



West Coast Racers

District 4-A2 Newsletter

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We Serve

David in the Lion's Den



District 4-A2 held its 3rd district meeting, at the Kern County Museum January 21-22. The museum and grounds made it an unusual, and interesting venue. We were surrounded by hundreds of antiques in the "Transportation Room," our main meeting room. We had meals, and the Leos met in the "Trolley Room", which had a full-sized trolley car. Just outside the door was the "Neon Patio", a collection of old signs collected from around Kern County. Our meeting rooms were part of "Pioneer Village", a collection of over 40 historic building moved to the site to save from the wrecking ball. The Hotel Fellows, built in 1911, was the site for our cabinet meeting and breakout sessions.

The theme for Friday night was "everyday heroes".

Has the word "hero" become so overused that it's losing its true meaning? Today we sometimes toss the word around without thinking much about it. Our culture of hyped-up media and unnatural addiction to celebrity has caused an diluted definition.

It's the everyday heroes, the ones that make the world go around every day, that we celebrated. The most important of heroes is you, a member of Lions Club International. Lions Clubs. We are community based, so Lions can pinpoint what is needed and by who.

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

I like browsing old newspapers. Being surrounded by history at the District meeting this weekend, I was reminded of the long legacy of service 4-A2 Lions have provided.

When reading these articles, it is amazing how each Lions club has touched their community in a up close and personal way.



Just a very few of the articles I found.

September 11, 1941

Bakersfield Lions honored 153 aviation cadets recently graduated from Lerdo Field Basic Flying School with a dinner-dance,

January 14, 1952

An article proclaims Visalia (Host) Lions as "Knights of the Blind" when the club donated \$2000 to equip a special classroom for visually impaired children in Visalia City schools.

October 17, 1952

Fresno (Host) Lions raise money for blind by selling brooms

November 10, 1952

Button Willow Lions donated a Guide dog for on behalf of a visually impaired member of their club.

December 12, 1964

Rosedale Highway Lions buy electric wheelchair for local student injured during a football game.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mark your calendars for

April 22-24, 2022.

Cayucos, CA

Registrations Forms To Come Soon

The very fact that we met on the grounds of the Kern County Museum and Pioneer Villager is due to actions of the Bakersfield (Host) Lions. In the 1920's, the club often hosted Kern County Pioneers for programs. In 1929 a letter to the editor from the Bakersfield Lions supporting a place to collect the artifacts planted the seed of the Kern County Historical Society. When the Chamber of Commerce Building was opened in 1929 a small room was set aside to house the Lions Club artifacts. That small room has grown a collection that is now the museum and grounds which 4-A2 Lions enjoyed last weekend!

In 1957, Lion Nick C. Daily became our first 4-A2 District Governor, serving 1957-1958. And there is our 3rd District Governor, Harry J. Aslan, serving as DG 1959-1960. He later served as Lions Club International President, 1975-1976.

Every year Lions Club International awards Chevron service awards. I received ours last month, and I have started awarding those at my club visits. Lions are eligible for their Chevron at 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 years of L.C.I. membership

The following 11 Lions will be awarded their Chevrons this year. The service provided by the following Lions is amazing.

60 Years

- Manuel Andrade- Three Rivers Lions
- Robert N. Line Visalia Host Lions
- Louis Blechman- Visalia Breakfast Lions

55 years

- James L. Bartleson PDG- Delano Lions
- Jack Boesch- Porterville Breakfast Lions
- Jay E. Warnke- Porterville Breakfast Lions
- Donald L. Heffernan- Selma Central Valley Lions

50 Years

- Kimihiro Sera- Fresno Host Lions
- Don Schroeder- Orange Cove Lions
- Dr. John Buckton – Porterville Breakfast Lions
- Marvin D. Sharpe- Porterville Breakfast Lions

These Lions have provided 600 years of service to their community! All the Monarch Milestone Chevrons

awarded by International President Douglas X. Alexander for Lions Year 2021-2022 adds up to over 3,500 years!

Not only service is our goal, but it aids in attracting new members. During and shortly after the Camp Fire in 2018, the Paradise Lion performed many of types of services to the fire survivors. Their service activities were so well thought of by the community that the Club increased by 50 members. Remember, people don't join Lions to attend meetings, they join to serve their community.

There are thousands of community service stories that can be told about District 4-A2 then and NOW. Every Lion member of our district is building on the legacy that began in 1917.

I'll leave you with three thoughts: Service, Service, Service.



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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Service from the heart
with
International President,
Douglas X. Alexander**



Dear Lion,

The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead. As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service.

That begins with each of us. So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the best is yet to come.

**Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President**

1VDG's Corner

Good afternoon Lions, Leos and Guests.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Surely these unprecedented times have given us a roller coaster ride. But with great resilience and positive mindset, limitless aptitude, various adjustments we are in the 21st Century. This is possible because of all of you by selflessly serving communities in need with your hearts and Kindness at the right hour. Our continuous support and wishes for the forward journey.



As a District Director of California Lions Foundation firstly my utmost thankyou's to each and everyone's contributions made to the Foundation whether individually, through your Club, District, etc. Surely "Giving is Good" as MD-4 Lions Club International Foundation Chair PCC Lion Roger Powell says. Your ongoing contributions helps the Foundation to help communities in need at the right time.

A) Our Designated Funds are \$108,777.43 of which \$102,000 are Disaster Funds.

B) Our Total Cash Account is almost 1/2 million dollars to be exact \$477,455.54.

C) In September we gave out Back to School Grants. Each District could apply upto \$2,500 per District to a maximum of \$1,000. A total of the Clubs from the 15 Districts that applied was \$21,332.44 out of the \$37,250. District 4-A2 managed to get the \$2,500 this year.

1) Visalia Pride Lions Club were granted \$1,000 on September 2nd, 2021. They have yet to do their distribution for which due to Covid restrictions they are granted an extension (but not for very long though!) One of the criteria for the Grant is to on issuance of the funds in 45 days the grant should be closed and a detailed report to be submitted to the Grants Committee.

2) West Coast Indian Cyber Lions Club was the other recipient of another \$1,000 on September 18th, 2021. The Club did the distribution at Terrabella Middle High School on December 15th, 2021. We are featured on the website (California Lions Foundation.org) and our Report has been sent to the Foundation. (See attached PDF below)

3) Fresno Unlimited Lions Club was the recipient of the remaining \$500 on December 1st, 2021. They have yet to do their distribution though they let me know that they will do it in January once schools will reopen for the New Year.

D) The Matching Grant minimum amount of \$500 and maximum \$5,000 has increased to minimum the same of \$500 and now maximum \$7,500. It is not yet updated on the website.

E) Wine Auctions at Council of Governor Meetings and CA State Convention (MD-4) in February have been held. At the last COG in August at Irvine \$8,000 was raised.

At the upcoming February 2022 COG (Feb 22nd to 24th) and State Convention (25th to 27th) in San Diego keeping fingers crossed that the Wine Tasting shall be held. Not sure 😞.

F) The \$20 Hearts of Service 50 hearts Board for a Drawing of a Kay Kay Fukushima worth (\$1,000) were done at the Fall Redding COG in November and I with Fellow Lions managed to sell 2 Boards for the Multiple so raised \$2,000. For District 4-A2 I had it at our District Convention in April 2021 where I sold 1 Board and at our July 2022 Installation I had 2 Boards sold. Total \$3,000 was raised. The recipients were Clovis Country Lions Club and Parlier. Clovis Country has presented theirs but Parlier has not yet nominated theirs. Would like to present it at the Convention once they let me know. Clubs have individually nominated members, Clubs, Non Lions for KKF's (1,000) or Life Members (\$500) and thank you for the continuous efforts.

To learn more about the Foundation please visit the Website CLF.org and if any Club would like a program for there Club please contact me. See footnote for my Phone No. or email or locate me in the current District Directory on Page 10.

Once again on behalf of the Foundation our heartiest gratitude for supporting the California Lions Foundation and continue staying safe.

If you are interested in serving on the 2022-2023 District Cabinet, the following positions are available:

1. Pediatric Cancer Chair
2. Northern Region: Zone 2 Chair (Clovis, Clovis Country, Hispanic, Fresno Pride, Ponderosa and Shaver Lake)
3. Central Region: Zone 1 Chair (Visalia Breakfast, Charter Oak, Host, Pride, Sequoia and Sunset)
4. Central Region: Zone 2 Chair (Exeter, Ivanhoe, Three Rivers, Woodlake)

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, District 4 A2 Lions
Greetings to all. Every day is always a great day being a Lion. Even we have struggles in our lives, with God, true friends and family we can surpass anything. Towards the end of last month was a challenge for me and PDG AI along with my families. Thank you for all the prayers we got from everyone. With this COVID and for the health of our youngest son Kevin, we are truly grateful to all our family and friends that helped to cope with this time of crisis. Thank you also for the prayers for Pops Kent Woolley who is struggling with health issues too, keep the prayers going.



We've been visiting with our District Governor David Hamilton last month, Coalinga Lions Christmas Party, and Visalia Breakfast Lions. Me and PDG AI attended the Selma Central Valley Lioness Lions Christmas Party, Clovis and Clovis Country Lions Christmas Party and our very own Fresno Host Lions

Club Christmas Party. We had a great fellowship with our fellow lions, sharing great fun time and great food. We went on a bus to Pasadena to work on our Lions Float, thank you to our 1VDG Lion Falguni Patel and to her daughter Lion Shriani Patel for arranging the bus ride with all the Lions of District 4A2 that made it on December 11. We had an awesome time. And since me and PDG AI can't attend our trip to Pasadena to have the dinner with the Lions Club

International President Douglas Alexander, we donated our tickets to the parents of our Student Speaker Contest winner. This January we went with our District Governor to visit the



Dinuba Lions Club, Ivanhoe Lions Club, Richgrove Lions Club, and Porterville Lions Club, where we had a great visit and fellowship. We had our 3rd District Meeting held

at the Kern County Museum in Bakersfield last January 21 and 22. I had a guest from District 4 L2, 2VDG Lion Scarlett Ku from Arcadia Champion Lions Club. We had breakout sessions and visiting DG John Schroder from District 4 L4, talked about Seal Beach Lions. Thank you to all the lions of Buttonwillow Lions Club for the Friday night dinner, Rosedale Highway Lions Club for the breakfast and to the Richgrove Lions for the luncheon meals.

We also had our monthly meeting for the Bearskin Meadow if you are interested to join us for the meeting in Visalia, please don't hesitate to contact Lion Judy Woolley at 559-916-2521.

I am also a committee member for the Lions Youth Outreach for MD4 and we have zoom meetings every month. If you are an advisor for the Leos, please contact Lion Roland Reina or me so we can include you and give you the zoom information so you can join the meeting. We also have a lot of other zoom meetings for the Lions Eye Foundation. Welcome Lion Craig Austin, Lion Robert Lee, 1VDG Lion Falguni Patel, Lion Neal Johnson to the foundation as advisors. Anyone who is interested in joining please let me know as your Lead Trustee here in our District, or you can contact our other trustees PDG Lion Al Kroell and Lion Kelby, who is going to be our 2nd Vice President for the Lions Eye Foundation.






Don't forget to sign up for our upcoming 103rd Annual MD4 Convention, "Better Than Ever by the Bay!" that will be held in Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel, this February 25 through the 27.

Please if you need any help or anything don't hesitate to ask our District Cabinet Officers. We are always here to help. Let's have a great year 2022 and always remember our motto "WE SERVE."

Yours in Lionism,
2VDG Lion Christy Kroell
"Be The Change: Keep Trying, Keep Moving, and Keep Inspiring."



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



GLT's Corner

Lion Prepared



We are in the second half of the Lion year and heading to Spring. What an awesome opportunity to review your new year resolutions or set some good goals to grow as a Lion! I want to challenge you this month to advance your education in the area of Lionism. You can start simple and attend a local training with the Red Cross, attending a Zone and Region Chair training or attending a Regional Leadership Institute. There is also the Lions Learning Center and Lions University that you can take free classes. What is your interest in serving as a Lion? I am challenging you to take the next step and enroll in the next educational opportunity.

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) – Garden Grove

******Limited to the first 20 Lions who register.**

Dates: March 18, 2022, thru March 20, 2022

Location: The Institute will be held at the Garden Grove Host Lions Clubhouse, 9860 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.

Lodging: The Anaheim Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA. \$129 per night.

Cost of Meals and Lodging: \$400.00

The fee of \$400.00 covers the Institute and lodging from 8 AM Friday, March 18th through 3 PM Sunday, March 20th. If you plan on arriving on Thursday, March 17th, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$129.00 plus fees and taxes when you check-in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute are provided at the Institute location.

Shareable Link for Registration and Payment:

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

<https://californialionsmd4.ticketspice.com/regional-lions-leadership-institute-garden-grove>

Any questions can be directed to PDG Norm McDaniel

805-653-6676 (office)

805-340-4849 (mobile)

lionnormthegovernator@gmail.com

Regional / Zone Training – We are scheduling a Region and Zone Chair training workshop for Saturday, March 19th at the Goshen Community Center. We will cover the responsibilities for each position. 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>

Lions University – <https://lionsuniversity.org>

Guiding Lion Certification -

<https://lions4c4.org/archive/2019-2020/guidinglion>

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_i mFGPM7IQ

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

Respectfully,

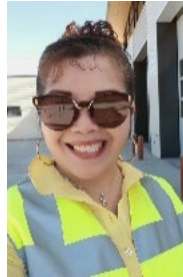
Lion Roland



GMT's Corner

GMT Corner:

*Greetings to all of you
Fellow Lions!*



We now have a bit less than 6 months to attain or surpass our goals for the year. As you can see, our current status from my <https://mylci.lionsclubs.org>, is not looking good. I would say that our biggest challenge to date is in recruiting New Members.

Just imagine what your club could do with more Lions. Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals, and new members can help expand our ability to serve while bringing fresh ideas, more energy and new skills to our club.

District 4-A2 (65573)-CA United States

My Members	Statistics updated 1/24/2022	
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,710	1,703
Added Members	4	93
Dropped Members	9	91
Closing Balance	1,705	1,705
Net Gain/Loss	-5	+2

New LION members





Research Shows :

90% of people who join Lions do so because a friend invited them to do so.



90% of Lions have never invited anyone to come and join. Let us invite people to meetings and projects, so that we get new members

Lions Clubs - best community service provider

Rajkumar

Who will we recruit?



For the widest reach, ask all your members to help think of potential sources (refer to the pie chart).

Identify groups associated with your club's target

members. And Everyone should at least Ask One.

Just Ask! Guide ME302 EN 9/13

Here are some additional tips:

- Consider using all your contact lists that have been previously compiled.
- Look at local organizations that share common interests with your Lions club.
- Conduct a Community Needs Assessment and ask your contacts to join and get involved.
- Make personal visits to local businesses and offices. Speak with the business owners or managers about their interest in joining the club.
- Ask each member to write down the names and contact numbers of at least one business, group or organization that focus on the same areas your club does service in.

Remember: Sharing the joy of Service and our personal Lion success stories to our family, friends, neighbors and even strangers will be a great impact in our recruiting strategy. We can flood our social media accounts to share the feeling of being a lion. Increase our numbers and add to the huge amount of service we already to in our communities and indeed around the world.

Big Roar to all and Keep it up!



GST's Corner



Hello Fellow Lions; as of January 22nd, 46% of the clubs have reported on MyLion. That means -28- clubs have participated in- 591- service activities helping and changing lives for the better for 80,794 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 (Environmental):

Next MD4 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 your Environmental projects. Report all MD4 club challenge activities via email to CALionsCare@gmail.com.

GST Quarterly Service Awards:

Congratulations to Bakersfield Host and Fresno Pride, they are our second quarterly GST winners. Next winners will be picked on March 31st, report your service activities on MyLion and I will add your name to the digital name picker. 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.

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

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

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

When you report your club's service activities keep the numbers at or below these "caps" and you will avoid that pesky pop-up.

District & Region Totals: 28 clubs reporting out of 61= 46%

Region	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hrs
Northern Region	16,031	129	3,186
Central Region	27,562	177	4,977
Southern Region	25,301	123	2,283
Western Region	11,900	123	2,051
District Totals	80,794	591	12,497

4-A2 Leos:

We have three Leos Clubs reporting on MyLion and they are Hanford Leos, McFarland Roaring Leos and Sierra Leos and their totals listed below:

- People Served = 20,750
- Service Activities = 73
- Volunteer Hours = 1,801
- Three clubs reporting out of fourteen = 21.4%

Way to Go Leos!

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 a hold of me at 5759marti@gmail.com. Continue our journey of serving our communities with kindness and love. Remember, when we serve more, we give more.

Lion Marco

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.

Diabetes Chair

District 4-A2 February 2022 Diabetes/City of Hope Report

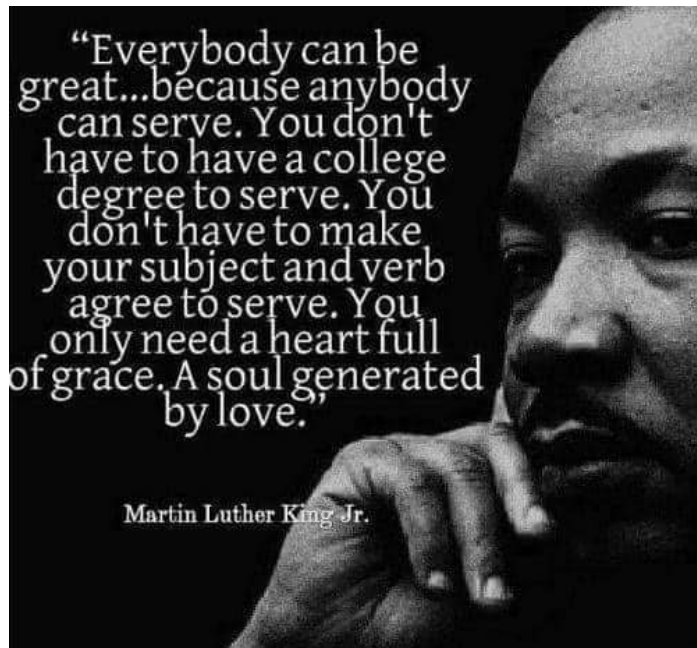
Fellow Lions, the annual tour and orientation at City of Hope will once again be conducted virtually. This is due to the ongoing Covid situation. When the rescheduled date is available, I will share it.

Halfway through this Lions year, I think it is a good time to think about conducting more diabetes awareness events, screenings, etc. Please review the [LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION DIABETES GRANT REFERENCE GUIDE](#).

If your club decides to move forward with a grant request, please keep me updated. Thank you.

PDG Tony F Reyes
Clovis Country Lions
District 4-A2 Diabetes and City of Hope Chair

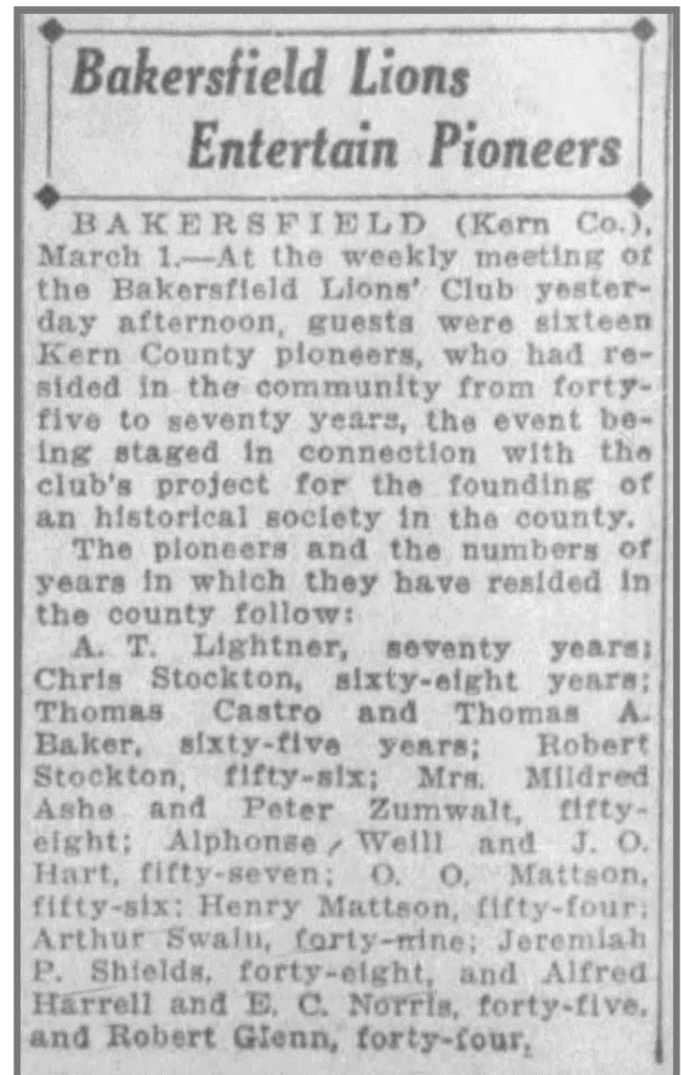
In recognition of Black History Month, a word or two from Martin Luther King



Diamonds of District 4-2

In March of 1928, The Fresno Bee highlighted the Bakersfield Lions. The Lions were noted for connecting the Pioneers with the establishment of the historical society.

--DG Dave





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/>

Have you ordered your free at home COVID tests yet? If not follow this link to place your order. YES IT IS FREE!!!

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

DISTRICT 4-A2 CALENDAR

February 8: Visalia Sunset Lions Pizza with a Purpose*
February 11: Visalia Sequoia Lions Valentine's Day Fashion Show*
February 12: Cutler- Orosi Leo Bowling Fundraiser
March 5: Reedley Lions 31st Annual Blossom Bike Ride*
March 12: Visalia Breakfast Lions St. Patrick's Day Parade*
March 14: Central Valley Lioness Lions Chili Verde Dinner*
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.
May 21: Visalia Breakfast Lions Annual Car Show*

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

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR

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 TBD: City of Hope Lions Tribute Day (Virtual)
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.**

July 27-30: 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?"
 Contests will begin this month at the club level. Let's root for another District winner.

See attached flyer.

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 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
3403 W Perez Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277

All clubs should have received the mailings of the cash raffle tickets supporting this great event. Please send your donations in ASAP along with the ticket stubs to have a chance at the winning prizes. 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

Four more Photography Tips for Better Smartphone Pics

1. Keep your camera steady

This is as true with any camera. Keeping it steady will give you much better photos. Don't just push the button, hold the camera steady and take your time.

2. Use night mode

Night mode is the biggest advance in smartphone photography to have arrived in the past 5 years. The latest phones all have some night option. If it's night, use it.

3. Don't use in-app cameras

Usually don't use the Instagram camera. To take a great photo and share it use your regular phone camera to take the photo, then add it to whatever platform you're sending it to. Why? Because those apps don't have the same features your phone offers. Going through the in-app camera will often give you the worst picture your phone can take.

4. Composition

OK, we know, this was discussed in the January newsletter, but DG Dave thinks this is the most important tip for taking great pics. Think about what you're looking at and what your picture is trying to show. You can 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.

Adopted from:

<https://www.pocketlint.com/phones/news/120868-10-top-tips-for-better-smartphone-photography>



Eight Fun Facts About Roller Coasters

1. The American roller coaster was invented to save America from loose morals.

In 1884, disgusted with the uprise of hedonistic amusements like saloons and brothels, LaMarcus Adna Thompson invented the Switchback Gravity Railway, a patented coaster that visitors to Brooklyn's Coney Island could ride for just five cents. Because it was at Coney Island, Thompson is often called the "Father of the American Rollercoaster" for establishing its connection to amusement parks.

2. One of the earliest coasters in America carried coal before it carried thrill seekers.

A few decades a railway served dual purposes: a coal carrier in the morning and a joy ride in the afternoon. The Mauch Chunk Switchback Railway was a gravity railway built in 1827 to haul coal about nine miles between coal mines. Gravity forced the cars carrying one-and-a-half tons of coal downhill, which were later brought back up by mules when emptied. With that much weight behind them, they could reach 50 miles per hour through the Lehigh Valley. In 1873, at its peak, Mauch Chunk carried 30,478 adrenaline-rushed passengers—each for just 75 cents.

3. Roller coaster loops are never circular.

Roller coasters can loop-the-loop, but have you ever noticed it's never circular? To oversimplify things, the loop isn't a circle itself, it's roughly the part where two circles hypothetically overlap, sort of

like the middle of a Venn diagram. Thanks physics.

4. Riding Big Thunder Mountain Railroad at Disney World could help dislodge kidney stones.

While wearing a backpack containing a transparent, 3D-printed kidney with a fake stone inside, researchers rode Disney World's Big Thunder Mountain Railroad coaster about 20 times to study how the stone would move with all those ups and downs, according to a 2016 study in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. (The "work" won them a beloved Ig Nobel Prize.) About two-thirds of the time, the kidney stone passed—as long as the rider was seated at the back of the coaster.

5. The tallest roller coaster in the world is Kingda Ka at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

It goes from zero to 128 miles per hour in only 3.5 seconds to speed you up the rails 45 stories high .

6. The fastest roller coaster in the world op on the Formula Rossa roller coaster at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi.

Zero to 149 miles per hour in just 4.9 seconds, at a maximum height of 170 feet The longest roller coaster is Steel Dragon 2000 at Nagashima Spa Land in Japan.

7. The longest roller coaster in the world is the Steel Dragon 2000.

When it opened on August 1, 2000, it was the fastest, tallest and longest in the world. Others have stolen the fastest and tallest crowns, but the Dragon is still the longest. At 1.5 miles long, you'll be on this coaster for four minutes.



8. There is a wooden roller coaster still in operation built in 1902.

Leap-The-Dips in Altoona, Pennsylvania, is the ride for you. The wooden rollercoaster was built in 1902, and, yes, 117 years later, still in operation. It goes ten miles an hour and doesn't have seatbelts, lap bars or headrests.







(adapted from Smithsonian magazine, <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/14-fun-facts-about-roller-coasters-180972920/>)

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

Tulare Lions Club

Calling on all Lions and friends in the community!

Tulare Host Lions Club is reforming!!!!!!

First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6:00PM.

Tulare Lions new meeting place:
First Congregational Church
220 W Tulare Ave
Tulare CA 93274

Visalia Breakfast Lions Club



**Visalia Breakfast
Lions Club**

2022 started out with a bang for the Visalia Breakfast Lions. As you might remember from

last months newsletter, our bell turned up missing during our Christmas Party. Now keep in mind this is a very large event with families present, the Redwood High School Choir performing, Santa handing our presents, Santa pictures being taken, and dinataries such as District Governor Hamilton, 1st Vice District Governor Patel, 2nd Vice District Governor Kroell, and District Chaplin Aguilera-Marrero in attendance. It was a very active, busy meeting, with lots of stuff going on. Santa, President Bob, was pretty disappointed someone would run off with our bell during such a joyous occasion.

Right before the New Year, we received an email from Governor Hamilton explaining that our bell mysteriously ended up in the possession of the Visalia Sunset Lions. We thought it was suspicious that the Sunset Lions is Governor Hamilton's home club. The email advised us our bell was warm and safe, and that we could retrieve it at their January 4th meeting.

So the word went out to the Breakfast Club members who stood up strong. The emails were flying, describing the type of revenge we might partake. I must admit, some of

it was pretty ugly. Luckily for the Sunset Lions, President Bob was able to calm the situation down and convince the club to take the high road. Twenty-Two Visalia Breakfast Lions attended the meeting and had a good time.

President Betty did a very nice presentation to return the bell, and it was recommended both clubs donate \$100 each to the LCIF. President Betty closed the meeting with her bell, which was quickly boxed with her gavel and paperwork, and put aside for safe keeping. The Visalia Breakfast Lions gathered around the Sunset Banner for a final picture. It seemed the person assigned to watch over the bell box, was more interested in trying to photobomb the picture. Not sure what happened, but somehow the box containing the bell, the gavel, and their paperwork came up missing. The following day we received a message from President Betty stating they would be at our Friday meeting to retrieve their property.

Seven Visalia Sunset Lions attended our January 7th meeting to retrieve their bell. Also present was Governor Hamilton, his lovely wife, 3 members from Visalia Pride,



and 34 Visalia Breakfast Lions. Governor Hamilton presented Milestone Chevron awards to the following members: Scott Jeffrey 10 years, Mike Mello 10 years,

Bill Moreland 25 years, Stan Trimble 25 years, Mike Weger 25 years, Craig Van Horn 30 years, Mark Moreno 35 years, and Louis Blechman 60 year. It is amazing to think of the hours these Lions have given for the betterment of their community. Lion Kelly Robinson and Lion Terry Cullota received the Governor's Choice Award for their efforts in making the Irish Fest and the Turkey Drive such a success. Past Presidents Tom Brassfield and Ray Lewis were recognized for their strong leadership during the pandemic. They kept the club on track, our membership intact, and the club financially strong. A job well done in such trying conditions.

The emails were flying back and forth after taking possession of the Sunset Lions bell. It was recommended we engrave the bell, freeze the bell in a bucket of water, you know all the normal stuff. After getting it out of our system, we all agreed the Sunset Lions treated our bell

with respect, and we would do the same. We also agreed to get into their pocket, like they did us.

At the meeting, President Bob asked Lion Rick to assist with the bell return ceremony. District Secretary Cheri jumped in with a similar routine she did when we retrieved our bell from Sunset just days earlier. She did a great job of poking fun at President Betty for allowing her bell to be stolen, while we were there to retrieve our stolen bell. It was hilarious. President Betty opened the bell box with obvious nervous anticipation of what she would find. She found a smaller box inside. This continued through 7-8 increasingly smaller boxes until she ended up with the last little box which held a tiny little bell, labeled to commemorate the occasion. Everyone had a good laugh. When she opened the real box, she retrieved her bell with a chain attached to help with its safekeeping in the future. As before, both clubs agreed to donate \$100 each to LCIF. The Sunset Lions were happy to have their bell back, as was the Breakfast Lions.



Lion Bob Hardin was inducted as a new Visalia Breakfast Lion. Lion Bob showed he has great patience. With the Christmas Party, and several blackouts over the holidays, it took several weeks to officially get him pinned. Welcome Lion Bob. We are pleased to have you on the team.

The Visalia Breakfast Lions had some excellent presentors this month. Jennifer Fawes filled us in on the plans for the upcoming Ag Show. This year the February 8-10 show will be live with precautions in place to keep the visitors and exhibitors safe. They are expecting 1,200 exhibitors. June Smith, Director of Miss California Teen, talked about efforts to bring the pageants to Visalia. She brought Elizabeth, Miss Orange County, who performed a very entertaining flute presentation. Jonathan with the Salvation Army updated us on their Kettle program. The Visalia Breakfast Lions collected \$1,505 while ringing the bell at JC Penney's. He also thanked us for the 500+ turkeys we donated over the holidays. The Salvation Army is committed to delivering meals to those who are

homebound. They are working closely with United Way to meet the needs of our community.

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade is coming together. If you would like to participate in the parade, or know someone who would like to, go to our website, visaliabreakfastlions.org and submit a parade entry form. The 2022 Saint Patrick's Day Parade is going to be 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.

West Coast Race Puzzle of the Month Word Un-Scramble

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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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Pizza With A Purpose

Fundraiser for Visalia Sunset Lions

At the Planning Mill
778 E Center Street
Visalia

February 8, 2022

5:00 – 8:00 P. M.

Come join us and enjoy some great pizza



Cutler – Orosi Leo Club



Presents:

FOR THE *Love* OF BOWLING

(Tournament & Lunch FUNdraiser)

Saturday February 12, 2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Held at: Orbit Lane 250 S. L. St. Dinuba



per person Teams of 4.

Text (559) 967-0623 to Reserve your Lane Space is Limited

Proceeds go towards Leo's to attend the USA/Canada Forum Convention July 2022

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





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 February 25-27, 2022



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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

2022 MD4 Convention - San Diego Salute to Military Luncheon Sponsorship

Sponsor an Active Military Member at Saturday's Luncheon
during the 2022 MD4 Convention
\$45 per Sponsorship

Club Name: _____

Club Contact: _____

Number of Sponsorships: _____ Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check

Send Form and Payment (Payable to District 4-L6) to:
Convention Secretary: Garry Jones - 355 H Street #D - Chula Vista, CA 91910-5543



Reedley Lions Club

32nd Annual Blossom Bike Ride March 5, 2022

The Blossoms are in bloom

The 32nd Annual Blossom Bike Ride will take place on March 5, 2022, and offers five different routes. As the mileage gets longer, the route provides more of a challenge. Our 10-mile family ride take you along the rails to trails pathway through Reedley. The 20-mile route offers more scenic landscapes northeast of town for your viewing pleasure. If you are looking for a little more challenge, you might want to try our 45-mile route. This will give you some hills to climb and get you started on the right course of mileage for the year. If you are looking for the most challenging ride, we offer the 55-mile route with approximate 2700' of climbing. This route will take you into the foothills east of Reedley and give you a couple of challenging climbs early in the year. If you want something with a little less climbing and still taking in the great scenery of the foothills we will have a 47 mile route following most of the 55 mile ride, but with approximately 1700' of climbing.

The Ride takes place Rain or Shine
No Refunds

Click below to register:

<http://www.blossombikeride.com/>



March 12th, 2022

St. Patrick's Day Parade

MAIN STREET, 10AM

Downtown Visalia

Free to the Public

Entries open to everyone until March 7th

VisaliaBreakfastLions.org | VisaliaBreakfastLions@gmail.com

**Irish Fest date moved to Oct 1st,
Valley Strong Stadium, Rawhide Ball Park**

Central Valley Lioness Lions Club

Chile Verde Dinner Fundraiser

with rice, beans, and tortillas

Monday, March 14, 2022



Cho's "Cantina" (Kitchen)
2030 E. Front St., Selma

5:00 – 7:00

Take out only
Lion Lucy's secret
family recipe-delicioso!

Proceeds go to scholarships
and community projects.

For tickets, contact:

Lion Bev Cho
(559-970-4092)
Lion Max Abe
(559-977-8192)

\$12



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.



GARDEN GROVE REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



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

Interactive and Team-Building Training!

Leadership for Success!

This 3-day Institute focuses on:

**Working in Teams, Public Speaking, Diversity,
Motivating Club Members, Time Management, 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 skill set. 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 a 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 Friday, March 18th through 3 PM Sunday, March 20th. If you plan on arriving on Thursday, March 17th, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$129.00 plus fees and taxes when you check-in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute are provided at the Institute location. **"CORRECTED"**
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://californialionsmd4.ticketspice.com/regional-lions-leadership-institute-garden-grove>

Any questions can be directed to PDG Norm McDaniel

805-653-6676 (office)

805-340-4849 (mobile)

lionnormthegovernator@gmail.com

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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 *



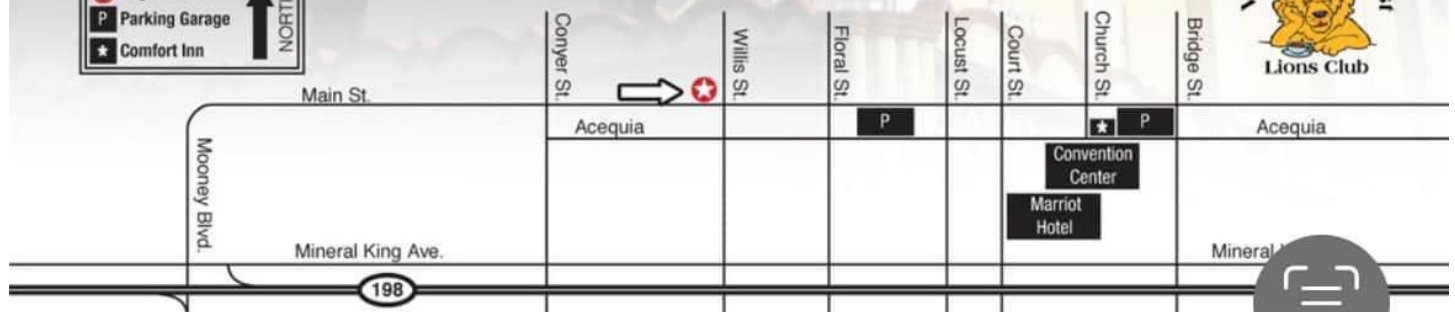
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VISALIA BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB DOWNTOWN VISALIA CAR SHOW

MAY 21ST 2022



Check-In at 6am - 9am | Corner of Willis & Main





**JULY
27-31**

CALIFORNIA VISALIA

Visit our website at <https://leosforum.org>

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



Solution for West Coast Racers Puzzle

Lions History

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EEORGG NBMAHO	<u>GEORGE BONHAM</u>
IRDCLAFF	<u>RADCLIFF</u>
ANDA BSGGI	<u>DANA BIGGS</u>
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DCRAE IOTNP	<u>CEDAR POINT</u>
AMBAAAL	<u>ALABAMA</u>
CAHGCOI	<u>CHICAGO</u>
ORTOTON	<u>TORONTO</u>
ILNO	<u>LION</u>
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AARZNOI	<u>ARIZONA</u>
ROOBAKK	<u>OAKBROOK</u>
THE ARECMLI ORKWER	<u>THE MIRACLE WORKER</u>
TGISHKN FO HET BINDL	<u>KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND</u>