

# Peanut Times



## Welcome New Clubs

Tehachapi Lions Club  
Ridgecrest Lions Club  
California City Lions Club



**Congratulations  
Lion Christy on  
your new role as  
District Governor!**



## Welcome New Members

Buttonwillow Lions Club

- Isaac St Lawrence

Lemoore Lions Club

- Judith Patton

Reedley Lions Club

- Gloria Mejorado
- Pete Perez

Shaver Lake Lions Club

- Laura Andrews
- Jeannine Walker
- Lori Martinez

Three Rivers Lions Club

- Danielle N Juleff
- Nancy Veoda
- Ofelia Willis

Visalia Breakfast

- Ray Apodaca
- Lawrence C Headley

Selma Central Valley  
Lioness Lions Club

- Michelle Salcido

Caruthers Lions Club

- Darren Hoff

Clovis County Lions Club

- Isidro Lopez
- Mason Miller
- Sadie Miller

Cutler Orosi Lions Club

- Chad Widman



# A word from our 2023-2024 Governor



Hello Fellow Lions of District 4-A2,

First of all I thank you all for trusting me to be your District Governor for this Lions Year 2023-2024.

Also, let me share all my experiences on this journey. Lots of training happened at the beginning of the year as a District Governor Elect. What an awesome experience to go to St Charles, Illinois last February 6 – 9 th for a great training with another District Governor Elect's around the world. Lots of great leaders as we were all divided into groups. The getting out of your comfort zone to talk to different lions around the world. To share your stories to everyone you meet about how you got to where you are now. Online training to do all your homework's that Lions International gives to you and the deadlines on when to submit them, your goals that you need to have, also need to meet the deadline. Preparing to go to the International Convention in Boston, last July 6 to the 12th was exciting. Left our place, in Squaw Valley, to head to the Fresno Yosemite Airport by 4 am, flight got cancelled and booked another flight with a different route just to be in Boston that day, arrived in Boston at 9:30 pm instead of 4:30 pm. Still glad to be there as the next day got to be at the Convention Center with the other District Governor Elect's and our Partners in Service or our spouses at 7 am mind you Boston is 3 hours ahead of California time. Registered, pick up packets, breakfast, welcoming of our incoming International President Dr Patti Hill. The whole convention was great, the entertainment was fantastic, the Killer Queen, the parade, and the sessions. The most memorable part of it was lions from District 4 A2, my husband PDG Lion Al, shared that great experience along with our Immediate Past District Governor Lion Falguni Patel, by her pulling my ribbon that says elect, along with the other District Governor's Elect of California and around the globe. Crying with tears of joy and excitement for this Lions Year 2023-2024.







Let me introduce to you our International President, the second female to be our International President, Lion Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Canada a Psychologist. She teaches psychology and the betterment of her community is what drives her to be a Lion. Her message to all of us: “Changing the World” Change doesn’t happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo Club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world.” Teamwork is the key to success. If we want 2 achieve our goals, we need teamwork. It will lead us to change, positive change, so embrace that change. My fellow Lions: Excellence is what we bring to our District and to the world. We had our “meet and greet” last June 3rd with our District 4-A2 Cabinet & Committees, at the courtesy of our Lion Ralph & Lion Yvette Alvarez, owners of Pizza Planet & Orbit Lanes located in Dinuba, for letting us use their meeting room, for free, for a great start of the year. Then we had our District 4-A2 Officers training in Visalia. We had a great training and for more future training from our Global Membership, Leadership, Service and Extension Teams. Thank you for all your support and care for our district by being able to attend last July 20-21 at our Installation of our Cabinet, western theme & Committee Officers, & our very first District meeting for the lion’s year 2023-2024. Thank you to our Installing Officer, (PID) Past International Director Lion Dana Biggs, she did an awesome job. To all our hard-working Lions that helped this first event happen, all the committees & cabinet officers, thank you. Also, to our Northern Region Chair, Lion Tony Reyes Jr, our District Cabinet Secretary Lion Kaden Ferretti, our District Cabinet Treasurer Lion Diana Compo and to our (FVDG) First Vice District Governor Lion Dr Cheri Provancha. Then we had our District 4-A2 hosting the Council of Governors meeting from the 2 nd of August till the 6th at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. A very successful meeting, a Friday night Karaoke after dinner & a Saturday 80’s theme dance. We had a prestige guest, Past International President Lion Douglas Alexander from New York, me & PDG Lion Al got the privileged to pick him up at the airport, last Thursday, the 3rd of August, got to talked to him and get to know him better. Then my Council of Governors went out for dinner at the Bistro di Bufala in Visalia. Saturday meeting, we had the Mayor of Visalia, Mayor Bryan Poochigian, gave us a resolution for our District 4 A2, for hosting the Council of Governors meeting in his City of Visalia. We had positive comments from all the different districts of the State of California Governors, First & Second Governors that our District 4-A2 know how to have fun and throw a great meeting. Fellow Lions let me leave you this thoughts, “embrace that vision, do it with service, with kindness, and can we do it together to have a global impact.” Changing the world, lead the change where it begins with you, with each of us, we play a vital role in our districts. Grow our membership so our services grow. Support our global causes, support our Lions Club International Foundation by donating to our foundation. Remember, small choices, change the world. Our key to success is to be brave, by giving the clubs the support to learn and be confident. Diversity matters so let great people do great things. Stay focused on members, let’s focus as Agents of Change, so be brave, so they can follow your example. Believe in yourself. Together we have the power to change lives, the power to change the world. “Be the Change: Keep Trying, Keep Moving, Keep Inspiring”

Sincerely,

District Governor Lion Christy Kroell PMJF



# 2023-2024 1V DG Lion Cheri Provancha

Hello Lions, Another Lions year is upon us. We have many areas of need where we can focus our service. Nothing is more satisfying than serving our community and each other. Given that, it makes sense that the more Lions we have serving, the more rewarding our lives will be. International President Patty Hill's theme is "Changing the World" and it begins with us. When we impact the lives of the people we serve, we change as well, all for the better. Take those service opportunities and invite those you touch to serve alongside you as Lions. Our goal is for every club to end the year with 1 member growth. Use your service to inspire those around you to join our effort to Change the World through our service.



# 2V DG Marco Martinez

Hello Fellow Lions and Leos;

I would like to congratulate our new incoming cabinet officers, cabinet committees and Leo District officers. Also, I've been informed we now have six Cubs, outstanding!

There is a lot of training as incoming 2V DG and more training coming at the Council of Governors August 6 thru August 8 hosted by our District scheduled at the Wyndham Visalia. Would like to thank everyone for your support in giving me a chance and trusting me to be your 2V DG.

Also, being the District GST, I am going to concentrate on club Presidents, Secretaries and Club GST officers on reporting their service activities reports (SAR) in the five LCI causes; Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer and Diabetes on MyLion. My goal, would like to finish the 2023-2024 year with 80% of clubs reporting and challenge all Zone Chairs to monitor clubs who are not reporting and work with them.

Lion Clubs with new members, please give them the opportunity to attend our quarterly district meetings and visitation of other clubs so they may experience the fellowship and learn how clubs service their communities.

Let's move forward in our new Lion year and do not hesitate to call upon our Global Action Team (GLT, GMT, GST) we are here to help any club in the categories of leadership, membership and service. FYI, MyLion and MyLCI will be replaced by "Lion Portal", last information I received it will take place last week of August or first week of September.

Before I forget, would like to give a special thank you to Uncle Greg and Auntie Robbie from Cub Emmitt. Also, a big thank you to my visiting guest 4-L3 2V DG Nick Managhaya for attending our installation of Cabinet Officers on our first 1 st Quarterly meeting in Fresno.



# Membership Report

## PDG Al Kroell



Ready, set, go.

We are off to a brand-new start this year. We have a great district, with great Lions in it. We have been shrinking in membership for the past few years. This has been eating away at our clubs and causing frustration with club leaders.

However, I am not worried about it because I know you and I know our district. We are fighters and a lot of us, if not all of us, are competitive. I am tired of seeing us at number four in membership throughout our multiple District when we were the leader at one time. We can get back there with your help. We have a strong chance this year to be the largest in membership throughout our multiple District, and I am trusting you and each of our Lions this year to do their best in gaining membership. This all starts with a goal for your club. Each club should set a goal on membership. As a district we are going to get back to the basics, we have not had growth in our District since 2017. Past District Governor Anthony Martinez started his year by asking each club to be one positive at the end of the year. During his year the district gained 99 members, one of the largest growths that we've had in years. This was so effective that I am challenging each club to be at least one positive at the end of the year. This is a goal that any club can reach. If each club does its part, we will be 63 plus in membership at the end of the year. PDG Anthony did 99 members strong his year, let's at least increase that by one and go for an even hundred.

Our district has your back this year we are going to better serve you by asking the region chairs to be the GMT within that region. Global Membership Team (GMT) is a team and we will be working together to best serve you. We all have our game faces on with high expectations for this year, your region chair will give you better access to the help that you may need for growing your membership. And will follow-up at each of our meetings for any help that is needed. It is unrealistic to think that one person could have a positive effect on the club membership being so spread out geographically. If you have questions, need help, or have a great idea on gaining members please pass that along to your region chair or give me a call. We are all in this together. Membership is accomplished through community service projects. With good community service projects, you will not have to worry about membership. When you have a person that is asking about Lions take down their name and email address and then follow up at least three times. Handing out the flyer is good, but most of the time it will be discarded or forgotten about. I have found out that getting a person's contact information and then inviting them to your next community service project is more effective. This will help you get your +1 at the end of the year. Banner patches will be handed out at the end of the year for any club that has a plus-one member. The club in our district that gains the most in members for this year will get a different banner patch to set them apart as the top membership builder for the year. We need every Lions help in our district to build up our membership. This is all of our responsibility. I am sounding the battle cry!! And trusting you for your help. Let's get back to number one by gaining one.



# 1st Quarter District 4-A2 LCIF Coordinator Report PDG Lion Tony F Reyes, Sr

At the beginning of Lions Year 2022-2023, I challenged the district to raise \$150,000 over three years. This breaks down to approximately \$850/year/club over three years ( $60 \times \$850 \times 3 \text{ years} = \$153,000$ ). Please work on meeting this and next years adjusted goal.

For LY 2022/2023 the district only achieved \$35,065.80. That amount includes approximately \$12,300 raised at the Melvin Jones Blindfold Dinner held on January 13, 2023.

To achieve the three-year goal with two years left in the challenge, clubs in the district should aim to raise a combined total of \$57,500 per year over the next two years. District Governor Christy agrees with this goal. If each of the 60 clubs can set an LCIF target donation of at least \$950/per year, over the next two years, we can achieve that goal.

Another way to look towards achieving this goal is to have each member commit to contributing \$35/year over the next two years ( $1672 \times \$35 \times 2 = \$117,040$ ).

## LCIF Club Participation and Recap of Donations –

LCIF Club Participation for LY 2022/2023 reached 36.6%. Only 22 of 60 clubs made donations in LY 2022-2023 for a total of \$25,988. Another \$9,028 was donated with no club identified (this includes \$6,827 donated in the district's name from the Blindfold Dinner event).

Governor Christy's goal for LCIF donations is set for at least \$50,000 for this Lions Year. Let's all work together to help achieve this goal. And we can set even higher benchmarks for the next LY.

Nine MD4 districts exceeded LCIF's 2022/2023 goal of \$25/member for the year. There is no reason District 4-A2 should not be included in that statistic. Two of those districts achieved over 400% of that goal.

Another of DG Christy's goals is to have 100% club participation. If every club in the district can make at least a minimal donation of \$20 per club, we can achieve this goal. Last year participation was 36.6% (22 of 60 clubs). I realize that \$20 per club is a long way from the amounts mentioned above, but we're talking about two different metrics.

However, you look at it, let's meet and exceed these goals early in the year.

## Dining in the Dark –

Friday, January 13, 2023, the Dining in The Dark dinner was held. This was an LCIF fundraising event with the goal of helping meet DG Falguni's objectives for Lions Year 2022/2023. With over 130 seats paid for by clubs, members, and guests, we exceeded expectations. We raised almost \$13,000 for LCIF (this was credited to several clubs' and the district LCIF accounts). Clubs buying a table received a \$500 donation credit in the club(s) name.

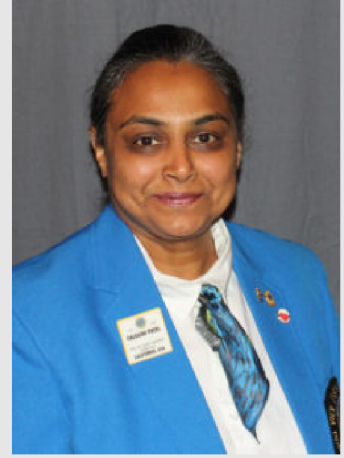
DG Elect Christy has asked that I coordinate another event during her year. So, save this date – Saturday January 13, 2024. Details will be forthcoming. Please start promoting this event and help our new DG meet her goals.

I will be looking for volunteers, gift baskets, donations, etc. Contact: LCIF District Coordinator PDG Tony F Reyes for details ([vawave@aol.com](mailto:vawave@aol.com) or 703-309-2085).



# **IPDG**

## **Falguni Patel**



I would like to start by appreciating and encouraging all Leos, Lions and volunteers that made things happen in District 4-A2 this past year 22-23 and will continue so forth with the new set of Leadership.

Thankyou all Cabinet, Committees, Club Presidents, Secretaries,etc each one of you for all your work,support,sacrifice and dedication for the accomplishments. It really mattered.

I have enjoyed my journey as a District Governor of District 4-A2. Many long lasting friendships, learnt many things, expressed gratitude and faced with situations to make tough decisions.Road was not easy. At the end of the day I kept that in mind, that I chose to volunteer and step up to be a District Governor but what was my goal-To serve to improve the lives of others in our communities and all around the world.

Our accomplishments were celebrated with 12,000 other Leos and Lions from all over the world at the Lions International Convention in Boston from July 7th to the 11th, 2023. My husband and I were fortunate enough to be there with 9 other Lions (PDG's Vicki, myself, David, Kevin, Christy, Al, Tony Reyes Sr, Gloria Lopez, Kerry,Yvette and Ralph) from our District.

I thank DG Lion Christy to give me the oppurtunity to pull her ribbon at her swearing in ceremony as DG.

I wish all the new Leos and Lions Leadership of District 4-A2

Leo President - (Lion Alexander Widman) IVP - (Reedley Simms), Secretary - (Leo Mara), Treasurer- (Leo-Lion Shriani) and District Leo Liason (Leo-Lion Mannati), DG Christy Kroell, IVDG Cheri Provancha and 2VDG Marco Martinez the very best in their journeys as they entail the duties to carry forward our District to heightened heights in Membership, Service and Leadership because:

"Alone we can do so little, but together we can change many lives and the world."

The 1st District Meeting in Fresno was a good start of fellowship and Installation of the Cabinet by our very own the First Lady at our District and MD-4 to become an International Director Lion Dana Biggs and his honorable Past International President Lion Bill Biggs.

This week over the weekend we also welcome the MD-4 Council of Governors (23-24,24-25 and 25-26) Leos, Lions and Guests at the Organisational COG at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. It is an honor and oppurtunity to host the COG after 5 years when we had the Final COG of June during PDG Lion Kevin's Year as DG. Wishing everybody a fun time!

We look forward again after 5 years last one in February 2020 when Dr.Patti Hill was a 3rd VP and was our Guest to host the MD-4 Convention at the Marriott Convention Center in Visalia in February 2025. Save the date and look out more details. It will be here in a brink of a time.

Lastly I end to seek support to come and vote for my Partner in Service for the past 27 years my husband Lion Dr. Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel for endorsement as International Director from CA at the MD-4 Convention from February 23rd to the 25th, 2024 in Riverside, CA.



As a District Public Relations and Marketing Chair this year save some dates on your calendars. I will have fliers placed on the District 4-A2 Website once confirmed. Stay tuned and please visit the District 4-A2 ([4a2lions.org](http://4a2lions.org)), MD-4 ([md4lions.org](http://md4lions.org)) International ([mylclionsclubs.org](http://mylclionsclubs.org)) Websites regularly for updates.

1) a) September 11th to 17th, 2023 Joint Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and Optimist Service Week.

b) September 21st to 25th, 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada. CA is hosting it.

2) October 2023 Partnering with VCB Bakersfield on White Cane Day and 20th October, 2023 New Members Night in Laton.

3) November Friday evening 17th and Saturday conclude by 2pm on 18th, 2023 2nd District Meeting in Lemoore

4) December 9th - Day Bustrip (56 passenger) going to Irwindale to decorate the Lions Rose Float. Registration on Google Form and payment due at 2nd District Meeting.

Non refundable.

5) January 13th, 2024 Dining in the Dark LCIF Fundraiser at Classic Catering in Clovis.

6) February 21st to 23rd, 2024 MD-4 COG and then 23rd to 25th, 2024 Convention in Riverside, CA.

7) 3rd Week of March 2024 - Operation Friendship, Ensenada, Mexico and also 3rd District Meeting possibly in Richgrove.

8) May 10th to the 12th, 2024 District 4-A2 Convention at Wyndham Hotel in Visalia.

Other than that be safe and let us Serve our communities and Change lives one step at a time because Together We can and We Will!!





# CLUB NEWS

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## West Coast Indian Cyber Lions Club

Club goals:

- Eye Clinic
- Youth Diabetic Awareness
- Youth Speech Program
- Rose Bowl Participation
- Back to School Backpack & Supplies
- Foster Kids Suitcase/Duffle Bag Project

Club update:

- Received \$250 from HCFTKC for Youth Speech Program

## REEDLEY LIONS CLUB

We are starting our new year out with Bobby Ikemiya as president. Everybody is super excited about his reign! His motto for this year being "We make your life better."

Reedley Lions is still in the talks about this year's projects. But one big one that is for sure happening is the Pop-Up Bike Rodeo. Scheduled for October 7th, Aimed for children of Reedley, ages 6-12 there will be Safety courses, Basic Bike Repair, Helmet decoration and Bike & Scooter raffles. We are gearing up for an exciting day. As per usual the Blossom Bike Ride annual fundraiser (our 34th year straight) will be March 3rd. We welcome everybody to come out and ride with their families that day.

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

The link above will be available for registration come January 2024.

We are also currently in the works coordinating the King and Queen for the Reedley Fiesta. It is a city tradition that everyone looks forward to every year. We have also partnered with the city of Reedley to coordinate regular blood drives every other month. Our next one is scheduled for August 15th. Another event we held was an Earth Day clean-up. We are hoping to continue this event heading into the new year.

Our Instagram and Facebook accounts have become our main marketing tools. If you aren't already following us please search us out and you can see all the exciting things that we have been doing.

As we enter our 101st year we are open to new ideas new projects, currently recruiting new membership.

And hoping to be a source of help, comfort and community for the town of Reedley.

If you would like your clubs upcoming events in the next newsletter please email the Newsletter Editor at [lioncassiopeiaccampbell@gmail.com](mailto:lioncassiopeiaccampbell@gmail.com)  
Next newsletter will be due October 26th.



## Visalia Breakfast Lions Club

Who is ready for a new year of Lionism? The Visalia Breakfast Lions are. We want to thank Past District Governor, Falguni Patel, for the fantastic leadership she provided. She was an excellent role model for all of us. Just following her on Social Media is enough to wear a person out. She had a busy productive year. Thank you for presenting the Visalia Breakfast Lions the Top Club Award. We send a big welcome to District Governor Christy Kroell, and look forward to her visitations. Any help you need, just ask, we are here for you.

President Vance Sanchez took over the reins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and immediately entered Firework Fundraiser mode. Each morning we gathered at Granny's Country Café to eat breakfast together and prepare for the day. News Editor Cassiopeia asked about our 23/24 Club Goal. I am not sure we have a goal, but after watching President Vance that first day, it was all about outdoing Past President Jordan's numbers from the prior year. Each day we looked at last year's numbers with intentions to do more. I believe Vance's goal is "To Do More". We will raise more, donate more, participate more, and have more fun. We were successful in beating last year's numbers, and had a lot of fun doing so. If you get a chance, ask us about the Unicorn Poop competition.



The Visalia Rescue Mission asked for our help with their Back to School Block Party. The Board voted to donate a \$500 sponsorship. It did not take long for our members to start thinking we could do more. They reached into their own pockets and started purchasing school supplies to donate. Within a couple three weeks they had gathered 59 Rulers, 2 Binders, 872 Pencils, 72 Highlighters, 210 Glue sticks, 130 Boxes of Crayons, 54 College Ruled Binders, 2 Staplers, 28 Erasers, 5 Pencil sharpeners, 210 Folders, 52 Boxes of Washable Markers, 51 Backpacks, 12 Scissors, 2 Note Pads, 100 Boxes of Colored pencils, and 2 Packs of Paper. And to take it a step further, members worked the block party to help distribute those school supplies to those in need. A total of 1,000 backpacks, full of school supplies, were distributed.





Pro Youth, a non-profit who provides comprehensive expanded learning programs to the youth of Tulare



County, asked the Visalia Breakfast Lions if we would serve breakfast during their annual employee training session. With school about to begin, Pro Youth is gearing up. The training was scheduled during a normal club meeting, so we canceled club that morning and prepared a fantastic pancake breakfast for 350 people. 29 members gathered around the chuck wagon that morning, fixing scrambled eggs, sausage, and of course pancakes. This fine meal was topped off with orange juice, chocolate milk, and coffee.

We have had many good presenters at club this quarter, and have added several new members. We have at least two more pancake breakfasts on the schedule, and are starting to think about our annual Pickleball Tournament, the Band Review, and our Turkey Drive. The Visalia Breakfast Lions like to stay busy, it keeps us out of trouble.



2022-2023

## CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

2022-2023 Club President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the year or have a positive membership growth)

or Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch

Name of Lions Club, Leo Club or Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. SERVICE

Contributed to LCIF

Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

List Three service activities your club participated in that were reported in MyLion or your regional reporting system:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

Reported Club Officers to LCI

Key Officers participate in club officer training

### 4. MARKETING

The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.



2022-2023 District Governor Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by:** August 31, 2023

**Send to:** [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org)

**Awards Mailed to:** 2023-2024 District Governors

\*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



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