ATTENDING \$375 (\$187.50 ea.)  
3 PERSONS ATTENDING \$450 (\$150.00 ea.) • 4 PERSONS ATTENDING \$525 (\$131.25 ea.)

ENCLOSED IS THE TOTAL PAYMENT FOR THE HOTEL - VISITATION PACKAGE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion (Saturday): (\$\$ - SIGN UP FOR TOURS IN ENSENADA DURING REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY- \$\$)

CIRCLE METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHECK VISA MASTER CARD

CREDIT CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD CVC #: \_\_\_\_\_ CREDIT CARD ZIP CODE : \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

- Would you like your receipt sent by cell (text) or by (email).

MAIL YOUR ROOM RESERVATION FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO: "OPERATION FRIENDSHIP"

C/O JEFFREY GARCIA - 162 WEST D STREET- LEMOORE, CA. 93245 - PHONE (559) 924-4417

[jeff@eyecaredoctor.com](mailto:jeff@eyecaredoctor.com)

**PLEASE RETAIN TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM**



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## 56th OPERATION FRIENDSHIP VISITATION MARCH 15 - 18, 2018

### DONATION FORM

**100% of all donations will be used to purchase the specific items you designate below for the students attending the Club De Leones School in Ensenada**

**Platinum Level:** Sponsor 20 uniforms & Shoes and breakfast bars for \$1300

**Gold Level:** Sponsor 10 uniforms & Shoes and breakfast bars for \$650

**Silver Level:** Sponsor 5 Uniforms & Shoes and breakfast bars for \$325

**Bronze Level:** Sponsor 1 uniform & Shoes and breakfast bars for \$65

**Amount Donated:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Bars - \$25 per box

Uniform - \$35 each set

Shoes - \$25 each set

Sports Equipment - \$25

School Supplies - \$25

Roof Repairs - \$500

Special recognition for any individual or club that donates over \$400 during the Operation Friendship Business meeting in Ensenada and at our local District 4A2 Meeting.

### **Make checks payable to Lions Operation Friendship.**

To use Credit card (Please Print):

**Name:**

Club Name:

Cell Phone:

Email:

**Circle Method of Payment:**    Visa                      MC                      Check

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Credit Card CVC# (on back of card; 3 digit #)

Credit Card Zip Code:

Mail to:

Lions Gina Arcino/Dr. Jeff Garcia  
13677 Francisco Drive  
Hanford, CA 93230  
559.309.9441

The **Cutler-Orosi** Lions Club held their Classic Car Nite on October 14<sup>th</sup> with 214 people in attendance. All 160 tickets were sold and everyone had a great time! Lion Gene Etheridge has attended all 31 years of the event and he has served as the master of ceremonies for 30 years. This year he was the big winner of the evening with ticket number 158. Lion Ralph Alvarez was the Chairperson of the event. Charter Member Gabe Pena donated and cooked the entree for the night.



### Lion Ralph Handly spearheads rapid NFL response to Santa Rosa fire victims!

Lion Ralph Handly, through his church and Medical Ministries International (MMI) found a need after the Santa Rosa fire completely destroyed 40 family's homes from one church. Partnering through his church with the Santa Rosa Presbyterian Church, Lion Ralph also found a way for **North Fresno Lions** to rapidly help the families. Ralph requested for money, heavy-duty gloves, and breathing masks at one Monday meeting. At the next meeting, he had 4 boxes of respirator masks, 2 cases of gloves and \$530 from club members to help the fire victims rebuild their lives. The North Fresno Lions is one of our District 4-A2 clubs that meets weekly and thus were capable of a rapid response. Generosity and prompt action is wonderful!

Three **Central Valley** Lions participated in the Fresno AIDS Walk.

Three **McFarland** Lions and four LEOS participated in the Vision Campaign by collecting eye glasses from collection sites at various businesses in the cities of Wasco, Delano and McFarland. Total Lion hours: 6. Total mileage: 41 miles. Total glasses collected 565.

**Visalia Sunset** Lions mourn the passing of Lion Bob Buchheister the week before Thanksgiving. At the District Convention in April, the life and service of Lion Bob will be formally remembered.

The **Springville Mountain** Lions are sad to report the passing of Lion Michael C. Moore. At our convention in April, the District will remember Lion Michael.

Lion William L. Hobbs, who remained a member of the **Visalia Breakfast** Lions even though he had moved to Paso Robles, has passed away, but will be remembered during the memorial service at April's District Convention.



# Fresno Unlimited Annual Soul Food Dinner

## JOIN US!

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Includes: Tri-tip, Chicken, Collard Greens, Black Eye Peas, Potato Salad, Yams, Corn Bread, Peach Cobbler, Lemonade & Water

\$20

Proceeds to benefit Fresno Unlimited Lions Youth and Community Activities

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Cecil Hinton Community Center

2385 S. Fairview Ave, Fresno CA



SECOND DISTRICT MEETING IN RICHGROVE SEEN ABOVE.  
REGISTRATION FOR THIRD DISTRICT MEETING IN FRESNO IS  
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*Presenting An Evening of Elegance*

## Sequoia Lions Valentine's Day Dinner and Fashion Show

2018

Master of Ceremonies  
Jana Estrada

Apparel Provided by

Ambelle's - Banana Republic - Boutique 14-22 - Calvin Klein - Chelsea Street  
Boutique - Deiborn - Express - Nordstrom - Top-N-Tails

Friday, February 9th, 2018

Visalia Lamp Lites Inn

Grand Ball room

Happy Hour 6pm - 6:45pm Dinner at 7pm

Fashion Show at 8pm

\$50.00 for Adults

For tickets please call Lamp Lites

Tan Catering Office @  
559-732-4516



## Join the Corcoran Lions Club for their Valentines Dinner Dance.

February 10 @ 6:00 pm to February 11 @ 12:00 am

\$15 - \$20

559-362-5871

Please join the *Visalia Pride Lions* for their 8th annual  
Valentines Dinner Dance!

The evening will include dinner, DJ dancing &  
entertainment, games and opportunity drawings!

**Wyndham Visalia on Saturday, Feb. 17**  
**6:00pm – 12:00am**

**Combo Dinner Dance tickets are \$48**

**Dance Only tickets (with entry at 8:00 pm) are \$20**

Tickets are available at [www.thevplc.com](http://www.thevplc.com) – OR –

e-mail: [visaliapride2009@gmail.com](mailto:visaliapride2009@gmail.com).

**DISCOUNT ROOM RATES AVAILABLE FOR THE  
WYNDHAM FOR SATURDAY NIGHT!**



# 3rd District Meeting of 2017-18 Lion Year REGISTRATION FORM



Please join your Centennial District Governor Lion Chiragkumar 'Kevin' Patel,  
District Officers and fellow District 4A-2 Lions at the  
3rd Quarter District Meeting of the 2017-2018 Lion Year

**February 2-3, 2018**

at the Ramada Fresno North, 324 E Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

<b>FRIDAY, Feb 2</b>	5:00 – 6:30 pm: 6:30 – ????	Registration and VDG Hospitality Dinner and Entertainment
<b>SATURDAY, Feb 3</b>	7:30 – 9:00 am: 9:00 am – 2:30 pm:	Registration District Meeting

**PLEASE BRING GREAT PRIZES  
FOR OPPORTUNITY DRAWING!!!!**

Name of Lion or Leo		Email Address		
Address		City	Zip	Cell Phone
Club Name	Region	Zone	District or Club office held	
Names of Guests :		Names of other Lions you are registering for (use back of form if needed)		
Early Registration only for: --Lions and guests - \$15 --Leos - \$5 Includes Trading Pin	Registration only after <b>Jan 22</b> : --Lions and guests - \$20 --Leos - \$5 Includes Trading Pin	Note: after <b>Jan 22</b> or at the <b>door, NO</b> meals are guaranteed		TOTAL \$\$
<b>Package Plan Includes:</b>		Post-marked before Jan 22nd	Post-marked On or after Jan 22nd	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration, Trading Pin, Saturday Morning Coffee</li> <li>• Friday Social, Dinner</li> <li>• Saturday Lunch (Breakfast on your own)</li> </ul>		\$65	\$80	\$_____
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	___Chicken Picatta ___Vegetarian Number for Dinner _____	\$30	\$35	\$_____
SATURDAY LUNCH	___Turkey Croissant ___Vegetarian Number for Lunch _____	\$20	\$25	\$_____
EXTRA PINS	Purchase Extra Trading Pins @ \$3.00 Each			\$_____
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$_____

**District Meeting Registration**

Make your check payable to: District 4A2  
MAIL by 1/22 to Jan Beatty at 819 S. Bridge St., Visalia, CA 93277  
Questions: 559-909-1817

**Meeting and Lodging**

Ramada Fresno North  
324 East Shaw, Fresno, CA 93710  
559-892-1366

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Lions District 4-A2**

# KARAOKE



*Club Competition*

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**Friday, February 2, 2018**

at 3rd District Meeting

UNIVERSITY RAMADA INN

324 E. Shaw Ave.

Fresno, CA 93710

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*Show your Club Spirit!*

To Register your Club to Participate Contact:

Northern Region Chair,

Lion Lydia Martinez at

Lionlydiam@gmail.com

(One group performance per Club)

Prizes for:  
\*BEST Performance  
\*MOST Creative  
\*BEST Club Spirit

# RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE FRESNO

## *3rd District 4A2 Lions 2017-2018 Golf Tourney*

**WHERE:** *Riverside Golf Course  
1492 N Riverside Drive, Fresno*  
**TELEPHONE:** *559-275-5900*  
**WHEN:** *10:30 AM Friday, February 2, 2018*  
**FEE:** *\$45 and includes Golf Cart*  
**DEADLINE:** *January 29, 2018 (Golf Course requires  
a guarantee)*



**FORMAT:** *4 Person Scramble*

#	PRINT NAME	EMAIL	TELEPHONE	CLUB NAME
1				
2				
3				
4				

**Make Checks Payable to: Lion Bill Diltz, Golf Chair**  
And mail it with this form to: **4314 W. Nicholas Ave. Visalia, 93291**  
**559-732-6897 or 559-288-2933**      **Email: [bediltz@comcast.net](mailto:bediltz@comcast.net)**



**Riverside Golf Course is a favorite of our regulars... come see why and bring a friend.**

**The game is scramble so no pressure and everyone has a good time. Also a great place to introduce someone to Lions!**

**Come join in the fun.**

## How are we doing this year?

While our communities here in the San Joaquin Valley have plenty of people who need help, America is still the richest country in the world. Lions Clubs in our district have already this year donated \$14,356 to LCIF. Of that total, \$11,980 has been designated for disaster relief.

(figures, provided by District LCIF Chair PDG Judy Woolley, are as of January 11th)

### Northern Region

Fresno Host Lions Club  
North Fresno Lions Club  
Parlier Lions Club  
Ponderosa Lions Club

#### no donations yet

Fresno Unlimited Lions Club  
Fresno Diwata Lions Club  
Clovis Lions Club  
Clovis Country Lions Club  
East Fresno Lions Club  
Fresno Pride Lions Club  
Shaver Lake Lions Club  
Fowler Lions Club  
Selma Lions Club  
Selma Charter Lions Club  
Central Valley Lioness Lions Club  
Sanger Lions Club  
Reedley Lions Club  
Kingsburg Lions Club  
Dinuba Lions Club  
Orange Cove Lions Club  
Cutler-Orosi Lions Club

### Western Region

Caruthers Lions Club  
Coalinga Lions Club  
Hanford Breakfast Lions Club  
Laton Lions Club

#### no donations yet

Easton Lions Club  
Kerman Lions Club  
Riverdale Lions Club  
San Joaquin-Tranquillity Lions Club  
Lemoore Lions Club  
Kings Lions Club  
Corcoran Lions Club



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### Central Region

Exeter Lions Club  
Porterville Breakfast Lions Club  
Terra Bella Lions Club  
Visalia Host Lions Club  
Visalia Pride Lions Club  
Visalia Sunset Lions Club

#### no donations yet

Visalia Breakfast Lions Club  
Visalia Sequoia Lions Club  
Visalia Charter Oak Lions Club  
Ivanhoe Lions Club  
Woodlake Lions Club  
Three Rivers Lions Club  
Tulare Lions Club  
Pixley Lions Club  
Springville Mountain Lions Club

### Southern Region

Bakersfield Sports Lions Club  
McFarland Lions Club

#### no donations yet

Richgrove Lions Club  
Shafter Lions Club  
Delano Lions Club  
Oildale Lions Club  
Bakersfield Host Lions Club  
East Bakersfield Lions Club  
Donghae Lions Club  
Bakersfield Breakfast Lions Club  
Taft Lions Club  
Taft Midway-Sunset Lions Club  
Rosedale Highway Lions Club  
Buttonwillow Lions Club  
Arvin Lions Club



Visalia Pride has several individual donors. A donor from Exeter remembered the measles campaign in time to earn a matching donation.

Every donation counts.

Exeter Lions Club	\$4,800
Visalia Pride Lions Club	\$2,160
Parlier Lions Club	\$1,426
Fresno Host Lions Club	\$1,150
Visalia Host Lions Club	\$1,100
Caruthers Lions Club	\$1,000
North Fresno Lions Club	\$1,000
Coalinga Lions Club	\$ 500
Terra Bella Lions Club	\$ 500
Bakersfield Sports Lions Club	\$ 200
McFarland Lions Club	\$ 100
Laton Lions Club	\$ 100
Hanford Breakfast Lions Club	\$ 100
Porterville Breakfast Lions Club	\$ 100
Visalia Sunset Lions Club	\$ 100
District 4-A2 itself	\$ 50
Ponderosa Lions Club	\$ 20

Last year, thirteen of our clubs had 100% of their members donate to LCIF. These will be recognized Sunday at the Melvin Jones breakfast during the MD-4 Convention in San Diego. Each of these 13 clubs should send someone to pick up their award.

Lions —

Don't forget about the families that have lost their homes to fire and mud slide. They are in such need of your club's support.

Please step up and do our part to help those less fortunate than us. There have been so many natural disasters that have struck so many. We can serve, please write on your checks to LCIF Disaster Relief.

LCIF Chair

Lion Judy Woolley, PDG



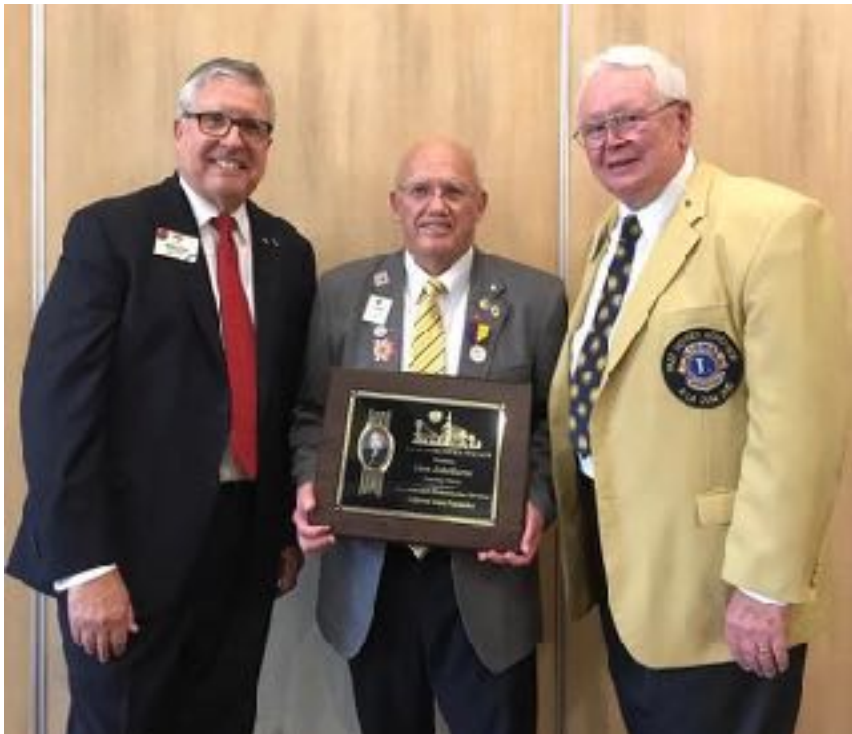
# California

## LIONS FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce our new California Lions Foundation (CLF) has been approved by the IRS and State of California authorities as a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation for the purpose of providing assistance to California Lion Clubs.

### MISSION STATEMENT

California Lions Foundation (CLF) is a California, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation with the sole purpose to provide matching financial grants to California Lions Clubs. CLF matching grants are provided to enhance and enable California Lions clubs to provide even greater service to their local communities.



First VDG John Burns honored last August with the Kay K. Fukushima fellowship from the California Lions Foundation. It was presented by Past International Director Larry Dicus and CLF President Gil Smith, PDG, last August at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Sacramento. Lion John is also a **founding member** of the CLF.

### BENEFIT STATEMENT

Matching financial grants will be available to clubs and districts to meet various needs and projects in their respective communities through a Grant Application process. Grant criteria is specified to assure that CLF does not duplicate services or grants already available from another foundation or source. The dollar range of CLF grants will be focused on projects from \$500 to \$10,000. This will eliminate any potential duplication in grants available from LCIF.

Read more at [californialionsfoundation.org](http://californialionsfoundation.org)

Help Build the footbridge at  
Camp Bearskin Meadow

contact Lion Jim Witherspoon now about the  
work weekends in May 2018.

[witmanor@yahoo.com](mailto:witmanor@yahoo.com)

Home 559-734-6844

Tax ID # of California Lions Foundation is  
81-2850129.

Checks made out to 'California Lions  
Foundation' may be sent to:  
California Lions Foundation  
California Lions MD4 state office  
129 Los Aguajes Ave.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

# What is Club Twinning?

In October 2017, Lion Bev Cho of the Central Valley Lioness Lions Club made her 3rd visit with the Beijing Hope Lions Club. She was joined this year by fellow CVLLC Lions Virginia and Mimi. While there, they presented a donation for \$500 to Beijing Hope's School on Wheelchair service project for wheelchair accessible tables. In appreciation, they presented Lion Bev a Certificate of Appreciation and a plaque similar to those that will be affixed to the tables.

Lion Mike Bohigian and other tour members were also in attendance. This is Lion Bev's 3rd visit.

In 2009, Lion Bev had initiated twinning with Hope Lions Club in Beijing, China. It is believed to have been the first twinning of a service organization outside of China!



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In September 2011, Lion Bev returned to China with CVLLC Lions Max Abe and Gladys O'Brien and Lions Bob Thomas of Fresno Host and Ann Truax of Bakersfield. That year they were treated to a tour and delightful musical performances of Langfang School, a deaf and language rehabilitation school sponsored by District 385.

Lion Max reports, "After the tour, all were treated to an authentic and 'interesting' Chinese dinner. Although they knew very little English and we knew very little Chinese, everyone felt the the global fraternity of Lionism!"

The school was started by a couple from Beijing Host Lions Club who had no specialized school to take their child. The District 385 Lions were thrilled to accept CVLLC's donation to support the Langfang school.



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The **Rosedale Highway** Lions regret to report the passing of Lion Phil Masonheimer, Lion Phil was a 52-year member who was sponsored by Lion Walt Russell at **Hanford Breakfast**. He transferred to the Bridgeport Lions Club and from there helped start the June Lake Club. Then he moved on to **Earlimart**, **Bakersfield Host**, **Stockdale Evening**, and finally **Rosedale Highway** in Bakersfield, where he served as Secretary until his passing. He is survived by his wife, club secretary Phyllis Masonheimer.

The Celebration of Life for Lion Phil Masonheimer has been scheduled for Jan 20th at 11 am at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3700 Union Ave, Bakersfield, Ca 93305. In lieu of flowers, remembrances to the Scholarship Fund at Rosedale Highway Lions, PO Box 3037, Bakersfield, CA 93385 are requested by the family.

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The **Hanford Breakfast** Lions regret to report the passing of Lion Hermalinda Avila, age 57, a champion of the fight against pulmonary hypertension (PH) and club second vice-president. At our convention in April, the District will remember Lion Linda during the memorial service.

**PARLIER LIONS CLUB**  
53rd Annual

**\$7**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, February 25, 2018  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**NEW Location**  
**Parlier Community Center**  
1100 E. Parlier Ave  
Parlier, CA 93648

(Chldren under 5 FREE with Paid Adult)

MD-4 International Relations  
Chair Lidia Petrov-Jones reports:

I am pleased to announce that our Multiple District 4 has twinned with Multiple District B from Mexico on December 2, 2017 during a memorable ceremony performed in Monterrey, Mexico at the second Mexican Council of Governors meeting. Besides DG Mike Jones and myself, there were 10 Lions from our Multiple attending this ceremony. District Governors from Multiple B are ready and committed to embrace projects at the Multiple level.

The first project that will be presented District Governors is: "Lions eyes across California and Mexico" on March 14, 2018. The District Governors will be voting on this at the next MD4 COG.

Looking forward to this and other Multiple District projects and I encourage Districts and Clubs to twin with Districts and Clubs around the world to learn and increase service.



Lions International's third purpose:

"To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world"

What is twinning?

Through International Multiple, District or Club Twinning, Lions and Leos have the opportunity to formalize friendships with Multiples, Districts or clubs in other countries and add an international dimension to their service mission.

Multiple, District or Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement between two Multiples, Districts or Clubs (Lions or Leos) and can involve as much exchange and interaction as the two clubs desire.

Last year, the project to twin with Multiple District B of Mexico was voted on and agreed to by the fifteen District Governors of MD4 during the Council of Governors meeting in February.



Twinning ceremony at MD-B Council of Governors meeting in Monterrey, Mexico. Lion Lidia Petrov-Jones holding the microphone.

**DISTRICT 4-A2, LIONS INTERNATIONAL  
2017 - 2018 OFFICERS**

**CHIRAGKUMAR 'KEVIN' PATEL      DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
Hanford Breakfast Lions Club

**JOHN M. BURNS      FIRST VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
Riverdale Lions Club

**WILLIAM 'VAN' VAN LANDINGHAM      SECOND VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR**  
Visalia Pride Lions Club



International and MD-4 calendar for April through June:

April 13-15: MD4 Youth Leadership Institute at Lions Camp at Teresita Pines

April 16-22: Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

April 22: Earth Day

April 24-30: World Immunization Week

April 28: Lions Worldwide Induction Day

April 30: MD-4 District Student Speakers Contest (Last Day to hold the contest)

**May 2018**

*Strengthen Membership Month*

May 1: **Deadline** for advance convention registration and hotel room requests to be received

May 1: **Deadline** for convention registration refunds and hotel deposit refunds for individual cancellations

May 1: **Deadline** for International Contest (Newsletter and website) entries to be received by Public Affairs Division

May 7: Executive Committee Meeting (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA)

May 8-10: LCIF Board of Trustees meeting (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA)

May 12: Application **Deadline** for SightFirst grants to be reviewed at the August 2018 SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting

May 15: Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership Report Form (Leo-72) due

May 15: *Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)*

May 21: MD4 Student Speakers Area Contest (Last Day to hold the contest)

**June 2018**

June 1: Helen Keller Day

June 5: World Environment Day

June 7: Lions Clubs International Birthday

June 8-10: MD4 Joint Council of Governors Meeting, Wyndham Hotel, Visalia, 4-A2

June 9: MD4 Student Speakers Final contest

June 15: **Deadline** for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at International Convention

June 24-28: International Board of Directors Meeting (Las Vegas, Nevada, USA)

**June 29-July 3: Lions International Convention**

(Las Vegas, Nevada, USA)

June 30: Close of the 4-year Centennial Celebration

*Special Request from the Governor*

**“My Lion Story”**

It is my desire to print a book with your support on our great Lion or Leo experiences. This idea, I just recently realized because the way some of our Lions thrive to extend their help to others in need is way beyond our imagination, a heart-touching experience which we came to know during our visitations to the clubs. Tears started rolling out of our eyes and we got goosebumps all over when we really heard from them and met these Lions personally. All I ask is that you use any paper or e-mail to answer the questions shown at Right. Please make your best effort to share your story and kindly send it to me by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. My contact information is back on page 2.

– MJF Lion Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel  
District Governor (2017-2018) District 4-A2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Why I became a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Why I remain a Lion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Why I lead: \_\_\_\_\_

# Lions Awards

1. MD4 Excellence [admin@md4office.org](mailto:admin@md4office.org) December 31, 2017
2. Academy Awards at MD4con PDG Larry L Wehage: [lwehage@aol.com](mailto:lwehage@aol.com) November 1, 2017
3. MD4 Membership Awards at MD4con PDG Buck Larson: [lionbuck51@gmail.com](mailto:lionbuck51@gmail.com) November 1, 2017
4. Presidential: IPID Howard Hudson: [lionhhudson@gmail.com](mailto:lionhhudson@gmail.com) November 1, 2017
5. LCI link to all the others. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/index.php>

Not included here other foundation's awards you can purchase such as:

6. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
7. California Lions Foundation (CLF)
8. The Fourth Districts Student Speakers Foundation
9. MD4 Youth Exchange Program Foundation
10. Sight and Hearing of Southern California Foundation

## a. Academy Awards:

This award is presented at the MD4 Convention.

The contestants are from each District's prior year:

- Lion of the Year
  - Club of the Year
  - Kay and Dennis Fukushima Couple of the Year
  - Small Club project of the year
  - Med Club project of the year
  - Large Club project of the year
- ONE PROJECT PER CATEGORY ON APPLICATION.

## b. MD4 Leadership/Membership Awards:

- Outstanding District GMT Coordinators
- Outstanding GMT Club Membership Chairs
- Outstanding GMT/GLT Region and Zone Chairs

## c. MD4 Excellence Awards:

MD4 Excellence Awards criteria are in the MD4 directory.

- Two awards for each district up to 1200 members.
- Three awards for district with over 1200 to 2000 members.
- Four awards for district with over 2000 members as recorded on December 31. This year.

These need to be sent to MD4 office *by the end of the calendar year* to prepare them for the following COG.

Lions can only receive this once in their life.



## MD-4 Deadlines

### PU101

June 20, unless input online by end of month

### Scrapbooks

Bring to August Organizational Council of Governors Meeting

### MD-4/District Invoices

Mailed to Clubs Mid-August

### Student Speaker Packet Requests

by October 1 ...after will incur a \$15 fee.

### MD-4 Excellence Awards

Tell your clubs to submit nominations to the District and hold voting at your fall cabinet meeting and forward to the office by 12/31

### Peace Posters and Essays

to the MD4 office by 12/8

### Membership Reports (MMR)

December 20, unless input online by the end of month

### MD-4/District Invoices

Mailed to Clubs Mid February

### 2VDGE Candidates Names to Office

by March-April

### DGE's Cabinet Completion

May 31 Preferably earlier

## d. Presidential /Leadership Awards:

The new application will come from IPID Howard Hudson. Governors will go through him; he will submit the names on your behalf and you have to wait to hear back.

*From 2013-14: Presidential Award: Should be considered for Lions who distinguish themselves for their exemplary service that significantly strengthens their community or our Association by: being personally involved in club service projects, being supportive of the programs of Lions Clubs International, being supportive of LCIF and having sponsored at least one new member. Additionally, consideration should be given for any Lion who has contributed to the retention of members and the reduction of membership losses. District Governors will qualify for a presidential award if they achieve the goals throughout the year necessary to do so. Details are available at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/dreamachiever.php>.*

## e. LCI Awards

Lions Clubs International offers various award programs to recognize Lions, clubs and districts for their accomplishments.

- Excellence Awards: Due by: August 31, 2018. Clubs and districts that excel in community service, membership growth, communication and organizational management may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/index.php>

This includes:

- Club Excellence Awards
- District Team Excellence Awards
- Zone and Region Awards: Due by August 31, 2018 Special quarterly awards for zone and region chairpersons. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/zone-region-awards/index.php>

