

Roar of the Lion

District 4-A2

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

JANUARY 8, 2023



District Governor Falguni, Cabinet Secretary PDG Chiragkumar 'Kevin', and Leo-Lions Shriani, Mannati & Dev Patel

WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A

*Happy, Safe, & Healthy
New Year!*

A New Year's Message:

*Boarding on Flight ✈️ 2023 has been announced:
Your luggage should contain the best souvenirs from 2022.
The bad and sad moments should be left in the garbage.*

*The duration of the flight will be 12 months.
So tighten your seat belts!*

*The next stop-overs will be :
Health, Love, Joy, Harmony, Well-Being and Peace.*

*The captain offers you the following menu which will be served
during the flight:
A Cocktail of Friendship, A Supreme of Health, A Gratin of Prosperity,
A Bowl of Excellent News, A salad of Success, A Cake of Happiness,
All accompanied by bursts of laughter.
Wishing you and your family an enjoyable trip on board of flight 2023.*

*Before 2022 Ends, Let Us Thank All The Good People Like You, Who Made 2022
Beautiful For Us. We Pray You be Blessed With Faithful Year Ahead.*



Only five days until Dining in the Dark. After the EXPERIENCE, hear Past International Director Lion Jenny Ware, who is coming from Michigan to speak to us at this event, being held ON Melvin Jones birthday. Melvin Jones was born January 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona. PID Ware is also the Constitutional Area 1 Trustee for the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). Bring a potential Lion!

The Rose Parade walk was a phenomenal experience. I walked approximately 8 miles! Look for pictures later in this issue of the 4-A2 [Roar of the Lion](#).

I want to recognize the 56 Lions and Leos who participated in the bus trip on Dec 10th, 2022. Thank YOU for all your hard work playing a part in the decorating with dry ingredients. We hope to do the bus trip next year as well.

Secretaries and Treasurers, if you have not already done so, please start collecting Club dues for January through June.

- Early Bird Registration for MD-4 State Lions Convention. Hotel and meal reservations are all on the MD-4 website (md4lions.org) At the Saturday lunch at the Convention we will be honoring First

Responders. You may sponsor the meal for a First Responder. See (md4lions.org) for sponsorship information and ad pricing for the Convention. Guest of Honor is Past International President from Arizona Lions Joe and Joni Preston.

- It's also time for Early Bird Registration for International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Here is the link for LCICON 2023: licon.lionsclubs.org Secretaries, please choose and start entering the Delegates for International Conventions — once your dues have been taken care of and your Club is in good standing. No longer any paper trail; all online.

SAVE THE DATE: District 4-A2 Convention, May 5-7, 2023 at the Wyndham Hotel, Visalia (more info. will follow).

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Finally, the Early Bird Registration for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno in September is on website: lionsforum.org,

I hope to see you in Clovis! Program at Lunch is Lions Eye Foundation Executive Director Lion John Posey. The registration form is on page 4.

Hello Fellow Lions of District 4-A2, Isn't it a great day to be a LION?

Well, well, lots of great things happened and happening in our district. We had club visitations with our District Governor Lion Falguni, in the month of October, Hanford Breakfast Club, Fresno Unlimited Lions Club, Bakersfield Breakfast Lions Club, Kings Lions Club had their 9th year Club Anniversary last October 15, congratulations again to Kings Lions Club, McFarland Lions Club, Reedley Lions Club congratulations again to their 100th year Anniversary last October 22 when they had their party, Lemoore Lions Club, and Riverdale Lions Club. In November we visited North Fresno Lions Club, Visalia Pride Lions Club, Central Valley Lions Lioness Club, Lamont Lions Club, Richgrove Lions Club, Ponderosa Lions Club, and Bakersfield Host Lions Club. And in December DG Lion Falguni and I visited San Joaquin-Tranquility Lions Club, Buttonwillow Lions Club, and Central Valley Lions Club's Christmas Party. Glad to support Governor Falguni on her busy schedule, and glad to be able to be there.

Our District New Member Recognition Night at the Caruthers Fairgrounds, last October 25th was great in attendance! Congratulations to all the new members of District 4 A2.

I always attend the Bearskin Meadow meeting every 3rd Monday of each month. Come and join us. Everybody is welcome to join; it's a potluck. Contact PDG Judy Woolley at (559)-916-2521 for more information.

I had zoom meetings with my group leader #21, preparing for the 1VDG/DGE seminar in February at St Charles, Illinois. Also Zoom meetings with my 1VDG MD4 Council of Governors every 2nd Monday of each month. Did my homework assignments for the 1VDG/DGE online trainings at the Lions Learning Center.

Our MD4 Council of Governors had our Fall meeting at Fairfield, CA last November 9 through the 13th. 1VDG's of California with some of the 2VDG's attended the training given by PDG Lion Norm McDaniel, PDG Lion Manny Sanchez and PDG Lion Chuck Cassey. It was a great whole day training from 7:30 am till 5:30 pm. It was a memorable COG for me as I celebrated my birthday 11/11 with my Lions family and they sang and gave me a surprise special birthday cake. Thank you to District 4 C2 for the birthday cake.

We also had our 2nd District Meeting at Richgrove, CA last November 18th -19th. Friday night was a blast with our Lions family, thank you to Lion Dan Barcellos for playing some great music. I had a guest, my brother from my Council of Governors, 1VDG Lion "Big Rick" Carnal from District 4C2 Thank you 1VDG Rick for being my guest. Thank you to PDG Esther Lee, Lion Leland Lee and PDG Lion Thelma Batilo for the presentations about Specialty Clubs. And thank you also for the members that attended and supported our District and our District Governor Lion Falguni.

We went to Irwindale, CA at the Phoenix Decorating Barn to help with our Lions Float which is so awesome. Our DG Lion Falguni and her committee for the bus ride this year worked hard to get Leos and Lions to ride the bus. PDG Lion Al and I drove on our own as we stayed behind and worked more at the float where we cut more purple flowers. I was excited to glue and place the brown lettuce seeds on the last 2 bottom steps for one of the bridges on the float. I also helped in brushing off the excess seeds on top of the front part and middle part of the float.

I had the honor to induct a new member, Lion Christopher Webb, into the Three Rivers Lions Club, December 1st. His sponsor is Lion Lace Montgomery, congratulations to both. Also, congratulations to the new **Life Members** Lion Mary Andrade, Lion Ed Lafferty (get well soon from your surgery), Lion Paul Smith and Lion Doug Bodine. Congratulations also to Lions David and Janet King for receiving a Membership Key. Thank you again for inviting me to be your installing officer.

Please check our district website 4A2lions.org for all the events and come out and join us in supporting each other's club events.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all. Have a safe holiday.

Yours in Service,

1VDG Lion Christy Kroell

BE THE CHANGE: KEEP TRYING, KEEP MOVING, KEEP INSPIRING



The Third District meeting is coming up Saturday!. It is the Constitutional duty of each club President and Secretary to attend. (But a club vice-president may substitute.) It is a requirement for new members to achieve the status of Proud Lion. It is also a requirement for clubs and individual members to meet the Proud Lion challenge, announced at New Member Recognition Night in Caruthers. The registration form is on the next page.

DISTRICT 4-A2
**THIRD
 DISTRICT
 MEETING**



Melvin Jones



JANUARY 14, 2023
 Breakfast 8:00 AM | Meeting 9:00 AM

CLOVIS COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
 850 4TH ST, CLOVIS, CA 93612

In honor of our founder's birthday, the theme is birthday celebrations. Come join us and let us celebrate together. We will also report on the first half of DG Falguni's year and learn more about the second half!

Name	Email	
Address	Cell/Home	
Club Name	District	Region and Zone

	Early Price	After Dec 31	Amount
Full Package Includes (For Lions) (Registration, Pin, All Meals)	\$45	\$60	
Full Package Includes (For Leos/Leo-Lions) (Registration, Pin, All Meals)	\$40	\$55	
Registration Only Lions and Guests (Includes pin)	\$10	\$15	
Registration Leos and Leo-Lions (Includes pin; meals not included)	\$5	\$10	
Saturday Buffet Breakfast Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee & Juice	\$15	\$20	
Saturday Lunch Spaghetti, Meatballs (on the side), Salad, Garlic Bread, Birthday Cake for Dessert Extra Pin: \$5/each	\$25	\$30	
Grand Total: \$			

Make checks payable to District 4-A2 and mail to Co-treasurer, Diana Compo 3403 W Perez Ave, Visalia, CA, 93291. Check memo: 3rd District Meeting. For any questions, contact, DCS Kevin Patel (704) 267-9583 or Lion Diana (360) 970-9015.

CLUB NEWS



North Fresno Lions, guided by Subby Salanitra and Keith Ginsburg, filled 4 shifts at either end of JC Penney's in Fashion Fair Mall on 2 days (approximately 32 hours of service). Lions reported very good donations and participation from shoppers. Ralph reported at least \$80 raised in one of his shifts. Marilyn had a lot of children stop and ring the bells for her. Both Ginger (Bob McCollister's therapy dog) and Keith's dog, Heidi, attracted shoppers to stop and chat and donate.

The **Kings Lions** served meals to 64 people in the Armona Refuge Christmas Program.

Richgrove Lions and **Delano Lions** got together and were in the Delano Christmas Parade with Governor Patel riding in front of our float on a Harley!



10 volunteers from the **Rosedale Highway Lions** worked 26 volunteer hours to raise \$300 on White Cane Day. It all goes to save sight!

Back in August a **Ponderosa Lion** helped in sheltering animals evacuated from a forest fire to the Mariposa Fairgrounds. Twenty people were very thankful for the work of this club.

In December the **Visalia LEO Club** raised \$396 in a Sock Drive. The socks were connected with those in need of socks through Visalia Salt and Light.

The **Buttonwillow Lions** donated \$3,300 to Buttonwillow Recreation Department for new soccer field goals.

McFarland Leos served dinner and dessert to Veterans and their families and at the McFarland Unified School District Veterans Dinner. LEOs and **McFarland Lions** helped set-up tables and chairs and stayed to break them back down.

21 volunteers from the **Visalia Pride Lions** spent 23 volunteer-hours assembling Thanksgiving food boxes. Their efforts served approximately 2000 people!

In October the **West Coast Cyber Omega LEO Club** organized 30 volunteers, including optometrists Lion Dr. Jeff Garcia & Dr. Brar with staff, to hold a vision screening for adults and children. They spent \$9,000 and distributed free eyeglasses to 100 people.

The **Fresno Host Lions** donated \$1000 to the Ear of the Lion Foundation.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for your support!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 19th
8:00 am - 12:00 noon
PARLIER COMMUNITY CENTER

\$10 a plate

Includes:
Pancakes
Sausage
Scrambled Eggs
and choice of
Coffee, Milk, or Juice

For information or tickets contact:
Lion Cynthia Sandoval at (559) 832-0268
Lion Azalea Sandoval at (559) 318-2763

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

To have a float in the 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade, volunteers had to work on the float. Governor Falguni organized a bus that took lots of 4-A2 LEOs and Lions to Irwindale on December 10, 2022.



In the float barn, Lions Roland Reina of Riverdale and Mysti Wyatt of Tulare join DG Falguni working on stative flowers that were all exactly the same color of purple.

Lots of other floats were in the same float barn.

The Phoenix Decorating Company also builds floats for Trader Joe's, the Lutheran Hour, Kiwanis and Rotary — in the same barn.

Below, all the 4-A2 decorators join DG Falguni in recognizing the man who bought all the volunteers the purple T-shirts seen in these

pictures. It says on the sleeves he did it in memory of his wife, who had been a big supporter of the Lions float for many years.



Lions and LEOs from the bus put a lot of work on the "stone" bridge seen here. Many cut the tiny petals off the stative flowers, and others applied the tiny flower pieces directly to the bridge. or to the float's trees.

The weather cooperated, the volunteers were fed well and all participants had a great experience.

Later volunteers added 19,000 live flowers to our float!

Riverdale LEOs outside the float barn in Irwindale.





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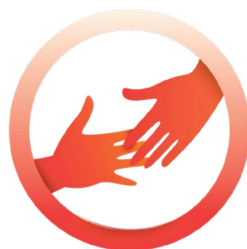


Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

For more information and presentations, please contact:

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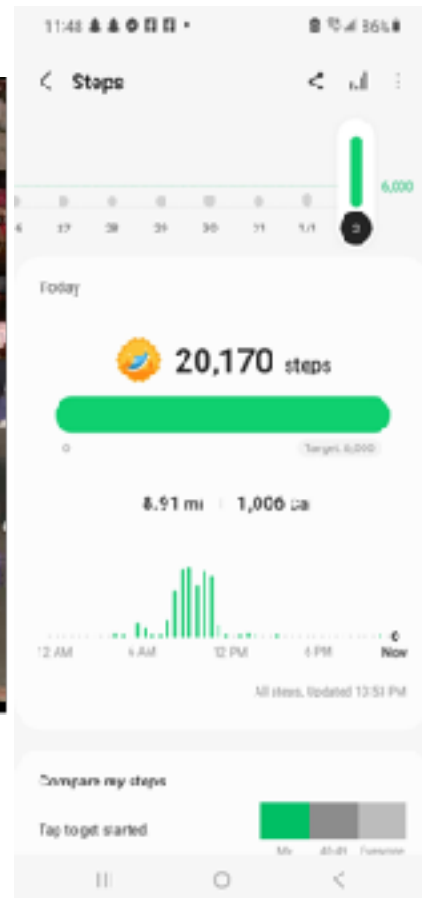
★ The Governor would like material from District Committee Chairs for the next edition of the Roar of the Lion. ★
Please send them to Newsletter Editor David Beeman at dpbeeman@yahoo.com No pdf's, please.

LIONS FLOAT IN THE PARADE ITSELF - JANUARY 2, 2023 - NEVER ON SUNDAY



Student Speaker Hailey Pasley of Chowchilla riding, DG Falguni Patel, ID Ken Ibarra and Lion Amy Fink walking, DG Farideh Monghate, IP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan on the float.

PHOTO COURTESY KTLA CHANNEL 5.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S WALK METER FOR JANUARY 2

MORE CLUB NEWS

LATON LIONS CLUB
9TH ANNUAL
CRAB DINNER DANCE
\$80 PERSON
Saturday, February 4th, 2023
Take Out 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Dine In 6:30 pm
HOMEMADE Clam Chowder, FRESH Dungeness Crab,
Chicken, Pilaf, Salad, Roll, Dessert
Silent Auction closes at 8 pm when Dance starts



The Irish Fest was a huge success. The weather was perfect, and the 30+ breweries were pouring delicious cold beer. It had wine, cigars, food, and Gen FM playing on the stage. Everyone there really enjoyed themselves.



Because of a scheduling issue with the ballpark, the club's Board has decided to go back to holding the Irish Fest in March, in conjunction with the Saint Patrick's Days Parade. The location has not been nailed down yet, but we the Visalia Breakfast Lions are looking at one of the Visalia city parks. Keep your eye out for more information on this fantastic event.

The two-day Pickleball Tournament put on by the Visalia Breakfast Lions in October was a new event. It drew 156 payers, representing 22 cities. The funds brought in from the tournament will be used to improve pickleball play in Visalia. *There is some real community service!*

In late October, the **North Fresno Lions** participated in the ZOO BOO at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. They passed out candy to the kids and information to the parents. The Zoo estimated 3,700 kids and parents participated that night.

The **Fresno Host Lions** and Lions Kassandre and Willie Clayton paid for the bulk of the candy passed out. It was a very fun evening and Lion Patricia Granillo reported at least 5 Halloween Revelers stopped and talked about their interest in joining Lions. Thanks to all the **new blood** for coming up with some new fun ideas for outreach!

The Student Speaker contests are coming up for All participating Clubs in February. Winners earn exactly \$100 cash and move on to the Zone contests in March for a chance to win more. The final state winner will earn \$500 cash and \$21,000 in scholarships.

The whole month of November **Visalia Breakfast** focused on turkeys. We held our annual turkey fundraiser where we sold tickets for a \$500 Sportsman's Warehouse gift card. Turned out one of our very own Lions, Lion Ray, won the drawing.



Once again Cal Water came through with a corporate sponsorship for turkeys, and SoCalGas joined us this year with a corporate sponsorship. When all was said and done, we distributed 1084

turkeys, 30 chickens, and 100 rotisserie cooked chickens. Chickens were added this year after learning some people did not have the ability to cook a turkey. Delivering all those turkeys and chickens is a lot of physical labor, but the Breakfast Lions always step up to help. - Reported by Lion Mike Davidson



Approximately 26 **Visalia Breakfast Lions** made an official a visitation to a meeting of the **Ivanhoe Lions**, and the meal was fantastic. Being a breakfast club they seldom have the opportunity to gather around the barbeque and enjoy each other's company. The Ivanhoe Lions always treats them well, and the Breakfast Lions reciprocate by buying lots of raffle tickets. Sheriff Boudreaux was the guest speaker, which he does very well, sharing concerns he has with current law enforcement situations. - Reported by Lion Mike Davidson

The **Visalia Breakfast Lions**, in conjunction with Visalia Parks & Recreation, is sponsoring Spectrum Santa Visits. This allows those with autism to have a 10 minute private family visit with Santa, the opportunity to make a memory craft they could take home, and photos of the event to save and share. What a fantastic event for those who would not enjoy a mall type Santa visit with all the hustle and bustle. And because of our donation, the family visit with Santa is only \$5. - Reported by Lion Mike Davidson