



Roar of the Lion

District 4-A2

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

OCTOBER 4, 2022



WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN IS DISTRICT NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION NIGHT?

1. New Member Recognition Night is the annual celebration of all the new members who have joined a Lions club here in District 4-A2 since this time last year. We have dinner, a speaker and we get to meet each new member.

2. This year the event is hosted by the Caruthers Lions Club at the Caruthers Fair Grounds in . . . Caruthers.

3. The doors (and no-host bar) open at 5 PM. and Call to Order by will be at 6 PM on Wednesday the 26th of October.

One other detail: each club decides whether to sponsor dinner for their new member and/or his/her sponsor. This year dinner is

So take an hour off work, grab an 8-passenger van, and spend an evening with your Lions on the road and in Caruthers!

SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS, WHO CAN EARN THE PROUD LION AWARD?

- ◆ This award can only be earned during the first six months of membership as a Lion.
- ◆ Complete these five tasks, in any order, preferably with your sponsor.

1. Attend a club board meeting.
2. Participate in a club project.
3. Introduce a prospective new member to the club.
4. Visit another Lions Club and secure a visitation slip.
5. Attend a zone, region, district or multiple district meeting and report back to the club.

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Dining in the Dark

One good way to remind yourself what it means to be one of the Knights of the Blind is to practice being blind yourself.

That can be dangerous, so a safe opportunity is being offered to our Lions on January 13 in Fresno. We are holding a Friday night “blindfold dinner” to let you (and your whole club) experience a little bit of the challenge of being blind.

Mark your calendar!

Hurricane Fiona Strikes Puerto Rico

After three weeks 100,000 residents are still without power.

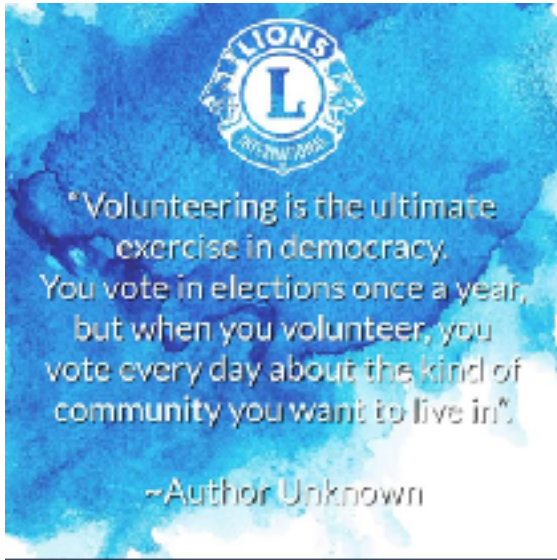
Fellow 4-A2 Lions, this is a major disaster and our Lions comrades need our support. Please consider making club and individual donations to LCIF to help out. LCIF has already begun the process of getting support to our friends in Puerto Rico.

<https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions/photos/a.1030644757323064/2034838616903668/>

Make your donations to the Disaster Relief Fund
Thank you.

- PDG Tony F Reyes
4-A2 LCIF Coordinator






A Word From Our Governor ~

Hello Leos and Lions of District 4-A2,

September is over and guess what - the 1st Quarter is also over.

NB: Can you add the picture of International President Lion Brian's part from below?  *see page 6*

Yes, we really kicked off the Lions Year strongly. Thank you all for stepping up and serving in whatever capacity you all are assigned to. It seems as the day gets shorter, my term as serving as your District Governor moves faster than expected and still many visitations to be covered.

But I am enjoying attending Installations, Inductions, Fundraisers, Projects, Trainings, Celebrations of major

Club Anniversaries, and am having a fun time volunteering.

On September 29th we had the 1st meeting of Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and Governor Team with District Student Speaker Chair on Zoom. I decided to have a Breakout Session on How to host and conduct a Student Speaker contest at the 2nd District Meeting in Richgrove.

Highlights of what happened since I took office as District 4-A2 Governor starting July 1st, 2022 :

1) First on July 23rd District Schooling at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia with 74 Lions, 2 Leo-Lions and 3 Leos in attendance. Thank you to all attended. You showed your commitment to the success of your club!

2) Then the 5th USA/Canada Leo Forum from 25th to the 31st of July at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia and in between that we had the Installation of District 4-A2 Officers on 29th July and Chartering of a Cyber Omega Club attended by International President Lions Brian and Lori Sheehan and LCIF Chairperson Lion Douglas

Alexander. There were 186 in attendance. The next day at the District Meeting at Lamp Liter Inn, Visalia were 86 members. Thank you to each one of you who attended and brought a stuffed animal for Kases for Kids. We collected 100 toys which Lion Kaden has stored and passes out as the need comes.

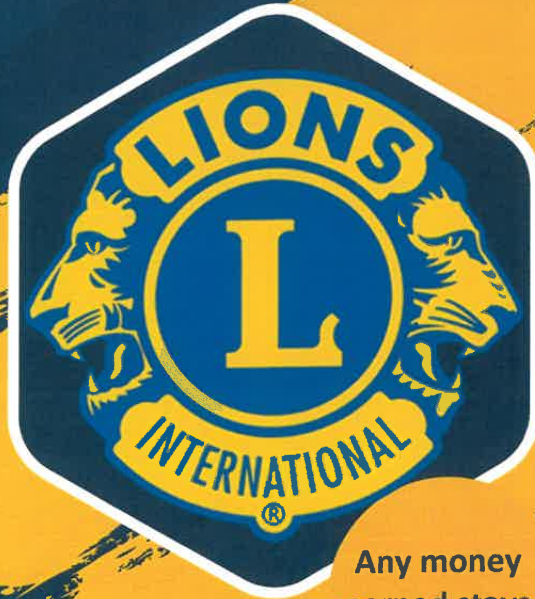
3) August: Organizational Council of Governors in Irvine from the 18th to 21st of August. First Vice-Governor Christy Kroell's article on page 10 tells why that is a highlight.

4) Vision Screening Training by Lions-In-Sight Chairs PID Dr. Bill Iannacone and PDG Lion Linda Griffin for the Spot Cameras on September 10th at Visalia Episcopal Church drew 34 attendees who are now Certified for 2 years. Those certified in or before 2020 and not yet recertified, please consider taking the Training and get your recertification.

Ongoing events throughout the Year so far till Jan 13th and 14th, 2023:

5) October is Vision Awareness, White Cane Days, and Membership Growth Month.





Any money
earned stays
in Reedley

Reedley Lions 100 Year Celebration

**Saturday
October
22**

6pm-10pm

Check in begins 5:30

**42965 Rd. 56
Reedley**

Catered Dinner
No Host Bar
Musical Entertainment / Dancing
Silent Auction
Dessert Auction

Lions T-shirt Quilt Live Auction
Seats are \$40 per person
Casual to Business Attire
To Purchase tickets call: Debbie 559-393-6603
Email any questions to Reedleylions@gmail.com

Evening of Food, Drink & Entertainment celebrating
100 Years of Service to Reedley
"We Serve"



New Member Recognition Night – October 26 6 to 9 pm Caruthers Fairgrounds

Have you ever been to - ?

the **Visalia Band Review**

October 15 @ 6:30 am - 5:00 pm in the streets of Visalia and the Mineral King Bowl - 1001 West Main Street, Visalia, CA

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the chartering of the
Reedley Lions Club
 and the
Tulare Lions Club
 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

by Lion Susan Gall, Multiple District 4

In conjunction with Project Care, we are announcing the MD4 Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

There will be two categories that promote both the environment and club service activities during the 2022-23 Lion's year. It will provide a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride in and commitment to improving, protecting, and preserving the environment.

The contest begins at home, where every Lion can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings to the MD4 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. It is as easy as snapping a picture of the beach, trees, birds, water, sky, or anything around you as you serve to improve the environment.

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GOVERNOR FALGUNI'S WORDS

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Ongoing events throughout the Year so far till Jan 13th and 14th, 2023:

6) October 8th we have a Vision Screening and Eye Exam in Corcoran. Only 14 spots left to preregister out of 100. (See flyer) Kings, Corcoran, WCICLC, maybe Visalia Charter Oak and Fresno Host Lions will be present.

ATTENTION CORCORAN
FREE EYE SCREENING & EXAMS
GRATIS EXÁMENES DE VISTA

OCTOBER 8, 2022
9:00AM - 1:00PM
OCTUBRE 8, 2022

Reading Glasses will be Given on the spot
100 People Maximum
FREE Glasses Coupons Given with Eye Exams
Must Register at 559.762.2371 or 559.300.6612

Lentes Para Leer están Dados en el Sitio.
100 Personas Máximo
Cupones de Lentes Son **GRATIS** con Exámenes De La Vista
Debe Registrarse Al 559.762.2371 o 559.300.6612

Sponsored by Christ Alive Church of Corcoran in Partnership with:

7) New Members Night on Wednesday October 26th in Caruthers at 6 pm. New Member Orientation and Dinner. Multicultural Fashion and Flags of Nations Parade and Dancing with our DJ \$20 pp and \$5 for Leos. Registration out soon and the flyer will be sent soon to you by Leo Lion Shriani.

8) The Council of Governors Fall meeting will be in Fairfield, hosted by District 4-C2. Our Cabinet Secretary has sent a survey form from 4-C2's 1st Vice-District Governor Lion Rick Carnal for shuttle transportation from Airport to Host Hotel site arranged by 4-C2. Please fill it in if attending and flying. Our Cabinet Secretary is also sharing the meal registration form for the Fall meeting of the Council of Governors, so look out for those.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

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The photos will be displayed, and the winners will be selected by popular vote at the MD4 Convention in February 2023.

Contest Rules

- The Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS in MD4.
- There are TWO categories:

The Environment - Photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animal life, weather phenomenon, etc.) in California. No people may be included in the photos.

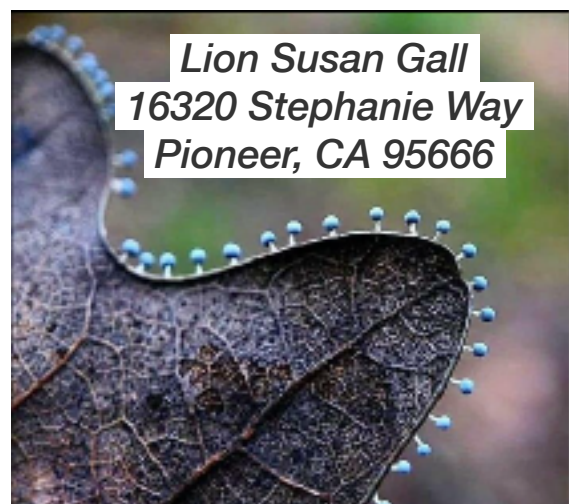
see sample at <https://www.md4lions.org/environmental-photo-contest>

Environmental Service in Action - Photos of your club participating in an Environmental Service Activity during the current Lion year. Must include Lions in the photos.

[See sample at same web page as above.]

- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10".
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of all photos.
- Only one submission per club will be accepted.
- Photos must be taken during the current Lion year and submitted to MD-4 by **January 15, 2023**.
- Photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.

Include your name, Club name, District, and a brief description of the photo. Photos must be received by Lion Susan Gall no later than January 15, 2023. Send photos to:



GOVERNOR FALGUNI'S WORDS

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Ongoing events throughout the Year so far till Jan 13th and 14th, 2023:

- 9) 2nd District Meeting in Richgrove on 18th and 19th November. Registration out soon.
- 10) December 10th, 2022 Bus day trip to decorate the Lions International Float that will be in the Rose Parade. Leo Lion Shriani will send the flyer to you.
- 11) Dining in the Dark: LCIF Chair PDG Tony Reyes has sent out the flier to all. It is an LCIF fundraiser. Save the date and it is \$65 pp. I have not included on the flier in that anybody who cannot find somebody who is visually impaired does not feel they cannot attend. *But it would be nice that if you know someone adult or youth but especially a youth who is visually impaired and would like to sponsor them to attend the Dinner it would be appreciated. If not, not a problem.*
- 12) Rose Float Bulletin and Tentative Schedule for the IP attending (attached below)
- 13) Offer to be at Disneyland with the International President Lions Brian and Lori Sheehan and Lions!
Lions Day at Disneyland.
That is the URL to take you to the site for registration:

https://ci5.googleusercontent.com/proxy/8pgqdckt-MBIO_zfE27SWmBQ7L6lrolGJCuEGrMyWk0HREKQthdgbBbpcyiv1rjB_sgKFwXIEYsw67HDzVRhHRiS_QDrLVAXw_36DHZDwKRJotpJeF0ZO1zfKUaOqlcRI5nTtaB2gQAHvPAcSRtRtAXzY=s0-d-e1-ft#https://files.constantcontact.com/565e23a2801/8876a8c2-63cf-4292-b1ab-196453dcd8e0.png?rdr=true

I end by Happy Holidays and a short poem:

Why do you remain a Lion?
It's not for money, it's not for fame, it's not for any personal gain,
It's just for love of fellow man,
It's just to lend a helping hand, that something you cannot buy with wealth,
It's not medals worn with pride,
It's for the feeling deep inside, it's that reward down in the heart, it's a feeling that you have been a part of helping others, it's a sign that you are an effective part.

CULTIVATE LOVE
GENERATE ENERGY
INSPIRE AUDACITY and
PROVIDE PROOF when questioned.

Take Care and Be Safe whilst serving your communities and I look forward to seeing you all at our second District Event on October 26th, 2022 at 6pm in Caruthers for New Member Recognition Night.

Lion Falguni C Patel, MJF, District Governor

OMG... it's the end of the 1st Quarter!!! Yaaay! How are you doing on your GOALS for this year? I'm hoping to see great progress as I spot check Insight to see how you all are doing.
Catch your breath, lead by example, keep a positive attitude, have fun as you fire up and motivate your District Leadership Team! Help them engage your members and clubs to do the GMA, excel and take on new Service Projects, and Mentor their future Leaders in Leadership! You've got this! Work with your TEAM because.... 'Together We Can and Together We Will!' You all are 'AWESOME!'



Service - the Big Picture

by Lion Marco Martinez,
Global Service Team Coordinator of District 4-A2



Hello Fellow Lions;

First quarter is here, this year is going fast and I want to thank all Lion and Leo Clubs for participating and reporting their service activities. So, here's our numbers as of 11 September;

24 clubs have reported on MyLion giving us 40% / people served – 20,170,
service activities – 213 and
volunteer hours – 4,996. Excellent numbers!

MD4 Project Care (Youth) and (Environmental Photo Contest):

I am glad to report that 7 Clubs have reported **Youth Projects** on MyLion for the months of July and August with a total of People Served – 1,948 and Volunteer Hours – 123 and they are:

- Tulare Host /// Visalia Pride /// Selma Central Valley /// Kings Lions
- McFarland Lions /// Cutler-Orosi /// McFarland Roaring Leos

MD4 has added an Environmental Photo Contest which will come under two categories listed below:

- The Environment: Photos depicting a nature theme in California. No people may be included in the photos.
- Environmental Service in Action: Photos of your Club participating in an environmental activity during the current year. Must include Lions / Leos in photo.

Photos should be original and unaltered on high quality photo paper and measure 8"x10". Only one photo per Club and must be submitted by **15 January 2023**. I will post address to send photos on our next District Meeting.

(See also previous page of this issue of the Roar.)

GST Quarterly Service Awards:

Report your service activities on MyLion and I will add your club's name to the digital name picker. First quarter winner is Selma Central Valley, when excellence pins arrive, I will award them on our next District Meeting.

District & Region Totals: 24 clubs reporting out of 60 = 40%

REGION	PEOPLE SERVED	SERVICE ACTIVITIES	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Northern Region	5,180	64	1,192
Central Region	5,200	70	1,956
Southern Region	8,144	44	1,096
Western Region	1,646	35	752
District Totals	20,170	213	4,996

Service, continued

4-A2 Leos:

We have three Leos Clubs reporting on MyLion and they are Hanford Leos, McFarland Roaring Leos, and Visalia Leos. Their District totals are listed below:

- People Served = 2,966
- Service Activities = 19
- Volunteer Hours = 584
- Three clubs reporting out of fifteen = 20% Way to Go Leos!

In closing, our District lost Fresno Campus Lions and gained one Omega Leo Club, giving us a total of -60- Lion Clubs and -15- Leo Clubs in our District. Keep serving your communities with kindness and love and remember, when we serve more, we give more.

Lion Marco



Lions Clubs International Diabetes Awareness Ribbons

Diabetes is a global epidemic that touches every corner of the globe. Lions and Lions clubs are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the lives of those living with Type 1 and Type II diabetes.

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons allow clubs and club members to become active in reducing the cause and raising awareness of diabetes. As White Cane Day was able to bring awareness to the safety of people with white canes and to help out those afflicted with blindness by raising small donations and handing out white canes, this small ribbon will also bring awareness to those with diabetes.

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons can be handed out by club members any time throughout the year. You can also combine your day handing out Diabetes Awareness Ribbons with eye screening, dietary planning, and testing for diabetes to name a few. There are hundreds of things that you can do to combine your day of diabetes awareness, it is up to all of us Lions to come together to reduce the affliction of this disease and improve the lives of those with it.

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons also allow the members of your club to participate in a service project. It is as simple as picking a place and handing out ribbons, one member or 100 members can participate.

Small donations for this event and the Diabetes Awareness Ribbons will raise funds to help by sending kids to diabetes camps, providing literature for coping with diabetes, cookbooks, diet planning, and literature. These are just some of the resources in which to invest your fundraising. Funds raised with Diabetes Awareness Ribbons could go towards anything as long as it is to help those with diabetes, and more importantly diabetes awareness. Get your Lions Club involved today; millions of people with diabetes are counting on it.

Diabetes Awareness Ribbons provide a means for every Lions District, Club, and Club member to participate!

Now it is up to you, Get your Diabetes Awareness Ribbons today!
Help the lives of those with diabetes.

More: Diabetes has a large effect on our communities. An estimated 463 million adults across the World live with diabetes and its prevalence is increasing rapidly. By 2045, the number is expected to reach 700 million.

Research has found that the rate of people being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes has been rising across the globe for many years.

By 2050, 5 million people are expected to be diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. 200,000 people under the age of 20 years old have Type 1 diabetes.

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Irish Fest
IN OCTOBER

Tickets: visaliabreakfastlions.org
\$50 ADVANCE / \$60 DAY-OF / 20 NON-DRINKER

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 1st, 2022
1-5 pm
VALLEY STRONG BALLPARK

Thanks to our Vendors

Mark your calendars now because you do not want to miss this event. The Irish Fest will be held October 1st, at Valley Strong Stadium, 1pm - 5PM. There will be over 30 different breweries, and the band Gen Fm will be entertaining us. We hope to have 1,500 participants this year. Tickets are on sale now from Visalia Breakfast Lion members, or you can purchase them through our website <https://visaliabreakfastlions.org> Advance tickets are \$50, at the door \$60.

OCT 22-23 2022

PICKLEBALL VISALIA TOURNAMENT

PLAZA PARK VISALIA
REGISTER AT PICKLEBALLTOURNAMENTS.COM

MEN & WOMEN DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES
2 AGE GROUPS
4 SKILL LEVELS

<https://www.pickleballtournaments.com> and search for Visalia.

2022-23 First Vice-District Governor Christy Kroell

Hello Fellow Lions and Leos of District 4-A2.

Can't believe we are already in the month of September. Lots of great things happened, starting with the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum 2022 at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, CA.

Lots of Leos from around the USA and Canada attended with some dignitaries from different parts of the USA. Our Installation of our District Cabinet Officers on July 29th by our honorable International President Lion Brian Sheehan with special dignitaries as guests, First Lady Lion Lori Sheehan, Immediate Past International President Lion Douglas Alexander, International Director Lion Ken Ibarra and his partner in service, Lion Amy Fink. We also had our Council Chair Lion Karen Crook and lots of District Governors and 1st Vice District Governors from other districts attend. Then the following day was our 1st District Cabinet Meeting, great attendance.

Congratulations to our District Governor Lion Falguni Patel and to all her Cabinet Officers. We will have a great year by working together, as our International President Lion Brian Sheehan's motto is "Together We Can."

I attended our District Governor Falguni's club meeting as her 1st official visitation on August 1st and we had a fun fellowship with great food. Then on August 13th it was the visitation for Central Valley Lioness Lions Club in Selma for the Installation of their club officers and induction of new members, by our very own District Governor Lion Falguni. It was a fun evening with fellow Lions and guests. PDG Lion Al and I brought my mom Ching to the event that night.



(Fresno Host Lions)

"Be The Change:

Keep Trying,

Keep Moving,

Keep Inspiring"

On August 18th, we had our Organizational Council of Governors meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Irvine, CA. We had fun at the Thursday night BBQ dinner, Friday night fun night after the meeting that day and we had a 50's Sock Hop Saturday evening after we had another meeting that day. Then Sunday we wrapped up the meeting that day by 11 am. It was nice to get to sit and hangout with our 2VDG Lion Dr Cheri and other Lions/Councils of Governors.



On Friday, August 26th, we drove to San Diego to attend the District 4-L6, for their installation of District Cabinet Officers and Induction of new members at the Hilton Hotel in Mission Valley. It was a memorable evening, where District Governor Jay Ruiz Jr had his

goatee and mustache shaved to raise money for LCIF. They had opportunity drawings and entertainment for the evening event. It was great to see everyone that we knew and great to meet new Lions' family. They had a great turn out.

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First VDG Christy, continued

The next day, August 27th, we attended their District's 1st Cabinet meeting where there were few in attendance. It started at 10 a.m. and ended before lunch time. They had accomplished what they needed to do for their meeting, which is so awesome. They had their meeting at the Bay Terraces Community and Senior Center.

That same day at nighttime we attended the 9th year Anniversary of the San Diego Pathfinders Lions Club, including induction of new members at the Scottish Rite Event Center. I was invited to be the Inspirational Speaker/Keynote Speaker. I was also the Installing Officer for their incoming Club President, Lion Ken Agbayani, which I am honored to have the privileged to do so. Another fun evening with 200 plus attendees, great entertainment, delicious food, and fun fellowship. I was humbled by the great comments I received that evening after my speech. The best part of it was a great feeling because their club gained 4 more new members besides the 8 new members that were inducted that night. It was an awesome feeling.

Remember: "Lions clubs and their members are much more than being simply a contributor of money. What we are known for are our acts of kindness," being a Lion is "really and truthfully the practical application of a person's religion." I truly believe that application, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you, is what has motivated me to become a LION. We find that application in each one of your projects, projects that reinforce the fundamental purpose for which Lions exist, and that's to care for each other, particularly projects that assist the less fortunate, as well as making our District 4-A2 and area a better place in which to live. The members of all the Lions Clubs in the world believe in our motto "WE SERVE" and in the truth of our centennial theme "WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION," and have clear and consistent pride in their community and in their membership in our DISTRICT 4-A2.

Lastly, try to attend our upcoming New Members Night in Caruthers on October 26, and our 2nd Cabinet Meeting in the Southern Region, Richgrove, CA on November 18 and 19, 2022.

Take care Lions family and hope to see you all soon.

Yours in Service and Together We Can,

1VDG Lion Christy Kroell, PMJF

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USA-Canada LEO Forum follow up - Visalia, California 2022

We are so pleased that your District 4-A2 could host the Fifth Annual USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum for four days in Visalia, California. It had been a long two years and everyone was anxious to get reacquainted.

Please join me in thanking the Host Committee and its Chairperson PDG Dr. Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel and its exceptional committee members for providing all of us with such an outstanding experience. They put in a lot of time and energy and worked tirelessly to make this event possible! Throughout the weekend, it was a job well done!

It was a pleasure to serve as the Academic Dean for this great event and it is my hope that every Leo was able to take away some truly valuable information!

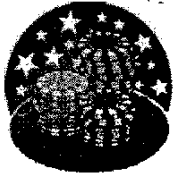
All the best always,

PCC Nanette

PCC Nanette E. Burdick

Multiple District 23 - Lions of Connecticut

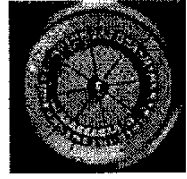
Just from our District 4-A2 about 38 Leos were able to go to the Leo Forum out of which about 17 were awarded scholarships through the fundraising efforts of the Fundraiser team with Chair Chiragkumar Patel.



34th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11 AND 12th, 2022



- Events: Besides pin trading we'll have our Lucille Romig Memorial Nine Hole Golf Tournament, Pin Auction, 50/50 Raffles, Hospitality and Breakfast.
- To place pins in the auction, contact Lion Joe Trezza (925) 864-2927 no later than August 1, 2022.
- Hotel information: We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada.
- The room rates for our event are available on line. To make reservations call 1-(800)-648-5010. Our Rate code is SCLION2. The cutoff date for reservations is September 7, 2022.
- The Italian Food Festival is right outside the hotel and will be going on October 8th & 9th 2022.
- The registration fee is \$45.00. First timers do not have to pay the registration fee of \$45.00.

REGISTRATION FORM

- Registration includes Table, Swap/Registration pin.
- Breakfast includes a Breakfast Pin.
- Extra tables are available at a reduced rate, no pins.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Registration #: _____ @ \$45.00 each =\$ _____

Registration No Table _____ @ \$25.00 each =\$ _____

Breakfast #: _____ @ \$25.00 each =\$ _____

Extra Table #: _____ @ \$20.00 each =\$ _____

Total =\$ 0.00

Will you be staying at the Circus Circus? _____ If yes, how many nights? _____

Are you sharing a room? _____ If yes, With whom? _____

Make check payable to CLPTA and mail check and this form to

Lion Joe Trezza, 4316 Kingsly Drive Pittsburg, CA. 94565-6267

Phone: 925-864-2927 email: jetlion@comcast.net

You may book on line using this link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SCLION2>



• Dining In The Dark



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

January 13, 2023

District 4-A2 Presents an LCIF FUNDRAISER

• Join us for an evening of blindfolded dining, socializing and FUNDRAISING

• **When: Friday, January 13, 2023**

• **Where: Classic Catering At 625**

• **Address: 625 4th St., Clovis, CA**

• Contact PDG Tony F Reyes at 703-309-2085; email vawave@aol.com

• Limited Seating



Club News

5 **Rosedale Highway** Lions attended Scout Troop 2119 (Girl) Court of Honor on 8/24/2022 and 3 Rosedale Highway Lions attended the Scout Troop 47 (Boy) Court of Honor on 8/27/2022. Each event celebrated the summer camping and badge achievements as well as new Eagle Scout ranks. Rosedale Highway Lions sponsor both troops and provides an annual Campership to each Troop.



Bakersfield Breakfast Lions Club is helping start a new Boy Scout Troop 300; funds donated will purchase all of the gear needed to support the troop going forward.



In July **Bakersfield Breakfast** Lions donated \$5,000 to Bakersfield High. The money will help purchase instruments the school band desperately needs.

3 **Ponderosa** Lions spent 13 Lion-hours collecting paper for recycling from community donations in Prather.



The **Clovis** Lions Club served a pancake breakfast to 100 people at the Fallen Heroes Car Show on Sept. 24th.



On August 6, ten members of the **Kings** Lions Club put in a full day in service of education and literacy at a Stuff the Bus project in Lemoore. The items donated will go to six schools in their community.



The **Laton** Lions don't just do rodeo. On July 25, they also volunteered to make a Food Bank distribution successful, serving 360 people.



What has the



**Visalia Breakfast
Lions Club**

been up to?

by Lion Mike Davidson

chosen recipients. For President Bob's final club meeting, he was able to present \$2,000 to each organization in a moving ceremony. The Sun Gazette attending the meeting and printed a nice piece about the donation. If you missed it, you can check it out at <https://thesungazette.com/.../visalia-breakfast-lions.../>

Our Club Meeting attendance has been running 30-40 members. With more Lions in attendance, we have discovered more side conversations occur which causes more noise. To help with this, we have purchased three remote microphones that will connect to our sound system. This new system is really working well. All club members are able to hear and enjoy what our rambunctious Tail Twisters are saying to those they are collecting fines from.



We have inducted several **new members** this quarter, and have a couple more that are working on attending three meetings in order to be voted in. It is so nice to see younger folks stepping up and wanting to serve. We believe our posts on social media show that we are an active club doing lots of good things. Potential members learn that they can attend our breakfast meetings in the morning and still be at work on time. We are now on Instagram and Facebook if you care to follow us.

As mentioned earlier, Major Leon Lucas, Visalia Veterans Committee, spoke at Club sharing how they were raising funds to restore the WWII **Greatest Generation mural** located on South Mooney Blvd. You may have driven past the mural recently and noticed half of it is missing. It seems weather is taking its toll on the mural and panels had to be removed before they were permanently damaged. The original artist has agreed to restore the mural and cover it with a UV protectant. This will be a costly restoration, \$50k, and the committee is doing a lot of different fundraisers. As usual, the **Visalia Breakfast Lions** stepped up and donated \$1,000 for the restoration project.

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IPDG **David Hamilton** has been volunteering with the Ocoee Lions in Florida to relieve victims of Hurricane Ian in and near Charlotte Harbor.

He is working with IPDG Steve Van Varick whom he first met in 2017 while visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Florida,

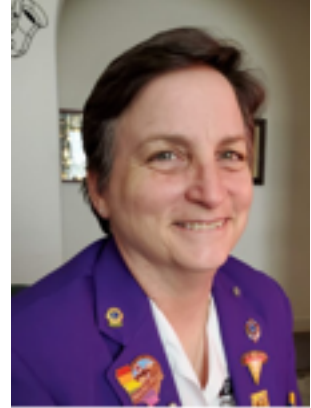




2022-23 Second Vice-District Governor
Cheri Provancha
 Visalia Pride Lions

Hey, Lions -
 Check out the District 4-A2 website. Let me know what your favorite part is. After that you can tell me what needs fixing.

- 2VDG Cheri
4a2lions.org



When 9 members of the **McFarland Roaring Leos** participated in the four-hour FLWC food distribution for the McFarland community, 13 prospective Leos also participated in the event!



Lions Clubs International

2022 Award Winning Float



Lions of MD4

Since 1992, Lions Clubs International has had a float in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Two of its entries in 1993 and 1994 won awards for the most beautiful floats in the parade and again in 2014 won the Tournament of Roses Special Trophy for exceptional uses in multi classifications. In January 2022, the "Quest for Kindness" float was awarded the Leishman Public Spirit Award. However, all entries are considered winners presenting Lions an opportunity to promote our service activities to people world-wide who view the float each year.

The Rose Parade is viewed by more than 800,000 along the parade route and an estimated 400 million in 115 countries. The parade is covered by several hundred domestic and international media representatives. Every major print media features related stories before, during, and after the parade.

Lions Float, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation was formed In 1994 to direct the preparation and funding of the Lions Float in the Rose Parade. This is a year-round activity involving the designing, fundraising and coordinating of volunteer decoration of the float in December. This years Float will cost \$121,000 to build. The LCI Board of Directors approved and granted Lions Float, Inc. \$75,000.

What can Lions do now? Donate to Lions Float Inc. By awarding a Lion or a community member with a fellowship or even direct donations, Lions Float Inc. is a tax-deductible 501 (c)(3). The Foundation will be announcing the sale of special merchandise and they will be scheduling awareness campaigns.



Please contact PDG Manny Sanchez, LFI President at lionmanny@gmail.com, PDG Bob Susaeta, LFI 1st Vice President @ susaeta@sbcglobal.net and/or Randy McMillan, 2nd LFI Vice President @ randymcmillan414lion@gmail.com with questions and additional information.

See next page on how you can be a supporter for 2023!



Lions Clubs International

2023 Tournament of Roses Parade Float



“Bridging The World Through Service” float depicts students, Leos and Lions Clubs members bridging relationships through service. The bridges symbolize an international connection to the common global issues of hunger and the environment.

The LCI float features gardening and planting trees. We want to show the world that we serve to improve human flourishing. Lions are depicted on the float planting trees to protect our environment. Our environment is more than a background: it’s our home. And we’re committed to caring for it.

The float is 35 feet long. Lions help where help is needed in their own communities and around the world with unmatched integrity and energy; “We Serve!” Lions Clubs International has over 46,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas, and is the world’s largest humanitarian service organization.

The float needs clubs, districts and individuals to help in the funding of current and future floats by contributing in variety of ways. Please consider donating to LFI by purchasing a club Banner Patch, float merchandise, "Ride of Your Life" opportunity drawing, Out Walker and rider positions, awarding one of five Fellowships to deserving Lion! And hot off the press, the Lions Float Inc., Ambassador and Rose Programs. In addition, service hours are needed during the decorating process.

For more information, visit www.lionsfloat.org

How Can We Be A Rose Float Supporter?

There are a variety of ways that anyone can be a Lions Rose Float Supporter!

1. The “*Ride of Your Life*” Drawing

Purchase a \$20 ticket for a chance to be a rider on the 2023 Lions Clubs Tournament of Roses Parade Float (estimated value: \$5000).

Winning ticket will get a one night stay at the DoubleTree Hilton for two; Grandstand seat for a spouse or family member; 2 tickets to the Lions Inter-national President’s Reception and a tour of the float barn. All of this includes transportation to and from all of these events.

2. Help Decorate the Lions Rose Float “*Buy a Rose*” Program

As we all know, it’s not possible for every- one to travel to Irwindale, California to help decorate the Lions Float. The “*Buy a Rose*” Program gives you a digital front row seat in the creation of the Float.

- A. \$20 - Single Rose
- B. \$100 - Half-Dozen Roses
- C. \$200 - Dozen Roses

3. Lions Float, Inc. Ambassador Program

With a \$500 donation you can become a Lions Float, Inc. Ambassador. As an Ambassador you will assist with obtaining donations towards the construction of the float, promote the float for Lions Clubs International, encourage others to get involved in the preparation of the float for the annual parade and encourage others to become Ambassadors.

As an Ambassador, you will get a Royal Blue Ambassador Jacket with Logo (1 year); for an annual donation in year 2 and beyond, you will receive a “year” chevron; 1 Ride of Your Life Ticket that is entered into Special Drawing for Ambassadors Only, Commemorative Pin Annually and a Certificate to the Ambassador donor/ recipient annually.

4. Walker Program - \$1000 Donation (*Limited Space Available*)

Parade is 5 miles - Be prepared to walk up to 10 miles at the Float pace

Package Includes:

1. Commemorative Hoodie
2. 2 Presidents Reception Tickets
3. 1 Nights Hotel Stay
4. Tour of Float Barn
5. 1 Grandstand Ticket
6. Transportation to and from the judging and parade.

5. Rider Program - \$5000 Donation (*Limited Seats Available*)

Package Includes:

1. Commemorative Hoodie
2. 2 Presidents Reception Tickets
3. 2 Nights Hotel Stay
4. Tour of Float Barn
5. 1 Grandstand Ticket
6. Transportation to and from the judging and parade

6. Honor a Lion with a Fellowship

There are five fellowships, each providing a handsome plaque and a decorative lapel pin. Samples may be seen, and fellowships ordered at: <http://www.lionsrosefloat.com>

FELLOWSHIPS Program

Honor a deserving Lion and/or community member. Fellowships include a handsome plaque and decorative lapel pin.

- \$500.00 - Donald E. Banker - Fellowship
- \$350.00 - Gary Lozaun - Fellowship
- \$300.00 - Wilt LeBlock - Fellowship
- \$250.00 - Chuck Overbuy - Fellowship
- \$250.00 - Jim North - Fellowship
- \$250.00 - Ross Adams - Fellowship

Additional ways to become a Lions Float, Inc. Supporter:

- 1. Club Banner or Individual Patch \$50 Donation**
- 2. Float Memorabilia**
 - 1. Float Pins - \$10**
 - 2. Tote Bags - \$20**
 - 3. T-Shirts - \$20-\$25**
 - 4. Polo Shirts - \$35-\$50**
 - 5. Hoodie Jackets - \$50-\$55**
 - 6. Jackets - \$75-\$80**

To view all of these items, visit the Lions Float, Inc. website:

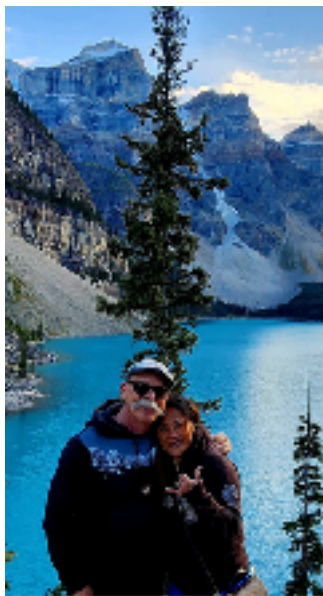
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UPDATE FROM

2022-23 *First Vice-District Governor*
Christy Kroell

On the last day of the USA/Canada Leo Forum held in Visalia, while waiting at the lobby of the Wyndham Hotel after the Leo Lions graduation, I asked permission to play their piano and I did and IPDG Lion David Hamilton placed a box, wrote LCIF and collected \$110.00 in donation, so I mailed a check to PDG Lion Tony Reyes, Sr., our District 4-A2 LCIF Coordinator.



Starting on September 12, we drove to Calgary, Canada to attend the USA/Canada Forum. We had stopped a few times to charge our ChristAI, Tesla. First stop was in Sacramento, then to Red Bluff and Mount Shasta, California, then Klamath Falls and Madras, Oregon, where we spent the night. The next day we drove through Washington state to Coeur D'Alene Idaho. Of course, we had breakfast,

lunch, and dinner at different Black Bear Diners on the way, or Shari's Café, and Texas Roadhouse in Idaho. We spent our second night at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Fernie, (BC) British Columbia. As our drive continued we saw wildlife in the middle of the road, on the side of the road - there were deer, elk, and more deer.

We arrived around 6:45 pm in Chestermere, Alberta, Canada at our nephew's house and spent the night there. It was about 20 mins drive away from downtown Calgary, CA.

We got to the Westin Hotel in Calgary, checked in, got our packets, and went to the BMO Center where they had the USA/Canada Forum. We met every old Lion friend of ours and met new Lions from different parts of the USA and Canada. Joined the dinner with different Lions at the forum, attended some of the classes and got to meet my group leader, PID Lion Jennifer Ware.

1st International VP Lion Dr Patti Hill led the session for the FVDG/DGEs and it was great to be able to attend that session to get all the information I needed. Saw ID Robert Lee and Lion Pam from Hawaii and met their incoming 2VDG and became friends, and a newer group of Lions' family from Hawaii was introduced to us, too.

We had a get together dinner Friday night with Lions from District 4-C6. Thanks to DG Lion Melinda Blaza for letting us join their group and for treating us for the dinner at the Ceasars Steak House in Calgary, Canada. Great food, fellowship and lots of fun with our Lions family from District 4-C6.

Friday September 30th, we launched our first Diabetes Awareness Ribbon presentation at the Clovis Pistachio Fair, and it was a successful evening. Thank you to Lion Bill and Lion Eleanor Britter from 4-C6 in joining us at the fair where she did some Glucose testing and checked for blood pressure and brought a lot of literature about diabetes, cancer, and health.

We are now in the month of October where Fresno Host Lions Club, my home club will be celebrating its 102 year Anniversary. Congratulations to all the clubs in our District 4A2 who's celebrating their 75th year and 100 years anniversary.

Congratulations to Reedley Lions Club for their coming 100th year anniversary, where Fresno Host Lions Club was their sponsoring club.

I am so proud to be a Lion of our District 4 A2.

Take care to everyone and God bless us all.
"Be The Change: Keep Trying, Keep Moving, and Keep Inspiring"

Sincerely, Lion Christy

Clubs Celebrating Anniversaries in 2022

In January:

- 1) Jan 11th Shafter 71 years
- 2) Jan 25th Fresno Diwata 17 years
- 3) Jan 26th Cutler Orosi 38 years

In February:

- 1) Feb 2nd, 1938 Kerman 84 years
- 2) Feb 15th, 1988 Visalia Charter Oak 38 years
- 3) Feb 18th, 1946 Kingsburg 76 years
- 4) Feb 20th, 1959 Visalia Breakfast 63 years
- 5) Feb 21st, 1927 Fowler 95 years
- 6) Feb 24th, 1960 Porterville Breakfast 62 years
- 7) Feb 25th, 1938 Coalinga 84 years
- 8) Feb 26th, 1946 Lamont 76 years and Parlier 71 years (1951)
- 9) Feb 27th, 1996 Visalia Sunset 26 years

In March:

- 1) Mar 11th, 1946 Clovis 76 years
- 2) Mar 13th, 1939 Arvin 83 years
- 3) Mar 17th, 1938 Riverdale 84 years
- 4) Mar 20th, 1940 Selma 82 years

In April:

- 1) April 13th, 2016 Clovis Country 6 years
- 2) April 17th, 1947 San Joaquin Tranquility 75 years
- 3) April 22nd, 1959 HBLC 63 years
- 4) April 23rd, 1956 Bakersfield Rosedale Highway 66 years
- 5) April 30th, 1958 Bakersfield Breakfast 64 years

In May:

- 1) May 11th, 1945 Both Taft and Buttonwillow 77 years, Fresno Hispanic (2018) 4 years and Fresno State Campus (2019) 3 years
- 2) May 21st, 2002 Richgrove 20 years
- 3) May 25th, 1945 Delano 77 years
- 4) May 30th, 2012 Bakersfield Donghae 10 years
- 4) May 31st, 1945 McFarland 77 years

In June:

- 1) June 9th, 1922 Tulare 100 years
- 2) June 15th, 1945 Dinuba 77 years
- 3) June 17th, 2004 CVLLC 18 years
- 4) June 27th, 2013 Fresno Pride 9 years
- 5) June 30th, 1926 Visalia Host 96 years

In July:

- 1) July 8th, 1926 Bakersfield Host 96 years
- 2) July 24th, 1947 Ivanhoe 75 years

In August:

- 1) Aug 9th, 1991 Bakersfield Sports 31 years
- 2) Aug 24th, 1964 WCICLO (Terrabella) 58 years
- 3) Aug 31st, 1949 Lemoore 73 years

In September:

- 1) Sept. 4th, 1947 Woodlake 75 years
- 2) Sept. 5th, 1947 Three Rivers 75 years just celebrated on September 15th
- 3) Sept. 26th, 1949 North Fresno 73 years
- 4) Sept. 28th, 1949 Canuthers 73 years

In October:

- 1) Oct 3rd Pixley 75 years
- 2) Oct 9th Fresno Host 103 years
- 3) Oct 15th Kings 9 years
- 4) Oct 22nd Fresno Unlimited 23 years
- 5) Oct 25th Ponderosa 55 years
- 6) Oct 30th Orange Cove 75 years

In November:

- 1) Nov 1st Selma Charter 6 years
- 2) Nov 2nd Visalia Sequoia 68 years
- 3) Nov 8th Reedley 100 years but celebrating on October 22nd, 2022
- 4) Nov 15th Springville 74 years
- 5) Nov 17th Corcoran 81 years

In December:

- 1) Dec 9th, 1964 Laton 58 years
- 2) Dec 14th Easton 74 years
- 3) Dec 22nd Visalia Pride 13 years



Together, we can!

