



Lions Pride

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“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”



On October 15, 2025, Veterans Affairs at Mather, California had a White Cane event that Northern California Lions Sight Association (“NCLSA”) participated in. Past District Governor Mike Retzlaff, Lion Helene Smith and Lion Mark Steffens with his therapy dog Zurich represented NCLSA.

There were other groups there and the Lions were lucky enough to sit next to representatives from the Society for The Blind. Lion Mark, Lion Helene and Zurich participated in the 1 mile walk while PDG Mike looked after the table and made some connections with people about collecting eye glasses. They were served a lunch with dessert and drinks.

They met some wonderful people. It was a great day to be a LION !!!

Submitted by Lion Helene Smith.



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DG BRENT SHOWALTER

“BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE”

Lions District 4-C5 Updates!

**A LOT IS HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT AND THAT IS THE MAIN FOCUS OF MY PRIDE MESSAGE!
OF COURSE LET US BEGIN WITH ONE OF MY FAVORITE QUOTES!**

**“Believe in love. Believe in magic. Hell, believe in Santa Claus. Believe in others.
Believe in yourself. Believe in your dreams. If you don’t, who will?” ~ Rockstar Jon Bon Jovi
TOP OF THE LIST IS DISTRICT 4-C5 AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR BRENT’S GOALS. (HIGHLIGHTS!)**

1. Increase Leo Club membership by **10** members by February 28th, 2026.
 - Rio Linda Elverta Leo Club has been chartered with **14** members.
 - Three more Leo Clubs are in the process of being chartered with two of the clubs being sponsored by Auburn Host Lions Club.
2. Create and charter two new Lions Clubs with at least **20** members each by June 30th, 2026.
 - Roseville Blue Oaks Lions Club is in the process of being chartered with over **21** members. (Sacramento Embarcadero Lions Club is the sponsoring club.)
3. Create a Cyber Branch Club with at least 5 members by April 30th, 2026.
 - Valley-Hi Lions Club is in the process of sponsoring the new Cyber Branch Club.
4. Create three other Branch Clubs with at least 5 members each by January 31st, 2026.
 - Rocklin Scout Branch Club has been started and is made up of Scout Leaders from Scout Troops. It is being sponsored by Rocklin Lions Club.
5. Hold an interactive **Q and A Forum** at each of the first two District Cabinet Meetings.
 - **We accomplished this goal. (Thanks to everyone who participated!)**
6. Raise \$51,888.00 for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) by June 30th, 2026.
 - We are way ahead of our projections to achieve this goal.
7. **Hold two District-wide LCIF fundraisers** by June 30th, 2026
 - **Two fundraisers have been completed.**
8. Have a C-LCIF Coordinator in every club. **(100%)**
 - 38 clubs have achieved this goal which calculates to **79.20%**.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE WE COULD NOT BE THIS FAR ALONG
WITHOUT ALL THE EFFORTS AND HARD WORK FROM SO MANY DEDICATED LIONS!
MANY MORE GOAL PROGRESS UPDATES COMING SOON!**

NOW LET US MOVE ON TO THE UPCOMING DISTRICT HOLIDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2025 FROM 1:00PM TO 5:00PM AT ROSEVILLE HOST LIONS CLUB HOUSE AT 107 SUTTER AVENUE, ROSEVILLE.

IT WILL BE HOSTED BY THE DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS WHO ARE PROVIDING ALL THE APPETIZERS. IT IS OPEN TO ALL AND THERE IS NO CHARGE!

SONNY KELLOGG WILL BE PERFORMING AND SPINNING AND PLAYING ALL OF OUR FAVORITES.

WE WILL BE HONORED WITH THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR LIONS STATEWIDE COUNCIL CHAIR CHERI PROVANCHA AND HER PARTNER IN SERVICE LION DIANA COMPO. BUT YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN AT THE NO HOST BAR.



Brent Showalter - District Governor "BORN TO BE WILD TO SERVE" CONCERT TOUR | 2025-2026
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DG Brent Showalter

District Governor



1VDG MARK BAMBA

INSIGHTS ALONG THE JOURNEY TO DG



Holiday Season Update from Vice District Governor Mark Bamba

Reflecting on Our Lion Year & Welcoming the Holidays

As we approach the holiday season, it's remarkable to see how quickly this Lion Year has flown by. Just a short while ago, we embarked on our journey together, and now we're already nearing the halfway mark. With the holidays on the horizon, it's a perfect time to pause, celebrate our achievements, and refocus our energy for the months ahead.

Membership Growth: Celebrating Our Success Together

I'm excited to share that, for the first time in 15 years, our district has seen positive membership growth for four consecutive months! This accomplishment is a testament to your dedication and the commitment shown by every club. A heartfelt thank you to all who embraced Mission 1.5, bringing new members into our Lions family and ensuring we retain the ones already with us.

Action Plan: Step-by-Step Guide for Effective Club Marketing Materials

1. **Gather Information:** Collect details about your club's mission, key projects, community impact, and upcoming events.
2. **Choose a Template:** Start with the district's trifold brochure template (available upon request; see contact info below).
3. **Customize Content:** Add your club's logo, photos of recent activities, and testimonials from members or beneficiaries. Include contact information and meeting times.
4. **Review & Revise:** Share your draft with fellow club members for feedback and ensure all information is current and accurate.
5. **Print & Distribute:** Print copies for use at events, meetings, and outreach opportunities. Bring a batch to the upcoming Service Carnival!

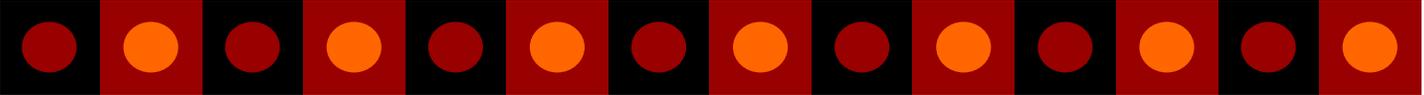
For brochure templates, design assistance, or personalized feedback, please reach out to me directly at mark@netsysinc.net or call (916) 872-3477. Our new Marketing Chair Deanna Dyson will also be available during the Service Carnival - details below.

Service Carnival: Details & Preparation

Date: January 24, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Sacramento Community Center. Address to be announced



Theme: Disaster Preparedness

Preparation:

Bring your club's trifold brochures and any other marketing materials for display.

Prepare a brief overview of your club's most impactful projects and a testimonial from a member or community partner.

Coordinate with your club members to set up your booth by 9:00 AM.

RSVP Deadline: Please confirm your club's participation by January 10, 2026, via email to Kendra Bamba - kendra.bamba61@gmail.com.

Onsite Support: Our Marketing Chair will be available throughout the day to offer feedback and help you enhance your marketing materials.

Watch for a follow-up email with additional details and tips for maximizing your club's presence at the carnival! Remember, your leadership and teamwork are what make our district thrive. If you have any questions—whether about marketing, recruitment, or event logistics—don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help you succeed and grow!

Contact me anytime at mark@netsysinc.net or (916) 872-3477. Kendra and I are always available for guidance, brainstorming, or a friendly chat.

On behalf of myself and Kendra, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe, and restful holiday season. Let's keep the momentum going and make the coming year our most impactful yet!

In Lionism,

VDG Mark Bamba

VDG Mark Bamba



2VDG GENE KYPKE

LEADERSHIP ON THE HORIZON



Ahoy all ye RapscaLIONS! Wow! It is already 5 months into this year! I was just looking over the visitation schedules, all of the 2nd Vice District Governors' zoom meetings, trainings, special meetings, Lions Portal lessons, three Council of Governor weekends, etc. WHERE DID I FIND TIME TO WORK? And, it has only just begun.... All of us that are going up the line, and those previously serving as Governors probably asked the same question. I promised to LEAD and that's the plan! Get buckled up!

The Cabinet is about one third the way through the visitation schedule, and I have loved every minute of it. Your club, your way and it is amazing how everyone is so unique! It has really opened my eyes to the variety and the levels of commitment our clubs have to our different communities. Even though we have "our" ways of serving our local environments, we all have the common goal to help our fellow humans, in every capacity possible! But WHY is Lions Clubs International still the best kept secret? It should be the best known form of success and recovery! Humanitarian efforts at its BEST! Each person should be bringing in a new friend every MONTH!

Convention is approaching soon, and the pre-Registration cost of only \$20 is coming to an end VERY SOON! December 1, 2025 the cost will go up to \$50 each, plus meals. How about saving \$30 each and register NOW! Viva Las Vegas is the theme, so it has a HUGE venue to play upon. Table top decoration competition is back! What will your club bring to the "table"? A wedding chapel? A slot machine? A dancing/singing Elvis? Rat Pack diorama? The possibilities abound! April 16, 2026 is the annual Bowling, Tournament at Country Club Lanes. The cost is \$25 each. Contact PDG Lion Andy Anderson ASAP. Friday April 17, 2026 is the Kick off of District 4C-5 Convention at the Arden-Hilton. Food Faire is well under way at 11 am and many entries give us a variety of flavors! Please get signed up for this as well! More to come on Convention, but get yourselves and a bunch of your members there! DG Lion Brent is talking about bringing in slot machines!!!

Rumbles of new clubs starting, re-energizing some of our old clubs are in the works and SERVICE Carnivals are in the making as well! What is a Service Carnival? I am glad you asked! Think of a County or Country fair, with pop ups of all kinds of interesting groups to visit, products to view and/or purchase. Now let's put a theme to it, say Emergency Preparedness. PG& E or SMUD come to mind. Office of Emergency Services, food shelters, animal shelters, sand bags, other utility organizations? Who do you call if...? What about our Lions groups? Some clubs specialize in helping those in need. Some clubs help you organize all of your important paperwork, numbers to EVERYTHING you own or do. Some of our clubs own tons of food equipment, ready to cook in any capacity for anyone! What could YOUR club bring to the table? YOU have

...we all have the common goal to help our fellow humans, in every capacity possible!

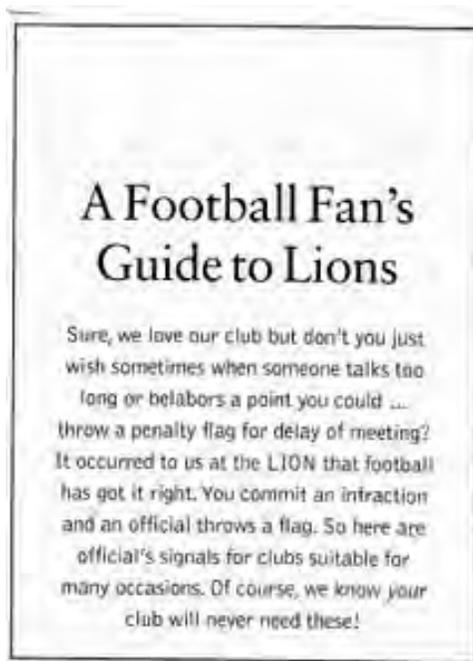
that opportunity, and the Governor's Team is encouraging each and every one of the clubs in 4C-5 to get involved. Bring out your pop-up and your idea out at the end of January at our up-coming Service Carnival! Details to follow soon, but get the word out. WE NEED YOU! A crash course in all of the above is always good! Passing on this info to our kids is even better.

Thanksgiving is approaching fast, and with all the teaching of mentors, advice from those we ask for it and history of this great District, I need to say a few words from my heart, no matter how piratical Black it may be. YOU, my beloved people: You make a difference! Your words of inspiration, your trust in me to help steer us to further greatness, give me hope. Helping me find the leader within, and giving me the courage to tell the many future leaders to get their journey started! Being a Lion is a long term commitment, and THAT is what builds the trust and belief in our communities. Always there helping our fellow humans and beyond! Thank you for being you. Thank you for joining a team of people helping people! THANK YOU for your kindness, and thank you for being part of our chosen family. I wish all of you well heading into the Holiday seasons. Do something different that you enjoy and cherish the family time! I believe in you!

Humbly your servant,

2VDG Gene Kypke

2VDG Lion Gene Kypke aka PIRATE



Submitted by PDG Bob Olin.

MARKETING NEWS

LION DEANNA DYSON, DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIR



Pawsitive Marketeer: Hashtags Made Simple

Ever scroll through social media and wonder what those #hashtags are all about? Think of them as magnets that pull attention to your post. A hashtag is simply a word or short phrase with the “#” symbol in front of it. When you add one, your post becomes part of a bigger conversation happening online — making it easier for people outside your circle to discover your Lions Club’s fantastic work.

How do hashtags work? When someone clicks on or searches a hashtag like #WeServe, they’ll see your post right alongside Lions from all over the world. That means your club’s service projects, fundraisers, and fellowship events are no longer local — they’re part of a global movement.

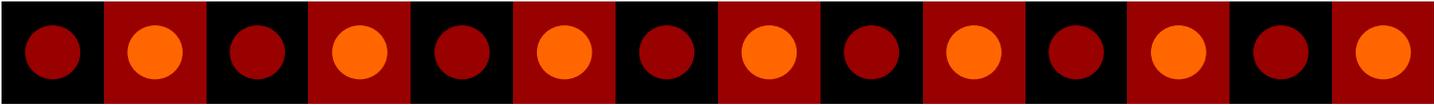
Why do hashtags matter? They help amplify your story. Hashtags make your posts more searchable, more shareable, and more connected. Whether you’re posting a quick photo from an eyeglass collection, a recap of a service project, or a selfie with your Lions family, the right hashtag can double (or triple!) the number of people who see it.

Pro Tip: Create your own for your club – **#ElkGroveLions** **#PrideofLagunaCreek**, **#NCLSAVision**. Make it fun, keep it professional, and always remember to tie it to Lions! 🐾 🐾 🐾

20 Great Hashtags to Start Using Right Away

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| 1. #WeServe | 11. #LionsPride |
| 2. #KindnessMatters | 12. #GlobalCauses |
| 3. #ItsAGreatDayToBeALion | 13. #LionsStrong |
| 4. #LionsClubsInternational | 14. #CommunityFirst |
| 5. #LionsOfCalifornia | 15. #District4C5Lions |
| 6. #SacramentoLions | 16. #LionsMakingADifference |
| 7. #ServiceFromTheHeart | 17. #LionsLoveVeterans |
| 8. #LionsServe | 18. #TogetherWeServe |
| 9. #VisionForAll | 19. #FutureLions |
| 10. #LionsInAction | 20. #LionLeaders |





? 🐾 Curious Corner

Question:

“Lion Deanna, how and where can I use this thing you call a hashtag? Looks like the pound sign to me. Can I use it in an email I send out? A reply to a Facebook message? I’ve never heard of a hashtag. Is there a limit to these things? Does it go ahead of the words or behind? Is there space, or does it go right next to the word? Is there a comma in between stuff? Where do I go to use it?”

Answer: Let’s clear up the mystery:

****Where can I use hashtags?*** They’re made for social media (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, etc.). You don’t use them in emails or private messages — they won’t do anything there.

****How do I write them?*** Always start with the “#” sign, and write the word or phrase with no spaces or commas. Example: **#WeServe** (☑ correct) vs. #We Serve (✗ won’t work).

****Where do I place them?*** They can go at the end of your post, or naturally within a sentence. Example: “Today our club hosted a **#VisionScreening** event.”

****How many can I use?*** On Facebook, 2–4 hashtags per post is plenty. On Instagram, you can use more (10–15), but quality matters more than quantity.

****Why not in email?*** Hashtags don’t turn into searchable links in email — they only “work” on social media platforms.

🎯 **Secret tip:** Hashtags are little magic keys that make your post discoverable. They’re not just a “pound sign” — they’re a spotlight shining on your service. ✨

Lion Deanna Dyson

Lion Deanna Dyson
District 4-C5 Marketing Chair
Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club



MARKETING NEWS

LION DEANNA DYSON, DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIR



The Pride isn't moving away from checks exclusively — but here are a few tools that can make life a lot easier! (And remember... cash is always king!)

Ever wish there was an easier way to collect dues, sell raffle tickets, or accept donations at events without needing a checkbook or cash? Great news — there is! Today's Lions have access to a few modern treasures that help us collect funds safely and quickly: QR Codes, Zelle, and Venmo. Let's explore how these tools can help your club navigate smoother fundraising waters.

⚙️ What's a QR Code?

A QR Code — short for Quick Response Code — is that small black-and-white square you see on flyers and menus. When someone points their smartphone camera at it, the code instantly opens a link — no typing, no confusion.

For Lions Clubs, QR Codes can link to:

- Your Venmo or Zelle payment page
- An event registration form
- A donation link

How to make one:

1. Visit [qr-code-generator.com](https://www.qr-code-generator.com) or use Canva's built-in QR feature.
2. Paste your club's payment link or event page.
3. Download the code and print it on flyers, signs, or newsletters.
4. That's it — now anyone can scan and give with ease!

💰 What is Zelle?

Zelle allows you to send or receive money directly between bank accounts — fast and fee-free for most users. It's already available in many mobile banking apps.

Why use Zelle for club business:

- Instant bank-to-bank transfers
- No extra apps or fees
- Perfect for dues, reimbursements, and donations

- Uses only your club’s email or phone number

Example: “Send dues via Zelle to district4c5lions@gmail.com and note your name in the memo.”

☒ What is Venmo?

Venmo, owned by PayPal, is an easy, social way to pay or receive money — great for raffles, fundraisers, and event sales. ***You can find the Venmo app in your iPhone or Android app store.

Why it’s handy for Lions Clubs:

- Quick setup, friendly app interface
- Add your club logo and name for recognition
- Accepts payments via QR code
- Donors can add fun notes like “☒ Supporting Lions Vision Projects!”

Example: “Scan our Venmo QR to buy raffle tickets — \$5 each or 5 for \$20!”

*****Hint – If using, always ask to see the verification sent message*****

☒ How These Tools Work Together

You don’t have to give up checks or cash — these are simply faster, more flexible options.

Here’s how to blend them into your toolkit:

1. Set up Zelle using your club’s email for direct dues and reimbursements.
2. Create a Venmo account for events and fundraisers.
3. Add QR codes to flyers, booths, and newsletters.
4. Track payments to stay organized.
5. Continue to accept cash and checks — every bit helps!

Together, these tools help the Pride sail into smoother fundraising waters — faster, simpler, and more connected.

☒ Examples of how it would look

Quick Links for Easy Giving –

Zelle:

☒ district4c5lions@gmail.com

[Insert District QR Code Here]





Venmo:

📱 @District4C5Lions

[Insert District QR Code Here]

❤️ “Scan. Send. Support.”

? 🐾 Curiosity Corner

Question:

“Lion Deanna, I’ve seen those QR things and heard people mention Zelle and Venmo, but I’m not sure how they work. Are they safe? And why would our club need them if checks still work just fine?”

Answer:

Absolutely! Think of these tools as new Lions joining the same Pride or new crew members on the same ship. They don’t replace our traditions; they help us move faster and roar a little louder. 🐾

- Safety: Both Zelle and Venmo use encrypted bank-level security. Just make sure payments go to the correct club account.
- Convenience: They make it easy for members and donors to contribute instantly, even if they don’t have cash or checks on hand.
- Accessibility: Younger donors and tech-savvy guests often prefer mobile payments — this helps your club stay connected with all generations.

🚩 🏴‍☠️ Final Thought from a Wise Lion and an Old Pirate

A Wise Lion understands that embracing new tools doesn’t mean letting go of tradition and an Old Pirate knows when its time to upgrade his compass— the tides of technology are changing! Embracing these new tools doesn’t mean letting go of tradition – it means adding strength to our service and new ways to connect with our community.

So, let’s help the Pride sail with QR Codes, Zelle, and Venmo in our club’s toolkit — combining old-fashioned generosity with new-fashioned convenience. Together, we’ll keep our ship steady, our service strong, and our roar heard across every digital sea!

Lion Deanna Dyson

Lion Deanna Dyson
District 4-C5 Marketing Chair
Pride of Laguna Creek Lions Club



FOLSOM LAKE LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION DEE FARMER

Greetings from Folsom Lake Lions! We have had a very busy September. We started out on September 11 participating in the Folsom Community Services Day, where we collected yarn and fabric for our community projects.



Later that same day we held our Club meeting at Mimi's Café in Folsom. The highlight of that meeting was a visit from our District Governor Brent Showalter, and the First Vice District Governor Mark Bamba, along with Lion Kendra. The District Governor installed our new officers. We celebrated Past District Governor Don Ring's BIG 90th birthday. Bernadette DeCuir was presented with a progressive Melvin Jones pin from her spouse Past District Governor Rich DeCuir. It was a very fun evening.



A couple days later we held a yard sale to raise funds for our project account. I prepared a full page flyer plus a smaller one for Facebook using ChatGPT for the first time. What fun that was!!

Then at our next scheduled meeting, which was at the Veterans Hall, our immediate past president Becky Bell presented Alegra Schmidt with a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque.



FORESTHILL LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Roberta Dunicliff

Lions Create a Foresthill Senior Social Center



Foresthill finally has a place for our local seniors, the silver haired ones, to meet and socialize!

April 12th was the first of these bi-monthly events for our local seniors to meet and talk, play games, and even get a blood pressure check. The events are held at the Foresthill Fire Protection District's Administration office.

Coffee and light refreshments are available. At the last event there were games of cribbage and pinochle being played. A few ladies were crocheting, some folks were working on a jig saw puzzle and there was a lot of conversation. The refreshments were homemade ice cream. Our guests are developing a community of friends who enjoy meeting twice a month.

Lions members volunteer and support our Lion Deborah Rodriguez and Lion Linda Salvador who are spearheading this wonderful project. Members of the newly formed Foresthill High School LEO club come occasionally and are available to answer seniors' questions about technology and help with set up and take down.

There is no charge for anyone as it is being sponsored by the Foresthill Lions Club, and supported by the Foresthill Friendship Club, with the cooperation of the Foresthill Fire Protection District and Placer County. It is ongoing every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30 to 1:30. It also serves as a resource for additional services available to seniors.

HIGGINS DIGGINS LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Helene Smith

On October 18, 2025, Lion Helene Smith chaired a Magic Yarn workshop at Higgins Diggins Lions Club. About 15 people, mostly Lions, showed up to learn how to make the wigs for children. There were 2 Leos from Higgins Diggins. Past District Governor Linda Barbara from 4-C6, who is a Chapter Leader for the Magic Yarn Project, ran the workshop. She brought 14 wigs with her and we finished all of them. She explained how she got involved in doing this and how she loves bringing this project to so many people. It was a great day to be a LION !!!



TIGGER

Submitted by Lion Helene Smith

People who know me really well know that I LOVE Tigger!! At our Cabinet meeting on August 30, 2025' my good friend Gail O'Brien from Folsom Lake Lions Club had a special Tigger made for me by all the men of the Folsom State Prison Hooks & Needles Program.

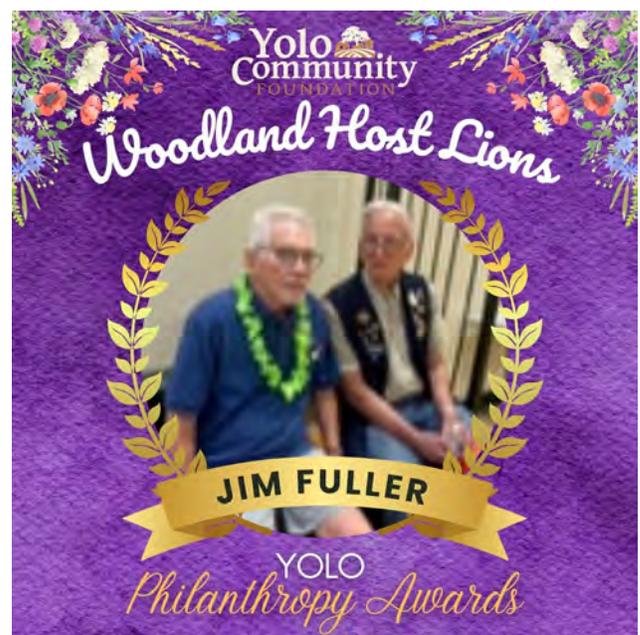
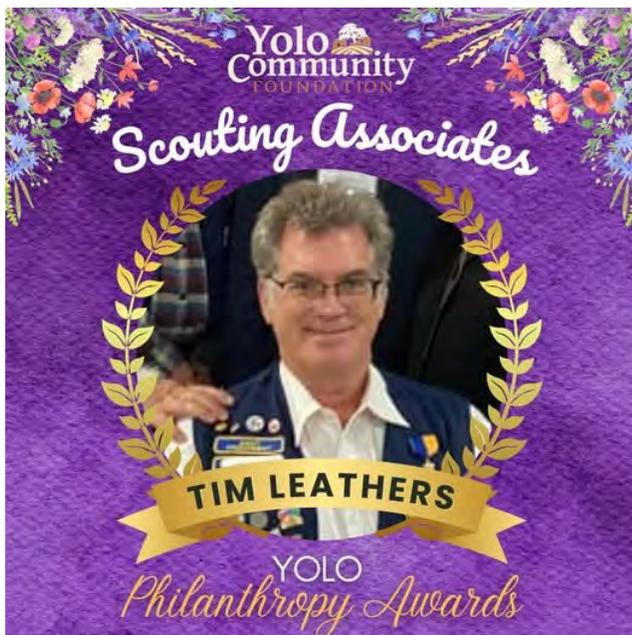
I have been collecting Tigger for about 30 years and I definitely don't have a Tigger like this one. It is crocheted and is beautifully done. When I saw it all I could say was "OMG" because I thought it would be little but he is 21 inches long. So, he is pretty big!! The men did an amazing job with him. Thank you, gentleman, for making this big kid very HAPPY!! And thank you Gail for having that done.



WOODLAND HOST LIONS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY LION STACEY WALLER

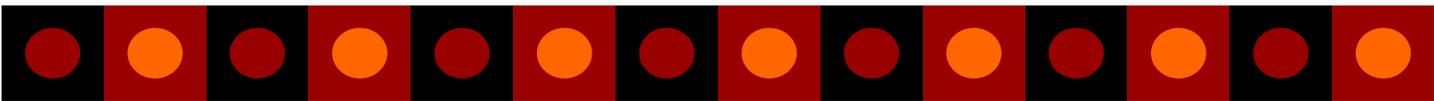
On Wednesday, October 22, 2025 the Woodland Host Lions Club presented awards to two Lions as part of the annual Yolo Community Philanthropy Awards. Lion Jim Fuller was presented with an award for his work on starting and continuing the Literacy Program in Woodland for nearly 15 years. Also being honored, as part of the Scouting Associates group, a branch of the Woodland Host Lions Club, was Lion Tim Leathers for his never-ending care and unwavering dedication to preserving the historic Woodland Scout Cabin. We are so proud to have such dedicated Lions as part of the Woodland Host Lions Club!



Tim Leathers

For more than a decade, Tim has served as the Woodland Scout Cabin's exceptional caretaker, ensuring this 95-year-old treasure remains a safe and welcoming space for the Scouting community. A former Scouter and Scoutmaster of Troop 131, Tim continues to volunteer his time weekly—handling everything from mowing and weeding to maintenance and supplies. His care goes far beyond upkeep; it's a reflection of his commitment to preserving a vital piece of local history and community connection. 🧡

This past year, Tim played a pivotal role in overseeing the installation of a new Fire Suppression System, working hand-in-hand with contractors to safeguard the cabin for generations to come. Now serving as Treasurer on the Scouting Associates Board, he manages finances, guides maintenance decisions, and has spent countless hours securing the cabin's future. 🔥🌱



The Woodland Host Lions, Scouting Associates, and the broader Scouting community all share deep gratitude for Tim’s leadership, stewardship, and heart. His dedication ensures the cabin remains a well-kept, historic haven for generations of Scouts.

Jim Fuller

Jim Fuller, a member of the [Woodland Host Lions](#) Club 🧑🏻 , has been a driving force behind the Reading Action Program since 2015! 📖 ✨ What began with just 2 schools has now grown to 11, providing students with Kindle Fires 🔥 each year to boost literacy and a love of reading. Through partnerships with local Lions clubs — Woodland Host, Reveille, Sunset — and the Elks Lodge, Jim’s leadership continues to inspire lifelong learners across the community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIONS TIM AND JIM!



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

*Deadlines: December 20, 2025,
February 20, April 20, June 20, 2026.*



**Contests and Awards forms can be found on
District 4-C5’s website**

<https://sacarealionsclubs.com / Members / Forms>

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 POTLUCK
HOSTED BY DISTRICT CABINET
ALL ARE WELCOME
Holiday Party

BRING CANNED GOODS - THE PERSON WITH THE MOST WEIGHT WILL WIN A PRIZE. SIGN A CARD FOR A VET

DECEMBER 7TH 1-5PM

**ROSEVILLE HOST CLUBHOUSE
107 SUTTER AVENUE ROSEVILLE**

**CASUAL FESTIVE DRESS OR UGLY
SWEATER ENCOURAGED**

NO HOST BAR

**GUEST ENTERTAINMENT
SONNY KELLOGG**



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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(916) 612-5747

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



Blood Drive
Tuesday, December 30
12:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Vitalant, 10536 Peter A McCuen Blvd, Mather, CA 95655

Vitalant drawing for a \$20,00 gift card. Donors will also get a \$15 gift card through the Vitalant rewards program!

Please schedule your appointment by scanning the QR code or go to donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code SMFM757 or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or click the link below.



[Click here to schedule an appointment](#)

Blood drive questions/information:

Capitol Lion Dave Pevny - dpevny@gmail.com

Golden State Lion Cecille Presley - cecille.baylon@live.com

- Please bring a photo I.D.
- Eat well and drink plenty of water before donating.
- Eligibility questions: Vitalant 877-258-4825/Vitalant.org
- The entire donation process takes about one hour.
- Donors must be 16 years old & no upper age limit.



GIVE BLOOD Vitalant.org





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

January 3-11, 2026



Environment

April 18- 26 2026

- ✓ Hey California Lions! Save the dates and start planning your service projects now as we join service with clubs and districts worldwide
- ✓ Club partnering/district-wide projects encouraged
- ✓ Plan event outreach early to maximize community visibility, engage volunteers, share out and inspire
- ✓ Visit *Service Resources* for event ideas at marketing.calionsclubs.org



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

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 type="text"/>	
LAST NAME: <input type="text"/>	FIRST NAME: <input type="text"/>
HOME: <input type="text"/>	CELL: <input type="text"/>
ADDRESS: <input type="text"/>	EMAIL: <input type="text"/>
CITY: <input type="text"/>	STATE: <input type="text"/> ZIP: <input type="text"/>
Print TITLE preferred on the Convention Badge:	<input type="text"/>

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)

NAME: <input type="text"/>	CLUB: <input type="text"/>		
	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
DEADLINE	Jul 1-Nov 30, 2025	Dec 1- Mar 31, 2026	Apr 1-19, 2026
COST	\$20 *\$21	\$50 *\$52	\$75 *\$78
*New Member	*Joined after November 30 th , and afterwards		\$20 *\$21
LEO	No Charge		
REGISTRATION:	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
MEAL DEPOSIT:	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
TOTAL	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

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

Diabetic Vegetarian Vegan Gluten Free No Beef No Chicken

Other:

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) 769-8601 or Email: sarahrte@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)

Cops!

*What happens in
Vegas Stays in Vegas,
but*



When the IPDG gets the 4C5 Convention costume contest date wrong, she's busted by the KR3W, and rightfully so! Apologies for the confusion, and the correct date is:

Friday, April 17, 2026

Hilton Arden West

Please sign up with
Lionvictoriabrad@gmail.com



Dear District 4-C5 Lions,

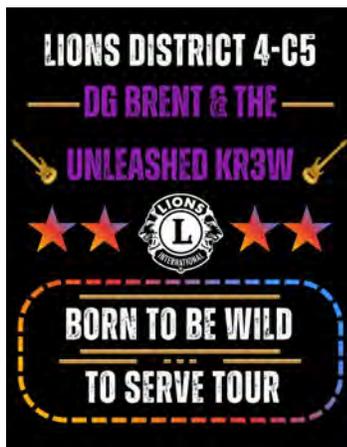
Just in! FYI

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"
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