



Roar of the Lion District 4-A2

21 May 2018

Message from Centennial District Governor Chiragkumar 'Kevin' Patel



Blindfold Dinner and Recognitions
Sunday, June, 10th, 2018
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wyndham Hotel, Visalia.
Tickets \$30

Get your tickets now from Lion Cassandra Frates - Email: lioncassandrafrates@gmail.com or Cell: 559.835.5999.

Also during this event two Lions will receive Certificates of our International President Naresh Aggarwal, and 25 pins will be awarded to deserving Lions.

The more we meet each other, more closer we understand and our togetherness makes our Organization much stronger.

Region / Zone Chairs - please make sure to pass along to all club Presidents within your region / zone for distribution.

Please note for payments make your checks payable to "District 4-A2", in memo you may write "Blind Fold Dinner" and number of tickets.

Sincerely with lionistic regards from,
MJF Lion Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel
District Governor (2017-2018)
District 4-A2 California

We Serve with Love, Care, Respect & Peace

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**International Food Fair Awards
at the Convention**

BEST FOOD: Fresno Unlimited/Lemoore team
BEST BEVERAGE: Visalia Charter Oak
BEST BOOTH: Hanford Breakfast
BEST OVERALL: Riverdale LEO Club

At the International Food Fair the live jazz band *David Morris and Group* was provided by Convention Chair PDG Lion Betty Morris from Visalia Sunset Lions.

The Photo Booth was provided by Visalia Pride Lions Club.

Drone picture taken by DG Lion Kevin's children Leos Mannati Patel and Dev Patel from the Hanford Leos.



7:30 AM STRIDES WALK AROUND THE TACHI PALACE AT THE 4-A2 CONVENTION. **FRONT ROW:** LIONS MARCO AND MARGIE MARTINEZ OF MCFARLAND AND PDG VICKI AND DAVID BEEMAN; **BACK ROW:** LION CASSANDRA FRATES OF VISALIA PRIDE, 2ND VDG 'VAN' VAN LANDINGHAM, AND INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ARDIE KLEMISH OF IOWA.

PHOTO BY LION PENNY RADTKE



**Striving for a Possible
Cure for Diabetes**

LIONS FOR DIABETES AWARENESS



Leo Service Grants Are Now Available

Lions and Leos have been awaiting the launch of the new Leo Service Grants. LCIF is excited to announce that as of January 19th, 2018, these grants became available for application! Leos will now be able to create a bigger impact in humanitarian initiatives within their communities, while being exposed to valuable leadership and life skills.

POP-TAB News

Club News in brief - - -

In April, COALINGA Lions gave Glasses to one individual.

The KINGS Lions donated \$300 to the Lemoore 4H Club. Several 4H members had volunteered to help the Lions on an Easter Egg Hunt held in Stratford, California.

In April, PORTERVILLE BREAKFAST Provided eye exams, frames and glasses for one individual.

Fresno UNLIMITED Lions Club awarded a \$200 Educational Assistance Scholarship to the 2017-2018 selected recipient of Fresno Jr. College.

Shrubs and flowers were donated to Shafter Youth Center. The SHAFTER Lions and some Girl Scouts were on hand to plant several donated plants and help restore the landscape.

The Bearskin Meadow work project this weekend does not include Friday night.

About the future of the contest —

As project chair Lion Bob Casas put it, "I have some good news and some bad news."

First the **Bad News**:

The Ronald McDonald House that serves Children's Hospital in Madera County will no longer participate in the pop-tab recycling program. They cited the decision of the recycler not to donate a match of the value of our collected pop-tabs, and a lack of space to keep the collected pop-tabs.

Now the **Good News**:

The Ronald McDonald House in Bakersfield will continue to participate in pop-tab recycling, *and* our District Lions project will continue!

POP-TAB Results

at the Convention: a Total of 157 lb 8 oz collected

1. Hanford Breakfast	64 lb	4 oz
2. Reedley	48 lb	8 oz
3. Visalia Host	20 lb	3 oz
Visalia Sunset	7 lb	12 oz
Riverdale	7 lb	6 oz
Central Valley LLC	5 lb	14 oz
Porterville Breakfast	3 lb	9 oz

Cumulative results: a Total of 356 lb 9 oz this year

First District meeting	60 lb	11 oz
Second district meeting	137 lb	7 oz
Third district meeting	(skipped)	
Convention	157 lb	8 oz

Club Totals for the Year:

1. Hanford Breakfast	64 lb	4 oz
2. Riverdale	63 lb	2 oz
3. Visalia Host	62 lb	3 oz
4. Rosedale Highway	58 lb	0 oz

It was close!

Student Speakers Addressed Civility and Integrity on Saturday at the Convention



L TO R: SANDRA JUAREZ REPRESENTING ORANGE COVE LIONS CLUB OF THE NORTHERN REGION, JOSIAH DIAZ REPRESENTING MCFARLAND LIONS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN REGION, DISTRICT CONTEST CHAIR PDG CRAIG COOPER, **WINNER ABRI STEVENS** REPRESENTING VISALIA SEQUOIA LIONS CLUB OF THE CENTRAL REGION, MARIA GONZALEZ REPRESENTING RIVERDALE LIONS CLUB OF THE WESTERN REGION, AND DG KEVIN PATEL.



Visitation Contest Final Results

Small Clubs:

- 1st Place: McFarland LEOs
- 2nd Place: Bakersfield Sports Lions
- 3rd Place: Rosedale Highway Lions

Medium Clubs:

- 1st Place: Richgrove Lions
- 2nd Place: Visalia Sunset Lions
- 3rd Place: Fresno Unlimited Lions

Large Clubs:

- 1st Place: Visalia Pride Lions
- 2nd Place: Kings Lions
- 3rd Place: Porterville Breakfast Lions

Short Tail Awards presented at the Convention:

- PDG Betty Morris of Visalia Sunset
- Lion David Hamilton of Visalia Sunset
- PDG George Finley of Fresno Unlimited
- Lion Kerry Holguin of Fresno Unlimited
- Lion Melinda Blankenship of Visalia Host

These were all for visiting every club in the Central Region this Lion-year.



LARGE Clubs

Visalia Pride President Casandra Frates	Kings President Billiam Muñoz	Tail Twister Emily Romero	Visitation Chair Mary Andrade	Port. Bkfst President Michael Gutierrez
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Small Clubs



Medium Clubs

The MD-4 Excellence Award is a once in a Lifetime award.

A Lion earning this award must have demonstrated dedication to the Lions organization and have served as a role model for all Lions. This Lion has shown great leadership ability and demonstrates that ability in thought and deed; has exhibited leadership by taking initiative with projects from their club and district; and has demonstrated dedication to the Lions organization by his or her lifetime achievements and Lions attitude.

There are five new MD-4 Excellence Award winners in our District this year.

Lion Rose Rodriguez

Lion Janet McClintock

Lion Eleanor Perry



Lion Falguni Patel

Lion Dick Piepenburg



**Lion John Burns of Riverdale,
our District Governor-elect**

Greetings to the Lions of District4-A2

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for their support these past two years as I have served as your Vice District Governor and prepare for my year as your District Governor in 2018 -2019. It was a great convention at Tachi Palace and I think everyone who attended had a great time. It was one of the largest attended conventions in recent years and I want again to thank PDG Lion Betty Morris for the tremendous effort she put forth in making it a success.

As we close out the last two months of District Governor Kevin's year, I would ask all of the clubs to continue their efforts in bringing in new members and retaining current members. Membership is the life blood for our Lions Clubs and a key component in serving our communities.

As I have been preparing for my year as your District Governor, I would like to emphasize three major areas that I would like to see the District and our Lions Clubs focus on. The

first is membership as our District to date this year has lost more members than we have gained and this is an area that constantly needs our attention. If we as Lions become complacent about membership then we will continue to see a slow, steady decline in the number of Lions in our clubs resulting in fewer Lions to serve our communities. **Secondly**, I want to increase the number of hands-on projects that our Lions participate in, which goes hand in hand with membership growth. We typically are great at fund-raising and donating to our communities, but don't necessarily do a great job in actually serving our communities through service projects. **Thirdly**, with the 50th year celebration of the founding of Lions Clubs International Foundation, I want to raise awareness of LCIF and how they impact so many lives throughout the world. I would like to see us as Lions make a commitment, both personally and at each and every Club to support our foundation.

We have had a great year with District Governor Kevin's leadership and I want to continue that trend as we move forward to next year. Every year each Governor Elect must submit their goals to Lions Clubs International with their plans on improving how we serve our communities. I look forward to working with the Lions of District 4-A2 as we strive together to grow and expand our impact to our communities and to the world

Thank you,

DGE John M. Burns



**CULTURAL DANCER
KAVITA POMMAL KHANNA,
OF TEXAS, SPECIAL GUEST OF THE
CONVENTION**

DISTRICT 4-A2 BLINDFOLD DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY



JUNE 10TH 2018
5:00PM - 9:00PM



WYNDHAM HOTEL VISALIA, CA

District Governor Patel invites you to enjoy a delicious meal while blindfolded providing you with a unique sensory awareness experience that will give you a first-hand glimpse into the lives of those who are visually impaired.

After dinner Governor Patel will honor those in District 4-A2 who have shown exemplary Lionism this year as well as Non-Lions in our community that show what it means to have the heart of a Lion.

Tickets
\$30

For Tickets Please contact
Cassandra @ 559.835.5999 or
lioncassandrafrates@gmail.com

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE BLINDFOLD DINNER:

THE BEST IN THE REGION:

1. PRESIDENT
2. SECRETARY
3. TREASURER
4. TAIL-TWISTER
5. LION TAMER
6. CENTENNIAL CHAIR
7. LCIF CHAIR
8. CLUB SERVICES CHAIR
9. CLUB Marketing & Communication Chair /
Public Relation Chair
10. MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
11. LION OF THE YEAR From Each REGION
12. **BEST CLUB PROJECT** IN EACH CATEGORY -
 - ◆ SMALL CLUB
 - ◆ MEDIUM CLUB
 - ◆ LARGE CLUB

THE BEST IN THE DISTRICT:

1. BEST REGION CHAIR
2. BEST ZONE CHAIR
3. BEST DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIR
4. **DISTRICT LION OF THE YEAR**
5. BEST LEO CLUB ADVISOR
6. BEST LION COUPLE OF THE YEAR
7. BEST LEGACY PROJECT

THE BEST IN THE DISTRICT:

1. Leo President
2. Leo Secretary
3. Leo Treasurer
4. **District Leo of the Year**
5. Leo Parent Supporter

Lion Christie Cooper comments:
Lions convention 2017-2018.

I couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable weekend celebrating our District Governor Kevin & First Lady Falguni. The venue was perfect, decorations were marvelous, rooms, food, pool & weather couldn't have been better. And the company, so many good friends & Lions. There was so much laughter & some tears & beautiful, funny, comments shared. Our Director Ardie & husband Ken Klemish fell in love with the Patels. And our good friends PCC David & Penny are now associate members of the Visalia Sunset Club after 5 years!!! A good time was had by all. We are fortunate to have such wonderful thoughtful friends amongst us.

In the words of our DG
With Love, Care, Respect & Peace.
It's good to be a Lion

Lion Dawn Piepenburg posts:

It was an awesome weekend. DG Kevin and First Lady Falguni set the standard for Lion Leaders. Their theme of 'With Love, Care, Respect and Peace' are words to live by and they certainly do!!! Honored to have been a small part of their cabinet (through

THESE LIONS WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION FOR THEIR CLUBS' DONATIONS TO OUR FIRST ANNUAL CENTRAL VALLEY YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM (MARCH 10). THE CLUBS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE COST DOWN TO \$25 FOR LEOS TO ATTEND.

AT THE FORUM, LEOS RECEIVED SNACKS, LUNCH, A T-SHIRT AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR THE EVENT.



LIONS JEANNIE SA, JAMES PRIDGEN, MAXINE ABE, BEVERLY CHO, FALGUNI PATEL, MARGIE AND MARCO MARTINEZ, ROLAND REINA WITH 2VDG 'VAN' VAN LANDINGHAM

New Lions Club In Fresno

As of May 11th we have a new Lions Club in District 4-A2.

It is composed of Lions dedicated to service, whose English skills leave them wondering what they missed during meetings conducted in English.

The new club is sponsored by the Clovis Country Lions Club, which is thereby no longer the newest club in our district!

The announcement was made at the convention by District GMT Coordinator Dean Church.

So, polish up your Spanish and look for Charter Night details soon!



Peace Poster Results 2017-2018

Lion Joy Witherspoon, District Chair

District First Place

District Second Place



This poster was created last October when the only thing we were hearing from these two leaders was threats.



District First Place
by Julissa Guerrero
Pioneer Middle School

District Second Place
by Ean Santos
Kings River - Hardwick School

District Third Place
by Elisha Barbosa
John F Kennedy Jr High

VISALIA PRIDE Lions joined Sequoia Riverland to plant trees at Kaweah Oak Preserve.

The CLOVIS Lions cooked and served hamburgers and hotdogs along with sides for the Community Regional Medical Center's Annual Trauma Survivors reunion.

The SHAFTER Lions assisted with collecting e-waste and bulky items for recycling or disposal.

In April, the RICHGROVE Lions helped the community Refuse Company with traffic control and dumping of their waste into dumpsters during a community clean-up day.

The North Fresno Lions Club conducted a silent auction just before, and a live auction following their major fundraiser: a crab dinner.

At an event called Noche de Oro, the Cutler-Orosi Lions contributed \$5,000 for high school internship scholarships for Orosi High School.

During the club's White Cane Day, the BAKERSFIELD SPORTS Lions made diabetes awareness brochures and distributed them to those who came to the White Cane location.

The VISALIA HOST Lions made a \$250 donation to the Elbow Creek 4-H Club to help send team members to 4-H National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska to compete in shooting competition.

VISALIA CHARTER OAK has awarded a Campership to Bearskin Meadow for this summer.

Officers
School of
Instruction



Saturday June 16, 2018
Visalia Unified School District
5000 W Cypress Avenue
Visalia, California 93277

7:30 Doors Open, Snacks
7:50 Welcome
8:00 First Training Class
10:00 Second Training Class
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Third Training Class

REGISTRATION

Name	Phone	Email	Club Name
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Please indicate what class or classes you are interested in.

Mark your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Speaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Tail Twister | <input type="checkbox"/> Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Zone & Region Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Guiding Lion | <input type="checkbox"/> Leo Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch \$5.00 | | |

Mail or email registration to: morris_bl@yahoo.com

PDG Betty Morris, 805 W Myrtle Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277, 559-967-0209



MCFARLAND LEOS

Leo 4-A2 News



March / April 2018

IN THIS ISSUE

Central Valley Camp

The 4-A2 Leos hosted a one-day camp on Saturday, March 10th at Riverdale High School. Planned and ran by the 4-A2 Leo officers, the day was a huge success! Leos from the valley and coast gathered together to learn leadership skills, collaborate in teams, and have fun! A huge thank you to the Lions clubs who donated their time and resources to put this event on and keep it at affordable price for Leos to attend. Special thanks to the Riverdale, Parlier, Ponderosa, Lemoore, McFarland, and Visalia Pride Lions for their generous support. Plans are already in place to host a Fall Two-day camp in either the Bass Lake area or coast. Great job by 4-A2 Leo Officers: Viviana Ledesma (President), Flavio Florez III (VP), Miriam Hernandez (Secretary), and Mannati Patel (Treasurer).



Figure 1: Central Valley Youth Leadership Forum

Bragging Rights

Central Valley Leos

Engaging youth - Big Brothers and Sisters (help after school), Family Night Out (manned inflatables), Boys and Girls Club (served dinner),

Environment - Collected money for Puerto Rico hurricane victims and Northern California fire victims, Cat Haven cleanup and weeding.

Relieving Hunger - helped serve and deliver Thanksgiving dinner to seniors, Selma Cares - distributed food and gifts.

Sharing the Vision - White Cane Day collected money for Valley Center for the Blind.

Dinuba Leos

The Leos held a successful Coats for Kids campaign which benefited needy students in two elementary schools and the high school this past holiday season.

First Annual 4-A2 Leo Camp

Leo Bragging Rights

Upcoming LEO Events

Hanford Leos

The Hanford Leos continue their work with the Salvation army on a weekly basis. For Easter, they joined the Hanford Breakfast Lions with an Easter Egg Hunt. They prepared 1500 plastic eggs filled with chocolate candy. For Kids Day, the Leos participated in games and fun with huge inflatable bounce houses and slides. They also participated in the Central Valley Youth Leadership Forum in Riverdale. They were recognized for having 238 points for visiting other clubs.



Figure 2 Hanford Leos egg hunt



Figure 3 McFarland Leos

Sierra Leos

The Sierra Leos have done an exceptional job leading the charge with the Kases for Kids outreach by putting in countless hours organizing and separating all the goods that have been delivered to the center. They have also recruited and involved other Leo clubs.

The club has also been very involved in the clean-up and maintenance of Cat Haven.

They are currently raising money to attend the Lions / Leos International Convention in Las Vegas this summer.

Riverdale Leos

The Leos worked Kids Day selling newspapers to benefit Valley Children's Hospital raising over \$1400.00 in one morning.

The Riverdale Leos hosted the first annual Youth Leadership Forum for the Central Valley. They also attended the Leadership Forum in Teresita Pines.

They assisted in selling tickets and working the Riverdale Lions annual spaghetti dinner benefiting scholarships to high school seniors.

McFarland Leos

The McFarland Leos continued with their volunteer efforts with the Honor Flight #32. They have also dedicated a great effort in the Kases for Kids program. Recently, they have participated in the McFarland USA marathon, and the McFarland Unified School District "Night of the Stars" awards banquet.

At the 4A2 Lions convention on April 28th, they were awarded for having 8,106 points for visiting other clubs.

Lemoore Leos

Lemoore Leos hosted their own Mongolian Night fundraiser, Attended the Central Valley Leadership Forum and preparing to host this year's Leo Fun day on May 19th.



Figure 4 Parlier Leos Kids Day

Events Coming Up



Day	Event	Location
4/3	Lions Speech Contest	Various locations
4/13-4/15	Youth Leadership Camp	Teresita Pines
4/27	Int'l Food Fair @ 4A2 Lions Convention	Lemoore
4/28	Lions Speech Contest @ 4A2 Lions District Convention	Lemoore
5/19	Leo Fun Day	Lemoore
5/26	Bearskin Meadows Diabetes Camp	Sequoia National Park
6/9	Lions Speech Contest	Visalia
6/9	Lions COG	Visalia
6/29-7/3	Lions International	Las Vegas



Figure 5: Central Valley Leadership Forum



Figure 6: Dinuba Leos Coats for Kids



Figure 7: Hanford Leos Kids Day



Figure 9: Central Valley Leadership Forum



Figure 8: Riverdale Leos

Meal Choices for Blindfold Dinner

Vegetarian Wellington

French Style Puff Pastry Filled with Ricotta Cheese, Seasoned Rice and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables to include Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Mushrooms & Bell Peppers then Seasoned with Garlic and a Hint of Paprika

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia

Tilapia Fillet Topped with White Wine Caper Sauce Served with Traditional Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables Fresh Rolls and Butter Sun Dried Tomatoes & Wild Mushrooms

Chicken De La Sol

Breast of Chicken Topped with a Rich Sherry Cream Sauce, Sun Dried Tomatoes & Wild Mushrooms

International Dance and Talent Competition Winner



Fresno
Diwata
Lions Club

District
4-A2
annual
convention

Some Final Thoughts

from
Centennial DG
Chiragkumar
“Kevin” Patel

Please accept my Namaste with heartiest thanks to each and every Lion and Leo of our District 4-A2 for the support and the hospitality from each and every club we visited with First Lady Lion Falguni Patel during my Governorship year 2017-2018 following my theme, "We serve with Love, Care, Respect and Peace!"

Further, please continue with full spirits for the lionistic year 2018-2019 for which we convey our best possible wishes to the District 4-A2 incoming visionary & dynamic District Governor Lion John Burns with First Lady Lion Judy Burns, 1st VDG-elect Lion William "Van" Van Landingham, 2nd VDG-elect Lion David Paul Beeman with the new incoming District officers team. We sincerely expect you all to support with effective efforts for the brighter future, with strong teamwork for our District 4-A2.

Especially, I want to urge you all to work on adding more service hands to our organization, keeping the priority to help serve our community more.

Lastly, we need your love and support as always to continue our journey, serving our community through our Lions Clubs International — the World's Best service organization, providing widest wings of service in many humanitarian areas, joining hand in hand to make this World always a better & safer place to live.

Sincerely with lionistic regards from,
MJF Lion Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel
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