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District 4 C-1 Newsletter



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February 15, 2026

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4 C-1 DG Michele Martens

Hello Everyone,

Let's hope the cold weather is finally behind us. Flowers are blooming everywhere, trees are coming back to life, and it truly feels like a season of renewal.

We finished our last District Meeting, graciously hosted by the Loma Rica Foothills Lions Club. We were fortunate to have Dr. Chong Yang from the Linda Lions Club as our speaker. He shared valuable information about Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to the Loma Rica Foothills Lions Club for the warm welcome and wonderful banquet.

For all of you who could not make it, we missed you. First Vice District Governor Jason Piazza and Second Vice District Governor Scott Muir were also present at the meeting.

This new season marks the start of more outdoor service activities:

Bike Around theButtes	May 2
All-Star Football Game inRedding	June 20
Diabetes Camp for Kids	June 21-27

I am part of a pilot test for the new **e-Clubhouse 2.0** under Lions Clubs International Marketing. I will be sharing more about this in the March Mane Lion.

Thank you all for your hard work, your dedication, and the many projects you accomplish to help your communities.

See you nextmonth.

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DG Michele



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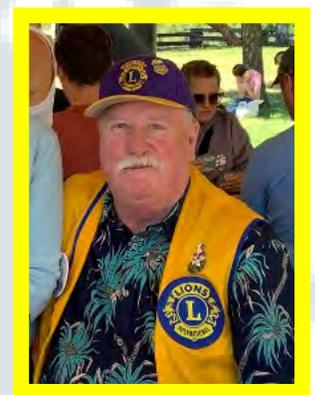
4 C-1 1VDG Jason Piazza

Dear friends. I have been busy as usual, and I hope you all are as well. Busy people get things done, but don't forget to take a rest here and there. We are just two weeks away from the Council of Governors meeting and MD4 convention at the Queen Mary. I look forward to seeing the other Vice District Governors in person. We have been working hard completing assignments in our trainings and meeting on Zoom twice a week this month. My hope is to be as informed as I can for all of you during my term as governor and be prepared to help your clubs grow and succeed. I urge all of you to keep open minds, stretch, and be flexible to new ideas. That is in essence how we grow. I am so thankful to many of you members, some of whom are past or present leaders, including Governor Michele, to help prepare me for next year. Enjoy this warmer weather as we approach spring and keep serving with one another.

1VDG Jason



1 VDG Jason Piazza



2 VDG Scott Muir



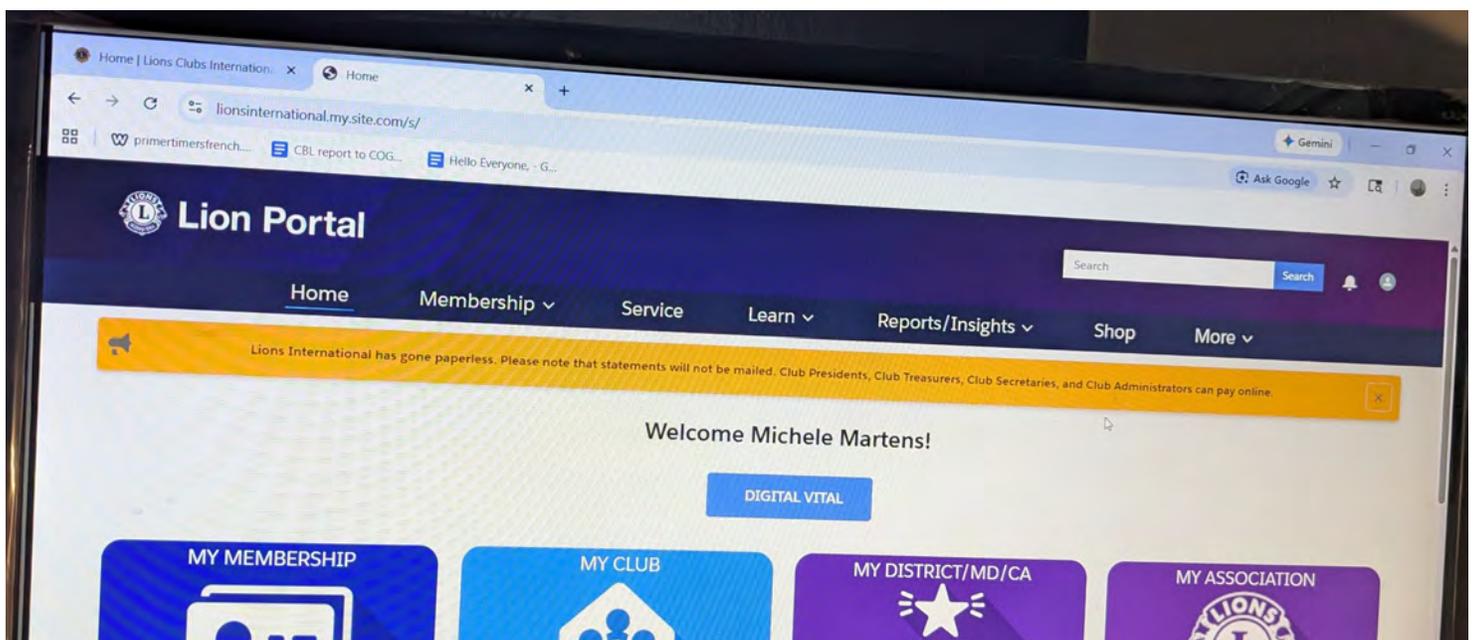


A Point of Information From DG Michele



Dear Fellow Lions, It has come to my attention that many clubs in 4 C-1 are not aware that Lions International has gone paper-free. If you are expecting something in the mail from Lions International about any needed information it will not be coming. You must go into the Lions International website, make an account and do all needed forms from there. I've added a screenshot of my page with the gold banner at the top that says, "Lions International has gone paperless. Please note that statements will not be mailed. Club Presidents, Club Treasurers, Club Secretaries, and Club Administrators can pay online."

If you have any questions about this or need help with this, please contact me and I will find someone to help you. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CLUBS FROM NOW ON. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. DG Michele



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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.**

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	\$ _____

MEAL PACKAGE (Includes the Following):	\$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	\$ _____
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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.



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*

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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



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](#)





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



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Gridley Lions Club

Home Club of District 1VD Governor Jason Piazza



DG Michele came to visit with Gridley Lions



Gridley Lions Prez Mandi gives the DG a check for her project



Lion Barbara receives the Harry J Aslan Fellow award as Student Speaker Chair



DG Michele , Prez Mandi, 1VDG Jason & Gridley Lions Treasurer



In honor of DG visit a donation for the Hunger Project. Soup and crackers.



Redding Hosts Lions Club



Come Join Us For The

28th Annual Lions Senior Basketball Games



March 29, 2026

Enterprise High School in Redding CA

Girls Game 4:00 PM

Boys Game 6:00 PM



If you would like additional information or help sponsor this event, please contact Lion Melanie Hunter at mhunter@sdsengineering.com

Redding Breakfast Lions Club



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Redding Hosts Lions Club

On January 29th Redding Host Lions welcomed a Visitation by District 4C1 Officers DG Michele Martens, 2VDG Scott Muir, RC Chris Bohn and ZC Liz Packenham. It was an enjoyable & informative meeting. We were honored to have Michele present a Harry Aslan Fellowship from Redding Host Lions to our Lion Terry Burke for his dedication to conducting the Club Student Speakers contest for the past 14 years - Congratulations Terry !



Enterprise Lions Club

Enterprise Lions Club donating 25 goody bags to the Dignity Health Foundation. These bags will be given to kids in Cancer treatment, emergency room or in the hospital. Bags included coloring/activity books, stuffies, crayons, Spinners and valentines



Chico Breakfast Lions Club



Chico Breakfast Lions presented a new ceremonial American flag and a new California flag to Parkview Elementary School in Chico.

The old flag was faded and torn and will be given to the VFW for proper disposal. (l-r). CBL President, Dicy Parks, school, principal, Stephanie Cunniff, and Lions, Ted and Tom Kirkpatrick. Lion Linda Dunning took the photo.

Weaverville Lions Club



COMPLETED AND UPCOMING PROJECTS:

FLAGS: It's a beautiful sight to see our American Flag line the streets of Weaverville on all major holidays. With the 250th celebration of our country, Lion Gerald (and others) have donated many hours to sanding and repainting the poles and replacing any flag that needed to be retired.

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST (February 12): Lion Greg again has contacted Trinity High School and everything in place for this year's Lions Student Speaker Contest. The Zone contest will be set in early March with the Region Contest will be held March 28th in Redding. This year's topic is "Overcoming Barriers to Wellbeing".



Sutter Lions Club



Sutter Union High School Future Business Leaders of America *Landmarks of Legacy Project*

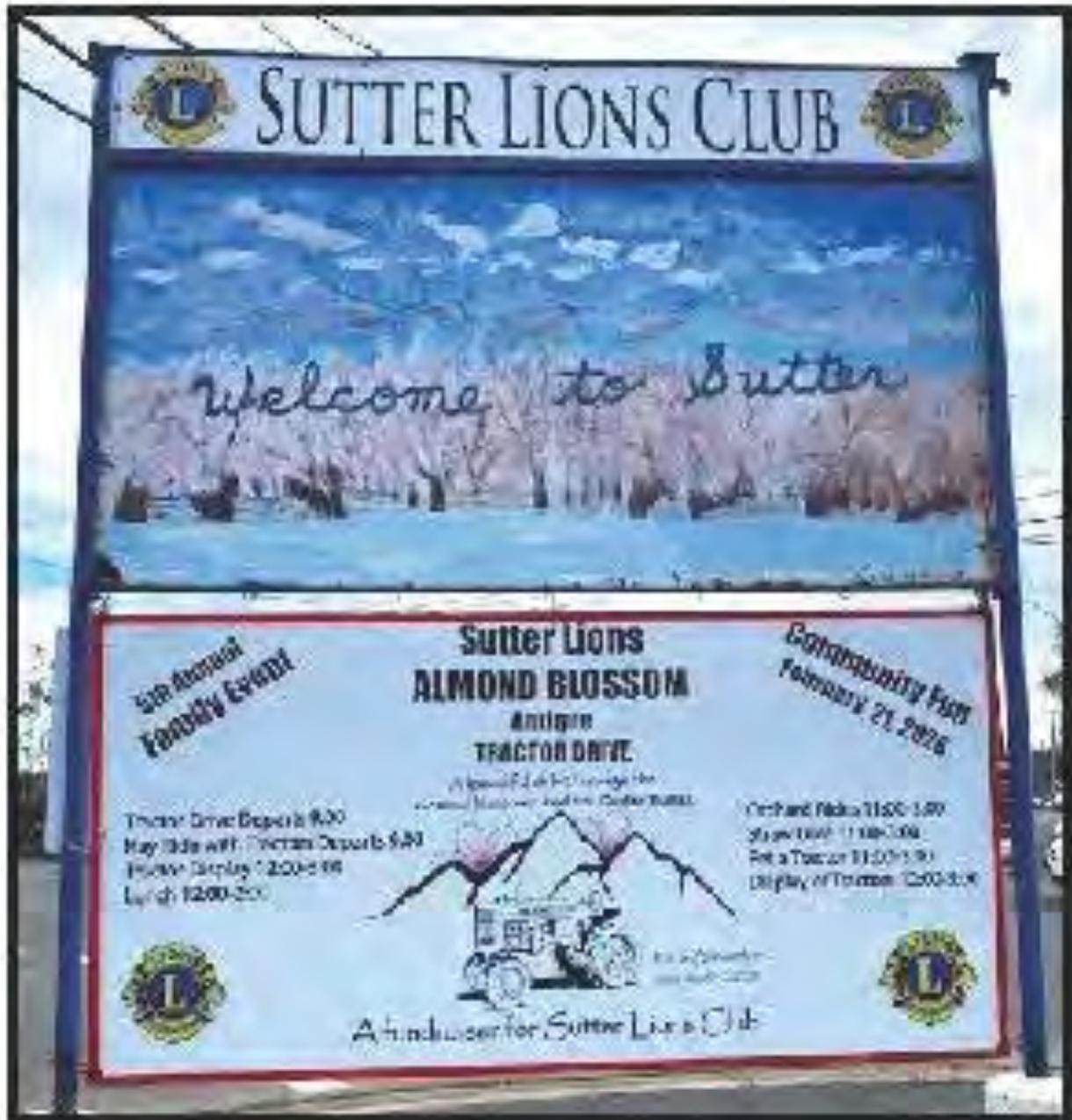
Sutter High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is actively working to document, promote, and preserve seven historical sites within Sutter County, presenting these "Landmarks of Legacy" to local service clubs. This project highlights their commitment to community history, leadership development, and civic engagement.

As a chapter they focus on community-minded business leadership, including projects like technological outreach to seniors and literacy initiatives. The group engages with state officers, participates in competitive events, and works on substantial, long-term community projects.





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Foothill Loma Rica Lions Club



WHAT SAY YOU, 4-C1?

Lions Clubs have a long and proud history of service, but one partnership stands out as a true reflection of our motto, "We Serve." In 1938, Lions saw a need that was not being met and chose to act. When a fellow Lion, Dr. Gle Wheeler, who had lost his sight, was unable to obtain a guide dog, three Detroit-area Lions, Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schurr, and S.A. Dodge, refused to accept no as the final answer. Their determination led to the creation of what would become Leader Dogs for the Blind.

In 1939, the Lions Leader Dog Foundation was officially formed. From very humble beginnings, Lions trained the first class of guide dogs that same year. What started as a grassroots Lions project has grown into one of the world's premier guide dog organizations, changing lives for more than 85 years.

Lions have been at the heart of Leader Dog's success from the very beginning. Through fundraising, advocacy, leadership, puppy raising, and identifying individuals in need within our communities, Lions have helped ensure that people who are blind or visually impaired can receive life-changing services.

Leader Dogs for the Blind provides guide dogs, orientation and mobility training, and ongoing support at zero cost to the client. These services restore independence, confidence, and dignity to those who rely on them. This mission aligns perfectly with who we are as Lions.

This post is not just about history, it is about responsibility.

If your club already supports Leader Dogs for the Blind, thank you. Your continued commitment matters more than ever. If your club does not currently support Leader Dog, this is an opportunity to start a meaningful relationship. Invite a speaker, become a Top Dog Club, host a fundraiser, raise a puppy, or help connect someone in your community to these services.

Let us honor the Lions who built this organization from the ground up. Let us ensure their work and vision do not fade with time. Together, we can continue the mission and change lives.

Peach Bowl Lions Club

Peach Bowl Lions donation to Sutter HS Future Business Leaders of America Dennis MacCarley



Colusa Lions Club



COLUSA LIONS, WE SERVE!

Colusa Lions Club sent the Egling Middle School 6th grade class off to camp with our annual donation funded by the 4th of July Jim Davison Rubber Ducky Race! Each year the kids partner to sell tickets to help fund their trip.

Lakehead Lions Club



Lakehead Welcome to our newest members Randy and Erika Siders. They were inducted by PDG Elisa Coyle at our January “Soup’s On!” dinner meeting. Their sponsors are Mark and Emily .



Congratulations to Logan Hernandez on moving on to the zone level at Lakehead Lions Student Speaker Contest .

Live Oak Lions Club



Thank you District 4-C1 Governor Michele Martens for helping out at our bingo Thursday Night!
It was a great night of fun!



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