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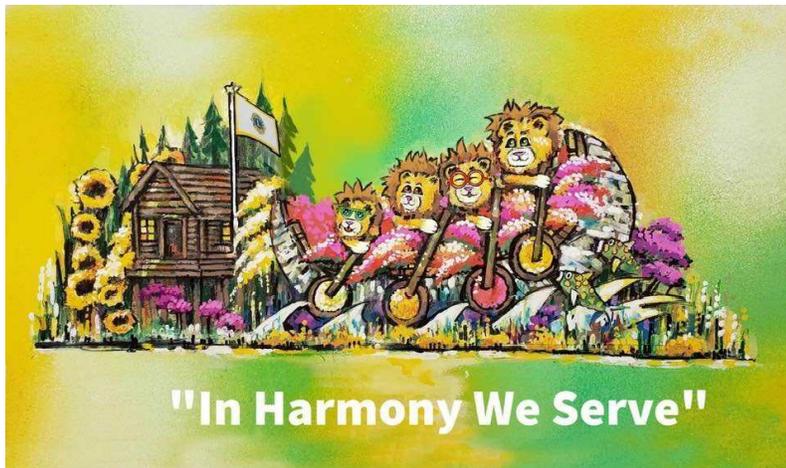
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“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”

The 107th Lions International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida from July 13-17, 2025! Lions and Leos from around the world will converge for an event filled with sun, fun, and service. Famous for its theme parks, exciting attractions and vacation vibes, the Orlando Area is a top global destination and an exciting site for Lions’ biggest event of the year. Lions leaders and global thought leaders will impart their inspirational messages. Lions and Leos will have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. All will feel inspired and energized with a vision for the future of service.

A.P. Singh from Kolkata, India will be installed as International President and Brent Showalter will be installed as District 4-C5’s District Governor!



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Lions Float, Inc. has announced its float for the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year’s Day in Pasadena is

“In Harmony We Serve.”





DGE BRENT SHOWALTER

“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”

ARE WE READY FOR 2025 - 2026?

First and foremost, I want to thank District Governor Vicky Brady and all the support she has provided me and this District during her term as Governor in 2024-2025!

We could not have had such an amazing year without her leadership!

Now it is up to me to continue to keep moving us all forward.

Once again, I will start with a favorite quote.

“The older generation’s experience, combined with the younger generation’s enthusiasm, can be a powerful force.”

~ *Unknown*

I am asking every Lion in District 4-C5 to read that quote a few times and ask yourself what does that mean to you?

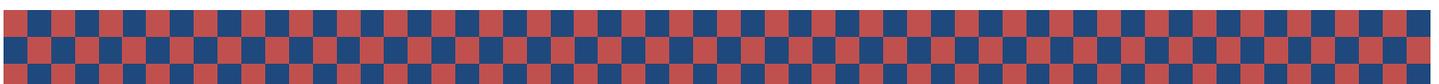
- How can you connect the generations?
- What can you discover and uncover when you reach out to the other generations?
- Do you have more in common than you believe?

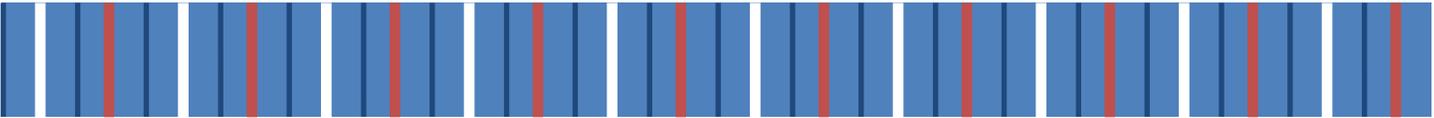
TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND MAKE IT A GOAL OF YOURS TO BE CURIOUS AND ASK QUESTIONS!

Reach out to that past district governor, that seasoned Lion, or charter member and likewise reach out to the younger members and ask why they joined Lions or ask someone you know to join Lions and just have a conversation. You just might be surprised how much you have in common and use that energy to help us grow our members.

(*****THE FIRST 20 EMAILS I GET WITH ONE IDEA ON HOW YOU ARE GOING TO HELP US MOVE FORWARD ON BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS WILL BE PUT INTO A DRAWING AND FIVE WINNERS WILL BE PICKED FOR ONE OF FIVE GIFT CARDS THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT OUR FIRST DISTRICT REGION CABINET MEETING ON AUGUST 30TH, 2025!*****)

SAVE THE DATE!





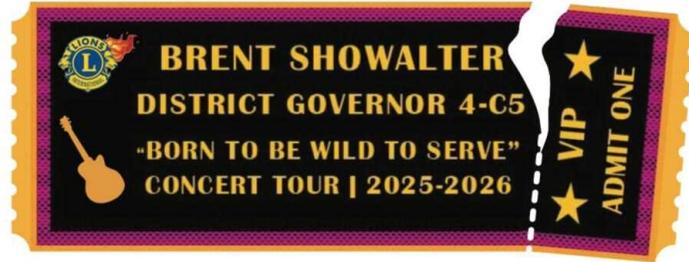
Remember that you can call, text, or email me anytime.

Brent Showalter - District Governor Elect

“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”

CONCERT TOUR | 2025-2026

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Brent Showalter

District Governor Elect



Please submit your articles and announcements about club service projects, activities and fundraisers to the Pride.

Deadlines: August 20, October 20, December 20, 2025, February 20, April 20, June 20, 2026.



1VDGE MARK BAMBA

INSIGHTS ALONG THE JOURNEY TO DG



Hello Fellow Lions of District 4-C5!

District 4C5 - Huge Impact to Communities Served

In Lion Year 2024-2025, District 4C5 of Multiple District 4 (MD4) performed 965 Service Projects.

Under the guidance of outgoing District Governor Victoria Brady, the 48 clubs of 4C5 assisted or served almost 500,000 people while performing 965 service projects as of end of May 2025 and we still have one more month to go to eclipse the half a million mark! The true dedication of our Lions members has helped our communities located in 4 counties immensely. Let's make sure we give our appreciation to the great job done by the entire District Cabinet, Club Officers, and club members in making this happen led by DG Vicky!

Planning Lion Year 2025-2026

As we implement our plans to do more this Lion Year under the leadership of the incoming District Governor Brent Showalter, we must adopt changes that will allow us better public visibility so others can be aware of our organization of almost 1.4 million people in over 200 countries. In our Sacramento region, we have 48 clubs consisting of just under 1300 members. To serve more people than last year, we need to attract more active and willing members who can join our current outstanding group of volunteers who have given so much of themselves. We need individuals who can connect us with more people and a bigger audience not only to find new members, but to find more people in need of our services. Governor Brent will be sharing his ideas on how we can accomplish this

Getting Started with Training

This year, our team of trainers led by Global Leadership Team Leader (GLT) Susan Gall and PCC Don Gall, has trained many of our incoming Zone Chairs and given them tools to be able to communicate and assist the clubs in their zones. Sometime in August, GLT Susan will train incoming officers - Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers so they may be equipped to guide and manage their clubs with changes implemented by LCIF. The online Officers Training Classes have also been updated with these changes. The changes are essential if we are to keep our clubs growing. We will also talk about a new position that Lions Club International has asked to have each club adopt - Marketing Chair. This person will assist in developing a way for the club to be more visible to the public.

Challenging and Exciting Times Ahead

Meaningful change happens through consistent, *genuine effort*. *To meet the increasing needs of our communities, we must be open to new ideas. The ideas we will be sharing have been proven to work - just put the time and effort needed. As I said in my short acceptance speech to be your next Vice Governor – “There is no task so daunting that we can't overcome!” Challenging times indeed!*

Ready to make a difference? Contact your local Lions Club to discover how you can join our mission of service in District 4C5.
"Mission 1.5" "Making your Mark"

In Lionism,

Mark Bamba

Mark Bamba

First Vice District Governor-Elect

2025–2026



2VDGE GENE KYPKE

LEADERSHIP ON THE HORIZON



Ahoy Fellow Lions!

My journey as a Lion started in June 1988. At that time, the Lions Club of Rio Linda had 70 members. I held board positions every year and worked my way through the ranks. My first time as president started on June 10, 1995, which was also the day of our wedding!

I stepped away from the Lions in 2000 to raise my family, but kept my finger on the pulse of the club. In October of 2019, I made my way back to the Lions Club and officially rejoined in January 2020. I made a personal vow that in my next term as President in 2022 that we would add 10 new members to the club and we did. The next two terms as President were almost as productive. During that wave of excitement, we also helped to create a new club.

I have completed my Bachelors degree from Lions University and am currently working on my Masters. The excitement collaborating with people as the Zone Chair for Dos Rios Region prompted the desire to further my involvement in the District. I took Washoe Region Chair on, in a different area on purpose, to meet more dynamic people and to further expand my personal horizons.

The last two years I was prompted by several PDGs to further my involvement at the district level. Earlier this year I ran as your Second Vice District Governor, and with your support, succeeded in that election.

I look forward to the next few years, learning more about Lionism and seeking liked-minded "crew members." Now it's game on, with great PIRATTITUDE!

Humbly your servant Gene Kypke aka "PIRATE".

Gene Kypke

2VDGE Gene Kypke





We thank Outgoing District Governor Victoria Brady for an excellent year and looking forward to working with Incoming District Governor Brent Showalter! As your incoming 2nd Vice District Governor, Deb and I are looking forward to a great Lion Year 2025-2026!!

With great PIRATTITUDE!

GMT NEWS

STATISTICIAN DAVE PEVNY

Greetings Fellow Lions!

District 4-C5's opening membership balance on May 1, 2025, was 1,224. At the end of the month, our membership total was 1,220, resulting in a net loss of 4 members for the month. This "-4" net change included 7 new members, 0 reinstated members, and 0 transfer members; and 11 members dropped. Of the 11 dropped members, 3 were reported as deceased (James Meskan of Rocklin Lions, Norman Royce of Embarcadero Lions, and Mildred Puntual of Mabuhay Lions).

By Region for May:

- *Donner---plus 2, minus 1
- *Dos Rios---plus 4, minus 5
- *Sacramento---plus 0, minus 4
- *Washoe---plus 1, minus 1

District Total for May: 1224 + 7 - 11 = 1220

By Region, Cumulative for the Year 2024-2025:

- *Donner---plus 27, minus 43
- *Dos Rios---plus 63 minus 62
- *Sacramento---plus 77, minus 163
- *Washoe---plus 13, minus 32

District Total, Cumulative since July 1, 2024: 1340 + 180 - 300 = 1220

Dave Pevny

GMT Statistician



DISTRICT NEWS

Dining in the Dark, a Helen Keller Fundraising Experience, was held on Sunday, June 8 at the Grotto in Rio Linda. Diners were served a delicious dinner, while blindfolded to gain a new perspective on vision loss. The fundraising event was organized by Northern California Lions Sight Association (NCLSA), an organization that supports awareness for the blind and visually impaired.



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DONNER REGION LION OF THE YEAR

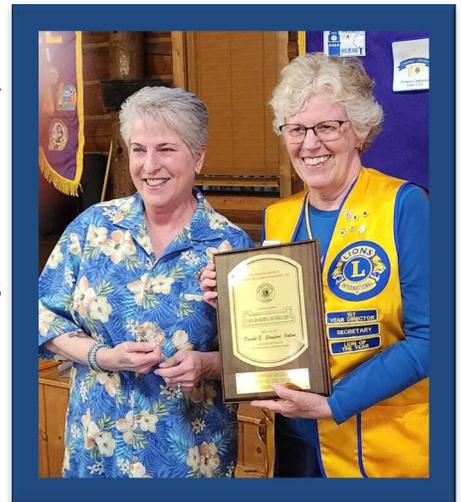
SUBMITTED BY LION HELENE SMITH

At the District Convention in April, Foresthill Lion Roberta Dunicliff was announced as the Donner Region Lion of the Year for 2024-2025. Donner Region Chair Helene Smith presented her with her award in June at a Foresthill Lions Club Meeting. Lion Helene was Roberta's husband's sponsor when she was a member of Foresthill Lions Club.

Lion Roberta has been Club Secretary for quite a few years now and does a great job. She is conscientious about taking notes and photos at meetings and then promptly sends out the meeting minutes to the members. She consistently enters activities in the Lions Portal and lets members know what is coming up each month by sending out emails. She even forwards the Constant Contact emails to members who do not have access to email.

She is highly organized. For the Club's Crab Feed, she organizes the opportunity prizes and coordinates the pick up and delivery of these items. She attends the Cabinet Meetings and reports back to the club members what went on. She is a very hard-working secretary and is always at the club projects helping out! She is definitely a dedicated LION!

Congratulations Donner Region Lion of the Year Roberta!



CLUB NEWS

SACRAMENTO VALLEY HI LIONS CLUB

Submitted by: Lion Wanda Yañez, Treasurer

Sacramento Valley Hi Lions Club had the pleasure of participating in the Lions Special Kids Day at Depot Park for the very first time in a while—and what a joyful experience it was! Our club invited children and adults with special needs to plant radish seeds, a vegetable that matures in just 34 days. This hands-on activity encouraged engagement, independence, and a sense of ownership.

Lions Dr. Laura Balangue, Wanda Yañez, and Luis Yañez assisted participants in filling biodegradable cups with soil, placing the seeds, gently pushing them into the soil, and watering them. Each child was given the Home Depot's signature orange apron that was donated to wear as they proudly worked as little gardeners. Their smiles lit up the day, especially when they were surprised by the news that they could keep their planted cups and their aprons and take them home.



Lions Wanda Yanez and Dr. Laura Balangue.



In total, we served 25 children and 8 adults through this meaningful activity. All materials were donated by Home Depot from Power Inn and Ace Hardware from East Sacramento.

Beyond the booth, we enjoyed a festive atmosphere complete with hot dogs, burgers, a lively DJ, performers, and cosplay characters roaming the park. A

highlight for many was getting a photo with a [majestic Clydesdale horse](#)—an unforgettable moment!



Lion Wanda Yanez with majestic Clydesdale horse.



President Luis Yañez with Cosplay Chick-Fil-A Cow.

If your club hosted a booth this year, we encourage you to return next year. And if you haven't participated yet, we hope you'll consider joining. It's well worth the effort. One parent shared that his daughter insisted on attending again this year because she felt so welcomed and special last time. They drove all the way from Auburn just to attend. That kind of feedback reminds us why we serve—bringing joy and connection to others is always worth it.



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FOUNDATION



WE'RE
HERE
FOR YOU

Matching CLF Grant Applications are now being approved by CLF for up to \$5,000. in support of projects up to \$10,000.

CLF is a California, non-profit, tax-exempt, corporation with the sole purpose to provide matching financial grants to California Lions Clubs. CLF matching grants are provided to enable California Lions clubs to provide even greater service to their local communities.

100% grants up to \$ 1,000.

Member and Club Opportunities are available:

- *Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship for a donation of \$1,000.*
- *Reginald C. Harris Fellowship for a donation of \$2,500.*

Grant Requests and Donations may be sent to:

PDG James Fong -MD4-C5 District Chair
Cell 916-531-5050 · Email: jfong1944@gmail.com
www.CaliforniaLionsFoundation.org/grants

LMEAF

The Lions Medical Emergency Assistance Fund (LMEAF) was created in 1985 by several Lions, led by PDG Don Ring, to establish a way to assist Lion members in District 4C5, and their families, with unexpected medical emergencies. The fund was originally intended to be a confidential source of help to our members, and was initially limited to \$500.00 per incident.

The fund currently resides within the District Restricted Account, and expenditures are approved by the District Executive Cabinet members, consisting of the Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer and the four Region Chairs.

An individual club within the district can request assistance for up to \$1000.00 for a member, who will remain anonymous throughout the process. A written request, detailing the circumstances but not the name, should be approved by the club Board of Directors and sent to the LMEAF Chair, either by email or US Mail. The Chair will distribute to the Governor. If approved, the Cabinet Treasurer will be given the name and mailing instructions and will issue a check.

When the Fund was created, it was funded by a series of fundraisers. It was subsequently decided to fund by individual club donations. These donations need to come either from the club administrative account or from individual member donations. We cannot use funds raised from the public for this member assistance.

In recent years, the Fund has received donations from Antelope, Auburn Host, Embarcadero, Folsom Lake, Lincoln Hills, Meadow Vista, Nevada City, and Placerville Lions. Club members receiving assistance were from Auburn Host, Elk Grove, Meadow Vista, Nevada City and Newcastle Lions.

A number of clubs use the canisters displayed to circulate to members during their meetings to collect for donation.

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!



District Governor Brent Showalter
Request the Honor of Your Presence
at the
District Installation of Officers
2025-2026

DISTRICT 4-C5

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Hospitality: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
DG Brent's Suite

Registration: 5:00 pm
Dinner: 6:00 pm

HILTON Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815

Semi-Formal Attire

District 4-C5 Governor's Roast

Featuring the Roasting of
Past District Governor Victoria Brady



**Opportunity
Drawing**

**No Host
Bar**



**Grilled Steak Dinner
Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**Roseville Host Lions Clubhouse
107 Sutter Avenue, Roseville 95678**

\$40.00 per person

Limited seating

No tickets at door!

Social: 5:00—5:30 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Roast: 6:30 pm

—Hosted by Roseville Host Lions and Folsom Lake Lions—

Make checks payable to: Roseville Host Lions Club.

Send reservation and payment to: PDG Carol Ring, 10291 Davis Road, Wilton, CA 95693.
For more information contact PDG Carol Ring, 916.955.4531 or caroljring1@frontiernet.net

Payment needed by July 25, 2025

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 Vosters Kemp 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) 483-9064

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