



We Serve

4 C-1 DG Michele Martens

Hello Spring,

We have just completed our 2026 4C-1 Convention at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds in Yuba City. We were honored to welcome LCI International Director, Gary Steele and his wife, Lion Elizabeth from North Carolina. It was wonderful to see such a strong representation from our club to greet them.

This event provided a great opportunity for all of us to exchange ideas on a broader level. We were also pleased to have Lion Linda Barbara as our guest for the Magic Yarn project. Many of you participated in making wigs for children with cancer, and your enthusiasm greatly increased the number of wigs completed—thank you for your dedication.

Friday night's Food Fair was a great success thanks to your participation, your culinary talents, and your creative decorations. The Gridley Lions Club lived up to its reputation by winning the Food Award with their traditional ice cream, while Loma Rica took home the costume award.

Saturday was another successful day, with a more formal tone. We proudly welcomed our 2026-2027 District Leadership: District Governor Elect Jason Piazza, First Vice District Governor Scott Muir, and Second Vice District Governor Celestina Traver. As always, Mary outdid herself with both her presentation and the preparation of lunch and dinner.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to visit with other clubs and reconnect with fellow Lions. It was truly a full and successful convention weekend.

I am grateful for the chance to connect with all of you, and I especially thank you for braving the stormy, wet weather to attend.

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DG Michele



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4 C-1 1VDG Jason Piazza

Hello Fellow Lions,

It was a wonderful time at the MD4 Council of Governors meeting and convention on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. I learned a lot about Lions and enjoyed conversing with members of other clubs. I gained a lot of insight on different service projects and brought a lot of ideas back to my home club. I am excited to share some of my ideas in the coming months with you. I am still in the process of assembling my cabinet for next year and I am in desperate need of zone chairs and region chairs. If any of you would be willing to serve in that capacity, please reach out to me. All of the First Vice-Governors are done with the intense training and I am now a District Governor Elect! Yay! We are finalizing District Convention plans. The Convention is just around the corner. I hope to see you all there. Take care and see you soon!

DGE Jason



DGE Jason Piazza



1VDGE Scott Muir



2VDGE Celestina Travers



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*





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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

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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 ALL-STAR FOOTBALL NORCAL District 4-C1



Saturday, June 20, 2026

Gates Open 4:00 pm

Kick-off 5:00 pm -Small Schools

Kick-off 7:30 pm -Large Schools

Foothill High School • Palo Cedro, CA

Proceeds to Lake McCumber Children's Diabetic Camp

To Purchase Tickets go to <https://gofan.co> or at Gate for \$15.00





Health Foundation



HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS

Planning is well underway for this year's Youth Diabetes Camp at Lake McCumber to be held June 21 – 27. The camper age limit has been raised and campers from 8 – 17 will be welcomed. A new camp flyer with a QR Code taking people directly to our website will access Camper registration packets, Counselor applications and Medical Staff applications has been developed by one of our long-time Counselors. It has been widely distributed.

Camper registrations have started to come in. Peach Bowl Lion and Camp Director Rylan Mansur and some of his Camp Staff will be doing a presentation Saturday morning at the District Convention. Come learn the latest about this year's plans.

Work is also being done to get ready for Bike Around the Buttes on May 2. Lion Mike Ferrier is Chair and oversees a great team of workers.

As always, we count on the support from our District Lions Clubs to run a very successful Camp McCumber session. So far we've received campership donations from the following clubs: Redding Host, Forest Ranch, Linda, Lakehead, Anderson, Hayfork, Sunset Buttes, Chico, Willows, Fort Jones, and Sutter. We also receive a generous donation every year from a private donor. Thank you notes have gone out to these wonderful people. Also this year one of our 14-yr. old campers has undertaken a project to raise \$1,000 for camperships.

Our Fellowship sales also benefit the camp and this Lions year we thank the Weaverville Club, Peach Bowl Club, Steve and Maggie Robeson (Fort Jones Lions), Jan Hardy (Paradise Lions), and Jan Corrigan (Scott Valley Lions).

In Memory



Past International Director Joe DiDuca passed away on the morning of April 7th.

Joseph "Joe" DiDuca of Los Gatos, California, served a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the association's 62nd annual convention held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in June 1979.

PID Joe was a private real estate investor and was also involved in the construction industry for 42 years. A Life Member of the Los Gatos Lions Club, PID Joe served as that club's president and as zone chairman, deputy district governor, 100% district governor, chairman of the White Cane Leo Club and Student Speaker Committees, and as a member of the International Relations Forum.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, he received a Master Key Award, three Extension Awards, the International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members.

In addition to his Lions activities, PID Joe served as that club's president and as zone chairman, deputy district governor, 100% district governor, chairman of the White Cane Leo Club and Student Speaker Committees, and as a member of the International Relations Forum.

And all of that was as of 1979!

PID Joe was a Charter Member of the Los Gatos Lions Club, a founding charter member of the Paradise Host Lions Club of California, a founding charter member of the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce.

During his involvement with the Paradise Host Lions he was a shining star. He always had a happy smile on this face heart into every function and never "outsold" or "outraised" all his fellow club members at every fundraiser he was involved with.



Los Gatos Lions Club for over 60 years and an Lions Club for more than 28 years.

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PID Joe lost count of the number of people he brought into Lions . . . **but it was well over 100!**

Past Council Chair Karen Crook shared that it was because of PID Joe that her dad ended up becoming a Lion when he retired. From that initial invitation, her dad went on to become a District Governor (PDG Charlie McIntyre), her mom, Pat McIntyre, served as District Secretary, and Karen, herself, eventually served as Council Chair. This is just a minor example of PID Joe's influence which was driven by his commitment to the Lions organization.

PID Joe will be remembered and missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

No information is available yet regarding services or a celebration of life. We will let you know as soon as those arrangements are finalized.

Meanwhile, please keep PID Joe's family and especially his partner Lion Barbara Braun in your thoughts and prayers.

Melanie Hunter



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Parade of Banners



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Friday Club Food Fair



Anderson Swedish Meatballs



Loma Rica Hamburgers, ELVIS in the HOUSE



Sunset Buttes Fresh HOT popcorn



Gridley ROOT BEER FLOATS



Redding Host Cracker Jack

If your booth was missed
send in pictures!



Enterprise ORANGE FLUFF



Peach Bowl COTTON CANDY

The Editor Needs a Photographer!

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Community Service making Wigs for Kids with Cancer with Lion Linda Barbara



Lion Brandon



Lion Linda & Lion Elizabeth from N. Carolina



Lion Linda & Groverlee

Socialization



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Down to Business



1VDGE Scott, DGE Jason, LCI ID Gary Steele, DG Michele, Lion Chris



Speakers from Redding, Sutter, Etna

District Student Speaker Contest



Proud Sutter Lions, the Winner's Dad & the Winner



Winner of \$4,500 Scholarship

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Time for Honors



DG Michele honored for her service

DG Michele and LCI ID Gary Steele presided over giving the honors



Lions Couple of the Year, Lion June & Lion Paul Gridley Lions



Lion Bruce gets a LCI President Award



District Lions honored as nominated Lions of the Year



Lion Linda honored with a LCI President Award



Convention honors by emergency lighting.

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Socialization



PDG Elisa, Anderson lions



PDG Jamie, Willows Lions



Lion Helen, Enterprise Lions



Lion Mike & DGE Jason, Gridley Lions



Lion Linda & Lion June, Gridley Lions

Student Speaker Contest



On March 28th Region Chair Lion Chris Bohn held the Central Region Student Speaker contest. There were two great speeches and the winner was Elliot Jordan from U-Prep (pictured in the middle) and a close runner up was River Dixon from Trinity. Congratulations to Elliot - we look forward to seeing him at our District Convention on April 11th where there is a chance to win a \$4,500.00 scholarship.



South Region contest with Region Chair Lion Linda.
Winner of this contest was Jasreen from Sutter

Gridley Lions Club

Home Club of District Governor Elect Jason Piazza



All Star Football players and their coaches from Gridley & Biggs with Lion Ray



Gridley Lions representing the 50's with Root Beer Floats at the Food Fair

Weaverville Lions Club



WEAVERVILLE LIONS CLUB:

ZONE STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST (March 11): River Nixon was the winner of the Zone Student Speakers Contest. He then competed at the Regional Contest on March 28 and placed 2nd.

SENIOR SYNPOSIUM (March 26): This event again targeted information for the seniors in our community. This year's speakers included people from Trinity Hospital Physical Therapy and Case Management Planning, Trinity Veteran Director, Senior Driving Instructions and Estate Planning and Dawn Hospice.

DREAM MAKER'S GALA (March 28): Our Lions again teamed up with the Rotary and Soroptimist Clubs for the annual Gala. State Senior Dan McQuire made the trip up north to again be our auctioneer; there was delicious food and unique auction items.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

EASTER EGG HUNT (April 5): Lions Kathy and Noel will be in charge of this year's Easter Egg Hunt ... many Easter eggs will be hidden.

PINEWOOD DERBY (April 18): President Scott invites our school aged kids for our 1st annual Pinewood Derby race. 100 cars have been purchased and there will be a Countywide contest for kids and a possible grudge match for adults!

ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY: Plans are being made for our largest fund raiser the 4th of July celebration. This year, there will be our normal Lions games, a Rodeo and Destruction Derby. Look for more information to follow.



1DGE Scott,
Senior Seminar



Trinity Hospital,
Senior Seminar



Lione Rex,
Senior Seminar

Lakehead Lions Club



Congratulations to Lion Ralph Collier for receiving the prestigious “Melvin Jones Fellowship Award” at the club’s dinner meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026. This award is the highest form of recognition in Lionism and is presented to members who exemplify outstanding community service. Lion Ralph is certainly deserving of this award. Whenever there is a need he is always ready and willing to help out. Way to go Lion Ralph Collier.

Cleanup Day at the Lions Club was a huge success! First of all a BIG Thank you to Waste Management for donating the dumpster. Also thank you to the following Lions and community members Renee Davis, Paul and Laura Smith, Mark and Emily Thomas, Ralph Collier, Niki Manning, Dick Lindroth, Dennis VanDeReit, and Linda O’Neill. We sure got a lot accomplished in less than four hours!

Welcome to our newest member Sonja Pennock! Lion Sonja was installed at our March dinner meeting by President Lion Niki Manning and was sponsored by Lion Cole Bronn 😊



Live Oak Lions Club



We are so excited to welcome 6 new members to our club! Welcome Tommie, Mike, Joe, Tina, Yvette and Mona!

Live Oak Lions Club secretary Mike Eastridge presenting a \$550 check to Jim Dill for the Lions All Star Football program supporting LOHS student Xavier Ramirez.



Sutter Lions Club



New Member Induction

Baby Lion Matt Maroni (bottom left) joined the club at our March 12th meeting. Matt is sponsored by Lion Branch Rickey. Welcome to the club! Lions All-Star Football players visited our club to promote the All-Star game and say thank you to our club for support. Coach Ryan Reynolds introduced Max Bringgold and Gavin Lavoie. Congratulations Max and Gavin!



Brittan Elementary School Open House

Our Sutter Lions Club members volunteered to BBQ 400 hamburgers for the school's Open House. Lions Dennis Richardson, Joyce and Walt Ziegenmeyer, Mike Phillips, and Branch Rickey put in some good work cooking and wrapping burgers for our parents and students. Thank you!



Enterprise Lions Club



Enterprise Lions Jennina and Mike represented Lions Disaster Response at a Disaster Preparation Fair in Redding by handing out free N95 masks and hand sanitizer. #WeServe #Community #DisasterResponse #LionsClubs



Enterprise Lions Club and Redding Flag Center conducted a massive flag retirement at Facca Farm north of Red Bluff. They ceremoniously disposed of about 15,000 square feet of American Flags.