



# Roar of the Lion

District 4-A2

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

MARCH 29, 2023



## DINING IN THE DARK

*by PDG Tony F. Reyes,  
District LCIF Coordinator*

On Friday, January 13, 2023, Lions of District 4-A2 hosted a blindfolded dinner to celebrate the 144th anniversary of the birth of Melvin Jones.

Approximately 130 Lions, friends and supporters gathered for the event. Food was prepared and served by Classic Catering at Six Two Five in Clovis California.

We welcomed special guests Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Trustee Past International Director Jenny Ware, Past Council Chair Roger Powell, District Governor Falguni Patel, Valley Center for the Blind (VCB) presenters, and members of local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

Lions were well represented with members from more than twenty clubs throughout California.

PCC Roger Powell presented the LCIF Chairman's award to PDG David Hamilton and PDG Vicki Beeman for their leadership in increased contributions to LCIF during Lions year 2021-2022.

In addition to raising awareness of the challenges faced by those with visual impairment, fundraising was a key goal of this event. Opportunity drawings and a silent auction were conducted. Net proceeds from the event exceeded \$12,000. WOW!

Additionally, a collection was taken up for the Valley Center for the Blind and in short order, \$600 was collected.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Laton Lion Dan Barcellos. After dinner the dancing continued for several hours.

A complimentary wine bar was staffed by Laton Lion Virginia Madden.

Before dinner was served, VCB talked about the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals. This was done in preparation for everyone to don their masks and proceed with their blindfolded dining experience. Dinner was a success with just a few making a minimal mess. We noticed individuals with forkfuls of nothing, some with forks so full it was hard to get everything in their mouth. Others very carefully used their hand to ensure food was deposited on their fork. Napkins were certainly in full use that evening. One thing that was not spilled happened to be their glasses of wine.

Special thanks to Zone Chairs Anna Herrera, Kaden Ferretti, Kerry Holguin and Robert Andrade, Region Chair Tony Reyes Jr, and committee chair PDG Tony F Reyes for a very successful event.

## New Youth Protection Law Passed in September 2021.

California Lions Respond in 2022  
*by Lion David Beeman, Hanford Breakfast Lions*

Attorneys Gerg Love and Kimberly Norris assert that, "The legislative history of Assembly Bill 506 makes it clear that lawmakers in California do not want a repeat of the sexual abuse crises facing Boy Scouts of America. " The new law is aimed at 'Youth Service Organizations' and outlines requirements related to training, background checks and policies.

California Lions had already adopted a Youth Protection Policy that applies to all clubs statewide. It is superseded in some parts by the new state law.

Lions will keep their framework of having a Youth Protection Officer in each district, who will help clubs manage the process of certifying Lions to work with youth. Each club is also required to do two things. One is to annually send the District Youth Protection Officer a signed copy of the standard statement that Yes we will, or No we won't have activities with youth this year.

The other requirement for *all* clubs, Yes or No, is to appoint a club Youth Protection Officer.

For clubs with no youth activities planned, it helps the club remember to send in the required letter, and helps the club remember who to ask if details of the Policy are suddenly needed during the year.

The other information all clubs need is to know who must be certified as a California Lions Youth Worker. This has also changed under the law from AB 506. It now defines a "Regular volunteer" as a volunteer with the youth service organization **who is** 18 years of age or older **and** who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year.

There is, of course, much more to the policy, but if clubs maintain the two steps of (a) sending in the annual letter/form, and (b) appointing a club Youth Protection Officer, they will be in good shape. Expect your club's Youth Protection Officer to have the definition of Regular Volunteer (above) handy and to know what to do if certifications are needed.

For more answers, one option is to ask our current District 4-A2 Youth Protection Officer William Muñoz of the Kings Lions Club to speak to your club.

Every year the Laton Lions Club invites their District Governor to ride in the parade that opens the Laton Lions Rodeo.

This Saturday, April 1, head to Laton (by 10 AM) and meet everybody in Laton and wave to DG Falguni.

Then stick around for the best picnic lunch you have ever eaten and maybe even the rodeo itself!



## A Word From Our Governor ~



**District Governor Falguni Patel**

Greetings, District 4-A2 Leos, Lions and Families!!

1) It is now over a month after the Dining in the Dark event. **Thank you** to all who put it together — and the icing of the cake: the amount we raised to donate to LCIF.

2) The Academy Awards of Lionism Ceremony was held on Saturday the 26th of February at our State Convention in San Jose.

3) Club and zone level Student Speakers Contests have been going on, and the Region contests are scheduled:

April 12, 6 pm in the Richgrove Memorial building: Southern Region contest.

April 12, 7 pm in the Lemoore Veterans Hall: Western Region contest.

April 13, 2 pm at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District: Northern Region contest.

April 15, 7 pm at the Exeter First Presbyterian Church: Central Region contest.

4) Of course, the four Region Student Speaker winners meet May 6 at the District contest, Saturday afternoon as part of the District Convention in Visalia.

5) Check out the special pricing for our District Convention coming up May 4-5 and 6 at the Wyndham in Visalia. This will be a great year to enter and enjoy our International Food Fair.

6) Lots of changes coming up July 1. These include the big software change from International. Look for the ways clubs get ready on page 8 of the Roar. Another is where clubs send their dues. See the letter from our Council Chair Karen Crook on page 5.

7) Please register for the International Convention in Boston July 7th to 11th, 2023.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR FALGUNI PATEL INVITES YOU TO



# District 4-A2 2023 Convention

*"Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future"*

**5-7 MAY 2023 | WYNDHAM VISALIA**

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR (LIONS & LEOS) | LEOS SERVICE PROJECT  
DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST | GALA NIGHT AND AWARDS  
MJF BREAKFAST | CELEBRATION OF LIFE | ELECTIONS

## SPECIAL GUESTS:

LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DEBRA WEAVERLING  
AND SPOUSE RON WEAVERLING

LUNCHEON SPEAKER SHARON GIOVINAZZO,  
CEO LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND, SAN FRANCISCO

AND LASTLY... YOU ALL!

For general questions, please contact District Secretary/Convention Chair:  
PDG Chiragkumar 'Kevin' Patel at (704)267-9583 or [shrisaipatel@yahoo.com](mailto:shrisaipatel@yahoo.com)

Lions Registration now available at [4a2lions.org](http://4a2lions.org)

The Woodlake Lions Club was recognized March 3 as best service organization in Woodlake.

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The Visalia LEOs held a pet food drive and collected 853 pounds of pet food and another 27 pounds of pet treats. They donated this, plus \$200 that was also raised, to Visalia Salt and Light to give to "our homeless neighbors" for their pets.

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The Visalia Breakfast Lions donated 120 pair of pants and 39 shirts to The Warehouse Ministries. The clothing will be used to help the unhoused.

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Thursday, March 30

Happy Spring! It's time for . . .

### Opening Day

2023 Major League baseball season!

San Francisco Giants at New York Yankees

Detroit Tigers at Tampa Bay Rays

Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles

Dodgers

Colorado Rockies at San Diego Padres

Minnesota Twins at Kansas City Royals

Anaheim Angels at Oakland Athletics

Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners

Philadelphia Phillies at Texas Rangers

Mets at Marlins

White Sox at Astros

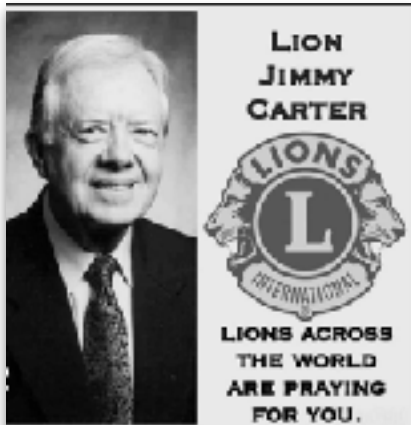
Blue Jays at Cardinals

Pirates at Reds

Brewers at Cubs

Everybody starts fresh at 0-0.

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## Governor, continued -

8) Register for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno at the Row from September 21st to 23rd, 2023. I am honored to have been selected by the Education Team to serve as a moderator at this year's USA/Canada Lions Forum.

Our Lions International President Lion Brian Sheehan says "Together We Can!"

I say "Let's Do It" ✓ and I am sure you all agree to it.

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### Is the Food Fair the best part of the District Convention?

Each year the Convention kicks off Friday night with an International Food fair. The event really sets the tone for the weekend, and usually includes food, drink, desserts, decorations, and sometimes games, costumes, dancing and competitions of various kinds.

This reporter sat down with Food Fair organizer and Convention Chair PDG Chiragkumar 'Kevin' Patel for a Q & A:

**Q: Can you do something to help a club that wants to have a really good Food Fair booth, but several of their members can't stay for the whole convention?**

**A:** Yes. This year we will have wristbands for everybody registered for the convention, to let them in to the Food Fair. But we will also have special wristbands for those who are only attending the Food Fair. Instead of the full Registration fee of \$30, these will cost only \$10. (Please note both prices go up after April 15th.)

**Q: I heard the Food Fair awards are doubling this year. What's that about?**

**A:** We will again recognize Best Booth, Best Food and Best Spirit for our Lions clubs, but this year we will also have the same awards to present for food booths our LEO Clubs enter.

**Q: What's the theme for this year's Food Fair?**

**A:** Foods of all Genres.

**Q: If I haven't gone to the Food Fair before, why should I go this year?**

**A:** Not only for the sights and sounds, the tastes and aromas, the fellowship of your extended Lions family, but this year the event is very close, right in the middle of our district. That means two things. Not only is this a convenient location for *you to attend*, but it means that some special dishes that don't travel well over long distances can make their appearance **only** here and now. We also expect more clubs to enter because it is easier when nearby. More booths, more food and more varieties.

**Q: What's the absolute deadline to enter a club Food booth?**

**A:** Friday April 28th.

**Q: My club put me in charge of entering a food booth. How do I sign up?**

**A:** Either go to [bit.ly/4A2foodfair](https://bit.ly/4A2foodfair) or find that link at [4-A2lions.org](https://4-A2lions.org) on the Convention Food Fair page. Look for —

(FINAL All Combined) District 4A2 Convention Flyers and Registration 2023

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What are the largest clubs in District 4-A2?  
as of January 16:

SIZE:

Woodlake	39 members	
Riverdale	47	
Porterville Breakfast 50		
Kingsburg	52	
Shaver Lake	54	now 57
Three Rivers	58	
Exeter	59	
Laton	63	
CVLL	73	
Visalia Breakfast	77	
Buttonwillow	164	

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### Visalia Breakfast

**Lions Club** surpassed their goal and donated 544 pairs of socks to Salt & Light. Salt & Light works closely with the unhoused.



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### COMING APRIL 2024 - TRAIN RIDE

*It's a family fun day at Hillcrest Farms. A steam engine pulls trains on the Watoke Railroad.*

*It will be a day of food, fun and games, as well as unlimited train rides.*

*It will also be a day of information sharing about living with Type 1 diabetes and avoiding Type 2 diabetes.*

*Attendance will be limited to 600 people - that's only about two families per club in our district. And — they don't have to be Lions families.*

*(Yet. 😊)*

*The event sponsors will help hold costs down, so your participation becomes a donation to help kids attending Camp Bearskin Meadow, our district-endorsed project to help kids and families with diabetes.*

*Get more details Saturday May 6th at the District Convention in Visalia.*

Riding the Rails for Diabetes

# DUES PROCESS CHANGED

## MESSAGE FROM MD-4 Council Chair

Greetings Everyone,

There has been a change in collection and processing of Multiple District Four dues.

Hopefully this email and letter (attached) will put it all to rest.

This was voted on by the Council of Governors and will be in full effect on July 1, 2023. Some Districts have already started this process and it is working well.

The reason for the change was that having each club send not only the MD4 dues but also the District dues to the MD4 office was creating a bookkeeping nightmare that was not working very well. It was a process that caused delays in getting the correct funds sent back to the Districts and simply did not make sense as to why the districts had to send their dues away just to receive them back.

The new process keeps the District funds in the District and allows them to be used right away as the District see fit.

The process to follow is:

- 1) The Council Treasurer and/or MD4 Bookkeeper will bill the District Treasurer the amount of \$9.00 per member for the Districts MD 4 dues every six months.
- 2) In turn the District Treasurer will bill each club for the District and Multiple District Four dues.
- 3) Each Club will collect and then send the District and MD4 dues amount to the District Treasurer.
- 4) Then the District Treasurer will send the collected MD4 dues to the MD4 Office for processing by the MD4 Bookkeeper.
- 5) Periodically, if the dues are not received then the clubs will be reminded of the balance due by their District Treasurer. Clubs that do not pay their dues will be placed in Status Quo and be recorded as not in good standing. All delegates of clubs not in good standing 15 days before the Multiple District Four Convention will not be allowed to vote on the ballot items.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Karen L. Crook, Council Chairperson 2022-2023  
On behalf of the Council of Governors  
707-321-7715

What are the oldest clubs in District 4-A2?  
 AGE, as of March:

Selma	83 years
Arvin	84
Exeter	84
Riverdale	85
Coalinga	85
Kerman	85
Fowler	96
Bakersfield Host	96
Visalia Host	96
Reedley	100
Tulare	100
Fresno Host	102



The 4-A2 bus probably goes December 9, 2023.

THE LiONS FLOAT for the 2024 Rose Parade in Pasadena has been designed! This picture was revealed at the MD-4 Convention in San Jose on February 24th. The Parade's 2024 theme is "Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language." **Yes**, we are taking a bus as we did last year. Let's encourage more Leos to go. Last year it was almost half the bus!

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Who will carry your club's banner in the Parade of Banners at the District Convention in Visalia?



THE VISALIA BREAKFAST LIONS TEAMED UP WITH VISALIA PARKS & REC AND HOSTED SPECTRUM SANTA VISITS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.

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### LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

THE 2023-2024 CONTEST

## Dare to Dream

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Thinking about this project? District Peace Poster (and Peace Essay) Chair James Pridgen would love to hear your ideas. [j\\_pridgen755@comcast.net](mailto:j_pridgen755@comcast.net) or (559) 816-1936



Which clubs in District 4-A2 have grown the most this Lion-year?

NET Growth as of March 10:

Bakersfield Breakfast	+ 3	
Selma Charter	+ 3	
Delano	+ 3	
Fresno Diwata	+ 4	
Taft	+ 4	
Dinuba	+ 5	
Laton	+ 5	
Central Valley LL	+ 7	
Lamont	+ 8	
Visalia Breakfast	+ 8	
Shafter	+10	over 100% growth
Buttonwillow	+12	

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The Hanford Breakfast Lions planted five trees in October 2022 with a grant from the California Lions Foundation. Here's one on Ivy Street in Hanford.



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**4-A2 Lions who are K.K. Fukushima Fellows of the California Lions Foundation:**

- Gina Arcino • Kings Lions
- Joseph Arruda • Kings Lions
- Paul Brooks • Riverdale Lions
- John Burns • Riverdale Lions
- Gary Cole • Visalia Sequoia Lions
- Remi Errotabare • Riverdale Lions
- Parke A. Halvorsen • Riverdale Lions
- Greg Martella • Lemoore Lions
- Millie Prospero • Kings Lions
- Roland Reina • Riverdale Lions
- Tony Reyes, Sr • Clovis Country Lions
- Graciela Villanueva • Kings Lions

**California Lions Foundation (CLF)**

**Report to the MD4 Council of Governors, February 23, 2023**

Chartered in 2016, the California Lions Foundation is now an integral and impacting state-wide force in describing and demonstrating who we are, what we do, and why we are an MD4 California Lions association.

Membership is composed of the current 3 standing governors and vice district governors from each district of the Council of Governors of Multiple District Four (45 total members). Each district governor appoints a CLF board member representing their district (15 total board members). The CLF board is charged with setting the policy and procedures and conducting the operations of the Foundation. The board reports to the Council of Governors.

The purpose of CLF as a tax exempt 501c (3) corporation is to provide designated and matching financial grants to California Lions Clubs and districts to enable our Lions to deliver greater service to our local California communities. CLF augments and complements the grant allowance aspect of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Donations arrive to CLF each month from individuals, corporations, and Lions clubs. Received funds are carefully managed by CLF board members for distribution as grants to requesting California Lions clubs.

**Grants Distribution.** For the past 14 months the California Lions Foundation has distributed almost 2 financial grants per week. All 15 of our districts have received multiple grants.

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During the 3-month timeframe from November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023, a total of 18 grants were distributed, averaging over \$2700 each.

**Diabetes Grant Program:** 8 grants were distributed totaling \$7621.

**Matching Grants:** 7 grants were distributed totaling \$36,291.

**Disaster Grants:** 3 flood related grants to two districts were distributed totaling \$13,000.

**Summary:** Funds distributed during this 3-month timeframe total **\$58,913** enabling our California Lions Clubs to better serve the needy in their local communities. Donations received during this 3-month timeframe total approximately **\$25,000**. A total of \$430,000 is in our bank account.

Bottom line, if the California Lions Foundation is to continue at the current pace to meet the financial assistance community service requests of our Lions Clubs, donations to CLF need to increase.

**Effective March 01, 2023 -**

1. CLF focus is to increase net proceeds by \$75,000.
2. New CLF grant program: **"Lions & Leos and the Fight Against Hunger."** This special program extends from March through May 2023. Rules: Up to \$2000 in grants per District, no more than one grant per club; Must involve a hands-on community service project with Lions and Leos working together to fight against hunger in our local California communities.
3. The maximum Matching Grant is reduced from \$7500 to \$5000 until our net proceeds achieve the \$75,000 targeted net increase in corpus funds.

See [www.californialionsfoundation.org](http://www.californialionsfoundation.org) for grant applications.

\$1000 donors receive a KK Fukushima Plaque.

All clubs, get ready!

# Lion Portal Important Dates!

**7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion**

**Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.**

**Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI**

- Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!
- Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!

While "every member" is the optimum result, you can still be a Lion without e-mail. But, hey - get a free e-mail account!

*Be kind. Be open.  
Be curious. Be strong.  
Be generous. Be sincere.  
Be loyal. Be honest.*

*Be a Lion.*



The Easton Lions Turkey Shoot has been rescheduled for April 16th, 10 to 3.

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The Visalia Breakfast Lions Car Show will be held May 20, 2023, on Visalia's Main Street.

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The Visalia Pride Lions have done over 47 Hunger-relieving projects since July 1st. This includes nine different categories of projects and lots of repetitions of some of those. Only two of those involved cash donations; most of it was hands-on work.

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The Visalia Breakfast Lions have donated over \$19,722 to Hunger-relieving projects since July 1st. Many of these required lots of hands-on work, too.

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Possibly the only May Day celebration in our entire district will occur on May 6th in John Ventura Stadium on the grounds of Washington Union High School in Easton.

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The Easton Lions will hold a yard sale from 6 AM until noon on April 29, at Mike Schneider's house in Clovis.

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The Visalia Breakfast Lions Irish Fest looked like it would be a victim of the rains, but the weather turned out great!

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Did you see it?

The Visalia Breakfast Lions Turkey Drive got a mention in the Lions International Magazine!!!

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Central Valley Lioness Lions Erika Cardoza and Constance Brasil are fighting Hunger as a monthly project. They serve hands-on and add personal funds.

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McFarland and Richgrove continue fighting Hunger in their communities, too.



# Your Florist Needs You! (On Certain Days)

*Lions - try this fundraiser that the North Fresno Lions enjoy*

## Lion Dana Biggs delivers Valentine's Day Flowers

**to Raise Money for North Fresno Lions**

*by Lion Marilyn Watts*

Past International Director Dana came through for her North Fresno Lions in a "Bigg" way!

She volunteered and delivered flowers for D & L Flowers **on Valentine's Day**. She turned over her paycheck to the NFL Activity account. Thank you, Dana, for the service and the donation!

NFL will try again on Mother's Day (May 14) and hopefully we can raise even more money for our coffers with more volunteer flower deliverers!

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## District Glasses Report 3/25/23

Good afternoon, Lions.

I would personally like to thank all the clubs that submitted glasses for Lions in Sight. Our district has collected a total of 22,768 pairs of glasses. If you still have glasses at your club, please keep them and we will count them for next year's total. Please feel free to contact me in June if you have any concerns or questions.

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the District convention as my wife and I are in the Philippines. So, this is the final report.

Sincerely,

Craig Austin

Eyeglasses Chairperson

Here is a list of the clubs that submitted glasses and the totals that I have received.

Fresno Host:	7,500 pair
Bakersfield Sports:	5,415 pair
Rosedale Highway:	4,344 pair
Visalia Sequoia:	1,545 pair
Visalia Pride:	1,363 pair
Easton:	436 pair
Visalia Charter Oak:	341 pair
Visalia Sunset:	169 pair
Laton:	26 pair
Parlier:	17 pair
Riverdale:	12 pair



Thank for all that you all do for Lions!!!

- Lion Craig Austin

# Roar of the Lion



The Visalia Breakfast Lions Rang the Bell.

The Visalia Breakfast Lions donated 120 pair of pants and 39 shirts to The Warehouse Ministries. The clothing will be used to help the unhoused.



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The Visalia Breakfast Lions donated 150 Turkeys to the Salvation Army —

— and 20 Hams to the Bethlehem Center for Christmas.



2022-23 First Vice-District Governor



**Christy Kroell**

Fresno Host Lions

*"Be The Change: Keep Trying,  
Keep Moving, Keep Inspiring"*

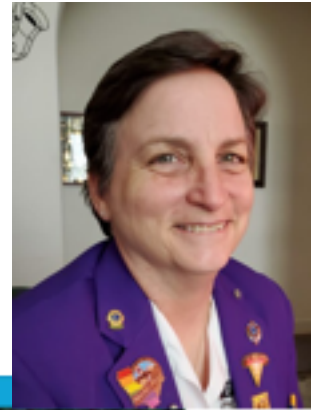
★ from Friday evening May 26 to Monday noon on May 29 ~ or any part thereof ~ spend a day or three in the mountains, lodging and meals included in return for your labor.

Camp Bearskin Meadow loves volunteers to get Camp ready to open. You must contact PDG Judy Woolley to participate.

2022-23 Second Vice-District Governor

**Cheri Provancha**

Visalia Pride Lions



559-916-2521

**DYF supports those affected by type 1 diabetes so they may lead full, healthy, beautiful lives, NOW!**

### **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

DYF strives to provide participants of all ages, identities, and backgrounds with access to programs that are exciting, educational, and memorable. Join us for a classic camp experience including games, arts & crafts, campfires, archery, and more...or explore the stunning High Sierra wilderness on one of our adventure programs!

### **QUALITY EDUCATION**

Diabetes management practices are constantly evolving! Participants will experience greater independence and increased confidence through learning successful ways to manage their diabetes from healthcare professionals and their peers.

### **SUPPORT & COMMUNITY**

DYF programs are your home away from home where EVERYONE gets it, and participants realize that they are not alone in their struggles and frustrations with diabetes. We provide the care to help you thrive, activities that bring community together, and a space that fosters a sense of belonging.

2023 program dates and information are on the back of this flyer and on our website, visit [www.dyf.org](http://www.dyf.org) to register!





# 2023 PROGRAM DATES & INFORMATION

VISIT [WWW.DYF.ORG](http://WWW.DYF.ORG) TO REGISTER!

## BEARSKIN MEADOW SUMMER CAMPS

Located in the Sequoia National Forest, Bearskin Meadow Camp is the oldest and largest resident camp in the Western United States and has a long history of providing an exceptional camp experience for kids & families with type 1 diabetes.

- **Kids Camp** (ages 7-13)
- **Buddy Camp** (ages 7-15):  
bring a friend or sibling who doesn't have T1D!
- **Teen Camp** (ages 14-17)
- **Family Camp**
- **Family Camp Flipped:**  
for those family members supporting an adult with T1D.
- **Leaders in Training** (ages 16-17)

**Camp de los Niños** (ages 7-17) Located in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Camp de los Niños offers all the summer camp fun, closer to the San Francisco Bay Area.

## ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Our adventure programs in California's High Sierra wilderness take you further into the outdoors and empower you to take the next step in your diabetes self-management journey.

- **Family Adventure Program:**  
T1D youth with one parent or guardian.
- **Teen Backpacking** (Ages 13-15)
- **Altitude 14,505** (Ages 15-17)
- **NEW! Adult Backpacking** (Ages 18+)
- **American River Whitewater Rafting Weekend** (Ages 10+)

## YEAR-ROUND WEEKEND RETREATS

Held in various locations including the Bay Area, participants will build community as they enjoy numerous camp activities and learn about the latest in diabetes management from our team of health-care professionals.

- **Campamento Familiar:**  
for Spanish-speaking families of a child or teen with T1D.
- **Spring and Fall Family Retreats**
- **Adult Retreat** (Ages 18+)

## BEARSKIN MEADOW CAMPS

<b>KIDS CAMP</b>	JUNE 25-30
<b>BUDDY CAMP</b>	JUNE 18-22
<b>TEEN CAMP</b>	JULY 8-15
<b>FAMILY CAMP 1</b>	JULY 22-27
<b>FAMILY CAMP 2</b>	JULY 29-AUG 3
<b>FAMILY CAMP FLIPPED</b>	JULY 29-AUG 3
<b>LEADERS IN TRAINING 1</b>	JULY 24-AUG 3
<b>LEADERS IN TRAINING 2</b>	JUNE 14-JUNE 22

**CAMP DE LOS NIÑOS** JULY 31-AUG 5

## ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

<b>TEEN BACKPACKING</b>	JUNE 28-JULY 7
<b>ALTITUDE 14,505</b>	JULY 12-27
<b>ADULT BACKPACKING</b>	AUG 6-11
<b>WHITewater RAFTING</b>	SEPT 1-3
<b>FAMILY ADVENTURE 1</b>	JUNE 10-15
<b>FAMILY ADVENTURE 2</b>	JUNE 17-23

## YEAR ROUND WEEKEND RETREATS

<b>CAMPAMENTO</b>	FEB 10-12
<b>SPRING RETREAT</b>	MARCH 17-19
<b>FALL RETREAT</b>	OCT 20-22
<b>ADULT RETREAT</b>	AUGUST 4-6

DYF also offers virtual support groups and local community programs.

For more information, please visit our website or call 925-680-4994.

We are proud to offer a three-tiered pricing model for our programs:

**Tier I:** Covers all costs associated with your camper(s) attending.

**Tier II:** Subsidized rate available to all families if needed.

**Tier III:** Partial/Full Scholarship available for all programs. Application required.

All tiers offer the same impactful program experience. As a not-for-profit organization, we work hard to keep our costs low and to make our programs accessible to everyone, regardless of income. Please visit [dyf.org/scholarship](http://dyf.org/scholarship) for further details.



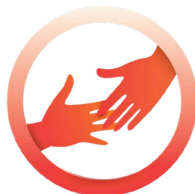
## Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



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.

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***Roar of the Lion***  
***March 2023***  
***District 4-A2***  
***Lions International***

On February 25, at the MD-4 Convention in San Jose - -

### **Environmental Photo Contest**

— Lion Lion Thomas Gannon of the Atwater Winton Lions Club (in District 4-A1) won the first place award for the best Nature photograph for “*My Almond Orchard.*”

— Lion Nicole Muller of the Seal Beach Lions Club (in District 4-L4) won the first place award for the best Service in Action photograph for “*Beach CleanUp.*”

### **International Peace Poster Contest**

— Sophia He representing the Milpitas Executive Lions Club (in District 4-C6) won the first place award for the theme “*We Are All Connected.*” Her entry advanced to the International final contest and was one of 24 Merit Finalists.

### **California Lions Clubs Project of the Year**

— “Community Center and Playground” by the San Martin Lions Club of District 4-C6, was named Project of the Year by a SMALL club.

— “Community Emergency Warming.Cooling Center” by the Mountain Lions Club of Cobb, in District 4-C2, was named Project of the Year by a MEDIUM club.

— “Gigi’s Playhouse” by the Sacramento Maharlika Lions Club of District 4-C5, was named the Project of the Year by a LARGE club.

### **California Lions Clubs Academy Awards of Lionism**

#### **2023 LEO OF THE YEAR**

**LEO NASALA YANG  
DISTRICT 4-A1**

#### **KAY & DENISE FUKUSHIMA COUPLE OF THE YEAR**

**LIONS LEO & VIRGINIA WILLIAMS  
SAN DIEGO FOREVER LIONS CLUB, DISTRICT 4-L6**

#### **2023 LION OF THE YEAR**

**LION DEREK MOORE  
SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB, DISTRICT 4-L4**

#### **2023 CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**RIDGECREST LIONS CLUB  
DISTRICT 4-L1**

Who will carry your club’s banner in the Parade of Banners at the District Convention in Visalia?



Of course, District 4-A2 had nominees in each of the categories recognized by MD-4. Ours were named last year at our District Convention in Morro Bay. As nominees, they were also recognized at the MD-4 Convention. They were - -

### **International Peace Poster Contest**

Theme: *We Are All Connected*  
District winner: Daniel Schubert, age 12, representing Hanford Breakfast Lions Club

### **District 4-A2 Club Project of the Year**

— “Trice Harvey Memorial Blood Drive” by the Rosedale Highway Lions Club, was named the 4-A2 Project of the Year by a SMALL club.

— “Diabetes and Health Projects” by the Cutler-Orosi Lions Club, was named the 4-A2 Project of the Year by a MEDIUM club.

— “Fire Suppression and Firefighter Support” by the Three Rivers Lions Club, was named the 4-A2 Project of the Year by a LARGE club.

### **District 4-A2 Awards**

#### **CO-LEOS OF THE YEAR**

**LEOS JULIE SIMMS AND KIM GLAZEBROOK  
SIERRA LEO CLUB**

#### **KAY & DENISE FUKUSHIMA COUPLE OF THE YEAR**

**LIONS CHRIS & AZALEA SANDOVAL  
PARLIER LIONS CLUB**

#### **2022 LION OF THE YEAR**

**LEO-LION SHRIANI PATEL  
WEST COAST CYBER INDIAN LIONS CLUB**

#### **2022 CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**RIVERDALE LIONS CLUB**

At this year’s District Convention in Visalia, other Lions and LEOS in all these categories will again be recognized as our best. Come see who. Our convention begins with the Food Fair Friday night May 5, continues with the Parade of Banners, voting, awards and the Student Speaker Contest on Saturday May 6, and concludes with final recognitions, election results and the Memorial Service for Lions each club lost over the past 12 months on Sunday the 7th.

<https://4a2lions.org/event/district-4-a2-convention-2/>