



West Coast Racers

District 4-A2 Newsletter

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We Serve

David in the Lion's Den

There are many benefits to being a Lions, see page 4 of this newsletter for a list.



One enriching benefit to our mental health is being part of something bigger than ourselves. As a single Lion our efforts are magnified by our club, district, and State levels far beyond anything we could do as an individual. As

Helen Keller famously said:

**“Alone we can do little,
together we can do much.”**

– Helen Keller

Did you know as an active member of Lions Club International, you are contributing to World Peace?!

While World War II was still engulfing its victims, leaders of the Allied Nations looked beyond the end of the conflict and held talks on a World Body for preserving peace; an entity that would be stronger than the League of Nations. Lions Club International rallied behind the idea. In 1943, in Cleveland, at their International Convention, under the leadership of LCI President D.A. Skeen, Lions endorsed a U.S. House of Representatives resolution calling for an international peacekeeping mechanism, once the fighting ended.

In February 1945, Lions' founder Melvin Jones gathered with leaders of other national groups to meet with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Archibald MacLeish, to discuss forming a United Nations. In April 1945 LCI asked clubs nationwide to hold a United Nations week to show support for the initiative.

Lion Clubs International was one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in



drafting the U.N. Charter. Melvin Jones, International President, D.A. Skeen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and future International President Fred W. Smith of Ventura, California, helped to formulate the NGO section of the charter and participated in developing the U.N.'s humanitarian mission. On June 26, 1945, the U.N. charter was signed by the representatives of 50 countries.

Two years later in 1947, in recognition of the importance of Lions Clubs to its mission, the United Nations gave Lions consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, one of the main bodies of the United Nations, which is concerned primarily with advancing the welfare of all humans. For generations, Lions and the U. N. have shared many common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity.

Each year Lions and the U.N. celebrate their relationship. Begun in 1978, Lions Day with the U.N. calls together leaders from government, business, and the nonprofit sector to explore solutions to pressing global needs. The annual event features a keynote address by a recognized world leader, expert panel discussions and, since 1989, the awards ceremony for the winners of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest encouraging young

DISTRICT 3Q MEETING

**Mark your calendars for
January 21-22, 2022.**

**Kern County Museum
Registrations Forms Attached**

people to express their perspectives on peace. Lions Day is punctuated with a reception for U.N. diplomats, Lions, speakers, and guests to celebrate this special and enduring relationship.

Our LCI Policy Manual states:

"Lions Clubs International has no relationship with the Security Council. It is not the policy of Lions Clubs International to endorse particular resolutions or actions of the United Nations taken to further the first stated purpose of the UN, "To maintain international peace and security." With regard to the second and third stated purposes of the United Nations, "To develop friendly relations among nations..." and "To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character..." comparison is invited to the first Object of Lions Clubs International: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." Lions Clubs International supports the United Nations idea of a world at peace. Lions membership is encouraged to be informed, to support, and to promulgate information about the UN, its humanitarian objectives, and the work of its agencies – especially in public observations of United Nations Day..."

Lions Club International Policy Manual Chapter XIII, Section A. Relationship of Lions Clubs International to the United Nations (ECOSOC)"

In March 2022, Lions Clubs International will celebrate 76 years of partnership with the United Nations during Lions Day with the United Nations (LUNN). This event commemorates Lions long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the UN dating to 1945, when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the United Nations.






All Lions should be proud of LCI's achievements working with the United Nations. The modern U.N. may have issues on several levels, to be concerned about, but it is a giant step forward providing the only forum for the World's Nations to have a place for peaceful discussion Global issues, so perhaps should be supported by us all.



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
-  Webmaster
-  Marketing and Public Relations

1VDG's Corner

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

We had a successful Bus Trip to Irwindale, CA on December 11th from the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia.

It was acknowledged at the Fresno Host Lions Club Christmas Party by the President Lion Kelby Halgrave. A

Charter bus of 58 passengers was arranged. Temperatures were taken before each one loaded onto the bus and pre-prepped snack goody bags were given to each one of them. Total of 51 on the bus and 6 rode on their own. Out of the 51, 17 were non-Lions. Five travel packs of various flavors of coffee were donated by Starbucks on Betty Drive in Visalia and Pizza was bought for lunch.

We had representation from:

- 1) Central Valley Leos Lions Club and 5 Leos
- 2) Delano
- 3) Exeter 1 Lion and 3 guests
- 4) Fresno Host
- 5) Hanford Breakfast, 1 Hanford Leo and 10 guests only 7 came
- 6) Lemoore
- 7) McFarland and 10 guests 2 rode separately
- 8) Porterville Breakfast Lions spouses
- 9) Richgrove
- 10) Tulare
- 11) Visalia Charter Oak but could not attend
- 12) Visalia Sunset
- 13) Visalia Leo Club - 1
- 14) West Coast Indian Cyber Lions Club of which 2 Leo/Lions and 1 guest.

Very impressive and at peace as everybody returned safely home. Hopefully more can join next year if we do decide to go. Thank you for gracious donations by all, that we collected \$178, and I rounded it off to \$200 and tipped the bus driver who was an amazing lady.

International President Reception on the 30th in Rosemead at 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Tickets at \$20pp.

Everybody please register for the upcoming 3rd District Meeting in Bakersfield and same night on Saturday is Lamont's 75th Anniversary and in the Western Region Laton has their Crab Feed.

Also State Convention is in San Diego on February 25th to the 27th. Register for that too please.



Amidst unprecedented times, drastic weather conditions in the valley this past year, loss of our beloved members and either their family members, relatives, friends preventing them from volunteering, new lifestyles, relocation due to employment or unemployment, adaptation to Technology, District 4-A2 Clubs and its members i.e. "WE" have continued riding the roller coaster in many out of the boxes ways and surely will finish the journey or rather ride with more zest and resilience.

Let us hope for extended and outstanding services to our communities and more years of friendship, fellowship, and a safe and peaceful transition to the next year.

We welcome 2022 with open arms and gratitude with a lot of love, peace, kindness, and joy and may each one of us prosper to our fullest.



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)

2VDG's Corner

Hello Lions and Leos of District 4 A2

PDG AI and I would like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous 2022. May all our hands stay busy with service to our communities and to each other.

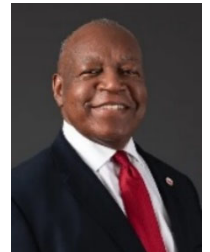


Yours in Lionism,
2VDG Lion Christy Kroell PMJF
"BE THE CHANGE, KEEP TRYING, KEEP MOVING, KEEP INSPIRING"



International President

DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



10 Benefits of Being a Lion

"There's nothing like being a Lion. We make a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people we serve. And even though Lions spend most of their time giving, they also get so much in return. Here's a look at some of the great benefits of being a Lion.

1. The fun and fellowship – Service isn't just meaningful. It's fun. We build new friendships in our clubs and new connections in our communities. We laugh. We bond. We serve, and we do it with a smile and an open heart.
2. Opportunities to lead – Lions are leaders in their community, organizing projects that meet real needs. And you have opportunities to become a club officer so you can put your leadership skills to work for your club. Lions International offers online and in-person training that can take your leadership to the next level so you can learn, lead and grow.
3. Tools to put your kindness in action – A great project takes great planning. Service Project Planners give you the tools to serve global causes right in your local community.
4. A global Foundation that magnifies your service impact – Lions are supported by a world-class global foundation—Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF provides grant funding that helps Lions take on bigger projects that can bring lasting change. And when you contribute to LCIF and Campaign 100, you help ensure LCIF can continue supporting our efforts to serve a world in need.
5. Being a part of something big – Lions are a big family. A really big family. We are 1.4 million men and women in 48,000 clubs in nearly every country on

earth. We are changing our communities, club by club. And together we are changing the world.

6. Tech made just for Lions – Lions are always on the go. That's why we developed Lions digital tools like MyLion, MyLCI and Connect to make it easier to be a Lion and manage your club. Your Lion Account gives you access to it all, so get signed up today.
7. You get when you give – Did you know that helping others actually helps you? A recent article in Psychology Today states that, "Research has found many examples of how doing good, in ways big or small, not only feels good, but also does us good." Volunteering improves our happiness, health and sense of well-being, and decreases symptoms of depression. Giving is a win-win!
8. All the great Lions gear – Everyone loves to show their Lion's pride, and there's no better way than wearing a Lions International-branded hat, shirt or vest while serving your community. Start shopping!
9. That ah-ha moment – Every Lion joins a club, but every member has a story about the moment they truly became a Lion. That day when you helped someone who had nowhere else to turn. The tears of joy. The heartfelt thanks. The hope you restored through your kindness. That's why we're Lions.
10. An international staff that's here to serve you – No one serves like a Lion, and Lions International is your team of dedicated professionals that's here to serve you. We're here when you need us, and be sure to explore lionsclubs.org for great info and resources to help you and your club.

These are just some of the great benefits of being a Lion. So be sure to take advantage of everything your club and your membership has to offer. And share the joy of being a Lion by inviting a friend or family member to join you in service.

So make the most of each day—and make the most of your membership! "

Douglas X. Alexander, International President



GLT's Corner

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://californialionsmd4.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/UCM0To9KFV0jak_i mFGPM7IQ

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

GMT Corner:

Greetings for a Bountiful and Wonderful New Year to All!

We are already in the 2nd half of our Lion Year and looking at our current Club Health Assessment and our current myLCI status, our membership is +9 which is good, but we still have six months more to go to do our best.



Membership Growth Award Update for Clubs, Zone and Region Chairs: (as of July 1 to Dec 21, 2021)

Club Level		Zone Level		Region Level	
Central Region:	Net Gain	Central Region	Net Gain	1. Western Region	+8
1. Visalia Pride	+4	1. Z1	+6		
2. Visalia Breakfast	+3	2. Z3	+3	2. Northern Region	+7
		3. Z2	-9		
				3. Central Region	0
Northern Region		Northern Region			
1. Selma Central Valley	+7	1. Z3	+9	4. Southern Region	-4
2. Fresno Hispanic	+4	2. Z1	+5		
Fresno Host	+4	Z2	+5		
		3. Z4	-12		
Southern Region		Southern Region			
1. Bakersfield Sports	+2	Z1	-2		
2. Delano	+1	Z2	0		
		Z3	-1		
Western Region		Western Region			
1. Riverdale	+8	1. Zone 1	+8		
2. Laton	+2	2. Zone 2	-3		
Coalinga	+2				

Big Roar to all the Leaders and Keep it up. To all others, make this a Motivation for the next Six Months to earn the Top and get the Award.... Way to go!!!

I understand that recruiting New Members had been like a Roller Coaster due to pandemic but let this be a challenge to all of us 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.

I would personally invite you all to join us in our 3rd District Meeting.

Happy New Year and a prosperous 2022!



GST Corner

Hello Fellow Lions; as of December 22nd, 46% of the clubs have reported on MyLion. That means -28- clubs have participated in-548- service activities helping and changing lives for the better for -70,314- people. A few more clubs have contacted me and hopefully will have 50% of our clubs reporting by the 3rd District Meeting in January.



MD4 Quarterly Club Challenge (Hunger):

Food Collection will end on December 31st and so far, we have -10- Lion Clubs and -2- Leo Clubs answering to the Hunger challenge and they are:

•Clovis Lions /// Hanford Lions /// Ponderosa Lions
/// Visalia Breakfast /// Kings Lions

•McFarland Lions /// Fresno Unlimited /// Visalia
Sunset /// Visalia Charter Oak

•Visalia Pride /// Visalia Leos /// McFarland Roaring
Leos

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 their 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. I will announce December's winner on the 3rd District Meeting.

Service Reports: Pop-Up Window

Have you ever submitted a report to LCI only to have a pop-up window say there is a maximum amount of people served, but it doesn't tell you how to fix it? The pop-up is due to Service Reporting Caps which are limits on the amounts that a club may report per service activity.

For each service activity that Lions report, they can enter the number of people served and volunteer hours, and the amount of funds raised and donated. Lions may enter any value they believe to be accurate. However, each individual report is "capped" at the following level:

- 3,000 People Served
- 1,200 Volunteer Hours
- \$200,000 Funds Donated
- \$250,000 Funds Raised
- When you report your club's services keep the numbers at or below these "caps" and you will avoid that pesky pop-up.

District & Region Totals:

- Northern Region: People Served = 12,702 / Service Activities = 112 / Volunteer Hours = 2,667

10 clubs reporting out of 21 clubs = 47.6%

•Central Region: People Served = 23,762 / Service Activities = 168 / Volunteer Hours = 4,777

7 clubs reporting out of 14 clubs = 50%

•Southern Region: People Served = 23,700 / Service Activities = 150 / Volunteer Hours = 2,005

7 clubs reporting out of 14 = 50%

•Western Region: People Served = 11,100 / Service Activities = 107 / Volunteer Hours = 1,551

4 clubs reporting out of 12 clubs = 33.3%

•District Totals: People Served = 70,314 / Service Activities = 548 / Volunteer Hours = 10,680

28 clubs reporting out of 61 clubs = 46%

DG Hamilton's Surprise Visit:



On the 17th of December, DG David Hamilton made a surprise visit to the McFarland Leos while they were setting-up for their Winter Coat Giveaway at the Browning Road School. DG Hamilton informed the Leos how their project is important to their community and awarded them his Governor pin to each Leo. That evening they gave away -115- coats. This is the Leos Kindness Matters Service project that has been submitted to Lions International by MD4, as DG Hamilton said, "Lets cross our fingers".

Not one to toot my own horn but have been informed that I should mention this on the District's Newsletter. The McFarland Parks & Rec selected me and Margie (wife) as the McFarland Christmas Parade Grand Marshalls for our service to our community. A complete surprise and very humbling experience.

Let's keep working together in reaching DG Hamilton's goal of 80% of clubs reporting on MyLion. Any questions

in reporting service activities, please get ahold of me. Continue our journey of serving our communities with Kindness and Love. Remember, when we serve more, we give more.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



Lion Marco



May your coming year be filled with magic and dreams and good madness. I hope you read some fine books and kiss someone who thinks you're wonderful, and don't forget to make some art - write or draw or build or sing or live as only you can. And I hope somewhere in the next year, you surprise yourself.

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.

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District 4-A2 Lions has at least two clubs celebrating anniversaries; Reedley Lions , 99 years and Lamont Lions, 75 years. 174 years of service, what a legacy!

Here are 2 newspaper articles I found announcing the chartering of these two new clubs.

The Lamont Lions article is from the Bakersfield Californian, December 4, 1941, the Reedley Lions from the Fresno Bee, November 22, 1922.

What a legacy, 174 years of service!

--DG Dave



LAMONT LIONS—Among officers to be installed at Lamont Lions Club charter night Friday will be, left to right, Clifton C. Battenfield, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Armstrong, president, and Vernon Scott, first vice-president. District governor will address session Friday.

CHARTER NIGHT CEREMONY SET FRIDAY BY LAMONT LIONS CLUB

LAMONT, Dec. 4.—Plans for charter night ceremonies at 8 p. m. Friday at the Mountain View School auditorium were made at a recent meeting of the Lamont Lions Club. Roy Driggers will act as master of ceremonies. Frank Coulston, district governor of Lions, will give the address, following presentation of the charter to President A. L. Armstrong.

Special guests will be representatives of other Lions' groups in the county.

Officers to be installed include: A. L. Armstrong, president; Vernon Scott, first vice-president;

Daniel R. Renke, second vice-president; J. W. Moore, third vice-president; C. C. Battenfield, secretary-treasurer; Don Clark, tall twister, and S. B. Crafton, lion tamer. Directors will be Cecil Syfrett, Horace Syfrett, James Ponton and John Segrue.

Mr. Scott presided at this week's meeting. "Value of the Tax Dollar," was discussed by Perry Brite. Lieutenant Julius N. Blank of Lerdo Field, talked on growth of the air service and the present outlay at Lerdo. Vocal selections were presented by the Lamont Rainbow quartet, composed of Misses Gladys and Lois Mangrum, Grace Lackey and Helen Clark.

Reedley Lions Club Is Organized At Meeting Held There Wednesday

REEDLEY (Fresno Co.), Nov. 9.—The Reedley Lions Club was organized at a meeting held here yesterday, presided over by Orlando Jones, director of Lions in California.

The following temporary officers were chosen to take charge of affairs of the club until the formal election is held, date for which has not been set: President, A. Perkell; secretary, L. O. Drake; treasurer, Clarence Rice.

The club starts with a charter membership of thirty and will meet at noon on Tuesday of each week. The full membership of the Dinuba Lions were in attendance at the meeting yesterday.



State of California



Digital COVID-19
Vaccine Record

Worried about losing your vaccine card? Load it onto your smart phone. Go to this link and follow the instructions. <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Coordinator

At our District meeting the end of October, we had the Opportunity Drawing board. I am very happy to say, we took donations for several squares, with only a few left before another Melvin Jones Fellowship will be drawn for and awarded. At our January meeting, that board will be available to finish filling up. Plus, we will have a second ready to start filling up.

At that January meeting, DG Dave will be giving me about 15 minutes to talk about LCIF.

I have frequently talked about the Lions Share Supporter program, that has pins available for donations of \$50, \$100, and \$200. I am so excited that there is a new one – a Leo/Lion Share Supporter that is available for a donation of \$20. Sounds like a great away for a club to honor one of their Leos.

I do want to thank all our clubs and members who have been making donations to LCIF. At the end of November, our District has given a total of \$11,025. If a club would like to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the MD-4 Convention (which will be in San Diego in February of 2022), please let me know. Though, since I may be too

late in mentioning this, there may not be enough time to order an MJF to be presented in February. It could be done at our District Convention in April 2022.

As I always say, I would more than glad to come to your club and present a program on LCIF. Please contact me if you have any questions.

--- PDG Vicki Beeman, lion90vicki@yahoo.com

Awards Presented at Governor Visitations (December)

District Governor Excellence awards

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Zone Chair Kevin McDermott

District 4-A2

For Work organizing LCI Rose Parade Float Bus

1st VDG Falguni

Lion/Leo Shriani

PDG Chiragkukumar "Kevin: Patel

Reedley

Rod Buckley- Bearskin

Beverly Buckley- Leo Advisor

Taft

PDG Ronald Waldrop- Top recruiter in Club

Lion Susan Baker- Work with Animal Rescues

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

PDG Craig Cooper Reedley Lions- Bearskin

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 CALENDAR

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

January 21-22: 3rd Qtr District Meeting – Southern Region, Kern County Museum*

January 22: Laton Lions Crab Feed*

January 22: Lamont Lions 75th Anniversary Dinner*

February 11: Visalia Sequoia Lions Valentine's Day Fashion Show*

March 5: Reedley Lions 31st Annual Blossom Bike Ride

April 2: Charter Oak Lions Dueling Pianos

April 8: Visalia Breakfast Lions, Hubba Hubba Golf Outing*

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

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

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR

January: Hunger Awareness Month

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

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

January 8: MD4 Leadership Summit – Zoom

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

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

February 25-27: 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)

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

INTERNATIONAL LIONS CALENDAR

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

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

June 24-28: LCI Convention in Montréal, Canada. **Note** that the dates/location have changed.

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

September 15-17: 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.

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.

In 2021 California Lions held its 84th student speaker contest open to all high school students. The subject in 2021 was "can distance learning provide a classroom quality education?"

District 4-A2 always has high quality speakers. But this year (now) Lion Alexandre Widman won the Cutler-Orosi club contest, zone, region, District, and area 3. He then went on to win the California MD-4 Lions Student speaker contest.

December 30th, he was able to meet International President Douglas X. Alexander and he rode the Lions Club International Rose Parade Float! The Lions Float was entry #49.

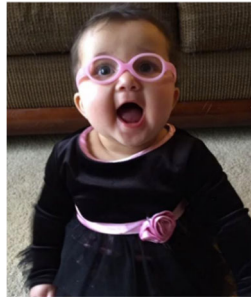


Around LCI and our Eye Sight Mission

Ella and her Pink Glasses

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

I'm sure the familiar saying; "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" resonates as you look at this photo of a baby named, Ella, sporting her new pink glasses. In fact, some of the words you might come up with are, "precious", "cute", and "sweet". Aside from those most adoring words, after knowing Ella's story, you might want to use words such as "Lions", "Vision Screening", and "Plusoptix". Obviously, not as appealing, but Ella and her pink glasses represent the fact that she was in need of glasses and her need was founded on a vision screening conducted by the local Lions Club.



Ella's First Screening

Kristi Voeller, of North Dakota, took her 6-month-old daughter, Ella, for a vision screening conducted by the local Prairie Rose Lions Club at her MOPS Group in Bismarck. Kristi admits, she almost did not take baby Ella to get screened because she was only 6 months old and she had been seen regularly by the family pediatrician and there had not been any concerns. Since there was no one in line to get screened, Kristi decided she would go ahead and take Ella. To Kristi's surprise, Ella was referred for further evaluation by an eye care professional. Even with the referral, Kristi thought it was some kind of fluke. However, she scheduled an appointment through the InfantSEE program for several months later. Not thinking there was any rush, she thought it was fine to wait until then. However, her husband, having to see the optometrist himself at about the same time, took Ella's referral information with him to his appointment and showed the optometrist the results of Ella's screening. Upon looking at the screening results, the optometrist suggested taking Ella to see her for a follow-up as soon as possible.

Ella Needs Glasses

After Ella was seen by the optometrist and given a series of tests, it was determined that Ella needed glasses. Kristi remarked at the difference in Ella's behavior after receiving her new pink glasses one week later. Ella became much more engaging, fascinated with her mommy's nose along with her toys, playing with the family dog and her big sister, 4-year-old Emma. In

addition, she had become more vocal, interested in her surroundings and environment by crawling more, and paying more attention to what is around her.

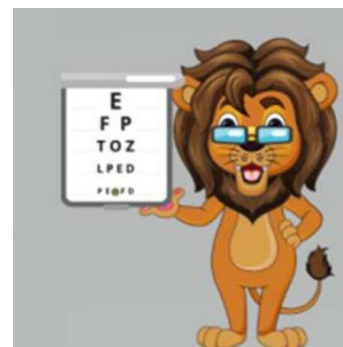
Ella's Glasses are Pink

How can you miss those pink glasses? Everywhere Ella goes; Kristi is stopped and asked about Ella's pink glasses. Ella loves her glasses and doesn't want to take them off. Ella's pink glasses have changed the way Ella sees everything around her. Not only does Ella look adorable, but even at 6 months old, Ella's sight has been improved all because of a vision screening conducted by the Prairie Rose Lions Club.

A Big Thanks to the Prairie Rose Lions Club

The Prairie Rose Lions Club, in keeping with the mission of Lions KidSightUSA, conducts vision screenings with the Plusoptix vision screener. Plusoptix is a proud partner of Lions KidSightUSA, a nation-wide program that brings Lions clubs across the country together to ensure young children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. The Plusoptix vision screener ensures that children are screened for the most prevalent risk factors that may lead to the development of Amblyopia or "lazy eye". An early diagnosis means early correction and treatment. Thanks to the Prairie Rose Lions Club and early intervention, Ella's vision has been improved. For more information about the Plusoptix vision screener and Lions KidSightUSA, please visit www.plusoptix.com and www.lionskidsightusa.org.

While this is a great story from North Dakota, you can reach out to our very own Lions in Sight and PDG William Iannaccone for certification training on the vision screening machine. Also 2VDG Christy Kroell for information on the Lions Eye Foundation support to those in need of support.



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. We have three events in the works that individual Lions and Clubs can support this wonderful opportunity for our Leo's.



First, 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
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We also have a cash raffle that is in the mail to your clubs. Tickets are \$5 ea. We are asking each club to sell or purchase 20 tickets (\$100). Of course, you are not limited. If you would like to buy more, contact Lion Cheri Provancha for more tickets. The drawing is scheduled for the end of February at the end of the MD4 Convention.

The third fundraising event that is in the works is a raffle for a convention pin shadow box. For \$5 per ticket, you will have a chance for a little piece of MD4 history.



TECH BYTES

Five Photography Tips For Better Smartphone Photos

Lions love taking pictures. Nowadays with everyone having a camera in the pocket or purse, we're always clicking away. Unfortunately, not all pictures come out as hoped and end up in the trash. Here are few hints for better smart phone pictures. Look in next month's West Coast Racers for more hints and tips.

1. Clean the lens

Photos looking a little milky? This is the biggest problem we see on smartphone cameras. Because the lens is so small, it's very easy for it to get dirty while you're using your phone for other things. You spend the whole day groping your phone, so make sure you wipe away those smeary marks before you start snapping.

This is especially problematic when the sunscreen comes out - wipe it away and you'll get better pictures. This is really important on the front camera too. You want those selfies to be stellar, so take time to wipe the sweat, grease, or makeup off the lens so you look pin sharp.

2. Focusing

Focus makes a photo. Cameras have become a lot better at focusing on the subject in the past few years, but don't just point and press the button. Take time to make sure that what you want to take a picture of is in focus.

Many smartphones offer touch focusing. Just touch what you want in focus on the display and often that will just click into place. If it won't focus, you might be too close, especially if it's something small. Try moving back a bit.

3. Composition

Think about what you're looking at and what your picture is trying to show. You can very easily change the shape of your photo afterwards, but if it's full of distracting background elements or it's not clear what you're taking a photo of then it's never going to look great. Stop and think about the

photo you actually want to show people and what you want them to feel when they look at it. Photographers often use the rule of thirds to get the subject into an ideal position. Imagine the scene with a tic-tac-toe grid over the top. The important things should be aligned along those lines, or at the intersection of those lines, for the greatest impact. It's simple and it works.

There are other easy tricks, like using edges like fences or paths to draw the viewer into the image and give a greater sense of depth and scale - and pay attention to the horizon - is your photo level?

4. Watch the sun

Sunny conditions are great for taking beautiful pictures with rich blue skies and luscious greens, but think about where the sun is when you pull out your phone. Shoot too close to the sun - i.e. pointing towards it - and you might find that a giant lens flare dominates the scene or that subjects are massacred by blown highlights with no detail in those areas.

If that's happening, try using your hand to shade the lens, making sure it's not in shot, and you can get a great result. When photographing people, watch where those shadows fall and think about the best side from which to take a shot - you don't want a silhouette in front of a beautiful background because you didn't consider that the sun was behind them, for example - but staring into the sun for a portrait is dazzling for the subject too.

But the sun can also present a lot of opportunities and using a low sun to create silhouettes and long shadows is a great way to get something slightly different. In the image above, it's not only shooting into the sun, but it's also using portrait mode to create some unusual results.

5. Consider the flash

The flash on your phone isn't great and, in many cases, you'll get much better results without using the flash on the back. With increasing performance in low light conditions, turning off the flash can be the best thing you do. Shooting at a concert in dark conditions? The flash isn't going to reach the stage anyway, so turn it off. At a zoo shooting through glass? You're not only taking a bad photo, but



you're scaring the animals. Don't scare the animals.

But flashes can be useful. The rear flash can be most effective when you're shooting in daylight and the subject is in shadow - it can give some great portrait results. The front flash can often help you get a selfie in dark conditions where you'd otherwise get nothing at all. So while we'd say that 90 per cent of the time you're better off without it - remember it's still there.







Adopted from: <https://www.pocket-lint.com/phones/news/120868-10-top-tips-for-better-smartphone-photography>

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 Visalia Breakfast Lions Club



**Visalia Breakfast
Lions Club**

We rested a couple of days after our big turkey giveaway, then jumped right into Christmas,

ready to spread Christmas Cheer. A group of us pulled out the Chuck Wagon and got her all fancied up with lights and decoration for the Visalia Christmas Parade. If you have ever

watched our Christmas Parade, you know what an amazing event it is. The city decorates Main Street with lights and garland, and people start saving their spots



at 9:00 AM with chairs and blankets. I heard the audience this year was in the neighborhood 30,000, and there were 76 entries in the parade. As our Chuck Wagon was pulled down the parade route with Christmas music playing, Lions were in the back flipping pancakes and waiving to the crowds. The audience would cheer and wave back. Once again, the Visalia Breakfast Lions put on a good show.

Because the Visalia Christmas Parade was canceled last year, the Beverly Glen neighborhood decided to host their own parade. They had so much fun last year they decided to host another neighborhood Christmas Parade this year and invited the Visalia Breakfast Lions to participate. Being the fun club we are, we were all in. Their parade this year had 40 entries, and is looking like it might become an annual event. We are already talking about picking up more lights for next year's events.



We added a presentation check to our inventory recently and got the opportunity to put it to good use. Mike Pesto, with 97.5 FM, was doing his annual toy

drive for Ann's Kids for Christmas. The drive provides gifts for 300 kids in need. We have supported this great cause since the mid 80's and continued to do so again this year. Mike was camping out on Mooney Boulevard and sleeping in his daughter's plastic playhouse. He was ecstatic to see Lion Craig walk up carrying our check made out for \$300. Hopefully our presentation check will be getting a lot of use as we continue to give back to the community.



We have had a couple of worthwhile presentations this month. Lana Fahoun, with PAW Estate Rescue Shelter, had some amazing stories about the rescues she has been doing. She has a network of foster homes who keeps the dogs until she can place them in their new forever homes. We also had a program with the Rawhide Baseball Team. Rawhide Baseball has been a great partner for the Visalia Breakfast Lions. They are a big cooperative with our Irish Fest, and allows us to store turkeys in their freezers for our turkey giveaway.

With the holidays being the giving season, we have been doing a lot of that. Our treasurer has been busy fulfilling the wishes of our President and Finance Committee.

We voted in new member Bob Hardin this month, but have not had a chance to indoctrinate him yet. Bob works for Amazon Web Services, and is looking forward to getting involved.

Our final December meeting was our annual Christmas Party. It is so nice to get the families together and celebrate all the great things our club is able to do. We were privilege to have District Governor Hamilton, 1st Vice District Governor Patel, 2nd Vice District Governor Kroell, and District Chaplin Aguilera-Marrero join us. I know there are many others that should be recognized, but names is one of



my weak suits. I apologize for that. During the meeting we did a little tail twisting to show the families how that goes, then went right into eating, something we are really good at. The Redwood High School Choir performed some very nice Christmas music, then Santa came in and greeted everyone. Santa handed out presents to the children, and posed for Santa pictures. Once the adults warmed up to the picture idea, we had a great time. Those pictures are available on our Facebook page. As we were cleaning up and putting everything away, we discovered our bell was missing. Can you imagine someone would steal in Santa's presence? Needless to say we are planning our revenge!!!

The final Saturday before Christmas was a busy day requiring all hands on deck. In usual Visalia Breakfast Lions fashion, many met at Denny's to start the



day off right and set a plan into motion. Some of the members went on a mission to find 212 turkeys needed by the Salvation Army. It took three different stores, but the turkeys were located, rounded up, and transported.



The remainder of the group headed over to the Visalia Mall to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Many of our members collect their change all year and place it in the red kettle. We

are such a giving group. We staffed both entrances to JC Penney's from 9:00 AM through 5:00 PM. Candy canes were handed out, and doors were opened for the Christmas shoppers. Our group knows how to share Christmas Cheer.

The planning process has begun for our annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade which will be held March 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Mark your calendars and be ready to submit your paperwork.

Looking forward to seeing what 2022 brings.

The Visalia Pride Lions



We had the privilege of inducting 5 new members to our pride. Our District Governor did the honors of inducting our new members. We welcome Kristine Fotland, Suzy Ward, Tami Kenyon, Shelley Reese and Jeannie Born.



Our December was filled with the MD4 Hunger Challenge, Adopt a Family, supporting Bags to Benches, and the USA Canada Leo Leadership Forum. We successfully collected over 200 pounds of nonperishable food and snacks and over \$700 in funds that were donated to the Visalia Emergency Aid Center, Homeless Connect Warming Center, and the COS Giant Food Pantry.



Our Pride Lions and Leos assembled cash raffle tickets for mailing out to clubs across California. We assembled and mailed over 660 envelopes out. Lastly, our very own club

president and District Environmental Chair set up a pop up plastics collection point supporting Bags to Benches. This event brought the district's total across the 500 lbs line earning us a bench for placement in Kaweah Oaks Preserve.



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.



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.



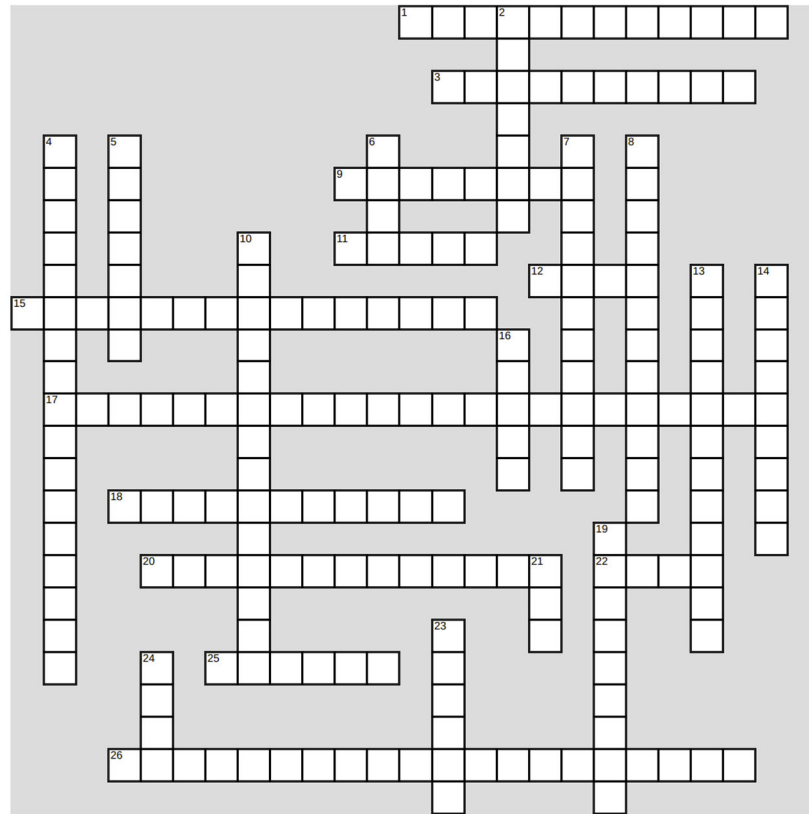
Childhood Cancer



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.

Lions Day at the United nations



Across

- 1 In what west coast city did Lions Club International take a leading role in activities during the UN Charter Conference in 1945.
- 3 Who was LCI President in 1947 when LCI was given consultative status to the U.N. Economic and Social Council. Hint his home club is in what is now district 4-A3.
- 9 How many countries first joined the UN
- 11 Another word for not fighting
- 12 To have a voice as a member state in UN.
- 15 Where do the member states talk?
- 17 What does WHO mean?
- 18 All humans should have what?
- 20 An organization that stops wars
- 22 What is the abbreviation of the day each year Lions and the U.N. celebrate their relationship.
- 25 The part of UN that helps children
- 26 The awards ceremony for the winners of what Lions Contest is held each year at the Lions and UN celebration. (hint-it is 3 words with a space between the words)

Down

- 2 The opposite of controlled
- 4 UN day
- 5 Who was LCI President in 1945 when the UN was chartered.
- 6 How many permanent countries in the UN?
- 7 Where is the UN headquarters?
- 8 The countries in UN are called this
- 10 An organization formed before WW1
- 13 Which past International President of LCI In February 1945 gathered with leaders of other national groups to meet with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs Archibald MacLeish to discuss forming a United Nations.
- 14 Community service organization instrumental in chartering the UN.
- 16 A person who is controlled and has no freedom is called?
- 19 Which city did LCI hold their international convention in 1943 ,where LCI voted to endorse a U.S. House of Representatives resolution calling for an international peacekeeping mechanism once World War II ended.
- 21 How many languages are spoken?
- 23 To join together as a group for a common goal.
- 24 What animal is used to describe peace

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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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DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR VISALIA PRIDE LIONS

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH | 5-9PM
4219 S MOONEY BLVD STE B, VISALIA, CA, 93277

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **ZQJLZWA**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



LATON LIONS CLUB
EIGHTH ANNUAL
CRAB DINNER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
TAKE OUT 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM OR DINE IN 7 PM TO 8 PM
\$75 PERSON
FRESH DUNGENESS CRAB AND CHICKEN BREAST,
HOMEMADE CLAM CHOWDER, PILAF, SALAD, ROLL, DESSERT.
SILENT AUCTION **DANCE**



**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

District 4-A2 3rd Quarter Meeting

“Maintaining the Tracks & Loading New Riders”

Kern County Museum

3801 Chester Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Feel like dressing up on Friday Night? Come dressed as one of our everyday heroes (Police, Fire, Hospital, Military, Truck Driver, Janitor, etc)



Please join District Governor David Hamilton, District Officers, and fellow District 4-A2 Lions at the 3rd District Meeting of the 2021-2022 Lion year.
January 21-22, 2022

Name	Email		
Address	Home	Cell	
Club Name	Region	Zone	

Cut off for early registration is Jan 14, 2022

Totals

Package Registration Includes:	Early Price	\$80.00
Registration, Pin, All Meals	after Jan 14	\$100.00

Registration Only Lions and Guests	Early Price	\$25.00
	after Jan 14	\$30.00

(Includes pin) - **ALL ATTENDEES MUST PAY REGISTRATION**

Registration Leos (includes pin; meals are not included)	\$5.00
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Friday Night Dinner

Beef
Chicken
Vegetarian

Make Selection

Early Price: \$25.00
Jan 14 Price: \$30.00

Saturday Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausage, Peaches, OJ, Coffee

Early Price: \$10.00
Jan 14 Price: \$15.00

Saturday Lunch

Chicken Fajitas
Rice, beans, tortillas, salsa

Early Price: \$20.00
Jan 14 Price: \$25.00

Extra Pins

Pins _____ X **\$5.00**

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Bakersfield – 3625 Marriott Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93308 (661) 716-1000 \$109.00 +tax Room Rate Per Night. Call hotel directly or go to the Guestroom registration link: <https://www.my-event.hilton.com/bflbagi-lion22-cf22150e-464a-4ef0-901e-25d40935ba3d/> You can also type in the **GROUP CODE: LION22** to access the rate.

Total Due \$ _____

**PLEASE BRING AN OPPORTUNITY DRAWING ITEM! MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4-A2
MAIL TO: CABINET TREASURER LION JAN BEATTY, 3112 S. MOONEY BLVD, SUITE A, VISALIA, CA 93277**

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Leo Registration Only

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Chicken _____		
Vegetarian _____		
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Sequoia Lions Charity Valentine Fashion Show 2022

Master of Ceremonies

Juan Estrada

Apparel Provided by

Annadelle's – Banana Republic—Calvin Klein –Express –

GAP—Maurices's—Super Nova—Tux N Tails

Friday, February 11th
Visalia Lamp Liter Inn
3300 W. Mineral King Ave.
Grand Ballroom

Cocktails 6pm—6:45pm

Dinner at 7 pm

Fashion Show at 8 pm

\$60 For Adults

For Tickets Please Call (559) 799-7412





Lions Clubs International
103rd Annual MD4 Convention
Better Than Ever by the Bay!
 Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel
 February 25-27, 2022



Use one form for EACH registration. Please PRINT or TYPE – No Phone Registrations accepted.

NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____ DISTRICT: _____
 CLUB NAME: _____ CURRENT OFFICE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CONVENTION PACKAGE: Registration, Convention Pin, All Meals

BEFORE 12/31/2021 AFTER 12/31/2021
☐ \$332 ☐ \$362

- REGISTRATION: ☐ \$60 ☐ \$65
 CONVENTION PIN ☐ \$5 ☐ \$5
 FRIDAY LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON: ☐ \$45 ☐ \$50
☐ AMERICAN BUFFET: Grass Fed Beef Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Grilled Hot Dogs, Buns, Golden Fries, Chef's Side Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Sliced Cheese, Relish, Mustard, Ketchup & Mayo
 FRIDAY DINNER – DINE WITH A VIP: ☐ \$62 ☐ \$67
☐ PIRATE FARE: Grilled Chicken Quarters with Shallot Dijon Sauce, Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Romaine Salad with Grape Tomatoes, Shaved Onion, Cucumber, Croutons, Vinaigrette **OR**
☐ VEGETARIAN Four Cheese Tortellini and Roasted Local Seasonal Veggies tossed in Pomodoro Sauce, Olive Oil, Basil and Red Pepper Flakes
 SATURDAY LUNCH – MILITARY SALUTE: ☐ \$45 ☐ \$50
☐ GRILLED CHICKEN Grilled Chicken Salad with Citrus & Herb Grilled Free Range Chicken Breast, CA Romaine, Local Baby Kale, Garlic & Parmesan Crusted Crostini, Fresh Grated Romano, Classic Cesar Dressing **OR**
☐ VEGETARIAN Grilled Vegetable Sandwich with Roasted Red Pepper Hummus, Locally Grown Sprouts, and Goat Cheese on Focaccia Bread with Salad and Chips
 SATURDAY DINNER – PRESIDENTIAL BALL: ☐ \$80 ☐ \$85
☐ BEEF SHORT RIBS Braised Grass-Fed Beef Short Ribs with Caramelized Onions, Goat Cheese Potato Puree, Garlic-Tossed Haricot Vert with Bacon, Shallots, and Sherry Demi **OR**
☐ MAHI-MAHI Char Broiled Pacific Mahi Mahi, Butter Poached Kohlrabi, Coconut Scented Grilled Radicchio, Pea Puree With Tomato & Saffron Ragout **OR**
☐ VEGETARIAN Balsamic Grilled Portobello Mushroom Stuffed with Butternut Squash, Local Kale, and Crushed White Beans with Lemon & Asparagus Risotto and Smoked Tomato Sauce
 SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET: ☐ \$35 ☐ \$40
☐ BREAKFAST BUFFET Assorted Breakfast Pastries, Assorted Seasonal Fruits, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Chef's Choice of Breakfast Meat, Coffee, Juice

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

NO MEALS SOLD AFTER FEBRUARY 10, 2022 – NO MEALS SOLD AT THE DOOR

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ Check Enclosed (Payable to District 4-L6) ☐ Credit Card

Send Payment and Completed Form to:

CS Garry Jones
 355 H Street D
 Chula Vista, CA 91910-5543

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: **\$5 Processing Fee for Credit Cards**

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration: _____ 3/4 Digit Security Code: _____

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Wyndham San Diego Bayside – 1355 N. Harbor Drive – San Diego, CA 92101

Reservations: (877) 999-3223 Group Code: **MD4 Lions Club CA 2022**

Or Book On-line at: <https://book.passkey.com/go/MD4LionsClubCA2022>

Room Rates: \$135 / Night plus Tax – Parking \$15/Day – Room Reservation Deadline is February 7, 2022

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.

Interactive and Team-Building Training!#

Leadership for Success!

8 AM Saturday, January 29th through 3 PM Monday, January 31st

This 3-day Institute focuses on:

**Working in Teams, Public Speaking, Diversity,
Motivating Club Members, and more...**

This Institute will prepare Lions for Leadership positions at "All" levels. You may be a member thinking of moving into a leadership role in your club or district. You could be a current club leader or district leader looking to hone or add to your skillset. All would benefit from attending and familiarizing themselves with leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve their clubs, district, and community. Participants are not only provided the necessary information, but the tools and resources needed to help your clubs and district strive and succeed in today's current environment. Fostering Team building skills with your fellow Lion is also a crucial component of this Institute. In nutshell, this Institute focuses on enhancing leadership and management skills and expanding participants' knowledge of Lions Club International.

Lodging and Meals

The fee of \$400.00 covers the Institute and lodging from **8 AM Saturday, January 29th through 3 PM Monday, January 31st**. If you plan on arriving on Friday, January 28th, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$169.00 plus fees and taxes when you check-in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute are provided at the Institute location. Continental breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Lunch on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Dinner on Saturday and Sunday.

Location of Institute and Lodging

The Institute will be held at the Earle Baum Center, 4539 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa. Lodging will be at the Courtyard by Marriott, 175 Railroad Street, Santa Rosa.#

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GARDEN GROVE REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



8 AM Friday, March 18th thru 3 PM Sunday, March 20th

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Leadership for Success!

This 3-day Institute focuses on:

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Continental breakfasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Lunch on Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday. Dinner on Friday and Saturday.

Location of Institute and Lodging

The Institute will be held at the Garden Grove Host Lions Clubhouse, 9860 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA. Lodging will be at The Anaheim Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA.

Anyone up for a visit to Disneyland?

Yes, we have arranged for anyone attending the Institute and their family, to purchase tickets (limited to 6) to Disneyland and California Adventure at a special rate. The Anaheim Hotel (across the street from Disneyland) our host hotel has also extended the rate of \$129 per night, 3 days before the Institute and 3 days after the Institute, for those who wish to stay for a longer period of time and enjoy "The Happiest Place On Earth." If interested, click on the following link to purchase tickets for Disneyland :

<https://www.mydisneygroup.com/TMMC22A>

TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR THE INSTITUTE - CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

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

Any questions can be directed to PDG Norm McDaniel

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April
8
2022

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DATE

HUBBA HUBBA GOLF OUTING

6-man team, shotgun start at 10 am

Call to reserve 559-798-1837 *Sandra *





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



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Lions Day at the United nations

