



Lions Pride

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“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”



Rose Bowl Parade News

from PDG Bob Olin

According to our Council Chair, the Lions Clubs International float will be one of the early floats in the Rose Bowl Parade. Be sure to tune in early on January 1!



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Save the Date

District Cabinet Meeting

January 17, 2026

8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Depot Park



DG BRENT SHOWALTER

"BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE"



LIONS DISTRICT 4-C5 UPDATES!



WHAT HAPPENS AT THE HILTON "VIVA LAS VEGAS" CONVENTION DOESN'T STAY THERE! - BUCKLE UP!
THE ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM MOVES US FORWARD TO SERVE MORE, GET NEW MEMBERS, AND CREATE NEW
LIONS CLUBS!

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE AT THE MIDPOINT IN LIONS DISTRICT 4-C5 2025-2026 LIONS YEAR!
WHAT A "BORN TO BE WILD" RIDE IT HAS BEEN WITH THE "UNLEASHED KR3W" AND ALL OF YOU!

NOW LET'S PUT IT INTO 5TH GEAR, *DIAL UP THE PACEMAKERS*, PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL AND
BURN UP THE ROADS ON THE WAY TO THE "VIVA LAS VEGAS" CONVENTION
FROM APRIL 16TH TO APRIL 19TH 2026!

ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES FROM A PERFORMER WHO NEVER WROTE A SINGLE SONG!
*"AMBITION IS A DREAM WITH A V8 ENGINE. AIN'T NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD
WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM DRIVING A TRUCK TO A CADILLAC OVERNIGHT."* ~ ELVIS PRESLEY

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

#1.) 1-17-2026 (SATURDAY) 8:00AM TO 2:00PM – WASHOE REGION DISTRICT 4-C5 CABINET MEETING - DEPOT
PARK SACRAMENTO, CA (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.)

- **COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST**, INFORMATIONAL FORUMS, SERVICE PROJECT, AMAZING GUESTS,
AND SPECTACULAR OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS BONANZA!

**\$15.00 LUNCH SANDWICH BUFFET (MUST RSVP), CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANTS, CHIPS, SODAS, COOKIES, AND
MORE.**

(***VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE, AND DAIRY FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.**)

ENTERTAINMENT FROM ETTA JAMES, CHARLIE RICH, PAT BOONE, **AND OF COURSE, THE KING ELVIS PRESLEY!**
DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT! ANOTHER PERFORMANCE BY **PDG ANDY ANDERSON** DOING A LITTLE SONG
BY COUNTRY STAR **RANDY TRAVIS!**

**AUBURN HOST LIONS CLUB IS IN PROCESS OF CREATING TWO NEW LEO CLUBS
POTENTIAL NEW CLUB SPONSORED BY SENATOR LIONS CLUB IS IN PROGRESS**

#2.) 4-16-2026 TO 4-19-2026 (THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY) - "VIVA LAS VEGAS" CONVENTION
HILTON ARDEN WEST, 2200 HARVARD STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815 (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.)
THIS IS GOING TO BE A JAMPACKED WEEKEND SO IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED DO NOT WAIT MUCH
LONGER BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY BROKEN RECORDS IN REGISTRATIONS! LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
- SPECIAL SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING BY TODD MORGAN AND THE EMBLEMS BAND
ROCKING TO THE 50's, 60's AND MORE.

WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION MAKE SURE YOU MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND THE FIRST
WORDS IN THE SUBJECT LINE SHOULD BE...
*****"PARTY WITH FRIENDS" (AND OF COURSE THERE WILL BE GREAT FOOD, AWARDS, AND LITTLE BIT OF
MAYHEM.)*****
THE KING ELVIS PRESLEY AND SHOWGIRLS WILL BE BURNING UP THE LAS VEGAS STRIP!

- SPECIAL GUEST PAST LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JIM ERVIN (1999-2000) WHO WORKED SIDE BY SIDE
WITH PAST UNITED STATES PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, PFIZER, AND THE CARTER CENTER TO DELIVER OVER
\$1,000,000,000.00 (YES OVER A BILLION DOLLARS) IN ZITHROMAX TO HELP BLINDNESS IN ETHIOPIA. THE WOW
DOES NOT GET ANY BIGGER THAN THAT!



NOW FOR THE NUTS AND BOLTS ON LIONS DISTRICT 4-C5 LIONS CLUBS...
-AS OF DECEMBER 12TH, 2025 WE HAVE ADDED A TOTAL OF 62 NEW MEMBERS AND WE WILL BE CHARTERING A
NEW CLUB ON JANUARY 16TH
WITH AT LEAST 21 NEW MEMBERS. DO THE MATH BECAUSE THAT EQUALS 83 AND WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED!
ROSEVILLE BLUE OAKS LIONS CLUB WILL BE CHARTERED ON JANUARY 16TH, 2026
ROCKLIN SCOUTS BRANCH CLUB HAS BEEN STARTED
RIO LINDA ELVERTA BRANCH CLUB HAS BEEN STARTED
RIO LINDA ELVERTA CUB CLUB IS IN PROCESS
VALLEY-HI CYBER BRANCH CLUB IS IN PROCESS OF BEING CHARTERED

Brent Showalter - District Governor "BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE" CONCERT TOUR | 2025-2026
M: 916-228-9129 / Email: Bshowalrh@yahoo.com

DG Brent Showalter
District Governor



1VDG MARK BAMBA

INSIGHTS ALONG THE JOURNEY TO DG



Greetings from VDG Mark Bamba

Greetings District 4C5 Lions,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and that you are in good health. I am excited to share some wonderful news regarding our district's growth. As of December 2025, our district has welcomed 21 new members. Even more growth is expected once the Roseville Blue Oaks Lions Club and the new Auburn 49er Leo Clubs become official. This marks the first time in 15 years that we have experienced steady, month-over-month membership increases.

Appreciation for District Efforts

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the growth of our district. Special thanks go to Lion Deanna Dyson for her dedicated marketing efforts and to GST Kendra Bamba for organizing Service Carnivals. These initiatives have played a significant role in both retaining our current members and bringing in new ones.

Maintaining Momentum and Upcoming Events

With a few months remaining in this Lion Year, I encourage everyone to continue the positive momentum. Our annual District Convention is approaching, and we strongly encourage all members—especially those who have recently joined—to attend. We are pleased to report that over 200 members have already registered. To further support the convention, please consider placing an ad in the program to highlight your club's officers or cabinet. Local businesses are also welcome to contribute ads, and all proceeds will help lower the costs associated with the convention.

Vice District Governor Training Update

I would like to provide an update on my current activities. The Lions Clubs International (LCI) is no longer sending Vice District Governors to Chicago for a week of in-person training. Instead, I am participating in eight separate days of Zoom training sessions and coursework alongside other Vice Governors from across the country. This new format helps reduce training costs. I am eagerly looking forward to these classes as I continue to develop my skills in preparation for serving as your governor next year.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

VDG Mark Bamba



2VDG GENE KYPKE

LEADERSHIP ON THE HORIZON



Ahoy to all of you in 4-C5 and beyond! It is with Humbleness and gratitude that I embark on this amazing journey with you. I had many small jobs to take care of with the few days off between the holidays, and now I am readily eager to roll into the New Year!

On January 10, 2026, I will be holding my first FUNraiser, a lunch event from 11am-2 pm. at The Grotto, 960 Oak Lane in Rio Linda. Pirate attire is not necessary, but appreciated ;) Limited to the first 100 people. Call Suzie Rathbun (916) 335-2894) for tickets, which are \$40 each. Please make checks payable to the "Lions Club of Rio Linda," or pay cash at the door (. One of a few MORE to come...

We should all be excited for the upcoming Cabinet Meeting on January 17th and then the first Service Carnival of District 4-C5 on January 24! Emergency preparedness is the theme. All clubs are welcome, and if you have an idea or game plan to share, please contact our Global Service Team Coordinator Kendra Bamba!

Many of our clubs have so many projects and outings, and they help everywhere. BUT... if your club is looking for something new to change things up, or need to find a guest speaker for the meetings, look no further than the District Directory! Every club President and Secretary are given these during the District Governors' Official Visit. Within the cover of this 200+ page document, you will find the International President's personal message, dates for all meetings to be scheduled by, all 14 District Governors of the State, the entire Cabinet team, including the Region and Zone chairpersons, all 57 of the Committees and their Appointees. It lists all of our past Governors, all of our Clubs and their meeting dates! The District Directory also includes all of our Lions Projects & Foundations - MONEY sitting right here waiting for you to apply for it. All the contests and awards your club can apply for! Most (not the International President, of course) ALL of these people are here to help YOU, no matter the size of your club, to succeed! These people listed in this District Directory can be your next guest speaker on the subject matter on which they are the experts! Tap into this GOLDEN opportunity, and have them educate your club members and spark a fire within!

Speaking of Directories, your club can also buy a \$100 slot, \$50 half page or even a \$25 business card spot and promote your club or business. It is also the opportunity to cheer on your new Board members and thank the outgoing Board. The same applies for your leadership team for the District! Mid year, we put together a District 4-C5 Convention booklet, hoping the clubs advertise their activities, support the newly elected peeps, and all the above information described for the Directory! Send your information and monies to PDG Sarah Enloe (sarahte@comcast.net) for Convention adds ASAP! This is what helps offset the cost of the Booklets and Directories! If you have no clue as to how but want to, she can tell you!

2VDG Gene Kypke

2VDG Lion Gene Kypke aka PIRATE



Seas the Lunch Fundraiser

For 2nd VDG Gene "Pirate Lion"

Kypke's Governorship



January 10 2026 • 11am -2pm

The Grotto 960 Oak Ln Rio Linda Ca 95673

Tickets: \$40 • Venmo Accepted or

To Purchase tickets, contact: Suzie Rathbun

916-335-2894 email: LionSuzieRathbun@Gmail.com

Unable to attend? Donations are always welcome & appreciated! An Lions Admin Fund Event

Join Us for a Swashbuckling Good Time!

Raise a tankard and support Gene "Pirate Lion" Kypke on his course toward governorship! Enjoy an afternoon filled with hearty food, pirate booty (Raffle Prizes), and jolly company.



Featuring Special Guest:

Ace Miles – "Jack Spareribs" He'll thrill ye with piratical antics, comedy, magic, and more!



David Gene Kypke
@DavidGene-Kypke



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MARKETING NEWS

LION DEANNA DYSON, DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIR



Pawsitive Marketeer

Holiday Scam Awareness – A Quick Refresher for Lions

What is “spoofing”?

Email spoofing is when a scammer **disguises an email to look like it came from someone you know or trust**, such as a Lions leader. The sender’s *name* may look correct — but the **actual email address is not legitimate**.

With the holiday season in full swing, scammers ramp up their efforts. Recently, our District experienced an **email spoofing incident** using the name of **DG Lion Brent Showalter**. While it was caught quickly, it’s an important reminder that **this is prime season for scams**, especially those targeting trusted organizations.

▶ Common Red Flags to Watch For:

- Requests to purchase **gift cards** (Apple, Google, etc.)
- Messages marked *urgent* or *confidential*
- **No official Lions signature block**
- **No verified phone number**
- The sender’s name looks correct, but when you **hover over it, the email address is different**

Requests to send gift card numbers or codes by email or text

 **Important reminder:** Lions leadership will **never** ask members to purchase gift cards or send payment information via email or text.

☑ Best Practices:

- Pause before acting on urgent requests
- Verify directly using a **known phone number**
- Report suspicious emails as **phishing/spam**
- When in doubt — **don’t respond**

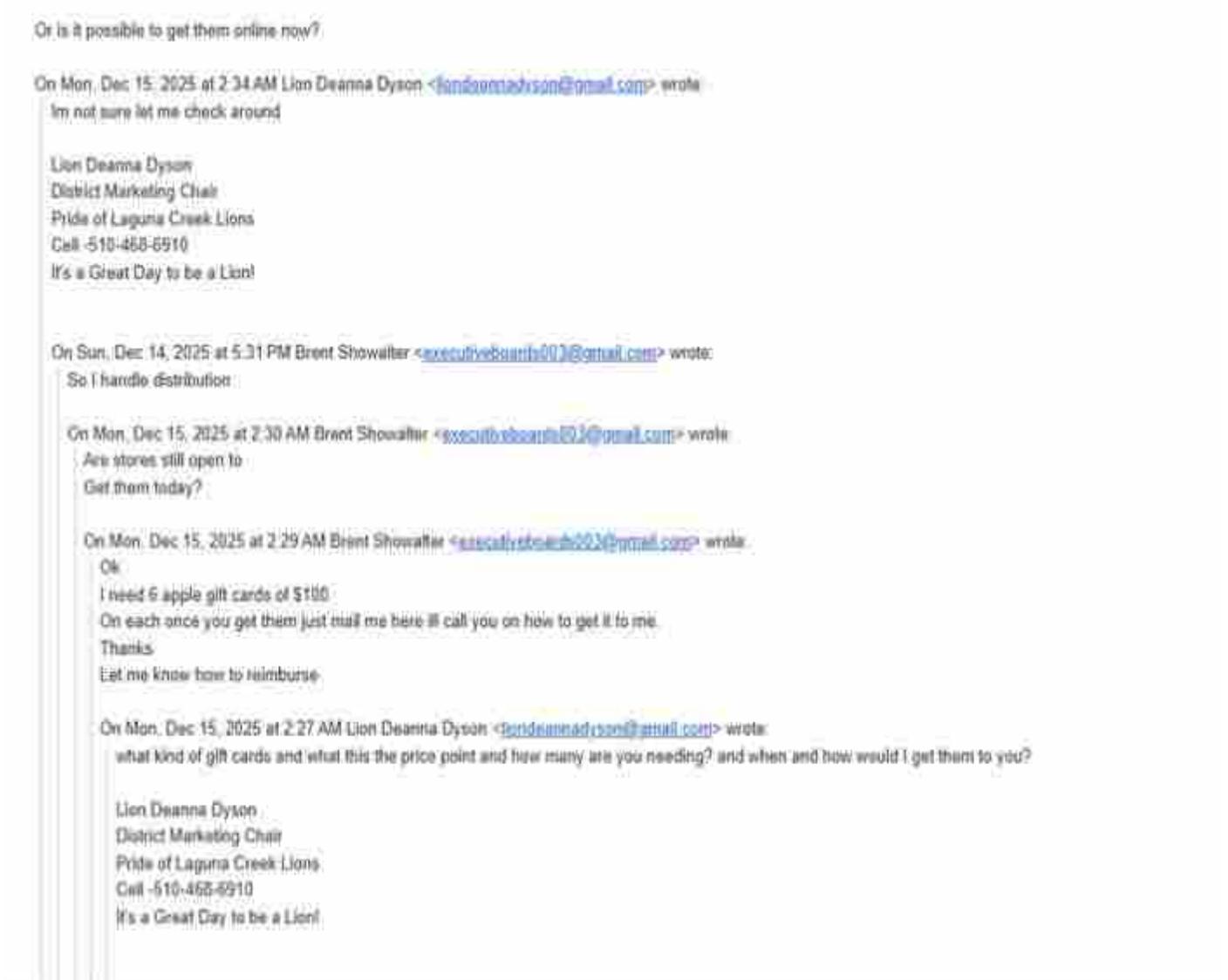


Below are **two screenshots from the actual spoofing attempt**. These examples show how convincing scam emails can look at first glance — and why it’s critical to slow down and verify before taking action.

Image 1: Spoofed email flagged as phishing by Gmail.



Image 2: Message requesting gift cards — a common scam tactic.



The holidays should be about service, fellowship, and joy — not stress from scammers. A little awareness goes a long way in protecting our Lions community.

🐾 Stay alert. Stay informed. Stay Pawsitive.

Lion Deanna Dyson
Lion Deanna Dyson
District Marketing Chair
Pride of Laguna Creek Lions
Cell -510-468-6910
It's a Great Day to be a Lion!



MARKETING NEWS

LION DEANNA DYSON, DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIR



Pawsitive Marketeer

I'll be in "paw-per-son" in 2026!

Cabinet Meeting – January 17, 2026

I'll be presenting **live and in Paw-Per-Son** with a **high-level overview** of:

Facebook

Canva

ChatGPT

Think: practical tips, big-picture ideas, and ways to make your club's marketing easier (and more fun).

Service Fair - January 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento, CA

Come say hi! I'll be there to help with:

Tri-fold questions

Canva tips & tricks

Facebook pages & posts

General "how do I market this?" questions

If you've got questions, ideas, or want to chat marketing — I'm your Lion!

See you all soon!

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FOLSOM LAKE LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION DEE FARMER

In October a few of us participated in the annual Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) packing event. This is an activity that we have been doing for a number of years.

FMSC has sent food to over 110 countries. FMSC produces three special MannaPack[®] meal formulas developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. All three meal formulas are vegetarian and halal certified. This makes them culturally neutral and accepted by populations worldwide. We work in teams and this event produced 249 boxes, which is enough to provide 53,784 meals OR enough to feed 147 kids a daily meal for one year!!

In early December our members got together to prepare 25 gift bags for seniors who are living in nursing homes or assisted living. We work with Powerhouse Ministries in Folsom, which does the distribution. Powerhouse Ministries is a Christian non-profit and offers residential recovery, crisis resources, community outreach, and leadership college programs. For additional information on these programs, see www.phmfolsom.org

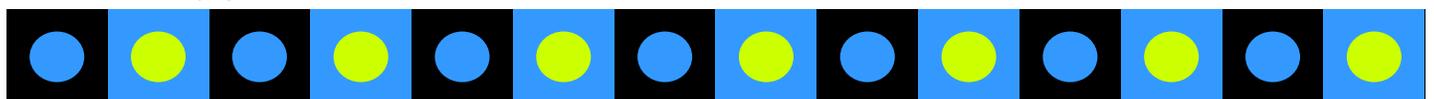
Powerhouse provided a “most needed” list of items and our club members selected what they wanted to donate – and they then purchased 25 of each item they selected. Members paid for everything themselves. We did not use funds in our project account. The bags were FULL!! And they each included a Christmas card with a hand written message.



Photo courtesy of Antonio Santos.

Last but not least, on December 11, 2025 we had our annual Christmas party at Lion Gail and Kevin O’Brien’s home. This year it was a potluck luncheon instead of dinner since so many of our members no longer want to drive late at night. Food was outstanding followed by a gift exchange. We won’t meet again until 2026!!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



VALLEY HI LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION DR. LAURA BALANGUE

Sacramento Valley Hi Lions Club Volunteers at Senator Ashby's Community Health & Resource Fair

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, members of the Sacramento Valley Hi Lions Club joined community partners at the Southpointe Christian Center's Community Health & Resource Fair, sponsored by Senator Angelique Ashby, District 8, and Southpointe Christian Church.

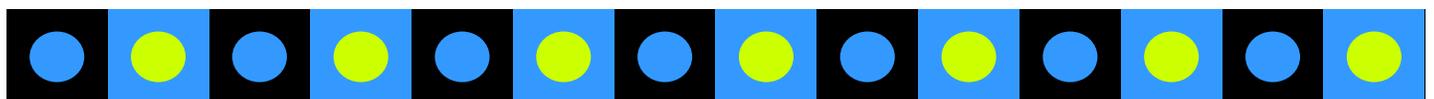
Representing the club were President Luis Yanez, Treasurer Wanda Yanez, Lion Edna Villanueva, Lion Belle Pimentel, and Lion Dr. Laura Balangue. The event ran from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and brought together a wide range of community organizations offering free health screenings, flu vaccinations, Medi-Cal enrollment assistance, and family-friendly activities focused on literacy and STEAM education.

Lions Laura and Edna arrived early to serve as greeters and to connect with vendors before the event began. They took the opportunity to learn about the many health and wellness services available to the public and gathered valuable brochures and contacts. Treasurer Wanda also introduced our Sacramento Valley Hi Lions Club Health Fair, strengthening partnerships with exhibitors and health service providers for future collaborations.

Our members enjoyed meeting representatives from organizations such as the Sacramento Chapter of the National Nurses Association, Elica Health, Molina Healthcare, Community Health Works, Sacramento County Public Health, La Familia, One Community Health, and others committed to improving community well-being. Dr. Laura got to meet Pastors Geary & Christina Jimenez and their health fair coordinator, Reverend Karen Abrego.



We were proud to embody Lions Clubs International's motto, "We Serve," by supporting an event that promotes health, access, and awareness. The Sacramento Valley Hi Lions Club looks forward to continuing to collaborate with community leaders and healthcare partners to bring vital resources to local families.



VALLEY HI LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION WANDA YANEZ

Valley Hi Lions Service Update: International and Local Projects Supporting Reforestation in Iriga City, Philippines

Lion Dr. Marietta Almazan recently joined the club via Zoom to share updates on the annual international service project in Iriga City, Philippines. In collaboration with the Nagrampa family, Lion Marietta and Lion Vincent Nagrampa will personally oversee the reforestation project, which includes both a medical outreach and the continued expansion of the long-standing tree nursery.

The Iriga City nursery provides free seedlings to support reforestation across forest areas, barren lands, and public and private properties. The project engages non-government organizations, the local government unit, students fulfilling community service requirements, multiple Barangay districts, and other civic volunteers. The nursery's efforts aim to protect the environment, strengthen climate resilience, mitigate floods, maintain ecosystem balance, and enhance disaster preparedness.

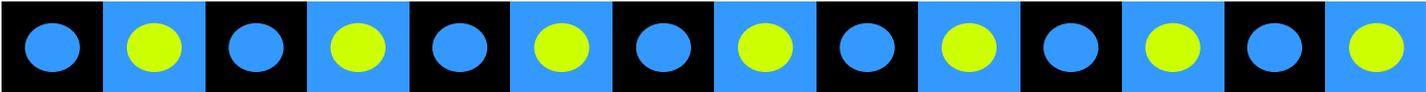
Club support of \$1500 will help fund the next phase of the project, including increasing fruit-bearing tree propagation, strengthening partnerships with schools and civic groups, expanding nursery facilities, and providing community training on proper planting and long-term tree care.

Lion Vincent and his youth team will plant remaining native trees along riverbanks to reduce future flash flooding. They also plan to secure an additional 1,000 seedlings for a February 8 tree-planting activity at a local elementary school with critical erosion risks. The nursery will continue distributing free fruit tree seedlings for backyard planting. Lion Marietta's husband, Edgar Almazan, remains a dedicated partner, supporting decades of Lions service alongside Lion Marietta.



Lions Aurora Eyeglass Project & Community Outreach

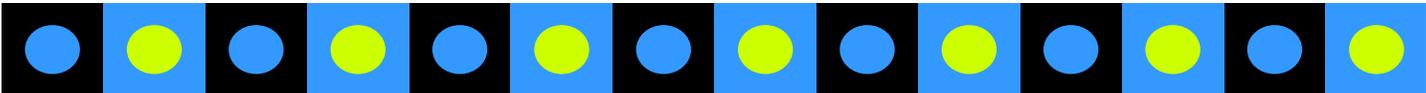
Lions Aurora has ordered 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses from the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired. President Luis and Lion Marietta Almazan will coordinate pickup for distribution to the Philippines. Lion Marietta outlined a series of planned community service activities in coordination with Lions Vincent:



- Hiring a licensed optometrist to assess and match eyeglasses for individuals in need.
- Distributing over-the-counter medications in collaboration with the IBAA.
- Providing flip-flops for children to prevent foot-related illnesses.
- Purchasing and distributing vegetable seeds locally to support food security.
- Delivering youth education programs focused on drug addiction prevention.

Additionally, Lion Marietta shared that Edgar Almazan will establish a computer center in honor of their late son, Anthony Almazan, former Leo President of the Valley Hi Lions Club. The center will provide internet access for children and adults, featuring 10 new computers.

On another note, Lion Marietta plans to re-establish the Student Speakers Contest within the club. She is also working on publishing her book, and the proceeds from the book will be dedicated to funding the Student Speakers Contest in the future, under the scholarship name of Anthony Almazan.



Please submit your articles and announcements about club service projects, activities and fundraisers to the Pride (4c5bulletin@gmail.com).

Deadlines:
February 20, April 20, June 20, 2026.



CHARTER NIGHT



Roseville Blue Oaks Lions Club

January 16, 2026

6 pm

Dinner and Entertainment



The prolific actor and comedian was a headliner of a LAS VEGAS show, and maintains residency at his own theater in Myrtle Beach, SC. His humor and amazing vocal talents delight people from all walks of life, and he brings a positive message wherever he goes... as always.

"Man of a Thousand Voices"

Actor - Comedian - Impressionist



LOCATION:
10020 Foothills Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95747

\$40 Donation

Text or call to reserve:
(916) 856-2338



ARE YOU PREPARED?

Clunie Community Center

601 Alhambra Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95816

Saturday, January 24, 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us for a free community fair focused on emergency preparedness & environmental awareness.

Engage to learn how to protect your family and community in case of natural disasters or emergencies. Be ready for earthquakes, floods, fires, or even active shooter situations. This event provides resources, expert tips, and hands-on demonstrations. Free vision screening available.



For more information, contact:

Kendra Bamba (916) 995-1220 / Wanda Yanez (916) 287-1603

Proudly organized by the Lions Club District 4-C5, Northern California Lions Sight Association and Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum, District 4

 **LEF**
LIONS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Annual Soup & Salad Fundraiser
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026



Social: 2:00 PM ~ Dinner: 3:00 PM

\$20 per Person

Roseville Host Clubhouse
107 Sutter Ave. Roseville, CA

Fun ... Food ... Friendship ... Prizes ... Silent Auction

All proceeds to benefit Lions District 4-C5 Clubs matching grant requests and youth programs

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

Lion Cathy Messier
cathymessier@aol.com
916-698-7100

Or Any LEF Board Member

Lions Education Foundation is a California Non-profit 501(c)3 Organization

Great Gifts for Christmas!

SACRAMENTO EMBARCADERO



LIONS CLUB

~ PRESENTS ~



“LAUGH IT FORWARD”

Appetizers & Comedy Show Fundraiser
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Social Hour/Dining 6PM, Show 7PM

TICKETS: \$25 ea. Deadline: January 15, 2026



**Tasteful Comedy by
Headliner: Ellis Rodriguez**

Enjoy a Wide Selection of
Delectable Appetizers
Entrée Offerings
Opportunity Drawing
Camaraderie
and More!

For more information Contact:

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gonfishing32@sbcglobal.net
(916) 612-5747

President Ernie Boone
ernieboone@comcast.net
(916) 548-0329



NCLSA Chili

Cook-Off is Back!

Come join the fun and root your favorite Chef to Victory! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, and great food with Friends. Prizes will be awarded and there will be raffle prizes to win—so get your tickets today!



Want to Compete for Top Chili Chef Status?

Have a secret Chili Recipe that you are sure will win??

Want to earn bragging rights as Top Chef for an entire year???

Contact Lion Sheri Retzlaff to sign up

Phone: (916) 225-0126 or

Email: sheriretzlaff@sbcglobal.net

When: Sunday, March 15, 2026
Time: 1:00pm—4:00pm
Location: Roseville Host Lions Club
107 Sutter Ave, Roseville, CA
Cost: \$20 per person. See a NCLSA Board Member for tickets.





Hey California Lions!

Save the date and start planning your service project now as we join service with clubs and districts worldwide to serve awareness

Club partnering/district-wide projects encouraged

Plan event outreach early to maximize community visibility, engage volunteers and community

♥ **Raise Awareness • Inspire Action • Serve Together**

Key Dates

January 3rd- 11th 2026 — Hunger Relief Service Week

♥ **Individual Lions: Simple Ways to Make an Impact**

- **Host a Facebook Fundraiser** to support local food banks, pantries, or meal programs.
- **Prepare or donate a meal** for a neighbor, senior, or family in need.
- **Launch a "Fill the Pantry" Challenge** — share photos of donated food, meals, or grocery bags.
- **Wear Orange or Gold** and post why hunger relief matters to you and your community.

😊 **Lions Club Ideas**

- Host or volunteer at a **food pantry, soup kitchen, or community meal**.
- Organize a **club food drive** with clear goals (pounds collected or meals served).
- Create **blessing bags** or weekend meal packs for students, seniors, or unhoused neighbors.
- Partner with local **schools, churches, or nonprofits** addressing food insecurity.
- Run a **club service challenge** — most meals served, most families supported, or most creative project.

👉 **District Lions Ideas**

- Partner with **local media** to highlight hunger relief efforts and needs.
- Build a **district hunger response team** with flyers, outreach materials, and service guides.
- Collaborate with **grocery stores or restaurants** for donation days or fundraising meals.
- Provide **hunger-relief snack tables or donation bins** at district meetings.
- Host a **food safety or meal-packing workshop** to support volunteer readiness.
- Create a **district-wide club challenge** for the most impactful hunger relief project.

♥ **Together, Lions across California can fight hunger, nourish hope, and strengthen our communities during Hunger Relief Service Weeks this January 2026 — because no one should face hunger alone.**



#LionsHelpingMorePeople #CalionsHunger

Resources

- MD4 Hunger Chair Lion Jeri Wartena wartena@comcast.net
- CA Lions Projects at a Glance, view [here](#)

California Lions Project Care Service Project Groups
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/202064339826372>

Visit *Service Resources* for event ideas at marketing.calionsclubs.org



STOP THE DROP!

Keep Our Lions Strong – Keep Our Members Engaged



WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion, hands, and heart for our service. Let's act now to *STOP the DROP!*

* 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!



Connect Personally

Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.



Ask & Listen

Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.



Make Meetings Meaningful

Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient. Celebrate service, not just business.



Engage Everyone

Assign small roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about.



Recognize and Appreciate

Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, *achievements*). Say "Thank You" often and sincerely.



Have More Fun!

Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories together –



REMEMBER: Retention isn't just about staying – It's about belonging.
Strong Clubs – Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!



California
LIONS CLUBS

2025/2026

New Service Weeks Initiative

Inspired by IP-Elect A.P. Singh



**Mental
Health &
Well-Being**

October 4-12, 2025



Hunger

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Environment

April 18- 26 2026

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California Lions Global Service Team Coordinator- Lion PCC Craig Durand
LionCraig4L4@gmail.com (714) 936-5778
Service 1st California Leads the Way! CaliforniaLions.org MD4Lions.org



REGISTRATION FORM

District 4-C5 Convention

April 16-19, 2026

(Please complete one form for each participant)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Print NAME preferred on the Convention Badge
 (TITLE below will be printed under the name on each badge)
ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE
MEALS CAN BE REFUNDED UP TO THE CUTOFF DATE SET BY THE HOTEL! 4-6-26

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| Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> LION <input type="checkbox"/> LEO <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | Is this your 1 st Time attending the District 4-C5 Convention? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| CLUB: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | |
| LAST NAME: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | FIRST NAME: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |
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REGISTRATION FEES *ADDITIONAL FEE APPLIES IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD/ONLINE
 \$100 Meal Package Deposit per person is REQUIRED with Registration if using the payment plan.
 *New Member (Joined Date: December 1, 2025, and afterwards)

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| MEAL OPTIONS: Indicate what meals you will be purchasing. * Additional Fee will apply | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | | SUNDAY |
| DINNER | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | BREAKFAST |
| Italian Buffet <input type="checkbox"/> | French Toast <input type="checkbox"/> | The Governor's Buffet <input type="checkbox"/> | Chicken Rosemary <input type="checkbox"/> Glazed Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Napoleon <input type="checkbox"/> *New York Steak <input type="checkbox"/> | American River Buffet <input type="checkbox"/> |

PLEASE CIRCLE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

| | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free | <input type="checkbox"/> No Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> No Chicken |
| Other: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | | | | | |

| If paying Cash or Check | | | If paying by Credit Card/On-line | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Meal Package Cost: \$300 | | | * Meal Package Cost On-line: \$311 | | |
| Meal Package Cost with NY Steak: \$322 | | | * Meal Package Cost On-line: \$333 | | |
| ALL MEAL SELECTIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 | | | | | |
| # Meals | Friday Dinner Buffet | Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Sunday Breakfast Buffet | Quantity | Total |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | <input type="text"/> | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| ALA CARTE MEALS ONLY | | | | | |
| Individual Meals | | *Cost | Quantity | Total | |
| Friday Dinner, Buffet | Adult | \$94.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Breakfast | Adult | \$54.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Lunch, Buffet | Adult | \$78.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Dinner | Adult | \$81.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Dinner, NY Steak | Adult | \$104.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Sunday Breakfast, Buffet | Adult | \$65.00 | <input type="text"/> | \$ | <input type="text"/> |
| Final Payment Must Be Received by Friday, April 6, 2026. Meal Refunds are available up to April 3, 2026. | | | | TOTAL COST | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| | | | | DEPOSIT | \$ <input type="text"/> |
| | | | | BALANCE DUE | \$ <input type="text"/> |

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4-C5
MEMO: Convention 2026

Mail All Registration Forms and Payment to:
PDG SARAH ENLOE
730 CROW CREEK CIRCLE, GALT, CA 95632

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information
at (916) 769-6601 or Email: sarah11e@comcast.net



| For Office Only | Name | Date Rec'd | Check No. | Amount |
|-----------------|------|------------|-----------|--------|
| | | | # | \$ |

| HOTEL INFORMATION: CUTOFF DATE: APRIL 2, 2026 |
|--|
| Hilton Sacramento Arden West 2200 Harvard Street Sacramento, CA 95815 |

Phone: (916) 922-4700 Group Code: **91C**

Website: Click link below (press ctrl+ click link)

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/smfhihf-91c-e4121e87-4fe8-4836-89e6-ca6b9c9d537b/>

Cost: \$149.87 per person
(\$134 per night plus taxes and fees)

Dear District 4-C5 Lions,

Just in! FYI

The Student Speakers Contest 2026 Topic:
Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers To Well-Being

2026 Student Speakers Contest Dates:

- **Club Contest:** On or before 3rd Friday in February
- **Zone Contest:** On or before 2nd Friday in March
- **Region Contest:** On or before March 31st
- **District Contest:** On or before last Monday of April
- **Area Contest:** On or before 3rd Friday of May
- **Final Contest:** Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Council of Governors in the Los Angeles Area

"WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION"
PCC Lion David Johnson
Auburn 49er Lions Club
916-207-5466
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Avalon Hearing Aid Centers Present:

THE HOPE & HEARING PROGRAMS

LOCAL LIONS CLUBS AND AVALON HEARING RESTORING HOPE AND HEARING

*Nobody really wants to wear hearing aids AND
Nobody knows what to do with hearing aids, no longer in use.*

Nobody with hearing loss should be left behind in a quiet and muffled world. That's why Avalon Hearing Aid Centers in Sacramento and local Lions Clubs have **partnered to create the Hope and Hearing Programs.** Could you either benefit from OR contribute to one of these Programs?

Hearing Aid Recycle Program

If you have hearing aids that are no longer in use, consider donating them to Avalon. If possible, we'll have them refurbished and make them available to people who simply cannot afford hearing aids. What is sitting in your drawer, may provide someone with the gift of better hearing. It may even restore hope.



Monthly Hope and Hearing Programs

If financial hardship is keeping you from getting the hearing help you need, contact your local Lions Club. Ask to be nominated for the Monthly Hope & Hearing Program. Lions members have already donated dozens of quality hearing aids. In turn, Avalon staff will donate their expertise and time for the test, fitting, and follow-up care needed to get you hearing and connected to life.

\$250 GIFT for you & \$250 GIFT for your Club

If you are experiencing hearing loss, schedule a Free EDUCATIONAL Hearing Test & Consultation with Avalon. Be sure to mention that the Lions sent you. You'll receive a \$250 Gift towards your purchase of hearing instruments PLUS \$250 will be donated to the Lions Club of your choice.



Need a Speaker for your Club?

If you're ready for a fun and informative talk, book Betty Votter-Kelch to do a presentation for your club, in person or via Zoom. Betty can even talk about how the Lions and Avalon, together, can make an even greater difference in our community!

For more information on the HOPE & HEARING Programs,
go to Avalonhearing.com/Lions-club or call (916) 483-9054

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