

Peanut Times



Our Deepest Condolences

Dinuba

Alton C Schlag

Orange Cove

Don Schroeder

Parlier

Lupe Bonds

Riverdale

Wendell A Rollin



Welcome New Members

Delano

Stella Quinones
Stephanie Mok
Beverly Pickering

Ivanhoe

Matther Gasilnik
Chris D Ross

Kings

Maria Green
Reginald Green

Lemoore

Marites Rodriguez
Timmy L Rodriguez

Orange Cove

Parlier

Gloria Gomez Alvarez
Lupe Bonds
Sherol A Harbaugh

Riverdale

Grayson Cardoza
Gregory Coelho
Brent M Devine
Sammy H Habib
Jeffrey L Percell
Rene J Reyes
Jace W Skaggs
Duke A Homan
Tristan Mauger

Springville Mountain

Rick Phillips

Visalia Breakfast

Vincent F Sanchez

Visalia Pride

Marsha Cortes
Jon D Phillips



A word from our 2023-2024 Governor

Hello Fellow Lions of District 4A2. Hoping 2024 is going strong with your family life, business and with our Lions organization.

We had a great 2023 Lions year and lots more to do for the year 2024. Let's recap what we had for 2023; we started with our Installation of our Cabinet Officers and Committees by our installing officer, PID Lion Dana Biggs with a Western theme, July 2023. We hosted the MD4 Council of Governors meeting in August 2023, where everyone had a great time but unfortunately, we had a COVID outbreak after the meeting. New Members Night in Laton last October 2023 where we had a great turn out in attendance. Thanks to Laton Lions Club for hosting it. A learning experience to remind everyone to respect our organization by wearing appropriate clothes and be aware our Leos are watching our manners and how we talk. In November we had our second District meeting in Lemoore. Thank you to everyone who made this meeting successful. We have more things to learn and do as we go forward. Just like that song, "life's a dance, we learn as we go."

A big thank you to my home club, Fresno Host Lions Club, for sponsoring my walk in the 2024 Rose Parade. A big thank you to Pixley Lions Club for donating to Lions Float Inc, the opportunity for me to be an Ambassador for the Lions Rose Float/Lions International. I truly appreciate and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Attended the MD4 Council of Governors meeting and MD4 Convention, February 20th-25th, 2024. A great meeting with the Council of Governors with many things to accomplish. There was the Gala Night, the First Responders Luncheon, the Academy Awards, and the Melvin Jones Breakfast plus the announcement of who won the endorsement for MD4 International Director. I am the song leader for my Council of Governors, and it was an honor to sing the patriotic songs as well as our US National Anthem. I was Co-Emcee at the Academy Awards Night with District 4C4 Governor Lion Kevin Guess. Had a photo shoot with our council and with the 2nd Vice President of LCI, VP Lion AP Singh and PID 2012-2014 Lion Sangeeta Jatia from Kolkata, India.

Great job to the clubs that are doing the Student Speaker Contest. Zone and Region Chairs that are having the Student Speakers Contest and some that already had theirs, great job as well. Our Student Speaker Foundation is also needing your help by donating money to the Foundation. District 4A2 has had 2 final winners. Consider giving someone in your club a Harry J Ashlan award at the end of the year.

I enjoyed visiting lots of clubs in the past months and in December was excited to attend the Christmas parties of the clubs I visited in our District. Thank you for all the fun fellowship and delicious food. Enjoyed handing out Lions Chevrons to the members who were a Lion for 10, 15, 20, 25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,65,70 years. Some were Chartered members. How cool is that?

Most of the District 4A2 Lions Clubs have been visited, with a few more clubs I need to visit. Sad news, 2 brand new members that just got inducted at the New Members Night, died in Reedley at a bad gun shooting. According to the news, Lion Lupita Bond and her husband, from Parlier Lions Club, then her grandpa and father were killed too. We attended their vigil in Reedley, and lots of people were there along with the Parlier Lions members.

Also, we got to add Lion Yvette Alvarez Trevino as our Zone 2 Central Zone Chair. Thank you, Lion Yvette, for always being there to make our District 4A2 great.

PDG Lion Al and I attended the Lions Eye Foundation Meeting in Sacramento after attending the Visalia Breakfast LC and celebrating Cutler- Orosi's 40th Anniversary.

Don't forget to save in your calendar our 2024 District 4A2 Convention May 10th-12th in Visalia at the Wyndham Hotel. Fun Friday Food Faire planned. Watch for emails with registration information. We are going to have a souvenir program for our District 4A2 Convention, so anyone who wants to place an ad, contact PDG Lion Al Kroell or me, our information is in our district directory.

Take care and always remember, we are all here for the same reasons, to serve our community, to help the less fortunate ones and we are all volunteers with a big heart.

Fellow Lions let's build membership for more hands in service.

Take care and remember:

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

Sincerely,

DG Lion Christy Kroell

Be The Change: Keep Trying, Keep Moving, Keep Inspiring.

God Bless us all.



Rose Parade

PDG Al and I arrived in Pasadena the 28th of December at the host hotel where all the Lions of MD4 and guests were staying. Our International President Lion Dr. Patti Hill and her husband, Lion Greg Holmes, arrived that day too. The next day, District 4L2 had a Hunger Project in the morning where Lions helped assemble 500+ baskets of food for the schools and families needing it. We met a Congressman, Mayors, and other dignitaries that our IP Lion Dr. Patti Hill awarded with a plaque of the Peace Poster winner. They had a blood bank, too.

We helped decorate the Lions Float with other volunteers, Lions of MD4 and other Lions from different states. We attended a reception for IP Dr Patti Hill and her spouse, Lion Greg Holmes. Great attendance, lots of awards and great finger food. That night we attended a reception for the District Governors with IP Dr. Patti Hill and Lion Greg Holmes. A few Past International Directors supported the event. Great dinner and great fellowship for everyone who attended.

The next day more decorating time and a 2 hour meeting with our IP Lion Dr. Patti Hill with the 11 District Governors of California. Just want to let every member of District 4A2 know that clubs in our District have the lowest in numbers reported of service projects. We need to do something about this as the IP Dr Patti Hill gave me a deadline along with the other Governors, at the end of February 2024, that our numbers will be better. It was embarrassing as the numbers we have are the lowest in the MD4. Please, I really need everyone's help with this. Contact our SVDG Lion Marco Martinez if you all need help in reporting your service projects, reach out as he is our GST Global Service Team.

January 1st, 2024, IP Dr Lion Patti Hill taught us how to do the hand signing for the chorus part of the song "What a Wonderful World," the song they played as we walked in the Rose Parade. She is a great International President. She kept an eye on me if I was doing my hand signing and corrected me when I was doing it wrong.

On the day judging of our Lions Float, we stood in our places where we would be walking. I was standing close to our Student Speaker Contest winner, Jacob Sandoval, who's sitting near our IP Lion Patti and Lion Greg Holmes. After lunch and dinner we continued working on the Lions Float, placing the fresh flowers, and worked till 2:30 am the next day to be ready. We were down at the hotel lobby by 4:30 am, rode the van to take us to our float was and waited. We were ready for the parade. It was so cold and thanks to DG Lion Scarlett for the hot sachet for our hands.

Our float was number 61 and it was supposedly a 5 ½ mile walk but since we were at the back of the line it looks more of a 7 ½ mile walk. I started reaching out to the people watching the parade on the sidewalks, giving high fives and side fives to the young kids that are all bundled up to stay warm. Saw some deaf hand signers and deaf people watching the parade. This was a very memorable awesome experience.

Our IP Lion Dr Patti did a video of me doing my high fives and side fives to the people watching the parade. I didn't have a clue till she asked for my cellphone number. At first, I thought I was in trouble, but she just messaged me the video. It was an awesome day. That's how my 1st day for 2024 started and for me that's truly a blessing.





2024 District 4-A2 Convention Food Faire



Friday, May 10, 2024

Setup starts at 3:00 PM | Food Faire: 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Wyndham, Visalia Parking Lot (by the outdoor pool)

Theme: *Hawaiian*
**Best Food, Best Booth,
and Best Costume**

To sign-up for a booth, use this form
or scan the QR code on the right:
<https://bit.ly/2024foodfair4A2>



Day of the Event Info:

- 1.) Alcoholic Drinks Permitted (Must be wrist-banded)
- 2.) Please leave area clean (bring your own trash bags)
- 3.) Please bring your own power supply/chairs/tables/canopy/utensils, etc.(no electric or water provided)

For questions, please contact Convention
Chair, PDG Judy Woolley at (559)916-2521.



2023-2024 IVDG Lion Cheri Provancha

Hello Lions and I hope this finds you and yours doing well. This has been a busy year so far as we vigorously serve our community. There is a growing need in our community for assistance and service. With that in mind, we need to grow our service capacity. We do this by increasing the hands we have available to serve. I challenge each of you to start a new and different service project this year. You don't have enough hands to take on more, you say? Well let's make that step number one—grow your number of hands. Serving others changes their lives and also changes our lives making us better human beings. Ask each member to invite one new member to join your mission of service. Ask those new members to bring in their ideas for service and use that to diversify the service that is provided through your club. Are you up for the challenge? Start by just asking one.



2VDG Marco Martinez

Hello Fellow Lions; as of March 1st, 95% of the clubs have reported on MyLion. That means -60- clubs have participated in -759- service activities helping and changing lives for the better for 91,687 people. There are some clubs that have made contact with me needing assistance with reporting. Please continue to contact me. I have been successful in getting clubs to report their activities on MyLion.

MD4 Quarterly Lions Project Care (Youth/Vision):

Youth & Vision are the next Project Care reports. Started in January 1st ends March 31st. Report all your youth and vision projects by the end of March, I am able to monitor all clubs in the district and will turn-in the reports to our MD4 GST Coordinator. Environment is our last Project Care Challenge and it starts April 1st and please report by May 15th as awards will be presented at the final Council of Governors meeting in Sacramento in June.

District GST Quarterly Service Awards:

Next quarterly winner will be picked on March 31st. I will pick one club that has reported their service activities on MyLion. Club names will be entered in a digital name picker and I will randomly pick one winning club. All winning clubs will be removed from the digital name picker and reinstalled after the last quarterly pick. Governor will pick one winning club in June 2024, prize TBD.

District & Region Totals:

- Northern Region: People Served = 13,945 / Service Activities = 175 / Volunteer Hours = 3,680
18 clubs reporting out of 21 clubs = 86%
- Central Region: People Served = 29,223 / Service Activities = 249 / Volunteer Hours = 8,136
13 clubs reporting out of 13 clubs = 100%
- Southern Region: People Served = 41,150 / Service Activities = 210 / Volunteer Hours = 5,839
17 clubs reporting out of 17 = 100%
- Western Region: People Served = 7,369 / Service Activities = 125 / Volunteer Hours = 879
12 clubs reporting out of 12 clubs = 100%
- District Totals: People Served = 91,687 / Service Activities = 759 / Volunteer Hours = 18,534
60 clubs reporting out of 63 clubs = 95%

Let's keep working together as we surpassed DG Kroell's goal of 50% of clubs reporting on MyLion. Continue our journey of serving our communities with Kindness and Love. Remember, when we serve more, we give more.

As your 2VDG/GST for this 2023-2024 fiscal year, it was a great learning experience and still is. One thing I noticed was team work in our Council of Governors and hope it continues as we continue in our Mission 1.5 program that's geared at membership through service. So, when your club has a service project, make sure you pass out some kind of Lions Club flyers and pamphlets. I have picked my motto for my year as DG it is "We Lead, We Train, We Serve" which we do every year. Let's end this year with service to our communities. See you all at our convention in Visalia

Lion Marco
2VDG/GST



Cabinet Treasurer

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Dues, Dues, Dues---WHY????

We get asked often, why do we pay dues, why do we have to pay to be a part of a service organization? Our service organization is a business. And like all businesses, we have requirements to support our clubs, districts, multiple districts and Lions International efforts in serving our communities. As you know, we do not use any funds taken in from our community to support our administrative requirements. So, what do our dues cover? Here are just a few items:

Insurance – All of us are covered by insurance from Lions International on any service project we are on. This is significant. We cannot be held personally liable for any injury or accident that happens in the course of our service. They also provide additional riders in the event we need to expand our coverage.

Information Technology – We receive IT capabilities and support from Lions International, our Multiple District, and our District. Our MyLCI and MyLion platforms, as well as our new platform, are covered by our annual dues. Additionally, all these levels have their own websites to support our clubs, and Lions International provides all clubs with website hosting. Our Multiple and District dues cover our website expenses as well.

Marketing – A big part of service is letting people know what you do, what you provide, and what you need. This involves marketing our accomplishments and impacts, our values, our upcoming events, and our needs that enable service in our communities. It is much more impactful to ask for help in a fundraiser if you know what your impacts have been from your previous service activities. Highlighting our service on our IT platforms and using the data to tell our story are paramount to supporting our service efforts. Additionally, Lions International provides us with many templated branded items to use as we engage with our community.

Training – All Lions have access to incredible training opportunities. Lions International provides a robust online training portal that provides leadership, organizational, membership, and project planning training. Accessing this training through the commercial sector would cost us thousands of dollars, but we get this access as part of our membership.

Leadership Support – To make our organization viable in serving our community, we have to strategically and operationally plan our path forward. We also have an obligation to be good stewards of the funds that come into our organization. Like any business or service organization, we have to meet to review our current state and our way forward. Our dues cover some of these expenses. The remainder of the expenses are covered by those who step up to serve and those who attend these venues.

These are just a few things that our dues enable in our organization. We pay our dues to Lions International, the Multiple District and the District semi-annually in July and January. Lions International dues can be paid electronically by setting up your MyLCI account to connect with your club bank account (no credit card needed). The Multiple District and District dues are paid by check to the District Cabinet Treasurer and are billed by invoice through email. You can access the current dues structure on the District website at <https://4a2lions.org/lions-member-center/> at the bottom of the webpage.

Membership Report

PDG Al Kroell

Be the change sponsor someone today



A thermometer only measures the temperature it does nothing more. Membership in our clubs needs to grow so that we are able to accomplish more for our communities. As a member in your club please do not be a thermometer only to see that we are unable to accomplish more things and not do anything more about it. We all need to act more like thermostats. A thermostat measures and adjusts climate in an environment. We need to change the climate, and dynamics within our club we need to make the adjustments that it takes to build our membership and accomplish needed help for our communities. This happens by one member at a time. Community service, service projects, this is what will build our clubs membership and be able to help out in our community much better. Everyone should be asking every day for new membership. Just think about it when was the last time you asked someone to become a Lion. Everything that you have experienced as a lion, all of the people that you have help, all of the lives that you have changed, started with your sponsor. Please allow other people to enjoy the fellowship, service projects, and the ability to change other people's lives by you sponsoring them in. All it takes is to ask. Who have you asked lately?

International president Patty Hill asked us to be the change. This is not necessarily by changing the policies, history, or protocols but it is by changing other people's lives for the better. Again, this all starts with you. Ask someone each day if they would like to become a part of the change that we would like to see in the world. Ask them if they would like to save a person's life by helping them through a disaster. Ask them if they would like to be part of the world's largest family of people helping out in their community's. After you asked them take down their names, phone number, and email address, and follow-up at least three times. Care by asking others to become a lion. Think back when you first became a lion and who sponsored you in, who cared about you enough to ask you to become a lion. Since you have been a lion how many people have you help not only through your service projects but through your donations and let's not forget your dues. Remember that everything that we do as a lion goes back into our communities one way or another. I only say this because of how much it has helped me out. How much it's changed my life. How much it gave me a purpose to go out and face the day even though I may not have been feeling that good. I think about my time as a lion and going through all of the pains and surgeries and then receiving a card from my club or from another Lions Club member that got me right back on my feet again. There are many more out there like myself just waiting for someone to ask them to become a part of this great organization. Please be the change in someone's life by asking them to become a lion.

Most of us if not all of us have been changed by helping out others. We are not the same person that we were before. Most of us if not all of us have had the aha moment that point in time where we said this was all worth it. Sponsor someone today and give them that opportunity. Growing our membership is all of our responsibility, it is a part of caring for others, a part of helping in our community, a part of changing the world, a part of being a lion. If we all did our part by growing our district, we may not only be helping out in our communities but we will be growing a larger family of people and giving them the chance to experience the joy it takes to be a lion. My slogan for this year is have you asked someone today to be a lion? It is all up to you. Don't be a thermometer in your club be the change

This time, I would like to thank my sponsor my mom who truly saved my life by asking me to become a lion. Thank you, mom, for caring for me enough to ask.

Thank you again so much and let's grow our membership. Ask, ask, ask. Have you asked someone today to be a lion?

GMT PDG AL Kroell





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

As a recap, at the beginning of Lions Year 2022-2023, I challenged the district to raise \$150,000 over three years.

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 total of \$57,500 per year over the next two years. District Governor Christy agrees with this goal. If each of the clubs can set an LCIF target donation of \$950/per year, over the next two years, we can achieve that goal.

LCIF Club Participation and Recap of Donations –

LCIF Club Participation for LY 2022/2023 reached 36.6%. As of February 29, 2024, eighteen (18) clubs, 27.69%, have made donations to LCIF. Funds donated so far equal \$22,625.20. That includes \$7,061.70 in Dining in the Dark proceeds donated in the district's name and \$6,500 in the name of nine different clubs. That means only \$9,063.70 has been donated by clubs.

Governor Christy's goal for LCIF donations is still set for at least \$50,000 for this Lions Year. With four months left in this Lions Year, we need to work together to help achieve this 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. With a donation of \$20 per club, 4-A2 can be included in a very elite category. Let's push to make this come true.

Dining in the Dark – 2025

DG Elect Cheri has asked that I coordinate another Dining in the Dark event during her year. So, save this date – Saturday January 18, 2025. Details are forthcoming.

Please start promoting this event throughout MD4 (Regions, Zones and Clubs) and help our incoming DG meet her goals. I have a great team of volunteers working with me, but welcome additional help soliciting for and securing gift baskets, donations, etc.

HOT NEWS – OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE IPIP BRIAN SHEEHAN.

MD4 Council Chair Craig Durand has already secured commitments for attendance from 13 of the Blue Crew PDGs.

Maximum seating at the Classic Catering at 625 venue is 250. They'll set up twenty-five tables of ten. It'll be a bit tighter, but we'll still have a dance floor and space for silent auction items.

Contact LCIF District Coordinator PDG Tony F Reyes for details (vawave@aol.com or 703-309-2085).

IPDG

Falguni Patel



As an Immediate Past District Governor I share my best wishes to DG Lion Christy and Cabinet for diligently working to keeping a steadfast membership for Lions and hopefully increase more on the Leos. I am sure she will try to attain her desired goals and looking forward for the next Leadership who will continue the Torch of Service. Congratulations on the new Club and hopefully another one at the end of the Year.

We welcome the Nomination for our new Candidate Lion Rose Rodriguez from the Richgrove Lions Club to be elected at the upcoming District 4-A2 Convention in May. I am very proud she finally said yes and will be able to carry the District to newer heights.

Thank you Lion Christy for giving me the chance to be an Advisor on the Lions Eye Foundation. As a Co - Chair of the Bus trip to decorate the Rose Float we thank each one who attended and hopefully you all had a good time. We had 83 people in total (1 Cub Precious Cub Emmitt, Leos, Lions and Guests). Another Trip that we had an opportunity to conduct was a visit to the Avenal Prison. We had a group of 10 that were cleared to go and see what the 10 inmates at the Prison are involved with the Program run by the Supervisor Mr. Ben Cruz for the past 12 years. The eyeglasses that we collect throughout CA, we are 15,000 away to reaching our goal of 1 million eyeglasses refurbished by these inmates since 2012. What a service and thankyou to Ben Cruz for being in charge of this Program. We shall arrange another trip of a Group of 10 maybe later in the year. I will have details about it hopefully at the Installation of the new Governor in July.

Happy International Women's Day!! We are made stronger for each other.
Happy Easter, St.Patrick's Day, Ramadan and Maha Shivratri who celebrate.



CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION (Director of 4-A2 2023-2025)

It has been a pleasure to be on this Board that my husband's Council (2017-2018) were able to leave a legacy for the Multiple by starting a Foundation for CA.

I have been given the opportunity by 4 Governors of 4-A2 starting from the Late Lion VanVan Landingham to the current Governor Lion Christy Kroell and have been serving since 2020. Attached is the announcement, application, and poster for the new CLF Hunger Grant. The grant is to help Clubs and Districts to fight food insecurity and insufficiency. Clubs can receive grants up to \$500 (\$2,500 per district). The lower amount is being used to promote more clubs in each District to participate in the program. This specialty grant program will go from March 1, 2024 - May 31st, 2024. It is already on the CLF Lions.org website.

All applications have to be filled in and all criteria have to be met and then the current DG signature then the CLF Director signature which will be mine to which I will review before sending to the Grants Committee. I will restrain myself to being on it whilst reviewing in order to avoid conflict of interest as I am on the Grants Committee of the Foundation too.

Once reviewed and if any of the applications are incomplete will be returned to me and I will forward to the responsible party which in this case will be the President of the Club for additions and/or corrections. After the resubmission it will be sent to:

PDG Lion David (Dave) Hubbard dghubbard117@gmail.com
714-313-2207

and I shall be CC'ed to that email.

Once approved the check will be sent to the Treasurer of the Club who will acknowledge me upon receipt.

Upon completion of the project, the Club/District will provide the Foundation with a Final report to me and the Chair of the Grants Committee of CLF. It should include copies of all receipts, a brief summary of the completed project, and any photos that are available. This should be completed within 45 days of completion of the project. Failure to do so can result in the Club/District being ineligible for further grants from the Foundation. Any applications for projects outside of California will be immediately denied.

Visit the California Lions Foundation.org website for grants, fellowships and learn what it is all about. At the end of the year please consider to honor members or non-members with the various Fellowships has to offer.

\$100 Bronze Pin

\$150 Silver Pin

\$200 Gold Pin

\$500 Life Membership

\$1,000 Kay Fukushima Fellowship

\$2,500 Harris Reginald Fellowship

\$10,000 and above Bronze Donor

\$15,000 and above Silver Donor}

\$25,000 and above Gold Donor

Corporate Fellowships.

California
LIONS FOUNDATION

Leo District Chair

Lion Dr. Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel

Responsibilities of Leo Advisors

Leo club advisors should adjust their leadership approach based on the Leo club track. Younger Alpha Leos typically need more guidance and direction than older Alpha Leos, while Omega Leos may work more independently. Some examples of Leo club advisor responsibilities include:

- Ensuring any club officers and members who can be reported are reported
- Promoting Leo club activities
- Attending each Leo club and board of directors meeting
- Serving as the liaison between the sponsoring Lions Club and the Leo Club
- Ensuring new Leos receive orientation and new member materials
- Recognizing Leos for their achievements
- Encouraging Leos to become Lions through the Leo-Lion Program
- Take the Leo Club advisor training to learn more about the Leo Club Program and your role as an advisor with this comprehensive training and orientation program.

Leo club materials and supplies:-

- Leo membership cards, certificates, and new member guides are available for download through MyLCl.
- Recruitment brochures, posters, and other publications can be ordered through the Leo Club Publications Order Form (Leo-4). These orders are billed to the appropriate Lions club, district or multiple district account. - - Many materials can also be downloaded from the Leo Club Resources section of the Lions Clubs International website. All other items, including Leo new member kits, are available for purchase through the Lions Clubs International Shop.

Reporting Leo Service and Activities and Club Information:

- Use form Leo 72 to report service, if you don't use myLCl.
- Can also contact our District GST, Second VDG Marco Martinez (McFarland) for further assistance.
- Use myLCl (the fastest and convenient option).
- Benefits to service reporting (read more here: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-reporting>)

Important: Leo Advisors can click the below link for more information and updates as below:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-club-advisorstext>

Leo District Meeting

- - We'll have our Leo District 4-A2 3rd meeting via Zoom for Leo Advisors and Leos on Sunday, March 17th, 2024 at 3 p.m. We'll send you the agenda asap.
- The Zoom link is as below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84631017544?pwd=QE1zqAfT05eJ8rmAzOkf89NW9KmOru.1>

Meeting ID: 846 3101 7544

Passcode: Leosof4a2

As we're towards the end of our Leo year, one of the important feedback is required by the Leo Advisors for nominations for the officers of our District 4-A2. So, I request all our Leo Clubs Advisors to send me that information by May 2nd, 2024 to me.

District 4-A2 Convention:

- Our District 4-A2 Lions Convention is from May 10th through May 12th, 2024 at Wyndham Hotel , Visalia. On Friday May 10th, 2024 there will be International Food Fair, and the theme is Hawaiian. We encourage all the Leo Clubs with their Advisors to participate in the food fair.
- For more information please check our District 4-A2 website:

<http://www.4a2lions.org>

Lastly, please let me know if you have any of your graduating Leos who are 18 years and above and would like to join our District Omega Leo Cyber Club. For more information please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail.

Thank you for all that you do, our Leo Advisors and youth allies, to see our youth counterparts grow and develop. See y'all soon and as always, I am one email away.

Sincerely with regards from,

Lion Dr. Chiragkumar "Kevin" Patel
4-A2 Leo District Chair (2023-2024),

4-A2 District Governor (2017-2018),
Life Member, Hanford Breakfast Lions

Message from District Chaplain Suzy Ward

At the District 4A2 Convention, May 10th-12, in Visalia,
a Memorial Service on Sunday, May 12th will be conducted
to honor those Lions we have lost to death in the
2023-2024 Lion year.

Please forward to my email, lionsuzyw@gmail.com, a picture (if possible), length of membership, birth and death dates (if you have both).
Don't forget to include your Club Name!

If any questions, please reach out.

Thank you, District Chaplain Lion Suzy Ward

Three lit green candles are shown in the bottom left corner of the image. The flames are bright yellow and orange, and the candles are set against a dark background.

IN MEMORIAM

LIONS FAMILY FUN DAY



RIDING THE RAILS TO PREVENT DIABETES

**SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024, 10 AM TO 3 PM
AT THE HILLCREST & WAHTOKE RAILROAD IN REEDLEY
6943 S. REED AVE. REEDLEY, CA 93654**

Come out to a Lions District 4A2 event to provide awareness and education on the prevention of Type-2 diabetes! This event will include informational and diabetes screening booths. Games and activities for the children. Your ticket price includes unlimited train rides and lunch. Proceeds will go to the Bearskin Youth Diabetic Camp.

Tickets go on sale January 2, 2024.
\$20 per person, children under 3 are free.
Go to TicketSpice to reserve your tickets.
No tickets will be available at the event.

For more info contact: LionsFunDay@gmail.com



<https://district4a2lions.ticketspice.com/lions-family-fun-day-hillcrest-railroad>



CLUB NEWS



Deaf Camp 2024
Theme: 
Magical Forest

Camp Teresita Pines at Wrightwood
STAFF ORIENTATION: July 5-6, 2024
SOUTH CAMP: July 7 - 13, 2024

Camp Ross Relles at Nevada City
STAFF ORIENTATION: July 27, 2024
NORTH CAMP: July 28 - Aug 3, 2024

The graphic features a vibrant green forest background with a large tree. In the top left is a yellow unicorn head. In the top center is a yellow and purple butterfly. In the top right is a glass potion bottle with a star on its label. A rainbow is on the left side. In the middle right, there are two gnomes and a black silhouette of a witch. At the bottom, there are several red mushrooms with white spots, a yellow fairy silhouette, and a wand with a blue star. The text is in a playful, rounded font.

Ridgecrest Lions Club



Plastic Drive

**Feb 15, 2024 -
Feb 14, 2025**

The Ridgecrest Lions Club is asking for the help of the community to collect at least 1,000 pounds of plastic film and bags. If enough is collected, NexTrex will donate a park bench to us. The Ridgecrest Lions Club plans to put the bench at the incoming Sgt. John Pinney Pool Complex near the veterans memorial.

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residues.



**Thank you for supporting us
with your donation!**



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags

Newspaper sleeves

Shipping envelopes

Pallet wrap & stretch film

Weed covers

For more information & other community support programs, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/RidgecrestLions/>



District 4-A2

FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2024
10AM-2PM**

**ALL AGES WELCOME TO
BOWL OR WATCH
SIGN UP YOUR CLUB &
LETS SEE WHO WINS!!**

**Winners on: TOP TEAM/CLUB SCORE
TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE**

\$35 per person
includes: Lunch, Drink,
Bowling & Shoes



\$125
Team of 4 on a Lane
includes: Lunch,
Drink, Bowling & Shoes

\$15 Just want to WATCH
& HANG OUT??
per person includes:
Lunch, Drink,

Questions: call
Lion Yvette A.
(559) 967-0623

**OPPORTUNITY
BASKETS
AVAILABLE**

**ORBIT LANES
at: 250 S.L.ST
DINUBA**





Visalia Breakfast Lions Club



We were so proud our Turkey Drive got a mention in the Lions International Magazine. The mention described how a local disc jockey challenged his listeners in 1996 to donate turkeys to help the less fortunate. The Visalia Breakfast Lions accepted that challenge and purchased 25 turkeys with fine money. The turkey drive turned into an annual project. This year's drive was quite different from past years. It was almost impossible to get the grocery stores to commit to selling large quantities of turkeys. Two weeks before we were to start, we still did not have the turkeys secured. With Lion Kelly's persistence, things started coming together with a promise of 100 turkeys here, 300 turkeys there. Then we had issues with storing the frozen turkeys. Thankfully Lion Ray supplied a refer truck and we were on our way. When all was said and done, 1,138 turkeys were delivered to 21 different organizations who work with those in need. Organizations such as Visalia Rescue Mission, Visalia Emergency, and the Salvation Army. We have to give a big shout out to Cal Water, who participates every year to make this possible. The above picture is just some of the members who help deliver all those turkeys.

We got a second mention in the Lions International Magazine for our donation to the Visalia Rescue Mission Back to School Block Party. Our Club donated \$500 to sponsor the event, and then members purchased, donated, and handed out a bunch of backpacks and other school supplies to the children. It was a true rewarding experience which we look forward to doing again next year. Ten of our members went and helped the Three Rivers Lions celebrate 76 years of service. 3Rs puts on a fantastic meal, and we really enjoyed the visit.

We have made many donations this year, but I want to mention a few that is important to us. \$2,150 to Self Help Enterprise to build welcome home kits for those moving into the Lofts at Fort Visalia. The kits contain basic supplies a tenant would need to set up a new apartment. This is helping people who have been unhoused, and need assistance to put their life back on track.

We also donated \$1,000 to Happy Hearts to benefit Valley Children's Hospital. Our very own Lion, Skip Nugent, has done many Happy Hearts fundraisers over the years, and has surpassed his goal of raising 1 million dollars. Hopefully Lions International Magazine will print our submission about Lion Skip and his Happy Hearts project. He is an amazing person, and his story will tug at your heartstrings.

My final mention is \$1,500 to Visalia Unites for Joy. They insure teens in the foster programs are not forgotten at Christmas. Our very own "Uncle Larry" runs this charity and does amazing work from the heart. Lion Craig Van Horn was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his years of dedicated service. Lions Don Jones, Ed Wristen, and Wayne Clark were awarded Lifetime Membership. They each have 35 years of dedicated service to Lionism.

We hosted a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for the El Diamante High School Boosters. You would not believe how much fun we have with these pancake breakfasts. We pull in our chuck wagon, and 20+ members just start making things happen. They are such a fun group of folks. We supply everything, and do all the work. The Boosters sell tickets, and collect the money. What a great way to start the day.

We put our chuck wagon to use again and served breakfast at the United Way Appreciation Ceremony. This is always fun because we know so many of the people who help United Way, and the organizations they recognize.

Our very own, Lion Wayne Clark, was the Grand Marshal for this year's Visalia Band Review. Lion Wayne has been a Visalia Breakfast Lion for 35 years, and has announced the Band Review for many of those years. Our assignment for the band review is getting there early to park busses, and staying after to clean up the stadium. Many hands makes this task easier.

I realize this is probably getting a little long, but I have to mention some of our upcoming fundraisers that you will not want to miss. The Irish Fest will be March 16th at Recreation Park. The park is a perfect location, and we can guarantee you will have a blast tasting brews, munching on goodies, and dancing to the music. If you are into people watching, this is the place to be. Another big event is our car show on Main Street. We will have 300+ cars, trucks, motorcycles, and maybe a boat or two to check out. There will be food, crafts, and entertainment. I suggest you purchase your car show T-shirt early in the day because they will sell out. Follow us on social media to keep up with everything we do. 2024 is going to be a great year!!!

