



West Coast Racers

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We Serve

David in the Lion's Den

With the benefit of modern medicine, it is hard to realize that until fairly recently, it was not bullets, bayonets or cannon fire that had been the biggest killer in all Armies and Navies. Instead, it was disease.



In 1775 smallpox had so devastated the American Army in Canada that John Adams, delegate to the second Continental Congress, and the person who nominated George Washington to be Commander of the Colonial forces in the Revolutionary War, complained that: "...smallpox is ten times more terrible than the British, Canadians and Indians together."

Washington used inoculations to succeed in his mission and quest to free the colonies from British domination. Washington's smallpox inoculation program was one of his best decisions of the war, besides his retreat at the Battle of Brooklyn.

According to the Fred W. Smith National Library for Study of George Washington, Washington and his Continental Army "faced a threat that proved deadlier than the British" in the first years of the Revolutionary War — smallpox.

Infrequent outbreaks and wariness of inoculation made his troops very susceptible to the disease," according to the library. "After heavy losses in Boston and Quebec, Washington implemented the first mass immunization policy in American history."

Washington issued the order to have all troops inoculated on Feb. 5, 1777, in a letter to John Hancock, who was president of the Second Continental Congress. In another letter, Washington ordered all recruits arriving in Philadelphia be inoculated.



"Finding the smallpox to be spreading much and fearing that no precaution can prevent it from running through the whole of our army, I have determined that troops shall be inoculated," he wrote. "This expedient may be attended with some inconveniences and some disadvantages, but yet I trust in its consequences will have the most happy effects. Necessity not only authorizes but seems to require the measure, for should the disorder infect the army in the natural way and rage with its virulence we should have more to dread from it than from the sword of the enemy."

By the end of 1777, about 40,000 soldiers had been inoculated against the disease.

Having survived his own bout of smallpox in 1751, Washington was very familiar with how the disease could rob the cause of a viable army. Not only would smallpox kill off soldiers in the ranks, but the threat of infection scared away many recruits that the Colonial Army depended on. Beginning the winter of 1777 in Morristown, NJ General Washington took the bold and controversial step to have soldiers in his army inoculated against smallpox using a technique called variolation. Later during the winter encampment at Valley Forge Washington went even further, demanding that his entire

DISTRICT 3Q MEETING

Mark your calendars for

January 21-22, 2022.

Kern County Museum

army be inoculated. In action which required grade secrecy since inoculated soldiers were incapacitated for a period of time. Death by smallpox in the ranks of George Washington's army reported deaths from smallpox dropped from 17% to 1%.

I tell this story as it is a natural follow up to my column and comments about general Washington and the battle of Brooklyn discussing how he used the bad weather to retreat and save his army. I compared COVID-19 to Washington's bad weather and that we as lions have regrouped and we are now advancing in our quest for service and kindness.

I'm also telling this story because General Washington used tools at his disposal to aid in his battle and as lions we should also use tools that at our disposal.

- 1) Club and district Constitution, bylaws , policies and procedures. Pull out your clubs, remind yourself how your club is set up and runs. Get familiar with the rules to better help your club.
- 2) Social media, Facebook, Instagram etc and web pages. If not using, have someone from your club set it up and keep it going. It helps get the word out about your clubs projects, fundraisers and other happenings.
- 3) District web page and Facebook page. Keep up to date on what's going on in the district.
- 4) MD-4 Web page Keep up with going on with California Lions
- 5) Lions Club International Web Page. Presidential message
- 6) Lions Club International training available
 - A. Learn
 - B. Lions University

Use your Districts Global Action team. Global Service Chair- Lion Marco Martinez, Global Leadership Chair, Lion Roland Reina, and Global membership chair, Lion Ellen Perry. They are experts in their area and are available for any help or suggestions you may need.

As you know, my motto for the year is "Riding the Roller Coaster of Service and Kindness". When you are at the top of the roller coaster, looking down that long drop, once the roller coaster starts you hang on into the end, and the reason you know there will be a good ending is because of the engineering design and planning to make the structure of the rollercoaster get you through.

It's the same way with LCI and the California Lions, all of the engineering has been done over the last 104 years the structure has been being built and improved.

The district structure is set with our constitution & bylaws and our 54-year history of success, let's continue the ride. "Keep Your Hands, Arms, Feet and Legs Inside the Ride Vehicle at All Times".



WE WANT YOU for the Host Committee for the **2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**. The District is looking for 2 Lions to step up and serve on the Host Committee for the 2023 Forum which will be held in Reno, NV. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reach out to the Cabinet Secretary.



Interested in serving your district. We have several District 4-A2 Positions available



Scrapbook Contest Chairperson



Lion Youth Exchange (Student Exchange for Leos/Lions)



Pediatric Cancer Chair

1VDG's Corner

Dearest District 4-A2 Lions, Leos, and families,

Below is an update of the Bus Trip to Irwindale, LA on December 11th. I managed to get a 58 seater passenger bus as more people wanted to join. It is filled. We have:



1. On the Bus : 35 Lions
 - a. Leos, 1 Leo/Lion
 - b. 15 Non Lions
2. Driving on their own: 2 Lions ,1 Leo/Lion, and 3 Non Lions.

This totals 57 {1 seat for the Snacks, etc.} on the bus and 6 on their own = 63 in total

Snacks, Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Expected time of departure from Wyndham, Visalia on December 11th will be 6am, McFarland between 7am to 7:30am, arrival back in Visalia by 6:45pm.

Please dress warm, blankets, pillows, bring water though it will be provided. Masks are required as are working in vinyl gloves required like those worn whilst doing DIY and trainers, walking shoes, boots, etc, covered shoes. T-Shirts will be provided

No alcohol allowed strictly. Let's be respectful of our youth.

Looking forward for the trip through which you all made it happen. Very pleased and hopefully everyone will have a memorable experience.

Quote by Muhammad Ali:

"Service to others ❤️💜💙💛🖤💚💗 is the rent we pay on this Earth."

Blooming in Service with Kindness,

MJF LION FALGUNI PATEL (SHE/HER)

CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- ^{BE}~~buy~~ presents
- wrap ~~gifts~~ ^{SOMEONE IN A HUG}
- Send ~~gifts~~ ^{PEACE}
- ^{DONATE}~~shop for~~ food
- ^{BE}~~See~~ the lights



Happy, Peaceful
& Safe Holidays!



1ST VDG FALGUNI PATEL AND PDG
CHIRAGKUMAR "KEVIN" PATEL & FAMILY

We are truly grateful for all the love and support, but also in awe of the resiliency and your continued efforts of selfless service to our local communities in times of need.

2VDG's Corner

Hello Lions and Leos of District 4 A2
First, Happy Thanksgiving to all. I have a lot to thank our dear Lord. First, my family and close friends of mine, including my Lions family.



Before our second District Cabinet Meeting at the end of October 29th – 30th, me and PDG AI went to attend the Board Meeting in San Diego where the International President, and Vice Presidents for Lions Club International were in attendance. Lots of Past International Presidents, current International Directors and Past International Directors are also in attendance. This was our first time to attend this event and it was amazing and cool. Glad to see Past First Lady Maureen Brandel, also current 2nd VP Dr Patti Hill, VP Brian Sheehan and Lori Sheehan. It was nice to see PIP Frank Moore, who was our guest keynote speaker for our 101st Club Anniversary. Our 2nd Cabinet meeting was fun, 2VDG Hank Trueba with his wife Lion Patty Trueba were my guest form District 4 L5. Friday night was Halloween Costume, I was a nun and PDG AI was a Franciscan priest, 2VDG Hank and Lion Patty Trueba were the Incridibles. Saturday was our meeting; it was a successful meeting. Great job District Governor David Hamilton and team.

November's been a busy month for me, our Council of Governors meeting, and training was last November 4th till the 7th in Redding,



California. We had PDG Norm McDaniel, PDG Manny Sanchez with the assistance of Lion Melanie and Lion Mike Ferrier. Learned a lot at the training. Friday night we had Honoring the everyday Hero's where we dressed up like nurses, doctors, firemen, policemen, military etc. We had karaoke too, I won the 2nd place, and it was a lot of fun. My co 2VDG Todd Riebe won the first place. Saturday after the meeting we had the Murder Mystery at nighttime where we had a lot of fun and dressed up like Western Folks. Hard working Lions have great fun too. Sunday, last day of the meeting and looking forward to the next Council of Governors meeting in San Diego along

with the MD4 Convention in February. Hope we can have more Lions from our District 4 A2 to attend.



Lots of zoom meetings and great visitations with our District Governor David Hamilton. DG

Hamilton visited our Club, Fresno Host, Cutler Orosi Lions, Ponderosa Lions, and Bakersfield Host Lions, Selma Central Valley Lions Lioness Club. I went to Three Rivers Lions with PDG Lion AI, so I can induct 7 new members. Congratulations to Lion Annie Hayes, Lion Rick Hill, Lion Barbara Bodine, Lion Maritza Konnaris, Lion Tony Konnaris, Lion Vera Spring, and Lion Nick Spring, welcome to our Lions family.

Thank you to 2VDG Lion Hank Trueba and Lion Patty for inviting me and PDG Lion AI to their District Cabinet Meeting. The warmth hospitality was great, and we knew quite a bit of their members in their district, so it feels like home. Friday night, 2VDG Lion Hank and Lion Patty took us at their VFW event, PDG AI was talking to one of the Veteran and other Veterans that night. The next day was their meeting where they sang Happy Birthday to me and gave me a bouquet of flowers. It feels great to be loved by our lion's family from a different district. Thank you also for the donation for my favorite charity, Lions Eye Foundation. We got a call and messages from 2VDG Lion Hank that most of the Veterans that PDG AI talked to are joining the Lions, so 2VDG Lion Hank wants PDG AI to come to their district with the approval of their DG Fred to help form a Veterans Club at their District.

Lastly, just want to thank my family, also my lion's family and friends that came to my 60th birthday celebration. We had a fun afternoon with Elvis Jeremy Pearce Presley, that performed where everyone enjoyed listening and dancing. We had a photo booth, karaoke, and lots of food. Again, thank you and God bless us all.



2VDG Lion Christy Kroell PMJF

Be The Change: Keep Trying, Keep Moving and Keep Inspiring

Yours in Lionism,
2VDG Lion Christy Kroell PMJF
"BE THE CHANGE, KEEP TRYING, KEEP MOVING, KEEP INSPIRING"

District Historian

Honoring Lions who have served 50 years or more. Congratulations to all of them!



65 Years

1. Vernon Dixon- Life Member Three Rivers
2. Harold Nelson- International Counselor Delano (In Memoriam)

60 Years

1. Harvey Bailey Orange Cove

55 Years as of 2021

1. Bill Diltz Visalia Sunset
2. Richard McFarlin Orange Cove
3. Jim Goishi Parlier
4. Jim Copner Fresno Host
5. Don Cornett Bakersfield Host
6. Jim Bartleson Delano

50 Years - As of 2020 - 2021

1. Ronnie Torigiani Buttonwillow
2. Allen Bittleson Buttonwillow
3. Robert Boehringer North Fresno
4. Ed Potter Hanford Breakfast
5. Jim Rogers Reedley
6. Mariano Lopez Selma (age 93) Presented Monarch Chevron 2021 by PDG David Beeman.

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GLT's Corner

Invite for Impact

We all know that membership is the key to growth and future



success as Lions. For some of us, it is natural to approach strangers and start a conversation; but some of us, it can be a little daunting. Luckily, we have some tools to help us out. If we take these few steps, we can make a huge difference in growing our club membership. The following notes are available to you in a training session found on the Lions Learning Center.

Four Steps of the recruiting Steps:

- Step 1: Prepare your club and develop a new members team
- Step 2: Create your clubs growth plan by determining whom you will recruit and plan an informational meeting.
- Step 3: Implement your growth plan and host your informational meeting.
- Step 4: Welcome new members with an induction ceremony, provide mentoring.

For more details, visit the Lions Learning Center and complete the training: Invite for Impact.

More Learning Opportunities:

Listed below are a list of classes or trainings that you can be a part of. Please mark your calendars and visit these links to register for them.

RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)

******Limited to the first 40 Lions who register.**

Dates: January 29, 2022, thru January 31, 2022 Location:

Earle Baum Center, Santa Rosa

Lodging: Courtyard by Marriott

Cost of Meals and Lodging: \$400.00

Shareable Link for Registration and Payment:

<https://californionalionsmd4.ticketspice.com/regional-lions-leadership-institute-rlli>

- Southern date: Friday, March 18th – Sunday, March 20th. Location: Orange County Garden Lions Hall. Hotel: Anaheim Hotel at \$129 per night.

Advanced Leadership Institute Opportunities

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/advanced-lions-leadership-institute>

Dates: Deadline for application: December 25, 2021.

March 26-28, 2022

Location: Calgary, AB, Canada

Regional / Zone Training – We are planning on having zoom trainings and one in-person training. Look for emails if you are a region and zone chair.

Lions Learning Center – Take advantage of the trainings available to you from the Lions Learning Center.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn>

Check out all of the learning opportunities on our 4-A2 website, as well as our 4-A2 YouTube page.

<https://4a2lions.org/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0To9KFVOjak_imFGPM7IQ

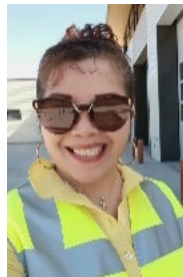
I'm here for you. Please let me know of how I can be of an assistance to your club. Respectfully,
Lion Roland

GMT's Corner

Greetings to all my fellow lions!!!

"Membership is the life of every club, more members more hands to serve."

1st and foremost, I would like to Congratulate and give a Big Big Roar to the 6 clubs and Club Officers that had been awarded the Club Excellence for 2020-2021 (In Alphabetical Order).



*Cutler-Orosi Lions:	President- Lion Tanya Goosev Secretary- Lion Loretta Botello
*Fresno Diwata Lions:	President- Lion Rudy Pedagat Secretary- Lion Ellen Perry
*Fresno Host Lions:	President Christy Kroell Secretary- Lion Robert Thomas
*Richgrove Lions:	President Lion Joe Rodriguez Secretary- Neida Aliza Chavez -Pimentel
*Visalia Pride Lions:	President Lion Bobbie Jo Mendez Secretary- Lion Jonathan Ward
*VisaliaSequoia Lions:	President Richard Garcia Secretary- Lion Gary Cole

Banner Patches and Officers Pins will be awarded at the Friday Night Dinner during the 3rd District Meeting, January 21, 2022

Loudest Roar and Welcome!!!

Thank you for Joining our Club to become a member and volunteer to Serve and make a Difference in our Community.

Congratulations to all the Club that has a Positive Net Gain on Membership for this Month. Way to go!!!



We need to continue Asking and Inviting our Families, Friends, Colleagues, Associate and Acquaintances to join our club and volunteer for a good cause.

Remember that everyone in our club should be encouraged to help recruit new members and the best Motivation to Encourage them is sharing them our own Lions Success Story.



Our District will be giving Membership Growth Award Plaques for clubs, Zone and Region Chairs who has the highest membership growth at the end of the Lion Year 2021-2022 and will be awarded at the 1st District Meeting in 2022-2023.



GST Corner

Hello Fellow Lions; as of November 23rd, 46% of the clubs have reported on MyLion. That means -28- clubs have participated in-435- service activities helping and changing lives for the better for 56,253 people. There are some clubs that have made contact with me needing assistance with reporting. Please continue to contact me, have been successful in getting clubs to report their activities on MyLion.



MD4 Quarterly Club Challenge (Hunger):

Food Collection is the next service challenge. Starts December 1st ends December 31st. Report pounds of food, if monetary donations are given, one dollar equals one pound of food.

Make sure you turn-in your report(s) on MyLion.

Next club challenge will be environmental enhancement projects, starts April 1st ends April 30th and report number of hours volunteered. There is plenty of time for clubs to plan Hunger and Environmental projects. Report all MD4 club challenge activities via email to CALionsCare@gmail.com.

GST Quarterly Service Awards:

Next pick of winners will be December 31st. I will pick two clubs that have reported service activities on MyLion. Club names will be entered in a digital name picker and I will randomly pick two winning clubs. All winning clubs will be removed from the digital name picker and reinstalled after the last quarterly pick. Governor will pick one winning club in June 2022, prize TBD.

MyLion Caps: Listed below are MyLion caps on service activity reports.

- People Served: 3,000
- Volunteer Hours: 1,200
- Funds Donated: \$3,000
- Funds Raised: \$250,000

District & Region Totals:

- **Northern Region:** People Served = 11,041 / Service Activities = 96 / Volunteer Hours = 2,300
10 clubs reporting out of 21 clubs = 47.6%
- **Central Region:** People Served = 17,312 / Service Activities = 128 / Volunteer Hours = 3,770
7 clubs reporting out of 14 clubs = 50%
- **Southern Region:** People Served = 20,000 / Service Activities = 130 / Volunteer Hours = 1,785
7 clubs reporting out of 14 = 50%
- **Western Region:** People Served = 7,900 / Service Activities = 81 / Volunteer Hours = 1,072
4 clubs reporting out of 12 clubs = 33.3%
- **District Totals:** People Served = 56,253 / Service Activities = 435 / Volunteer Hours = 8,927
28 clubs reporting out of 61 clubs = 46%

In preparation for the Hunger Challenge, I made contact with Mr. Adolfo Briseño "Meals on Wheels" out of Delano. He wants to expand his service to other small-town communities. Great opportunity for the Southern Region and maybe Central Region clubs. They do all the cooking, packaging and transport of meals. Club selects transport site and total meals ordered (50-150). If any club is interested, please make contact with me.

Let's keep working together in reaching DG Hamilton's goal of 80% of clubs reporting on MyLion. Continue our journey of serving our communities with Kindness and Love. Remember, when we serve more, we give more. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Lion Marco

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 4
ANNOUNCING THE
DECEMBER 2021
FOOD DRIVE**



**December 2021 California Lions
Food Drive**

When asked, people receiving food at a food bank had these suggestions:

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
5. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. They rarely get fresh meat.
12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
15. Butter or margarine is nice too.
16. Eggs are a real commodity.
17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.

18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

MD4 HUNGER DRIVE

**December is the state-wide food
collection drive.**

Plan your projects now!!!

**Add on food collection to all your
service and meeting events!!!**

**Report your collections via email to
CALionsCare@gmail.com. Include
your club name, district, and pounds
donated (\$1 – 1 pound for monetary
donations).**

Diamonds of District 4-2

By DG Dave Hamilton

On November 16, 2021, after a meeting of the Fresno Host Lions I had the honor and privilege of interviewing Past District Governor George Finley. There are many fascinating chapters to PDG Finley's life, which could fill a book. This article deals briefly with just 2 facets of this District 4-A2 diamond, PDG Lion George. Perhaps there just be further articles.

Past District Governor George Finley has been a Lion since 2000 and is a charter member of his home club, Fresno Unlimited.



He served as District Governor 2011-2012 and was the first person to serve in the newly created position of 2nd Vice District Governor.

He graduated from Tuskegee university, majoring in physical education, in 1950 and was drafted shortly thereafter. While at Tuskegee he met the Tuskegee airman at the school.

When he was drafted, he was offered to be an officer, but turned it down because it would add time to his term. So instead, as an enlisted man in an all-black unit, he was sent directly to an artillery unit with no basic training and no advanced training, "I went to Ft Lewis, WA and just started shooting guns" He was in the 719th AAA Unit (Anti-Aircraft Artillery). And, by "guns" he meant firing the towed 155 mm howitzer with a 16,000-yard range.



He was sent to Korea during the Korean war and fought there in 1951 and 1952. He was one of five black soldiers who integrated the 3rd Infantry Division, 9th Field Battalion. I asked him which battles he was in and he

responded, "there were too many to remember."

He did remember the battle of Old Baldy though. "The Battle of Old Baldy refers to a series of five engagements for Hill 266 in west-central Korea. They occurred over a period of 10 months in 1952–1953, though there was also vicious fighting both before and after these engagements." (Wikipedia)

During the years PDG George was in the 9th Field Artillery his unit was credited for participating in the following Campaigns: United Nations Defensive and Offensive, First UN Counter Offensive, the Communist Chinese force Spring Offensive, UN summer-fall offensive, "second Korean winter" and "summer-fall 1952 campaign". He recounted to me that at one point in a battle, his Unit was surrounded on three sides by the Chinese Communist Army.

When asked what he remembered most about Korea he responded, "It was cold". He told a story that in order to dig fox holes they had to set gasoline on fire to burn the grass, to defrost the ground, before any digging was possible.

After his return, he spent 30 years in the Army and Air National Guard. He was the first sergeant for 144th fighter group.

He also was also a riveter for North American Aviation.

PDG Finley was born and raised in Birmingham, AL, the city once known as "the most segregated city in America." (Wikipedia). After he settled in California, PDG Finley often traveled to visit hometown.



On April 18, 2018, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr, PDG Finley was interviewed for "Eyewitness News 'This Morning'" by journalist Anthony

Bailey (award winning reporter) for channels KSEE 24 and Eyewitness News 47. Here is a transcription of that interview.

Anthony Bailey (AB)-

So, we have here with us in studio this morning, George Finley, retired Army veteran and of course there are ties with local valley history with the civil rights movement .

George, thanks so much for coming in this morning talk to us. First off, your experience , you said you were one of the early folks to integrate the military there in the Army.

PDG Finley- Yes, I was sent to Korea from an all-black unit, and when we arrived in Korea they put us in with the 9th field artillery battalion, which was all white from Georgia. We were the first blacks to go into that unit.

AB- What was it like obviously, what doctor king stood for was the integrating and making folks at even par, talk about what your experience was like being one of the first African Americans to serve in all white unit.

PDG Finley- We were treated just like any other soldier during that time but we thought we were gonna have problems, but there were no problem.

AB- Dr. King got a chance to come across the country right here to the valley can you share with viewers at home that weren't familiar with that about what he did when he came here what brought him here to the Valley

PDG Finley- Well, we had a lady that was very active in the civil rights movement, Mrs. Madam Mize, Dr. Mize's wife, and they were instrumental and then we had an attorney, Hugh Goodwin, who was very active also, and they brought him [Dr. King] to the Valley because of what was happening here in Fresno.

AB- What type of impact he had with his visit and also the movement more largely

PDG Finley- Well the movement was great, because everyone accepted him for his nonviolence based on Mahatma Gandhi's form of protest, which was very peaceful.

AB- But we also had a chance to speak on the phone here just a couple of days ago you shared with me something that I didn't know. I was born and raised here and so some of the stories we've heard here across the valley, but you've had a more personal experience with Dr. King during this time down South. Tell us a little bit about that little bit about that

PDG Finley- Well I happened to go back during the summer when Bull Connor (using) fire hoses and putting the dogs on people [Civil rights marchers]. I happened to go to AG Gaston motel where Dr. King was doing his press conference, before going to Birmingham jail [to serve his sentence with Rev. Ralph Abernathy for leading a peaceful protest] one of my classmates was driving him so I had a chance to talk to him on his way to the Birmingham jail after his press conference.

AB- In the Birmingham jail is where he wrote the famous letter from inside the jail what was the conversation like and what was it like just to get a chance to really have some contact with Dr. King

PDG Finley - Well it was wonderful, because of all of the protests going on, that thing that really got me with the children that were marching during that time they had brought them all downtown and put him in different churches and they were trying to stop him before they got there but they had so many kids coming out of churches at different times, they [the police] were unable to stop [the young civil-rights protesters] but they [the police] put them all on the buses that they had there been carrying around to the fairground and left them out there without any shelter and the everybody start taking them raincoats and umbrellas out there throwing him over the fence so they would have something to keep them dry

AB- George many of us only heard about these instances in the history books. What was it like to really be on the front lines of the civil rights movement both in the valley and then down South was like for you.

PDG Finley- Well, in the North, it was different, because the doors were closed, and you go knock on it, you know that you were thinking it would be open, but it would be closed, but in the South, I know which one not to knock on in order for survival

AB- Well what's your message to the youth are at home watching this about their experience with your experience with MLK and as we go through this day where we really kind of reflecting on his life and all that he did what's your message for folks at home.

PDG Finley- I wish they would get back and read some of the history books and understand how and where we got where we are and what it took to get us there.

AB- I really appreciate it, thank you so much for coming in, we really appreciate it. We've been talking with George Finley a Civil Rights Pioneer here in the Central Valley.

PDG Finley is a Lion we are all proud of and are honored he is a member of our District and our friend.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Coordinator

What is LCIF's value to me, my club, Lions across the globe, and those in need?

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the primary funding source for Lions' projects worldwide. Through the more than US\$1 billion in grants it has provided since 1968, LCIF has enabled Lions and clubs to exponentially expand their service and carry out more life-altering missions globally.

Recent research reveals fewer than 10% of Lions make direct donations to LCIF. Did you know that in many parts of the world, LCIF provides more in grants than it receives in donations from Lions and clubs there?

What is Campaign 100, and why should my club and I participate in it?

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is a comprehensive capital campaign raising money to expand Lions' ability to help those in need today and for the next 100 years. While the campaign's *financial* goal is US\$300 million, the *ultimate* goal is Lions' ability to serve hundreds of millions of people by:

- Increasing our impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts.
- Fighting the global epidemic of diabetes.
- Expanding efforts in childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

.Why should my club become a Model Club?

100% of donations make a tremendous impact on the lives of those who need help most. Model Clubs help ensure Lions are able to respond to the immense needs of the world, and they prepare Lions Clubs International for a new century of service. Funds raised from an average-size Model Club may make impacts like these:

- Providing 300 cataract surgeries
- Vaccinating 15,000 children against measles
- Providing immediate relief for 600 people in the wake of a natural disaster
- Providing screenings for 2,700 people at risk for diabetes
- Purchasing equipment to help 1,200 children with cancer
- Providing food for 2,100 hungry people
- Giving 2,100 people access to clean water.

For more information, please go to

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/To-Be-or-Not-to-Be-That-is-the-Model-Club-Question>

-DG Dave and LCIF Chair PDG Vickie Beeman

District Disaster Relief Chair

District 4-A2 Lions Serve Firefighters and Fire Survivors

District 4-A2 Lions stepped up in many, varied, and amazing ways to serve during the Kings National Park Complex (KNP) and the Windy Fires. District 4-A2 Lions worked with the Red Cross, United Way, Family Health Care and Tulare County to assist fire fighters and evacuees. Many thanks to District Disaster Chair Lion Rob Andrade (also President of Clovis Country Lions).

1) KNP Complex Fire. The fire crews camped and used the facilities at the Three Rivers Lions Roping Arena, plus the Lions fed 400 fire fighters for several days until Cal Fire could get services into place. The Woodlake Lions processed all the evacuated animals, big and small at their Rodeo grounds on their way to the Tulare Agriculture Center. The Lions also stabled all the National Park mules and horses during the emergency. Woodlake Lions arranged for meals for Red Cross volunteers through RunWay café of Woodlake for several days.

Exeter Breakfast Lions helped with housing fire fighters, along with Family Health Care, at the Comfort Inn in Three Rivers for a few days. Exeter and Visalia Breakfast Clubs stood by for 7 days to prepare meals at the Woodlake community center for evacuees, but all evacuees found other housing and meals were not required. Lion Robert Lee, Sequoia Lions, lined up the Visalia Emergency food Council to provide food for evacuees. Cabinet Secretary Lion Cheri Provancha located a possible source of food. Evacuees, who do not qualify for Red Cross Shelter, yet have had to be evacuated, scattered across Tulare County, were assisted by Hanford Breakfast and Three Rivers Lions Club on a club to family, personal basis. Many thanks to Lion Susan Boyd for her compassionate service to that family!

2) Windy Fire. For approximately two weeks there were up to 24 evacuees in the Red Cross Evacuation center, at Porterville College. The College provided breakfast and lunch Monday-Thursday, however, dinners each day and all meals on weekends were provided by the Exeter Breakfast Lions, McFarland Lions and Richgrove Lions. The McFarland Lions need extra thanks for the ways they stepped up and served the evacuees during this

emergency. have stepped up to cover the rest of the meals for the evacuees. Lion Jeannie Sa of Ponderosa Lions helped to evacuate small animals at Porterville College.

Many thanks to the many Lions involved. Lion Scott from Exeter Breakfast Lions did a great job coordinating District Disaster Relief his clubs efforts with what the Red Cross needed. I've probably missed someone, I'm certain Three Rivers Lions performed other service even though some members were evacuated, or under evacuation warning. During one call to the Three Rivers President, she was busy preparing her goats for evacuation, so we didn't talk too long that time

We Serve!
DG Dave Hamilton
4-A2 Disaster Chair Lion Rob Andrade

WHERE'S THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

Go [Here](#) to see the DG Club Visitation
Schedule

If you want to attend a visitation with
the DG, Please contact the club and do
appropriate RSVP's.



Awards Presented at Governor Visitations (November)

District Governor Excellence awards

Cutler-Orosi Lions Lion Loretta Botello
Lion Yvette Botello

Ponderosa Lions Lion Donald Sa
Lion Alan Gallegos

Central Valley Lioness Lions Club
Lion Maxine Abe

Bakersfield Host Lion Aida Rivas
Lion Joseph Coutts

McFarland Lions Lion Marco Martinez
Lion Margie Martinez
Lion Alicia Conde
Lion Albert Melendez
Lion Irene Melendez
Lion Jose Hernandez Jr.
Lion Joanne Martin

International Presidential Douglas X. Alexander "Service From the Heart" Pin

Ponderosa Lions Lion Jeannie Sa

Innovation Golden Dollar Award

Central Valley Lioness Lions Club
Lion Betty Alves
Lion Beverly Cho
Lion Mimi Cho
Lion William Cho
Lion Jarrett Green
Lion Isabel Gama-Corral

McFarland Lions Lion Georgina Alatorre-Jaime
Leo Pablo Estrada, Roaring Leos,
was awarded a certificate for work in
recruiting three new Leos to help service
the community

DISTRICT 4-A2 CALENDAR

December 4: Hanford Breakfast Lions, Breakfast with Santa*

December 11: Parlier Lions Christmas Dinner*

December 11: District 4-A2 day to decorate the Rose Parade Float

December 13: Selma CVLLC Christmas Dinner*

January 15: Visalia Pride Lions Chipotle Dinner Fundraiser, 5-9 pm, Visalia*

January 21-22, 2022: 3rd Qtr District Meeting – Southern Region, TBD

January 22, 2022: Lamont Lions 75th Anniversary Dinner*

March 5, 2022: Reedley Lions 31st Annual Blossom Bike Ride

April 22-24, 2022: Convention/District Meeting at Cayucos, CA.

* Indicates there is a flyer near the end of this newsletter.

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR

December: MD4 California Hunger Challenge

December 1: Postmark deadline for Peace Poster submission to MD4

December 15: Postmark deadline for Peace Poster submission to LCI

December 31: Deadline to submit MD4 Excellence Awards

January: Hunger Awareness Month

January 1, 2022: Deadline to submit nominations for Presidential Medals and Certificates to [ID Ken Ibarra](#).

January 1, 2022: [Rose Parade](#) - Check out our great Lions' Float!

January 8, 2022: MD4 Leadership Summit – Zoom

January 29-31, 2022: Regional Lions Leadership Institute (North), Santa Rosa

February 23-24, 2022: Council of Governors – Wyndham, San Diego (4-L6)

February 25-27, 2022: MD4 Convention in San Diego. Website: <https://md4lions.org/md4con>

February 26-27, 2022: MD4 Youth Leadership Institute

March 18: California White Cane Day

March 19: Lions Eyes Across California

March 18-20, 2022: Regional Lions Leadership Institute (South), TBD

March 29: City of Hope Lions Tribute Day

April: MD4 Environmental Challenge

June 16-19, 2022: Council of Governors – Holiday Inn, San Jose Silicon Valley (4-C6)

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INTERNATIONAL LIONS CALENDAR

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar>

December 5: International Leo Day

March 11: 44th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations

June 24-28, 2022: LCI Convention in Montréal, Canada.

Note that the dates/location have changed.

June 27-29, 2022: USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum, Visalia, CA.

September 15-17, 2022: USA/Canada Leadership Forum - Calgary AB, Canada

July 7-11, 2023: LCI Convention in Boston MA *

September 14-16, 2023: USA/Canada Leadership Forum - Reno NV

USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM September 15-17, 2022 Calgary Canada

The degrees earned through Lions University are presented at the annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. District 4-A2 had two recipients this year.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION: Congratulations to Lion Angie Nelson for earning her Lions University Bachelor's Degree.

MD4 Student Speaker Contest 2022

The Student Speakers Contest topic for 2021-22 is "How can Kindness Reunite our Country?"

Clubs can now pre-order a Student Speakers Contest packet @ www.md4lions.org. Packets ordered after October 1 will cost \$25.

Clubs should begin their marketing campaign now with their schools. Don't forget the charter schools!!!

See attached flyer.



District Patriotism Chair

Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)

(Formerly VA Volunteer Services)

CDCE's goal is to provide holiday cheer for the Veterans we serve. Over the holiday season they serve over 500 Veterans in need. When it comes to helping Veterans, your heartfelt generosity is always appreciated. There are several ways to support our Veterans this holiday season;

1. Create a video greeting, carol, or reading:

Tag #VAFresno at <https://www.facebook.com/VAFresno>

2. Monetary Donations:

Checks/Money Orders can be sent to VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE), Attn: CDCE / Mail Stop 135, 2615 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno, CA 93703

3. Online Donations:

www.fresno.va.gov/giving/index.asp

4. Donate Items:

Blankets (fleece & handcrafted); Sleeping bags; New clothing items (socks, underwear, sweat pants/shirts); chap stick; feminine hygiene kits; travel cups (non-breakable); Individually wrapped non-perishable snacks; pens/pencils; Christmas Cards to Vets; Blank Christmas cards for Vets to send to loved ones; gas cards; grocery gift cards. The following items in travel sizes: Hygiene kits or products (no razors or mouthwash); board games/cards; journals; writing tablets; travel size puzzle books.



District Diabetes Chair

PDG Tony Reyes, Sr wishes everyone a very...

From your District 4-A2 Diabetes and City of Hope Chair
Clovis Country Lions



District Leo Chairperson

Most Lions are familiar with the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, but many have no idea there is an equivalent leadership development opportunity for Leos – namely the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum. This Forum was first held in New York in 2017 and 2018. It has since been



convened in-person in Arizona and virtually by Calgary, Canada. Like at the Lions Leadership Forum, Leos are able to select from a variety of seminars covering a range of topics targeted to meet their specific needs and interests. The Leos themselves, through the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum Advisory Council, work in partnership with Lions to provide direction on seminar content, speaker selection and Forum format. And don't forget the fun. The Forum always includes a sightseeing adventure and participation in a hands-on service project.



In 2022, California Leos and Lions will have the honor of hosting the 5th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. From July 28th thru 31st, Leos from all over the United States, Canada and beyond will

gather right here, in our midst. The Host Committee has been hard at work for the past two years to make the 2022 Forum an exceptional experience. One of our primary goals is to enable a large contingent of California Leos to participate to experience the benefits of camaraderie, education and serving together. This goal CANNOT be realized without the support of California Lions. Districts, clubs and individual Lions can assist by dedicating scholarship funds for Leos to attend, spreading the word to Leo clubs, Leo advisors and sponsoring Lions clubs about the event, and participating in fundraisers to support the Forum itself and the Leo scholarship fund. There are also opportunities for Lions who would like to assist during the Forum.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of something spectacular! For additional information or to get involved, please contact Host Committee Chair PDG Kevin Patel at chiragkumarpatel@yahoo.com or Host Committee Secretary PDG Jamie Hart at lionjamie4c1@gmail.com.

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum 2022 hosted by our California Lions Districts between July 27th to 31st, 2022 at Wyndham Hotel, Visalia, CA. Please keep these dates open as we'll need help for this big event like volunteers having cars for transportation to and from the Fresno Airport and Wyndham Hotel, help for the service activities and directions at the event place.



The 2022 USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum will be held in Visalia, California. Leo's from around the world will attend. But it takes money to make this event happen. This is how individual Lions and Clubs can support this wonderful opportunity for our Leo's.



Encourage your Lion members to save their change between meetings. At the meeting members can drop off their change (even the folded stuff is acceptable) in a designated depository. Think about the Club matching the funds their members donate.

At the end of every month, the collected funds (via Club check) is sent to:

Lion Cheri Provancha
3403 W Perez Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277



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Lions Monthly Reporting

- **MyLCI** – Complete Monthly Membership here
 - Select More Membership on the home dashboard
 - Edit your membership
 - Select reporting from the drop down menu
- **MyLion** – Complete Activity Reporting here
 - Club service entered on the MyLion site only
 - Club Secretary, Club Admin, and Club Service Coordinator are the only ones who can enter a club service project
 - Anyone can enter an individual service project for themselves
 - You can add a future activity or past activity



State of California



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Vaccine Record

Worried about
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<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

At any given time, the urge to sing "The lion sleeps tonight" is just a whim away a whim away, a whim away, a whim away.



District 4-A2 2021-2022 Goals

Service

- 80% of Clubs will have reported service
- Disaster Relief: Will have 3 Lions from each Region trained by Red Cross as Disaster Volunteer

Membership

- Start 2 new clubs with 25 charter members
- Charter 1 Law Enforcement Lions Club who will charter 1 Explorers Leos
- Charter 2 new Leo Clubs (Richgrove & Visalia)
- Revitalize Tulare Host Lions Club – Keep Charter Open
- Revitalize Fresno Hispanic Club
- Revitalize Fresno Campus Club

LCIF

- 100% of the clubs will have donated to LCIF
- 1 club in each region (4) will be a model club

Leadership

- Coordinate District Leadership/Officer training with MD-GLT online
- 2 Lions from each region (8) will have attended a regional Lions Leadership Institute or Advanced Lions Leadership institute, whichever is appropriate.

Club News and Events

The Clovis Country Lions Club

Clovis Country Lions Club provided a Donation of \$500 to Clovis Senior Center to purchase Turkeys for there annual no-cost Thanksgiving meal at the Clovis Senior Activity Center.

Left to Right

Lion Members : Kerry Holguin ,Michael Gostanian, PDG Tony F Reyes, Mai Kou Yang Recreation Specialist, Clovis Senior Activity Center



Clovis Country Lions Club have also partnered with The Big Red Church First Congregational Church of Fresno in feeding 100 individuals that are currently homeless in the Downtown Fresno area every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Big Red Church members Marilyn Coles, Alan Coles and Darce Zorayada help distribute the meals and also arrange for other meals to be given every Sunday afternoon.



The Visalia Breakfast Lions Club



**Visalia Breakfast
Lions Club**

Our big focus this month has been turkeys. Our Turkey

Raffle with Sportsman's Warehouse was a huge success. Our top seller says standing outside of Sportsman's Warehouse selling a \$10 ticket which included \$40 off in the store was like shooting fish in a barrel. Nobody can turn that deal down. Add to that a very generous \$8,000 donation from Cal Water, and we had the funding

necessary to fill the communities need. We cannot thank Cal Water enough for the way they stepped up and supported the needs of our community. Once the funding was in place, finding turkeys to buy was another story. A big shout out goes to Lion Kelly for all the extra work he did this year chasing down those turkeys. He was chasing turkeys in Visalia, Tulare, and Hanford. Delano and Fresno were on his backup list. A job well done Kelly!!!



Our Lions stepped up to help deliver the 1,200 turkeys Kelly obtained. Turkeys were delivered to the Blind Babies Foundation, Bethlehem

Center, Central Valley Regional Center, Kaweah Delta Hospice, Family Builders Foster Care, Tulare County Christian Schools, Baptist Church, Salvation Army, National Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sequoia High School, Family Services, Visalia Emergency Aid, Visalia Rescue Mission, Tulare County Alcohol Rehab, New Vision, and the Central Valley Recovery Services. All of these

organizations do amazing things to help those in need and we are proud to be there to support them.



The Breakfast

Lions continue to bring in their plastic bags each week for the Bags to Benches program. Our very own Lion Paul is doing amazing things with this program. He works for Keenan Farms who uses a lot of plastic in their pistachio nut operation. This plastic has been going to the landfill, but Paul is looking into implementing a company wide recycling program around the Bags to Benches program. It makes me proud to know small Lion steps can lead to such an environmental improvement.



Five Sequoia Lions member did a visitation on November 5th. There may have been some groaning about having to get out of bed so early, but I think they had a nice visit, and they are always

welcomed back. Our presenter that morning was Lester Moon from "Hands in the Community". The Visalia Breakfast Lions has been involved with "Hands in the Community" for many years. If you are looking for a place to volunteer, give "Hands in the Community" a look.

Lion Mark is working hard to identify and award scholarship recipients. So far we have provided \$1,000 scholarships to Mt. Whitney High School, Golden West High School, Central Valley Christian High School, La Sierra High School, and Visalia Technical Early College High School.

New member, Jason Deniz, was indoctrinated into the club this month. Jason is a Manager at Tri Counties Bank and looking forward to getting involved and helping his community.



Plans are coming together to participate in the upcoming Visalia Christmas Parade. I will post a picture of our entry in next month's newsletter. We are also looking forward to Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army, and our annual Christmas Party. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!!

The Tulare Lions Club

Calling on all Lions and friends in the community!

Tulare Host Lions Club is reforming!!!!!! The club meetings will begin on November 3, 2021 and be set as the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. Location is at the Tulare Masons Hall, 135 W. Tulare, CA 93274.



The Visalia Pride Lions



We held a wonderful membership drive on November 15th. We had 8 potential members attend. Of those we gained 4 applications and anticipate that we will have another 4 the first week of December. It was a great event.

MD4 Proud Lion Mentoring Program

The following goals of the Proud Lion program must be successfully attained by the Protege Lion under the guidance of the mentoring Lion (sponsor) and qualify for the Proud Lion award. Protege Lion • Attend a club board meeting—includes virtual meetings. • Participate in a club service or fund-raising activity. • Introduce a new prospective member to the club. • Make a visit to another club and secure a visitation slip. • Attend a zone, region, district or multiple district meeting and report back to the club. The goals listed above must be attained with the specified six (6) month's period and that the sponsor accompanied the Protege Lion to each of the five activities.

ATTENTION: Club Secretary - To obtain a free lapel pin for the Proud Lion, fill out the electronic form at www.md4lions.org and it will be sent to your District GMT Coordinator who will present the pin. The form is also available for download. Send it to your District GMT coordinator. for presentation of the pin to the protégé Lion. Contact the PCC David Radtke, MD4 GMT Coordinator if you have any questions: • E: md4liondave@yahoo.com • R: (909) 264-3902 • C: (951) 965-8354

One Hundred Service Ideas



Diabetes

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event.
2. Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's diabetes camp.
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes & vision screenings.
6. Distribute educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair.
7. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
8. Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
9. Sponsor a child in need to attend diabetes camp.
10. Donate diabetes books to your library with a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
11. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
12. Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.
13. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
14. Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.
15. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
16. Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.
17. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs & materials.
18. Promote community resources and online materials from LCI partners NDEP, DECA & IDF.
19. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
20. Provide educational materials to schools & physician offices.



Environment

21. Plant trees with the advice of a local environment organization on the best locations and varieties.
22. Clean up a beach, community space or roadside area monthly as a club.
23. Hold an environment-themed photo contest at a school. Plant a tree or another green form of recognition to honor the winner.
24. Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add one green habit to their daily lives.

25. Recognize a local organization or community leader for environmental conservation work.
26. Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. Help more people access and enjoy nature!
27. Commit to "Meatless Mondays" or not eating meat one day each week.
28. Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.
29. Lead an after-school nature walk.
30. Survey homes and community areas for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials for repairs.
31. Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
32. Identify where to recycle toxic items and share the collection schedule.
33. Organize a mural competition to promote environmental awareness. Paint the mural in a prominent community location.
34. Implement a recycling drive where people donate gently-used items to charity organizations.
35. Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to restore the habitat and conserve water.
36. Sponsor a training program for farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
37. Produce a monthly nature program on a local public radio station.
38. Partner with a local carpenter to build rain barrels. Hold a training session with community members to promote using them for watering and irrigation.
39. Organize an alternative transportation incentive program to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
40. Establish a school garden and composting program to improve school meals & reduce waste.



Hunger

41. Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to those who are elderly or visually impaired.
42. Organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.
43. Prepare food baskets for families in need.
44. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
45. Take families in need shopping for fruits and vegetables.
46. Organize an event to benefit a food bank in your community; use cans of food as admission.
47. Hold a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for a children's center or a homeless shelter.
48. Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy recipes.

One Hundred Service Ideas



49. Create healthy snack packages to be distributed to children in need.
50. Partner with local restaurants or food markets to deliver donations to a shelter.
51. Start a food co-operative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.
52. Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.
53. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition & food preparation.
54. Provide fruits and vegetables as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.
55. Provide transportation for those who are elderly or visually impaired so they can shop for food.
56. Teach children to bake a loaf of bread they can take home to their family.
57. Invite a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting.
58. Provide needy children with backpacks supplied with food for when school is not in session.
59. Host a picnic or BBQ at a park for the community.
60. Establish a community vegetable garden where local residents can grow their own food.
75. Host a "Beep Baseball" game or tournament.
76. Support a guide dog training program through fundraising or voluntary labor.
77. Develop an assistive technology library so people can access resources as their needs change.
78. Create a sensory garden that engages the senses of touch, smell, hearing & taste. Provide braille or audio recordings of signage.
79. Partner with a school for the blind to support assistive technology & maintenance needs.
80. Partner with an orientation and mobility specialist to provide ongoing support to teachers and employers of inclusive classrooms/workplaces.



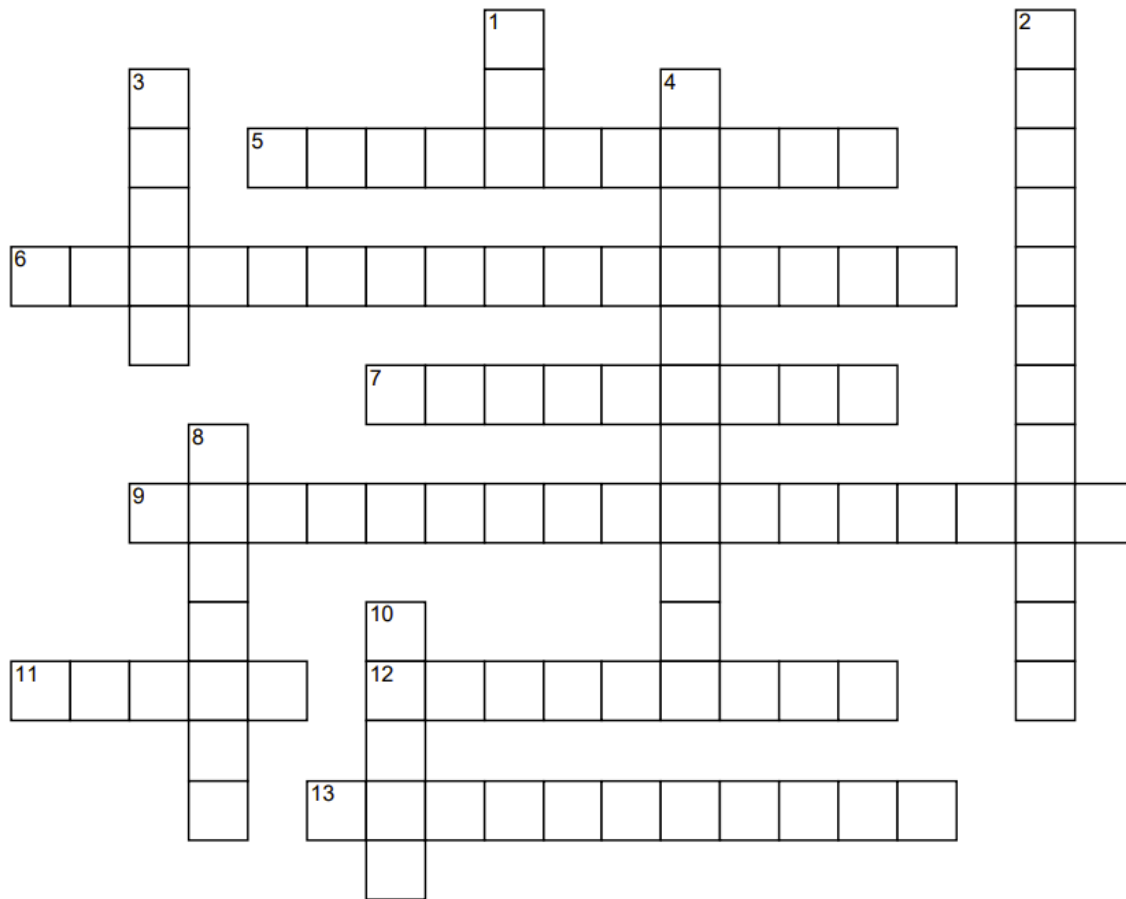
Childhood Cancer



Vision

61. Organize a braille, large print and audio book collection to benefit a library or senior center.
62. Volunteer to create audio recordings of books & periodicals.
63. Work with local eye care professionals to provide community vision screenings.
64. Sponsor a World Sight Day event.
65. Sponsor visually impaired students through camps, contests or other activities.
66. Create a community arts program for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.
67. Collaborate with an eye bank to promote the importance of corneal donations.
68. Develop a directory of community resources and services for those who are visually impaired.
69. Volunteer at a visual rehabilitation or vocational training center.
70. Organize an inclusive sporting event for children with and without visual impairment.
71. Host a fundraiser to purchase and donate white canes for those who are blind.
72. Work with local employers to develop an employee vision screening program.
73. Develop a discount voucher program with optical shops for underserved populations.
74. Design a transportation program for those who are blind or have low vision.
81. Provide craft materials, puzzles, books & games to children receiving treatment.
82. Prepare meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
83. Donate gas, parking & food gift cards to families in need or a childhood cancer center.
84. Provide cancer support books and magazines to your local school.
85. Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
86. Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to children's cancer centers.
87. Coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
88. Provide tutoring services to children with cancer and their siblings.
89. Organize a childhood cancer camp or sponsor a child to attend one.
90. Volunteer to assist a family in sharing their story through photography.
91. Sponsor an activity day for children with cancer.
92. Raise awareness through radio public service announcements or social media campaigns.
93. Provide children's entertainment at a hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
94. Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.
95. Remodel a children's cancer center.
96. Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer.
97. Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry.
98. Volunteer at a housing facility serving children with cancer.
99. Assist at camps for children with special needs.
100. Host a wellness and nutrition day advocating healthy living habits for young people.

Korean War Facts



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ACROSS

- 5 About how many thousand U.S. troops died in the Korean War? (2 wds.)
- 6 U.S. General who led the attack against North Korea (2 wds.)
- 7 North Korea's capital city
- 9 The cease fire in 1951 established a ____ between North and South Korean that still exists today (2 wds.)
- 11 How many years did the Korean War last?
- 12 The name of the type document that was signed which brought an end to the war
- 13 U.S. President at the time the Korean War began (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 This war had the first combat between these type of modern aircraft
- 2 The Korean War was also called this because it was officially a police action and somewhat unremembered (2 wds.)
- 3 South Korea's capital that was captured and retaken a number of times during the war
- 4 What parallel did fighting begin and end at? (2 wds.)
- 8 Because of the Chinese surprise assault, a military unit experienced the longest of these in U.S. history
- 10 Post war spending developed a better relationship between the U.S. and this country who had been an enemy during WWII

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***Any corrections? Let the Editor
and the Cabinet Secretary know.***



District 4 - A2

BAGS 2 BENCHES

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Beginning October 1st through March 31st we will be collecting plastic on the last Friday & Saturday of the month (location TBD). All plastic will be turned in for weighing at the end of each month and recorded by Trex.

Our job, collect and turn in the plastic in a clean and dry condition (no food, debris, or moisture). We will have a holding container and collection point located at YOBBO FARMS in Hanford for everyday drop off.

500 LBs in 180 DAYS

WE'VE GOT THIS IN THE BAG!

Get your friends and family involved!

Good for the environment, Good for the community!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

#A2environment



The 2022 USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum will be held in Visalia, California. Leo's from around the world will attend. But it takes money to make this event happen. This is how individual Lions and Clubs can support this wonderful opportunity for our Leo's.

Encourage your Lion members to save their change between meetings. At the meeting members can drop off their change (even the folded stuff is acceptable) in a designated depository. Think about the Club matching the funds their members donate.

At the end of every month, the collected funds (via Club check) is sent to:

(Make Checks Payable to Visalia Charter Oak Foundation)
Lion Cheri Provancha
3403 W Perez Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277

Recognition as follows:

Most Raised by Club in Each District

(Small, Medium, or Large Club - three awards)

USA Canada Leo Leadership Forum Fundraiser



Buy a chance to win some history. This beautiful shadow box includes some MD4 history. All pins are the LCI Convention MD4 commemorative pins



**Tickets
\$5**



Contact Lion Cheri Provancha for tickets.
C: 360-970-3642;
Email: Lioncheri@gmail.com

*Drawing will be held on 2/28/2021
Winner need not be present to win
Checks payable to Visalia Charter Oak Lions Foundation
PO Box 3914, Visalia, CA 93278*

USA Canada Leo Leadership Forum

Kash for our Kiddos

Fundraiser



**Buy a chance to win some kash.
All proceeds go to offsetting the
cost of the USA Canada Leo
Leadership Forum**

Tickets
\$5

First Prize: \$500

Second Prize: \$250

Third Prize: \$200

Fourth Prize: \$150

Fifth Prize: \$100

Sixth Prize: \$ 50



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Hanford Breakfast Lions

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 4, 2021

7:30AM – 11:00AM

Hanford Civic Auditorium

Serving Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee

Tickets: \$6.00 at the door

Children 5 and under Free

Santa arrives at 9:00 AM

Music by Sierra Pacific Jazz Band

For More Information call 559-707-4583

Proceeds to benefit High School Scholarships and Sight Projects



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INVITATION

Parlier Lions
1st Annual
CHRISTMAS
DINNER

Dessert Auction

Raffle, Music Dancing

Saturday, December 11th
6:00 pm-11:00 pm
Portuguese Hall
1245 Nebraska Ave Selma Ca

\$25 single

\$40 couple

*Buy a ticket before Dec 1st get 2 free raffle
tickets . Contact Lion Anna 559-305-9652*



Come to CVLLE's Christmas Party

Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, 6:00 PM
Selma Portuguese Hall
Dinner \$12 Adults, \$10 Students, \$8 Kids
12 and under
Opportunity prizes appreciated
****Optional Attire – PJs****

Needy Family Project

Pick a star with a child's or parent's name to
buy a gift

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Families are welcome

Optional – if you want Santa to hand out a gift
to a family member or friend, label it and bring
it to the party

RSVP
Lion Bev
559-970-4092
by Dec. 7

Bring recycled
items:

Eyeglasses
Hearing Aids
Newspapers
Ink cartridges
Aluminum cans
Plastic bottles
Pull tabs
Plastic bags



**DISTRICT 4-L2 & LIONS FLOAT INC
PRESENT THE ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**



International President Douglas X. Alexander

- **Thursday, December 30, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
 - **Attire: Business Attire/Lions Blazer**
- **Doubletree by Hilton Rosemead 888 Montebello Blvd., Rosemead, CA 91770**
- **Tickets & information contact Lion Nancy McAfee at 562-810-1841 or email to CS4L2@msn.com**
- **Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. Ticket must be paid in advance. Only 300 tickets are printed and sold**
- **Complimentary wine as well as a Cash Bar & two stations of hors d'oeuvres**
- **Make checks payable to: District 4-L2 with a bottom note: IP reception.**
- **Deadline to order tickets to be mailed is December 5, 2021**

Mail Check or Money Order along with Name, Address, Club, Phone # and email address information to:

**CS Nancy McAfee
5156 East Ebell Street
Long Beach, CA
90808**



**LAMONT LIONS CLUB
75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**MEMBERS, FRIENDS, FELLOW LIONS
PLEASE JOIN US**

**JANUARY 22,2022
RICE BOWL
1119 18TH STREET
BAKERSFIELD**

**6:00 PM – NO HOST RECEPTION
6:30 – DINNER
\$25 PER PERSON
RSVP TO:**

**JIM CASWELL—477-8344
jcaswell@bak.rr.com**

85th Annual

Student Speakers **CONTEST**

2022 Topic:

"How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?"



15 District winners receive a scholarship of \$4,500 each
4 Area winners receive a total scholarship of \$11,000 each
1 Final winner receives a total scholarship of \$21,000
Additional cash awards to Region, Zone and Club winners.



Sponsored by Multiple District
Four, California, Lions Clubs
International

Scholarships Provided by
The Fourth District Student
Speakers Foundation



For more information:

Contact _____ E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Contest Date _____ Time, _____ Place: _____

Find additional information at: <https://md4lions.org/student-speakers-contest>

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19 restrictions the MD4 Student Speakers Committee and Council of Governors have the right to implement changes to the MD4 Student Speaker Contest at any time.



**JULY
27-31**

CALIFORNIA VISALIA

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For more information **Scan the QR Code**
to complete the Leo Forum Interest Form



Solution for West Coast Racers Puzzle

Korean War Facts

Solution:

