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District 4 C-1 Newsletter



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January 15, 2026

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## 4 C-1 DG Michele Martens

Dear Lions,

Best wishes for happiness, prosperity, and-above all-good health in 2026. I hope each of you was able to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

Lions International began the year with a wonderful demonstration of how Lions Clubs come together by creating a beautiful float that earned several awards. What a great way to start 2026!

On the project front, we also launched the year with the Hunger Project. This year, we are doing something different by collecting canned soup and crackers. Soup can be a complete meal and provides warm comfort during cold winter nights.

As Lions, we excel at taking action where there is a need. Hunger remains a major challenge in 2026, and 4C-1 is ready to face that challenge by helping replenish food banks so people can find nourishment when they need it most.

Michele Martens 4 C-1 DG

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## 4 C-1 1VDG Jason Piazza

Hello Lions.

Happy New Year! As we head into 2026, I wish you all peace and good health. As we age, it becomes more and more important to take an active role in keeping ourselves healthy by being mindful of diet, exercise, and fellowship with other people. Our fellow Lion members are one source that affords us that third crucial element in our lives. I am looking forward to traveling this year as I represent all of you with our DG. The first part of the calendar year will entail MD4 Council of Governors meeting and convention in Southern California in February and then District Convention in Yuba City in April. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for district convention. In June there is another joint council of governors in L.A. and the Hong Kong in July! So exciting. Have a great month serving your communities!

1 VDG Lion Jason



1 VDG Jason Piazza



2 VDG Scott Muir



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR DISTRICT 4-C1 2025 - 2026



December 6, 2025	Central Region District Meeting & Lakehead Redding Lighted Christmas Parade	
December 26 - 31, 2025	Rose Parade Float Prep/Events	Pasadena
January 1, 2026	Rose Parade	Pasadena
January 23 – 25, 2026	Regional Lions Leadership Inst	Sacramento
February 7, 2026	South Region District Meeting	To Be Determined
February 18 & 19, 2026	Council of Governors Meeting	Long Beach
February 20 – 22, 2026	MD-4 Convention (Queen Mary)	Long Beach
March 20 – 22, 2026	Emerging Lions Leadership Inst	Anaheim
April 10 & 11, 2026	District Convention	Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
May 2, 2026	Bike Around The Buttes	Sutter
June 18 – 21, 2026	Joint Council of Governors	Los Angeles
June 20, 2026	Lions All Star Football	Redding
June 22 – 27, 2026	Camp for Kids w Type I Diabetes	Camp McCumber
July 3 – 8, 2026	International Convention	Hong Kong

### 2026 Student Speaker Contest Dates

Order Packets By	October 15, 2025
Club Contest By	February 20, 2026
Zone Contest By	March 13, 2026
Region Contest By	March 31, 2026
District Contest On	April 11, 2026
Area Contest By	May 15, 2026
Final Contest On	June 20, 2026

### Dates Not Yet Set

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2025 - 2026 District Governor's Visitation Schedule			
Day	Date	Time	Club
Tuesday	October 28, 2025	6:00 PM	Weaverville
Tuesday	October 28, 2025	6:00 PM	Trinity Lake
Tuesday	October 28, 2025	6:00 PM	Hayfork
Thursday	October 30, 2025	6:00 PM	Burney
Monday	November 3, 2025	6:30 PM	Live Oak
Tuesday	November 11, 2025	7:00 PM	Forest Ranch
Tuesday	November 18, 2025	7:00 AM	Chico Breakfast
Tuesday	December 2, 2025	6:00 AM	Colusa
Tuesday	December 2, 2025	Noon	Linda
Wednesday	December 10, 2025	7:00 AM	Yuba City Peach Bowl
Wednesday	December 10, 2025	6:00 PM	Yuba City Sunset Buttes
Thursday	December 11, 2025	7:00 PM	Sutter
Tuesday	January 13, 2026	5:45 PM	Anderson
Wednesday	January 14, 2026	7:00 PM	Shasta Lake
Thursday	January 15, 2026	6:00 PM	Loma Rica Foothill
Tuesday	January 20, 2026	6:00 PM	Cottonwood
Wednesday	January 21, 2026	7:00 PM	Gridley
Thursday	January 29, 2026	7:00 AM	Redding Breakfast
Thursday	January 29, 2026	Noon	Redding Host
Tuesday	February 3, 2026	3:00 PM	Paradise Host
Wednesday	February 4, 2026	7:00 PM	Meridian
Thursday	February 5, 2026	6:30 PM	Willows
Friday	February 13, 2026	7:00 AM	Enterprise
Tuesday	February 24, 2026	7:00 PM	Palo Cedro
Wednesday	March 4, 2026	6:30 PM	Wheatland
Thursday	March 5, 2026	6:30 PM	Hamilton City
Saturday	March 14, 2026	TBD	Yreka Host
Saturday	March 14, 2026	TBD	Etna
Saturday	March 14, 2026	TBD	Etna Scott Valley
Saturday	March 14, 2026	TBD	Fort Jones
Thursday	March 19, 2026	Noon	Quincy
Wednesday	April 1, 2026	6:00 PM	Alturas
Thursday	April 2, 2026	6:00 PM	Lakehead
	To Be Scheduled		Shasta Cyber Club
	To Be Scheduled		Burney Leos
	To Be Scheduled		Northern Summit Leos

*\*Times Are Preliminary And Subject To Change*





## Lions District 4-C1 Directory & Convention Program Ads



We need the assistance of all the clubs and individual Lions members as we solicit ads for next year's District Directory. The ads help cover the costs for printing. Please consider submitting ad(s) for your club, as an individual Lion and/or for local businesses. The price places your ad in our District Convention Program as well as the District Directory. (Two ads for the price of one.) The deadline for submission of ads to be included in the District Convention Program **is March 1, 2026.**

	Price	Type of Ad	Amount Enclosed
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	Business Card	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$70	Half Page	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$115	Full Page (4-1/2" x 7-1/2")	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose artwork desired (send in flat envelope – please do not fold) or **e-mail jpeg, Word document or pdf** (preferred) to:

Lion Melanie Hunter  
2734 Starlight Boulevard  
Redding, CA 96001  
mhunter@sdsengineering.com

Please make checks payable to District 4-C1 and note in memo line "District 4-C1 Directory Ads"

## Rockin the 50's

**District 4-C1 Convention Food Fair  
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds – Yuba City  
Friday, April 10, 2026 ~ 6:00 pm**

**(Set-up begins at 5:00 pm)**

**Bring your Favorite Entrée, Salad or Dessert**

**Prizes Will Be Awarded to the Top Three  
Winners in the Following Categories**

**~Best Tasting~**

**~Best Decorated Booth~**

**~Best Costume~**

**Only ONE club will be allowed to bring any particular  
food item. Please register your club promptly to  
ensure you get your first choice.**

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### **Food Fair Registration Form**

**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Item** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will You Require Electrical Power (one outlet per booth)** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Please Mail Completed Form to: Lion Celestina Traver  
555 Castenda Drive, Redding, CA 96003  
Any Questions Please Call 530-440-2855 or  
E-mail deary2012@hotmail.com**

**2026 Convention****2026 Convention Food Fair Announcements and Updates:**

**Theme: Rockin' the 50s**

**Food: 1950's food**



Think about casseroles: Green Bean Casserole, Chicken Tetrazzini, King Ranch Chicken Casserole, Beef and Rice Bake were popular then.



Side Dishes: Macaroni and Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Creamed Corn, Scalloped Potatoes were popular as well.



No open flame this year and No alcohol allowed  
You can bring hot plates, crock pots etc and extension cords.



Remember, this is your dinner, so please bring a dish to share. I am looking forward to seeing your amazing creative booths!



There will be dancing to the 50's so bring your dancing shoes as well. Let's have fun.



If you have any questions about the food fair or if you need more raffle tickets, please contact Celestina Traver 530-440-2855.

With Service,

Lion Celestina Traver



## 66th Annual Lions District 4-C1 Convention

(Individual registration form required for each attendee)

April 10 – April 11, 2026

Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Avenue, Yuba City, California

Use one form for each registrant

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name or as desired on badge)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office (Club / District) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Lion (spouse/guest) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: First Timer ☐ Melvin Jones ☐ Helen Keller ☐ KK Fukushima ☐

DEADLINE FOR MEAL PLANS & CANCELLATIONS IS APRIL 4, 2026 **No telephone registration will be accepted.**

**REGISTRATION FEE ONLY** waived for Leo Club members (All other attendees must pay this fee, **including Food Fair participants**)

	Amount	Enclosed
Registration Fee	\$25.00	\$ _____

<b><u>MEAL PACKAGE (Includes the Following):</u></b>	\$60.00	\$ _____
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Saturday Expanded Continental Breakfast

Saturday Lunch (Deluxe Salad Bar)

Saturday Dinner (Pulled Chicken Sandwich **OR** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad & Dessert) ☐ Chicken ☐ Pork

Coffee, Tea & Water Available All Day

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any special dietary requirements below**

Make checks payable to:

**District 4-C1 Convention**

Mail checks with registration form to:

**Melanie Hunter  
2734 Starlight Boulevard, Redding, CA 96001**

**Early Bird Incentive:**

All registrations received by March 18, 2026 will be placed in a drawing for a refund of the meal package.

**Hotel Reservations:**

**There is no "Host" Hotel for this Convention.**

All participants needing overnight accommodations may utilize the attached list of nearby hotels to make their own reservations at a location of their choice.

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## HOTELS NEAR THE FAIRGROUNDS

Hampton Inn & Suites  
1375 Sunsweet Boulevard  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-751-1714

Best Western Yuba City Inn  
894 W. Onstott Frontage Road  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-674-1650

Holiday Inn Express  
531 Shasta Street  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-474-7945

Motel 6  
700 North Palora Avenue  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-674-1711

Quality Inn Yuba City  
965 Gray Avenue  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
(530) 237-0518

## RV PARK

Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds RV Park  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-674-1280

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### "THANK HEAVENS IT'S NOT ANOTHER DINNER" DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUPPORT FUNDRAISER

December 5, 2025

To the Clubs of Lions District 4-C1:

Once upon a time in past years we held special fundraising dinners to generate monies to help compensate our District Governors for their out-of-pocket expenses. Being District Governor is an expensive proposition, and only a small portion of the expenses are reimbursed. We'd like to thank Governor Michele Martens for her hard work this year, especially in light of the increased costs for fuel, food and lodging which continue to creep higher and higher, and we have chosen to use the approach we have used over the last several years.

Instead of asking all of you to buy dinner tickets, bring raffle prizes, drive to a distant location and possibly need a motel room, we are having a "Thank Heavens It's Not Another Dinner" Governor Support Event. Your club, and/or individual members, are asked to make a donation to Governor Michele's fund (detach the form on the bottom). All donations will be turned over to our District Treasurer who will write one check to be presented at the Transitional District Meeting. *If possible, we would like to receive all donations no later than June 1, 2026.*

Thank you for your consideration of this program and your support of Governor Michele.

District Treasurer PDG Sue Kerr

Please detach and send to: PDG Sue Kerr, 3250 Cowgill Lane, Redding, CA 96003

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ or

Lion's Name \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$25      ☐ \$50      ☐ \$100      Other Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed for Thank Heavens It's Not Another Dinner Governor Support

Please make checks payable to Lions District 4-C1 with **No Dinner** on the comment line

## Health Foundation

### LIONS DISTRICT 4-C1 HEALTH FOUNDATION

3733 N. Hwy. 3 Etna, CA 96027 (530) 467-4167

#### FELLOWSHIP ORDER FORM

Each Fellowship costs \$200. May be purchased in any order.

If a recipient buys all four, an ALL FELLOWS PATCH is earned.



\_\_\_\_\_ PDG BOB TRUEAX \_\_\_\_\_ LION KAREN MARCEAU

\_\_\_\_\_ LION JIMMY UYEMOTO \_\_\_\_\_ LION DON RUBLE

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ Fellowship

Name of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription on the plaque \_\_\_\_\_

#### Order Information:

Name of person ordering \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to: "Lions Health Foundation of District 4-C1"

Plaques will be available for presentation at each district meeting or by arrangement.

Please send to Maggie Robeson, Secretary 4-C1 Health Foundation

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## LIONS YOUTH DIABETES CAMP

District 4-C1 Lions Health Foundation is pleased to announce Camp McCumber dates for 2026. **Our Camp for Youth with Type One**

**Diabetes will run June 21 – 27 next year and is open to ages 8 – 17.**

Please help us get the word out to those interested in your area.

## Lions Student Speaker Contest

### ANNOUNCEMENT: 2025–2026

#### Lions Student Speakers Contest Topic! 🎤 🦁

We're proud to unveil this year's powerful and timely theme:

**“Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being.”**

💬 This topic invites high school students across California to raise their voices and spark meaningful conversations about mental health challenges, resilience, and the path to well-being for their generation.

🌍 With youth mental health becoming a global concern, this contest gives young people a platform to share their insights, stories, and solutions — while building confidence, public speaking skills, and leadership for the future.

🏆 Scholarship prizes await at every level of the competition!

📅 Local Club contests begin in early 2026 — contact your nearest Lions Club for details or visit the California Lions Student Speakers Foundation website.

👉 Tag a student who'd be a great voice for this topic!

[#LionsStudentSpeakers](#) [#YouthMentalHealth](#) [#LionsServe](#)  
[#StudentVoicesMatter](#) [#MentalHealthAwareness](#) [#Future-Leaders](#)



## Peace Poster Contest



"TOGETHER AS ONE" The Peace Poster contest is now over at the District level. Four clubs participated in the contest this year and here is the winning poster that is now headed to MD4 for the next level. Congratulations to Loma Rica Foothill Lions and your student who created this winner !

## Lions International Rose Parade Float



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SEE THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT CELEBRATING  
MELVIN JONES WITH A COMMEMORATIVE PIN  
AND MUCH MORE.

HAPPY JANUARY 13 BIRTHDAY MELVIN JONES

## Melvin Jones Birthday Campaign



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



### AUDIENCE:

LCIF fundraising campaign targeting Lions and Leos, with a specific emphasis on encouraging new donors to support the global foundation.

### GOAL:

LCIF expects to raise US\$2 Million

### CAMPAIGN DATE:

January 11-17, 2026

### VOLUNTEERS:

The LCIF volunteer structure will be activated from November 2025 through January 2026 to encourage Lions and Leos to support the global foundation. Volunteers are being encouraged to:

- host a fundraising event
- ask larger donors to make gifts in honor of Melvin Jones
- use the limited-edition pin to encourage smaller donations at club meetings and other Lions events

### CAMPAIGN DATE:

The digital campaign will launch on the LCIF Facebook page on January 11th with reels encouraging donations, social posts celebrating LCIF impact, and donor recognition opportunities highlighted.

### LAPEL PIN:

Limited-edition lapel pins featuring Melvin Jones will recognize a minimum donation of US\$147

### RESOURCES:

LCIF Coordinator Toolkit



## California Lions Foundation HUNGER or YOUTH GRANTS

Help make a difference with in your  
community & apply for a CLF grant

- January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026
- Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500
- Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4

[www.californialionsfoundation.org](http://www.californialionsfoundation.org)



## Gridley Lions Club

Home Club of District 1VD Governor Jason Piazza



Dahl Family representing all of the Gridley Lions with Santa at the Gridley Lions Christmas Dinner. It was a great success. In fact, everyone was having so much fun hardly any pictures were taken. HAPPY NEW YEARS TO ALL OF 4 C-1 FROM THE GRIDLEY LIONS CLUB.



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## Redding Hosts Lions Club

Redding Host Lions Launa Myers & Julia Maddox were busy gathering wrapped gifts for our adopted family for Christmas. Every year we adopt a family who need some help and Christmas cheer. Our family came to us from Kindred Hearts ( a program that assists families post adoption with issues they face). They consist of dad, mom, a 9yr old daughter and a 2yr old son - all of whom have health issues. Santa's helper aka Lion Chris Bohn has her sleigh aka car full of gifts we purchased from their wish lists, a \$100 grocery gift card & a turkey and all the trimmings, ready for delivery tomorrow (12/18). Sorry we won't have pictures, the baby was very recently discharged from the hospital and is immune compromised so we won't be socializing just spreading cheer !



Santa's helper Lion Chris delivered Christmas cheer along with Kindred Hearts Case Manager Heidi to

## Shasta County Cyber Lions

### Cubs in the House



Lion Charlie Collected Toys to Give to Kids



Christmas in George South Africa, Jolindy and the Santa shoe box's!



Merry Christmas from Jolindy Dreyer and her family in George South Africa! Cyber lions



Lion Maureen

## Weaverville Lions Club



**LIONS COMMUNITY CALENDARS:** For 65 years, the Club has been providing the community with a yearly community calendar. Kinder Kids Montessori was the main sponsor this year and over 325 calendars were sold. Many families are several generations and they make wonderful Christmas presents.



**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** This annual project is started in October when the Lions begin selling turkey raffle tickets for their annual turkey drawing. Before Thanksgiving, 20 lucky names are drawn from and they win a turkey. All monies raised then goes towards the purchase of Christmas Baskets. Special thanks to Holiday Market for helping with this amazing project.



**LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** was held and at the party the Toys for Toys bikes were put together.



**TOYS FOR TOTS:** The Lions Club again teamed up with the Marines Corp to provide Toys for Tots and were able to help 202 families in Weaverville and surrounding towns. There were many, many pallets of toys for ages 0-16ish, along with many bikes. Money containers were placed in various businesses to collect money to help with other costs. Chairman Sadie involved the high school kids to help with the displaying of all the toys and the Lions and others helped with the "shopping" with the families. It was again a "jolly good" time.

## Sutter Lions Club



### Sutter Lions Cares Program

Once again the community groups of Sutter stepped up and donated thousands of cans and dry goods for our giveaway program. Thank you to the Lion volunteers for sorting and distributing boxes of food for the most needy families in our community. We Serve!



### Lions Family Christmas Dinner

Our Sutter Club put on yet another amazing Christmas dinner for our families and friends. We were blessed to have a visit from MD4 District Governor Michele Martens, who shared her experiences growing up and becoming a Lion. It was a wonderful evening full of holiday spirit.



## Foothill Loma Rica Lions Club



Elvis is in fact alive and well—and has been found hanging with some very shady characters—and I'm not talking about Santa! Lions Marilyn and Jean-Marie (using aprons as disguises) ended up ON stage with Mr. Claus and Mr. Presley! Notice the lack of yellow vests! Truly an under cover job—WHO has them blue suede shoes!?!?

Ugly Sweater Contest participants lined up with pride showing off their gaudy, loud, and humorous sweaters and shirts that are only worn this time of year! Fun had by all!



*Lion Cameron was the winner—well, duh! He won \$50.00 cash and got to have his picture taken with our resident nut— Tail Twister Lion Terri! She has kept the fun in meetings, and that is kind of the goal, ya know? A little windy for my taste—HA! Lion Terri puts a lot of thought into the shenanigans she dreams up, and so far, members are laughing their way out the door at the end of the evening! Kudos!!*

## Foothill Loma Rica Lions Club



Wreaths delivered, placed by fabulous crew, also retrieved after Christmas!  
Special thank you to Lion Kenny Rogers for the drone video! 1st class! All in the fog!



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## Lakehead Lions Club

### Lakehead Lions Club Shines Brighter Thanks to California Lions Foundation Support

The Lakehead Lions Club is proud to share that our community building is now safer, brighter, and more functional thanks to a generous grant from the **California Lions Foundation**. In December, the Foundation awarded our club **\$987.58** to upgrade lighting throughout the facility—an improvement that benefits every meeting, event, and service project held within our walls.

These lighting upgrades enhance visibility, increase safety for members and visitors, and support the many activities that take place in our building year-round. For a rural community like Lakehead, investments like this make a meaningful difference in how we gather, serve, and support one another.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the California Lions Foundation for their continued commitment to strengthening clubs across the state. Their partnership helps us maintain a welcoming, accessible space for all who walk through our doors.

Kathy Sealana



### Certificate of Appreciation

Presented with gratitude to:

**California Lions Club Foundation**

In recognition of your **generous monetary contribution** supporting the **safety, accessibility, and continued service** of the **Lakehead Lions Club** community building through your investment in **updated interior lighting**.  
This contribution reflects the highest ideals of Lionism — **service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to community**.

Awarded January 8, 2026

*Niki Manning*  
Niki Manning, President  
Lakehead Lions Club



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## Live Oak Lions Club



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## Live Oak Lions Club



Live Oak Lions Club would like to thank all of our community that supported our Holiday Food Basket project for 2025. Because of your generosity we were able to help 50 local families!

Inderjit Singh	Grocery Outlet in Gridley
Rehermann Family	Filter Farms
Safeway in Gridley	Clark & Son
USDA foodbank	Luther School
Delta Kappa Iota	Phillip Filter
Maxine Filter	Encinal School
Inderpaul Bhullar	Live Oak Middle School
Simren Pamma	Penny Candy
Jeff Boone	Live Oak High School
Smith Ranch	Dr. Bruce Pope
Gurleen Phagura	Nuestro School
Father's House	Raymon Dhami
Robert Coe Ins.	Joyce Ross
Lomo Cold Storage	Aaron Pamma
Pacific Coast Producers	Mike & Ramona Tyler
Golden State Water	Filter Enterprise
Cindy Bohmann	Casa Lupe in Gridley
Nellie Jean	City of Live Oak

