

December 2023

The Lionizer

District Governor Manil Shrestha Colaborative Leadership



Greetings to my Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend this time with your family and friends. As we approach the midpoint of the Lion year, my cabinet and I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all of your clubs. We are proud to share that we have nearly completed 80% of our club visitations and have been genuinely impressed by the impactful work done by each club. We view these visits not only as a tradition but also an opportunity to learn about the club's history, legacy, and the strides they have made in serving their community.

Throughout the year, our focus has been to actively initiate the establishment of additional Leo clubs in our district and enhance the activity levels of existing passive Leo clubs. As the year progresses, our efforts are dedicated towards expanding the presence of Leo clubs in our district. We have also invited Leo's to cabinet meetings to share their work and give their input, as we firmly believe that Leo's represent our future.

As we continue in advancing Mission 1.5 and building our Lion community to serve one billion individuals worldwide. Let's proactively take measures to ensure that, as a collective, we make a substantial impact in our community. Together, let's emphasize the significance of "Collaborative Leadership" in all our pursuits.

As we are all aware, the Lions Clubs International Foundation plays a crucial role in providing humanitarian services to those in need and making a global impact on lives. Given our diverse community, I encourage us to maintain our commitment to donating to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, ensuring its ability to continue delivering essential services to people in need worldwide.

I want to extend my warm wishes to all of you for a joyful holiday season! May you thoroughly enjoy your winter holiday and end this year with personal growth, happiness and memorable moments.

Here's to a new year filled with opportunities and positive beginnings.

Best Regards,

Lion Manil B. Shrestha
District Governor

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1st Vice District Governor Darlene Ridle

It is December and we are beginning the **sixth month** of this Lion Year. I think to myself how quickly time has gone by. I started this journey a couple of years ago when I decided to run for 2nd Vice District Governor. Even though I have been serving as a lion for almost 30 years I have found there is still a lot to learn. It is not only what I can learn from others but what I can learn and improve about myself.

As you can imagine, my calendar is full of events, activities, visitations, fundraisers, council of governor meetings, committee meetings, club meetings, service activities, training conducted via meetings, training through online classes as well as independent study and assignments.

During one of my recent assignments, I was asked to complete a survey about being a whole leader. The results of my answers in the survey produced a report on how I see my leadership style vs how I wish to lead. In this report, being a whole leader breaks down into three different leadership styles: Head, Heart, and Guts. To be a whole leader you must be able to lead in all these areas. Through the report my answers to the survey broke down what areas I was the strongest vs which areas I could work on. I was surprised to find that I agreed with the report and probably would not have really looked at these areas on my own, but there it was in black and white. You do not need to hold an official office to be a leader. What is your leadership style, can you improve?

I challenge everyone to find one thing they can improve upon and look at your club to see if you are relevant to your community, are you being open to new ideas and different ways to do things. This **does not** mean we ignore experience, and those lions with experience, **are you open to new ways of doing** something or something completely new. **Encourage each other** and if your club is small, work with another club or ask us for help.

Our District is on the cusp, **WE MOVE FORWARD** or **we continue to decrease in members** as we have in most years. Our District has **39 clubs with 931 club members**. As of this date, we have **added 87 new members** and **dropped 65**.

19 out of 39 clubs have less than 20 members.

13 of the 19 clubs have less than 14 members.

It is proven that **service, visibility, and relevance to your community brings in more members**. So here is the question I am asking you and your club members, including my own club.

Are you doing **service in your community**?

Are you **doing anything new** or different?

Are you **visible** and is it **relevant**?

Are you **bringing in new members** to your club?

Do you do **an exit interview** on the members you drop?

If you answered “no” to any of the above questions, you may consider completing the **Club Quality Initiative**

[Club Quality Initiative](#) is a strategic planning tool to help clubs identify opportunities for improvement. Change is critical for each club. By understanding our current operation, identifying areas that may be improved and taking measured steps to accomplish our goals, every club can be even better.

Lastly, I am looking for people to be on my team next year that are interested in working together, being open to new ideas, welcoming diversity, inclusion, ownership, and accountability, please contact me at darleneridle@gmail.com.



2nd Vice District Governor Laxmi Chaudhary

Title: Lions Clubs International's Growth Plan: Mission 1.5

Introduction:

Lions Clubs International wants to grow its family to 1.5 million members worldwide with Mission 1.5. This is important because it helps them do more good in communities and reach more people with their motto, "We Serve," and their goal of "Changing the world one person at a time with one kind act at a time."

Why Growing is Important:

1. **Help More People:** With more members, Lions Clubs can help more communities and make a bigger difference in the world.
2. **Reach More Places:** A bigger family means they can go to more places and help more individuals in need.
3. **Team Power:** Growing the group creates a strong global team, making it easier to work together and respond quickly to problems worldwide.
4. **More Resources:** More members mean more skills, money, and support, making it possible for Lions Clubs to do bigger and better projects.

How to Reach the Goal:

1. **Find Good People:** Lions Clubs can reach their goal by inviting people who care about helping others to join their team.
2. **Show What They Do:** By sharing their good deeds, Lions Clubs can inspire others to join and be part of the positive change.
3. **Use the Internet:** Lions Clubs can use the internet to talk to more people and share their message through social media and online events.
4. **Help Members Grow:** By teaching and supporting each other, members can become leaders and make the Lions Clubs even stronger.

Conclusion:

Lions Clubs International's Mission 1.5 is about growing their family so they can do more good in the world. By inviting caring people to join, showing the positive impact they make, using the internet, and helping members become leaders, they can reach their goal and continue making the world better, one kind act at a time.

Laxmi Chaudhary

Second Vice District Governor

District 4-C3

“Serving with Integrity “



Secretary Audrey Nieman

I have been busy scheduling District Governor Manil's Visitations to each club. So far, DG Manil and Cabinet members have visited 27 clubs by the end of November. Three clubs are scheduled for the New Year, and I am waiting for confirmations from nine clubs. I want to thank all the clubs for welcoming the District Governor and the Cabinet members who were able to attend. It has been great meeting many members throughout the district and getting to know how clubs are increasing membership and completing many outstanding service activities.

I helped plan the first District Meeting at LCVI on September 16th and thank all who attended and those who stayed for the Vision Screening Training. We are looking forward to seeing many more Lions on December 2 at North Berkeley Senior Center.

I have also sent out to all District Lions flyers and announcements on Constant Contact when asked to do so. Be sure to open these emails to stay in touch with everything happening in District 4C3.



Bill Ridle Treasurer

**ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS
ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?**

Lions Club International

- **Does your club have two bank accounts?**
- **Filed form 8976 or 1024**

Internal Revenue Service

- **EIN number**
- **filed the 990N Post card or applicable forms.**

State of California

- **Filed with the Attorney General Charitable Trust**
- **Secretary of State**
- **Franchise Board**

All of the above are required

**Contact me PDG Bill Ridle if you have any questions at
510-375-7054 or lionswork@yahoo.com**

Bill

PDG James Varghese Global Leadership



Message from Global Leadership Coordinator

Congratulations and Thank you for the dedicated efforts by District Governor Manil Babu Shrestha, the Lions, and its leaders of Lions District 4-C3 for their service to the community. The effective development of leadership skills among members is certainly paramount in ensuring that Lions Clubs International continues to champion community service and humanitarian projects effectively.

The training completed by the Global Leadership Team so far this year for

- 1) Region/Zone Chairs,
- 2) Club Presidents, Leaders, and
- 3) Membership Orientation is commendable and equips these key individuals with the necessary skills to guide their clubs and districts toward even greater achievements.

It's worth noting that the ongoing support and resources provided by Lions Clubs International play an essential role in nurturing current and future leaders. The resources listed from Lionsclubs.org, such as Leadership Development Programs, the Lions Learning Center, Club Officer Training, and many others, are indeed invaluable. Such tools not only fortify leadership skills but also enhance club management, membership orientation, service project planning, marketing, and communications, ensuring the relevance and impact of the clubs remain strong in their respective communities.

Leadership and skill development are continuous processes, and the array of resources mentioned can benefit Lions club leaders and members significantly. By continuously learning and growing, Lions are better able to lead effectively, embodying the service-oriented mission of Lions Clubs International.

Encouraging all members to utilize these resources underscores the proactive approach necessary for effective leadership within the organization. The My Lion App, in particular, aids in the modernization of the administration of club activities, which is reflective of the shifting landscape of club management towards digital solutions.

In conclusion, Lions Club members and leaders in District 4-C3 should be proud of their accomplishments and remain engaged with the GLT and the Cabinet Team for ongoing support. Accessing and leveraging the recommended resources will undoubtedly aid in fostering strong leadership and impactful community service.



Lions Foundations

Denny Grotrain California Lions Foundation

Holiday Greetings District 4-C3 Lions . . .

As we reflect on the challenges that communities face in the wake of disasters, it is both humbling and inspiring to witness the incredible impact we can make when we come together. Today, we want to share with you the profound difference your support has made through the partnership between the California Lions Foundation and the Lions of Maui in response to recent disasters.

Working hand in hand with the Hawaii Lions Foundation, the Lions of Maui have been on the front lines of disaster response, providing crucial aid and support to those affected. Thanks to your generous contributions, we've been able to make a tangible impact during all phases of their response efforts. Information from International Director Bob Lee provides:

In Phase 1 and 2:

Prepared and delivered 10,000 meals daily for evacuees at shelters initially, transitioning to 5,000 meals daily for those in area hotels.

Donated 420 sets of P100 respirators and PPE filter refills for Lahaina residents.

Replaced lost hearing aids, eyeglasses, and wheelchairs for those affected.

Assisted tenants from 4 senior housing complexes destroyed by the fires in relocating to other facilities and provided support for lost personal items.

Prepared and delivered lunches and snacks to Kamaaina Kids pre-schoolers affected by the fires.

In Phase 3:

Packed and provided 200 to 600 bags of produce on Wednesdays and 200 to 600 boxes of food on Thursdays to area families.

Currently preparing and delivering 200 meals daily for area pre-schools in collaboration with the Maui Community College culinary program.

Providing household items, baby formula, and personal hygiene products in partnership with Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Restocking area relief aid stations and hubs with items and products as needed.

Collaborating with Saint Anthony Church and the Family Life Center as they build "Tiny Homes," where the Lions will provide furnishings and linens upon completion.

Through the words of PDG Joe Pontanilla, head of the Maui Incident Response Team, "We look at the needs on a daily basis and try to avoid duplication of services and supplies. We are filling the gaps and assisting whenever possible."

While the emergency assistance to Hawaii has been completed, we are returning the Foundation's attention to the needs in California, and I just wanted to pass along this "Thank You" for your continued support of YOUR California Lions Foundation!



"We Serve"

Lions Clubs International Foundation Linda Griffin

As we begin the season of giving, do not forget "OUR" charity arm of giving - Lions Clubs International Foundation.

100% of your donation provides for grants and programs that impact not only globally but our local communities. Regardless of the amount of your donation you are making a difference.

New for the Lions year is a Presidential LCIF Supporter Pin. At the individual donation levels of \$50, \$100 and \$200, you will be eligible to receive a newly designed supporter pin. Your donations will provide you with the deserved recognition and Melvin Jones Fellow credit.

At the Multiple District Four Convention, we will be celebrating new and progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. If you would like to be presented with a new fellowship or a progressive pin, please contact me. Brian Sheehan, Chairperson, LCIF will make the presentation.

In January, we will begin the club LCIF Roundtable for all the club coordinators. Everyone is welcome to attend. Discussion items will be grant information, club goals, status of Melvin Jones Fellow credits and sharing of information.

I want to thank everyone for your donations and I encourage you to make one more personal donation before the year ends.

Remember, that as a Lion you make a difference with your gift

Submitted by Linda Griffin



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LIONSVISION **Lions Vision Mo Powers**

Resource Network

Lions Vision Resource Network: We continue to award grants to blind and visually impaired persons in District 4-C3, and this fiscal year (starting July 1, 2023) we have given over \$75,000 in 24v grants. Our team is awesome in selecting and training grantees. We are very proud of them.

Under the leadership of 2VDG Darlene Ridle, the Antioch Rivertown Veteran Lions Club held a fundraiser for LVRN - our first fundraiser! Thanks to Darlene and her Club, we now have even more funds to distribute to those in need. Thank you so much, Rivertown Lions and Darlene!

The Vision Resource Network (VRN) continues its work, under the direction of Dr. Yolanda Braxton, Executive Director of LCVI. The VRN includes LCVI, LVRN, and the East Bay Center for the Blind. So far, our collaboration has expanded our reach to individuals and organizations - we hope to do even more. Making sure seniors know what is available to them at no - or low- cost is one of our group's missions.

As Women and Family specialist on the District GAT team, I am working with a select committee (Lions Paula Robinson, Manju Potohera, and Sunil Rajkarnikar) on a fundraiser for a local childhood cancer nonprofit. This event will be designed to be attractive to families, and we hope to garner new members as a result. Please help us advertise the event (when it is determined) and send me the email addresses of anyone you think might be interested. We are aiming at early Spring for the event.

Maureen Kennedy Powers PhD FCOVD FAAO FARVO

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LIONS CENTER for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED

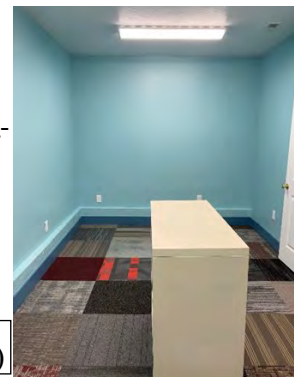
Monster Ball Fundraiser – LCVI Board of Directors, Fund Development Committee (Chairs: Audrey Neiman & Paula Robinson) hosted a festive costume party for Halloween to raise funds to support the important vision of LCVI to create a world where visually impaired individuals have access to innovative, high quality, affordable vision care.



Excursion to Cool Patch Pumpkins – 25 clients and guests enjoyed the tractor-pulled Hay Rides, the Corn Bath, and Corn Maze while checking out the bounty of pumpkins of all sizes, shapes, colors and textures. After an invigorating morning at the pumpkin patch, the group headed to the historic Dawson’s Bar and Grill in Dixon for a hearty lunch. LCVI Excursions are part of our 2nd Service Line – “Group Classes & Activities” – socialization events that are provided to our core clients free-of-charge.

Renovation Update – Led by LCVI Board of Directors, Building & Grounds Committee (Chair: President William “Bill” Ridle). Exterior: New gates and signage were installed as you enter/exit the LCVI property parking lot; privacy cover on fence installation as well as new lighting around the property, provides updated security, especially at night. Interior: Storage area was converted to additional office space dubbed “The Bullpen.” Thanks go to President Bill Ridle who along with Charles “Duke” Dunham, selected, delivered, and installed the new “patchwork pattern” carpet tiles (all over the Thanksgiving Holiday – Wow!).

New “Bullpen” workspace at LCVI, (shown under construction on 11/28)



This Board Delivers – Holiday Meals 2023! – The LCVI Board of Directors and District 4C3 volunteers will once again deliver warm and delicious holiday meals to LCVI client homes across Contra Costa on December 6th. This annual Holiday Meal project allows LCVI senior clientele to enjoy a special treat during the holidays delivered directly to their door by friendly volunteers from District 4C3.

Holiday Party hosted by Byron Delta Lions Club on December 12th – LCVI salutes Byron Delta Lions Club who will again sponsor the annual LCVI Holiday Celebration for clients on December 12th. The party which will include breakfast, lunch, photo craft activity, movement, jokes, a holiday sing-a-long, and a visit by the large man in a red and white suit. Thank you, Byron Delta Lions Club!



Excursion to Paramount Theater Tour in Oakland on December 19th –. Volunteers are needed for this client excursion to Oakland for a private docent-led 90-minute tour of this historic Art Deco era theater with pipe organ and trap door stage. This excursion (part of our Group Classes & Activities Service Line) will be at no cost to LCVI core clients and will include a ride on a charter bus, the guided tour, lunch at a nearby local restaurant, and volunteer assistance as needed.

Student Speakers Foundation Duke Dunham

The Student Speaker Foundation - PDG Duke Dunham

A couple of months ago, our Foundation President PDG Chris Ohrmund gave her annual report to the Council of Governors. In her report she recognized the District Governors who named the foundation to receive their visitation donations as well as the personal donations from various Lions.

The amounts that she quoted were impressive. Contributions for the year ending June 30, 2023 were \$94,949 which was an increase of about \$24,000 from the year before. It sounds good except for the fact that the foundation provides \$113,500 in scholarships each year.

The Student Speaker Foundation has requested the districts set a goal for donations of \$7000 per district. Almost half of the districts in our multiple(MD4) reach or exceeded the goal, we weren't one of them.

I ask each club in our district, especially but not only the clubs participating, to consider a donation, and I thank those of you that continue to do so for your continued support. I expect you to proudly display your Student Speaker Foundation patch on your club banner showing your support. Please consider a Student Speaker fellowship to recognize someone in your club.

If your club isn't involved in the contest you really should find a contest to attend. I guarantee that you will be impressed by the quality of the speeches (which are always about a current issue) as well as the speakers themselves. That's how I got started with the contest. When I leave a contest I feel good knowing that the speakers are our leaders of tomorrow.

I'd be happy to come and talk with you about the Student Speaker Foundation. The foundation has a new web site, www.studentspeakersfoundation.org or www.studentspeakers.org.

Transactions for donations or awards can now be done online.

Student Speakers Contest Skip Zehnder

87th Annual Student Speaker Topic for 2023-2024
For A Better World - What Would You Change?

The Packets for the contest have been sent out from the State office. If your club order a packet and you have not received it please reach out to Marcie at the State office, 805-963-6681.

The Handbook is available for download at: <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

The following clubs have indicated they will participate in the contest this year:

Alameda Breakfast	Ambrose-Pittsburg	Berkeley
Berkeley Makalu	Brentwood	Byron Delta
Concord Norcal	Crockett	Danville
Dawn Breakers	Discovery Bay	El Cerrito
Fremont Sagarmatha	Hayward Silicon Valley	Livermore
Moraga	Oakland Feed The Need	Pleasant Hill
Pleasanton	Union City	Diablo Valley
Ygnacio Valley		



If your club is not listed please inform PDG Skip (lionskip.4c3@gmail.com) and your zone chair! Also if your club is listed but your club has decided that you are not participating please inform PDG Skip and your zone chair!

PDG Skip will be holding a Zoom training session of Tuesday, Dec 12 at 7:00 pm. It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

Skip Zehnder



Lions in Sight Linda Griffin

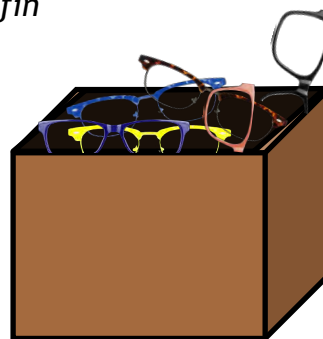
As we get ready to end 2023, the Lions in Sight Board of Directors wants to thank everyone (Lions and non-lion members) for all their work in the last six months.

You continue to collect and sort used eyeglasses so we can prepare them for our clinic mission. We are collecting hearing aids for the Ear of the Lion foundation.

As a reminder, we NO longer are excepting ink cartridges.

As you make plans for 2024, we will be getting another shipment of Zenni glasses in February. If you want to do a club, zone or region project, please contact me so we can coordinate providing you with glasses. It is an easy project and a great way to promote service and have lots of FUN!

Lions in sight would like to make a presentation to your club and let you know of all our plans for the upcoming year. Please contact us. *Submitted by Linda Griffin*



Lions Wilderness Camp For Deaf Children, Inc



This MD-4 endorsed project was started in 1983. LWCFDC provides week long wilderness camping opportunities for deaf, hard of hearing and CODA (children of deaf adults) children from the age of 7 to 15. The camps are funded by donations from Lions and Lion Clubs throughout California and Profits made hosting other groups at Camp Ross Relles near Nevada City.

In 2024 LWC will expand the week long camps to include a week of STEM (science, technology, engineering & Math) at Ross Relles near Nevada City. Each camper will work on building a remote controlled vehicle, either a car or drone, and by weeks end operate said vehicle. This new experience for Deaf and hard of hearing campers to be held in June and will be in addition to the regular weeks of camp that will be in July.

The children's parents pay only a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. At the regular camps all the children get the opportunity to swim, create art projects, work on skits, play games, climb a rock wall, walk through a 120 year old water tunnel, ride horses and attend a Friday night dance.

The camps are held at Camp Ross Relles and at Camp Teresita Pines near Wrightwood CA. Most children are dropped off and picked up at camp by their parents, but some take advantage of Angel Flight and are flown by volunteer pilots from their hometown airport to an airport near each camp.

You can follow us on Facebook at lionswildernesscamp4deafchildren or you can go to our website lionswildernesscamp.org to volunteer your time to help maintain camp Ross Relles or work cooking and serving food during the camps. Volunteer applications can be found on the website.

Submitted by, Danny Raymond

Are you wondering
what the other

clubs are up to??



KEEP SCROLLING



OR TURN THE



PAGE AND YOU'LL SEE

Zone 1 - Kathy Doty

Byron Delta, Bethel Island, Discovery Bay, Brentwood, Antioch, Antioch Rivertown Veterans

Discovery Bay Lions Club has been busy this fall.

September 9, we had our last free Summer Jam concert. Approximately 1500 people attended and they enjoyed the country western band.



On October 21, we revived our Paws on Parade with about 50 dogs (some in costumes), vendors for pet owners and demonstrations by canine units. It was a success so we will do it again next year.

On Halloween we gave out candy to students from Discovery Bay Elementary School as they paraded with their costumes through the shopping center. In November we gave bags of food and gift certificates for a Safeway Thanksgiving dinner to 53 needy families.

Submitted by, Diane Alexander

Summer Jam II Concert



Brentwood Lions Club (BLC) is very active with diverse community activities. During the months of September–November of 2023 these activities are as follows:

We have several activities to which we provide services on an ongoing monthly basis. The first of these consists of Hijas Del Campos which is an organization established by several daughters of local migrant workers in our area. They first came to us requesting a donation. We were so inspired by these young, determined women we assisted them in establishing their non-profit organization. Since this time, we have been assisting them weekly with food distribution.

Food is donated weekly to this organization from multiple sources, such as local stores, food pantries and local growers. On Tuesdays several members of the Brentwood Lions Club spend a few hours sorting and dividing the food for packaging. These food packages are then delivered to the local migrant families.

On a monthly basis the Brentwood Lions Club also provides and delivers dinner to a local women's shelter. This food is for both the women and their children who have been displaced due to domestic violence.

An additional service we support is the Lions Center for Visual Impaired (LCVI). This organization serves the visually impaired from all areas. Our Club President is on the Board as Treasurer. The Brentwood Club, along with other clubs in our area, support this important community asset.

Just this past Sunday, November 19, 2023, LCVI was highlighted in the East Bay Times newspaper for the excellent services they provide. (I am attaching a copy of this article).

During the month of September, we provided materials and manpower for repairing a roof for an elderly member. Also, during the month of September, our Club President was the Treasurer of the Host Committee for the USA/Canada Forum. A couple of our members attended this forum, which was held in Reno.

In addition, this month we hosted an eyeglass sorting "party" which was attended by members from not only our club but several other clubs in our local area. This event is advertised to all other local clubs and all are welcome who wish to attend.



October was a busy month, starting with the Lions OKTOBERFEST which was sponsored by or the Antioch Rivertown Veterans. Several of our members supported this function. We also assisted with support for the Bethel Island Health and Safety Fair, which provides information and assistance for concerns of many of the local community members.

Brentwood Lions Club continued Our club works very closely with the Brentwood City Coalition which is a 501©3 organization. This organization is committed to the economic vitality and community experience in Downtown Brentwood. The Brentwood Lions Club has historically supported this coalition and did so again this October. The part we played this year, as we did last year, was by manning the very busy Beer Booth. It started out slowly that day, but within a short time, the beer was flowing freely! Our club does receive funds plus tips from the Coalition for our participation and support.

Our next October endeavor was the annual Peace Poster Contest (PPC) which includes our local Middle Schools. We had three schools participating last year and we were fortunate to have four this year. As last year, we welcomed local artists from the Art Guild of the Delta (AGD) as our judges. It is amazing to see the diverse ideas the students displayed and how they interpreted those ideas into their art. The next day, October 27, as the Art Guild helped to support our PPC, several BLC members attended and supported the AGD fund raiser, Banner Up.

On November 11, 2023, BLC provided assistance with a fund raiser to one of our local Middle School's Music department. We partnered with a local restaurant to provide a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. This event was very well attended and appreciated by the school.

Saturday, November 25, was the Brentwood City Holiday Parade. Last year we entered a float in the parade. This year we proposed assistance to the city by directing and maintaining continuous flow to keep the floats on track.

Upcoming in December will be our club's Holiday Party on December 17, 2023. The annual Discovery Bay Toy Drive is being held on December 10, 2023. The Brentwood Lions Club will be contributing toys collected at our monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 6th. The Toy Drive supports the Village Resource Center and the Brentwood Community Chest. Both of these organizations are also financially supported by the Brentwood Lions Club.

Upcoming for 2024.:

The BLC is coordinating our annual Crab Feed. The date for this fund raiser will be February 10, 2024. This fundraiser provides support to LCVI.

The BLC will be providing a door replacement for the club's Day Care Center on February, 17, 2024.

These activities in addition to our ongoing monthly volunteer commitments as mentioned earlier in this article.

Submitted by, Karen Zehnder

Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club The Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club (ARVLC), unique for its focus on serving Veterans, their families and support networks, holds its general membership meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI), Pittsburg, 9:00 a.m. Below are some of the things this small, but mighty group does.

September 8 thru 10 "Stand Down on The Delta". Begun in 2015 and held every other year, this event is modeled after the military stand down, where units take a break from hostilities for a much-needed recharge. They attend to all their life needs and achieve some rest and relaxation before again returning down range. Stand Down on the Delta brings to bear a variety of services, information and referrals for homeless & at-risk veterans and families. Medical, dental, psychological, case management, legal, housing, employment and other needs are addressed as appropriate for each veteran. For the first time, not only did veterans reside on site during the 4-day event, but veterans and their families, as well as civilians, were able to come on site Saturday to take advantage of services. Additionally, given veterans are wired to be of service, this year's group had opportunities to be of service to others



As with a military stand down, it's not all business for participants. Good food, a car show and entertainment was plentiful. Below: ARVLC Director Darlyn Phillips, Entertainment Coordinator, Victoriano and Sol Sauce band featuring Willie Ge, ARVLC 1st VP Diane Ferguson and 4-legged visitor, ARVLC Director Jim Etherington at his merchant table for VAHOP and Sunday's fishing trip raffle entry POC, ARVLC Secretary Meghan Diamond with ARVLC Lion/DVG President, the guy in charge of Stand Down on the Delta, J.R. Wilson and ARVLC 2nd VP Pat Jeremy, also VP of DVG, putting some miles on those kicks.

October 1, 2023 - Oktoberfest, at DeLuna's Ranch to benefit Lion's Vision Resource Network

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Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club The Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club (ARVLC), unique for its focus on serving Veterans, their families and support networks, holds its general membership meetings on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI), Pittsburg, 9:00 a.m. Below are some of the things this small, but mighty group does.

September 8 thru 10 "Stand Down on The Delta". Begun in 2015 and held every other year, this event is modeled after the military stand down, where units take a break from hostilities for a much-needed recharge. They attend to all their life needs and achieve some rest and relaxation before again returning down range. Stand Down on the Delta brings to bear a variety of services, information and referrals for homeless & at-risk veterans and families. Medical, dental, psychological, case management, legal, housing, employment and other needs are addressed as appropriate for each veteran. For the first time, not only did veterans reside on site during the 4-day event, but veterans and their families, as well as civilians, were able to come on site Saturday to take advantage of services. Additionally, given veterans are wired to be of service, this year's group had opportunities to be of service to others



As with a military stand down, it's not all business for participants. Good food, a car show and entertainment was plentiful. Below: ARVLC Director Darlyn Phillips, Entertainment Coordinator, Victoriano and Sol Sauce band featuring Willie Ge, ARVLC 1st VP Diane Ferguson and 4-legged visitor, ARVLC Director Jim Etherington at his merchant table for VAHOP and Sunday's fishing trip raffle entry POC, ARVLC Secretary Meghan Diamond with ARVLC Lion/DVG President, the guy in charge of Stand Down on the Delta, J.R. Wilson and ARVLC 2nd VP Pat Jeremy, also VP of DVG, putting some miles on those kicks.



October 1, 2023 - Oktoberfest, at DeLuna's Ranch to benefit Lion's Vision Resource Network



October 7, 2023 - Out of the Darkness Community Walk to bring awareness to suicide prevention. Photos include ARVLC Lions Darlene Ridle & J.R. Wilson drawing for a raffle prize winner, and a group photo of ARVLC Lion President & District Cabinet Treasurer Bill Ridle, ARVLC Treasurer & First Vice District Governor Darlene Ridle, ARVLC Secretary Meghan Diamond & ARVLC Member J.R. Wilson joined by District Gov Manil Babu Shrestha and Region 1 Chair Bibek Shrestha.



Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club October 21, 2023 - LCVI Monster Ball & Haunted House

November 4, 2023 - Learning to screen for Diabetic Retinopathy



November 11, 2023 - ARVLC sponsored the Antioch Veterans Day pancake breakfast. Here, we see Lions Bill Ridle & Antwon Webster preparing some of the faire.



A true team effort, below see members in different roles:



Lion Bill Ridle

Lion Pat Jeremy

Lion Winky Scannel Debbie & son, Tim Jeremy

Lion Paul Scannel

Lion Meghan Diamond & Lion Candidate Debbie Gettman

Lions Darlyn Phillips & Velma Wilson

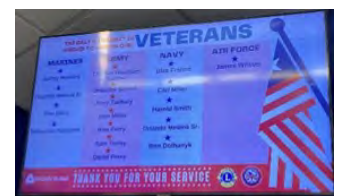


ARVLC Lion Diane Ferguson received Lifetime Veteran of the Year 2023 and ARVLC Lion Brenda Cato received Veteran of the Year 2023. Here they are with ARVLC President Bill Ridle & ARVLC Treasurer Darlene Ridle.

Nearly the entire Jeremy family serves in the military and ARVLC. We are blessed to have them. Here are a few of them with a couple friends along.



November 16, 2023 - Served Breakfast for the Tri-Delta bus drivers and presented recognized veterans with certificates
In the photos, Lions Bill Ridle, Pat Jeremy & J.R. Wilson. Photographer, Lion Darlene Ridle



November 19, 2023 - Diabetes Awareness Event



ARVLC Treasurer Darlene Ridle

ARVLC President Bill Ridle gives a cooking demonstration

ARVLC Lion Candidate Ehu leads her hula dancers in Ukelele and song

Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club

November 25, 2023 - Bell ringers for a cause, in front of Hobby Lobby, Antioch.

Raised nearly \$1000 for the Salvation Army in one day. Lions J.R. Wilson, Bill & Darlene Ridle; in 2nd photo, Lions Pat, Debbie, Tim & Adria Jeremy



December 2, 2023 - ARVLC, in conjunction with the Delta Veterans Group (DVG), participate in Antioch, CA's annual holiday parade

December 5, 2023 - Wrap party in preparation for Dec 9th's Holiday Veteran's Brunch

December 6, 2023 - ARVLC preparing and delivering meals to Lions Center for the Visually Impaired clients.



Throughout the year, since 2019, a group of Card Angels has blessed (and been blessed) making and providing greeting cards to the resident veterans at Martinez VA hospital. This is one good thing that came out of the pandemic, and it continues today. ARVLC's Lions Darlene & Meghan continue their service as Card Angels. Samples from the Card Angels group



Upcoming Events

December 7, 2023 - Preparing Food Baskets for Veteran Families

December 9, 2023 - ARVLC's annual Holiday Veteran's Brunch, featuring Santa Clause. Approximately 15 families and 30 children will be hosted this year at LCVI, Pittsburg.

December 16, 2023 - Wreaths Across America

February 2024 - date tbd - Veteran Vision care event; Student Speaker Contest

March 2, 2024 - Annual ARVLC Crab Feed

March 30, 2024 - Easter Egg Hunt, LCVI, Pittsburg

Submitted by Meghan Diamond

Byron Delta Lions Club Celebrating a Year of Community Impact: Our Club's Upcoming Activities
We are thrilled to reflect on the incredible journey of community engagement and support that we've embarked upon. This year has been filled with meaningful programs, and as we look ahead, there's a lineup of exciting activities that we're proud to support!

Fall Info Fashion Fundraiser: Lion Elizabeth Clarke While Elizabeth chaired this fun fall fashion show fundraiser, so many members jumped in to assist with planning, selling tickets, decorating, being models, and pulling it all together quickly to support our continuing programs throughout the community. She was even lucky to get David Aubrey and Bill Ridle to be bartenders and the event was well attended by other local Lions clubs too!

Fall Food Drive: Lion Suzanne Berry Kicking off the season of giving, our Fall Food Drive made a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity. Lion Suzanne Berry lead this initiative along with the Discovery Bay Elementary Schools and Excelsior Middle School students, encouraging members and community to contribute and help create a bountiful harvest of compassion.

Holiday Party: Lions Sue Mikla/Deborah Day are working hard to spearhead our festive Holiday Party, a fun occasion where members can come together to celebrate the spirit of the season. It's a time for camaraderie, laughter, and the warmth of the season.

LCVI Holiday Party: Lion Angela Bruno-Castro Angela Bruno-Castro is at the helm of the LCVI Holiday Party, extending our commitment to spreading cheer beyond our immediate circle. This event promises to bring smiles and holiday magic to the LCVI community. Games, crafts, and delicious food will be provided.

Holiday Bingo - Not too Shabby: Lion Kathy Doty (Zone 1 Chair) Under the guidance of Kathy Doty, our Holiday Bingo event on December 11th promises an afternoon of fun and excitement. As a club only event, Kathy has been chairing these fundraisers and they are an absolute bonus! Members have fun, where the wins go beyond the Bingo cards, benefiting a good cause!

Operation Creekside: Lion Ann Jordan-Talley Ann Jordan-Talley supporting Operation Creekside on December 12th, an initiative designed to bring comfort and supplies to those who may need it the most during the holiday season. Join us in making a positive impact on the community and our soldiers still serving overseas. This event will be a day of boxing all the donations provided from the Club and community.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Lion Madonna Leeper Madonna Leeper has been leading our club's commitment to saving lives through the Red Cross Blood Drive for years. Plan to join us at Saint Anne's Church on December 14th. Your participation can be a literal lifeline for someone in need.

Wreaths Across America: Lion Ann Jordan-Talley Ann Jordan-Talley continues her yearly dedication to spreading the message that we will not forget one soldier with Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 16th at Union Cemetery. Join us in honoring and remembering our veterans with the simple gesture of a wreath.

Reverse Advent Boxes: Lion Wendy Snyder Wendy Snyder brings a unique touch to our holiday giving with Reverse Advent Boxes that will go to the Delta Christian Food Pantry on December 18th. With over 165 boxes being filled this year, we are helping our community thrive during the holiday season.

See's Candy Fundraiser: Lion Gail Pinnell Satisfy your sweet tooth while supporting our club's See's Candy fundraiser that directly supports our High School Scholarship that we provide yearly.

Student Speakers Contest: Lion Frances Shipilov Fostering the leaders of tomorrow, Frances Shipilov is guiding our Student Speakers Contest again this coming year. This program empowers students to express their thoughts on important topics, promoting communication and leadership skills.

As we commemorate another year of making a positive impact, we invite all Lions to join us in these upcoming activities. Together, let's continue to create a brighter, more connected, and compassionate community for all. Cheers to a year of giving, and to many more to come!

Elizabeth Clarke, President

ZONE 1 Report for Lionizer: Lions Clubs in Zone 1: Antioch, Antioch RT, Ambrose Pittsburg, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron Delta, Delta Cub Club, Discovery Bay.

Zone 1 is alive and well. We have just finished our Zone 1 Project, "Sock It To Me" with a projection of 500 pairs of new socks. The Zone clubs have collected over 800 pairs of socks. Zone 1 Lions Clubs are amazing. We are going to distribute them equally between Delta Christian Community Food Pantry and Rivertown Veterans Thrift and Pantry. The socks will be distributed to the homeless and less fortunate within the areas of Byron, Bethel Island, Knightsen and Antioch/Pittsburg. Way to go Lions!!!

Our Lions Clubs have been very busy the last few months. We have had many successful events, fundraisers and meetings. Many of the clubs have collaborated with other zone clubs by way of cooking and serving food, serving the bar, set up and take down and financial aid.

These are just a few of their activities:

Antioch Lions Club When the opportunity arises, they have been manning the Beer Booth at the Antioch Fairgrounds. They have sponsored 50 pairs of glasses for children with Walmart and they donated \$200 to the Soroptimist Intl of Antioch to assist the motorcycle show.

Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club They set up and cooked, served and cleaned up for the Discovery Bay Big Cat Poker Run 2023 and cooked and served Breakfast Lunch and Dinner at the Standown for 3 days. They have cooked for the Monster Ball and held the Octoberfest fundraiser at LCVI. They are huge supporters of LCVI. Continues to support other clubs in their fundraisers and chef duties.

Ambrose Pittsburg Lions Club In the process making meals for "Love a Child". They are planning a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in February 2024 with the help of Bill Ridle as "pancake chef"!

Bethel Island Lions Club Had a Western Dance fundraiser earlier this year and continues with its meetings. They have been involved with the town of Bethel Island to set up the Christmas tree lightening and a toy drive for Christmas gifts for kids. Where there is a need, there is a Lion!

Brentwood Lions Club Organizes a weekly food distribution for Hijas del Campo (food to the farm workers) and monthly food distribution for a local Women's shelter. Also, organized a matching grant for a refrigerator for Hijas del Campo with financial help from Byron Delta Lions and Discovery Bay Lions. They helped set up the cooking area and serve at the DBLC Big Cat Fundraiser. They held an awesome Peace Poster Contest with entries from 4 middle schools in their area. Several times a year they host an eyeglass sorting at DeLuna's Ranch. ...and much more

Byron Delta Lions Club Had a very successful "Fall Into Fashion" Fundraiser. They held their Annual Baby Shower for newborn clothing to be distributed at the Martinez County Hospital. Just completed their annual Food Drive with over 2,600 lbs of canned goods to be distributed to the Delta Food Pantry. Is finishing up on the Reverse Advent Food Box Drive that gives boxes of holiday food to the Delta Food Pantry. They are holding their Christmas Toy Drive for the Brentwood Community Chest and of course, their ongoing Eyescreening at the area elementary schools and Red Cross Blood Drives. They screen over 5,000 students a year. They in conjunction with DAR and VFW they have collected and will be laying over 700 wreaths at Union and other Cemeteries for the fallen. ...and much more.

Delta Lions Club They are in the process of collecting plastic to acquire a bench. They collected and distributed "Coats for Kids" sold glow in the dark bracelets at Discovery Bay "Summer Jam".

Discovery Bay Lions Club Had the fundraising event of the year. The next Poker Run is scheduled for August 1st thru 3rd. The three-day "Big Cat Poker Run. With their proceeds they donated \$25,000 to LCVI. Their Spring and Summer Jam, free to the public, was well received by local residents. They also showcased the local puppies with the "free to the public" Paws on Parade". DBLC has been very generous in donating to, and supporting other Lion club's events. ...and much more.

Our membership is growing! We have gained 12 new members in Zone 1 and plans for more.

I have had the privilege of attending most of the Zone 1 Club meetings. It is such a pleasure to see our Lion communities working together and supporting each other. I also enjoyed meeting the Lions that make it happen.

Blessings for the Holidays and till next time,
in Lionism,

Kathy Doty, District 4C3 Zone 1 Chair



"SOCK IT TO ME"

DISTRICT 4C3 ZONE 1 PROJECT

ZONE CHAIR: KATHY DOTY 925-980-6696

To be distributed to Delta Christian
Community Food Pantry and Ri-
vertown Veterans Thrift and Pantry.

**ZONE 1 COLLECTED OVER 800 PAIRS OF SOCKS.
THANK YOU ZONE 1 LIONS CLUBS**

TOGETHER WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

**ANTIOCH, ANTIOCH RIVERTOWN, BETHEL ISLAND, BRENTWOOD,
BYRON DELTA LIONS, DELTA CLUB CLUB, DISCOVERY BAY**

Zone 2 - Manju Potuhera

Ambrose-Pittsburg, Martinez, Martinez Lady Lions, WC Diablo Valley, Pleasant Hill, Concord, NorCal Helping Hands

Walnut Creek Diablo Valley Lions Club



Michelle, Sue and Carl had a great time volunteering and joining in on the fun at the Oktoberfest fundraiser for Antioch Rivertown Lions Club. We worked the table together and Sue served the delicious food for dinner too.

Darlene gave us some fun aprons to wear to get us in the spirit of the event.

Below, the card angels Michelle and Sue work together to create cards and write uplifting words in cards every month for every one of the main holidays. Sometimes just a thinking of

you card October and November and December cards. Michelle's friend Trusha also makes cards she is our newest Cad Angel.



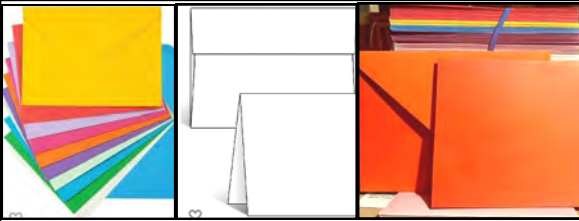
Above is our glasses aborting and repacking session. We met at Lion Jacks house had a nice breakfast and right to work. We completed 11 boxes and were able to condense them onto 6 boxes. 2,700 glasses done. Michelle, Dave and his Wife Dianne, Jack and his Wife Luisa, Sue and Care, associate members Bill and Darlene, and myself were there.



The Card Angels meet about 4 or 5 times a year to share their card design and have great and funny conversations.

We do potluck style meal, share stories, laugh a lot!! We talk about upcoming events and ways to help others. The Diablo Valley Lions Clubs helps by buying the supplies needed for the card making. Sue and Michelle participate by Michelle creating the card and Sue writing an inspiring message inside. We complete 120 cards a month

Walnut Creek Diablo Valley Lions Club continued



Work from home too. Michelle cuts out the cardstock paper to fit inside the envelopes for the card angel project. Jack, his wife Luisa and Michelle cut the labels off the Zenie glasses plastic shipping protectors to recycle and help the environment and to contribute to the TREX



recycling program Antioch Rivertown Lions are collecting. PLUS, Sue and Michelle work on the fundraising committee for LCVI and come up with fun ideas to help raise more needed funds



Fundraiser for the club. Lion Paula Robinson of WCYV Lions Club was in need of centerpieces for an event. Michelle made some

fall inspired jars and received \$40 donation for the club



We pick up eye glasses from several Locations. Thank you, Walnut Creek Library, Site for sore eyes and Broadway eye works. About 120 glasses in donation and some large sized cases we can utilize for our hygiene kits were putting together later. Sue picks up from 3 locations too.



We filled a box with needed food for the Monument Crisis Center in Concore. Pam and Harry delivered the box. We even got to decorate the box, so it brings a much more personal feeling and happy holiday vibe



Our Meetings are fun and informative. We share happy stories, answer intriguing questions about ourselves. We come up with fundraising ideas, and share ideas on how to help our local communities. We enjoy having visitors from other clubs too. Vicky, Valerie and Stu shown in these pictures. We also bring items to donate to the Fisher House



Our Pasta Feed is Next project making 100 cases of necessities for the un housed
January 13th
Flyer on page# 35



Peace Poster winner from our Club

Martinez Lady Lions Club In September, the Martinez Lady Lions came back from our summer break with our annual Welcome Back BBQ at the Martinez Yacht Club and inducted two new members. In October, we launched our Holiday See's Candy Yum Raising event that closes out at the end of November. We inducted another new member in November and are excited about a new service project. Members will be volunteering at a local elementary school at a Literary Station in two class rooms (first and second graders) and will work one-on one with the students to help build reading fluency.



Now that many members have been trained and certified on the spot camera, we will be scheduling vision screenings. We are also working on a grant to purchase our own spot camera.



At our Christmas luncheon in December, we will be donating to our Christmas Charities—this year it will be the Martinez Sea Scouts and Christmas for Everyone.

Enjoy the Holidays and stay healthy.



Submitted by Barbara Chambers

Martinez Lions Club

Last year, the Martinez Lions Club Bocce team won its division and was bumped up to a higher level. We dreaded this and thought we would get slaughtered this season. We actually had a fun season and even made it to the playoffs in October—maybe adding PDG Duke to our team as a first time player this year was our lucky charm!! Remember, Martinez Bocce Federation is the largest in the United States with over 2,400 players.

Members of our club collected and donated glasses to the LIS warehouse, as well as participated in a Zenni glass sorting event. We also helped with a couple of LCVI client excursions. We attended the Monster Ball at LCVI. We had a great time attending and volunteering at the USA/ Canada Forum in Reno. Our club participated in the Martinez Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year selection process and will make a presentation at the recognition dinner at a later date. We had the opportunity to volunteer at the Stand Down on the Delta—one of our members, Tom Viglienzone, even competed in the shoe shine competition representing the Coast Guard.

In November, we hosted the Annual Lions Club—Alhambra High Varsity football lunch—so proud of our team who made it to the first round of post season play. We have made donations to Wreaths Across America and plan to attend a least one of the events.



We are making our plans for our annual Crab Feed for early 2024.

The members of the Martinez Lions Club wish you all Happy Holidays.

Submitted by
Barb Chambers

NorCal Helping Hands Lions Club

Service Project "Vision" On October 7th:

Byron Delta Lions and NorCal Helping Hands-

We hosted an exceptional vision screening event at Sierra College Sacramento. where we did free Vision Screening for 75 students. Many of them are from various countries. Immigration - impacted students. They were truly moved by the Lions Club's dedication and service. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Lion Stephan Siyambalapitiya and Lion Sahib along with the Student engagement Center and



the undocumented Center staffs for their outstanding efforts in organizing this successful event.

Let's not forget to acknowledge the remarkable service provided by the two Lions ladies "PDG Linda L. Barbara and Zone Chair Lion Kathy Sylvester Doty " from the Byron Delta Lions Club who worked their magic at this event.

Hats off to the Lions!

Fundraising Event on November 4th: NorCal Helping Hands Lions Club organized Zumba and Bollywood Fitness at "Zumbalicious" fundraiser for Lions Club International Disaster relief. We had an amazing experience with the instructor We had an amazing experience with the instructor Kathryn Durham-Hammer and founder of Wildkatfitness. We express our gratitude for her excellent contributions.

Submitted by, Manju Potuhera



Ambrose Pittsburg Lions Club

continues to meet regularly. Last month we had a visit from our zone chair, Kathy Doty, during which she recognized our club's age and explained the zone project, socks, which we contributed to.

Recently we celebrated District Governor Manil's visit. Manil discussed the various issues facing Lions today and told us about IP Patti Hill's vision of project 1.5.

We are planning a meal for a local shelter and are planning for a pancake breakfast in February. Ww are also participating in the holiday meal delivery at LCVI.

Submitted by Duke Durham

Dawn Breakers Lions Club

District Governor, Lion Manil Shrestha addressed our club in person on Oct. 5th. He thanked our club on our flexibility to have hybrid meetings and thanked us for our support as Lions. He also thanked Lion Ed Stoermer for his service and legacy as a Charter member and commitment to Lionism. In his message he mentioned that District 4C-3 has 956 members, down 45 members from the previous year. His theme this year as governor is "Collaborative Leadership." He elaborated that Dawn Breakers be not limited in the local community, but partner and collaborate with other Lions Clubs to have more volunteers to serve.



Serving pancake breakfast at the Antique Fair at Niles



Lions Mollyann and Ed with Mary Ann Stoermer re-packed Zenni discarded glasses



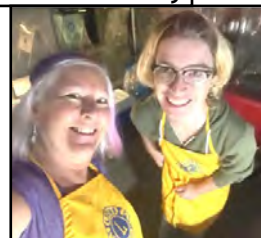
Lions Mike and John join Lion Ed and Mary Ann sorted through various frames, sizes, colors, and designs.



Eddie Sherman volunteered alongside Lions Stephen and Bob. The efforts from all the participants filled six apple boxes to be brought to the Vallejo warehouse.



Lions Tony, Jonathan, and Rudy



Event Chairmen Lion Ken | Lion Mollyanne & son Eddie



Submitted by Lionizer Editor Michelle Strong
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Zone 3 - Nikhil Damle

Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Amador Valley, Dawn Breakers

Pleasanton Lions Club September 26th Bingo Night at Vic's All Star Kitchen -Fundraiser
 Bingo, Taco's, beer & wine. Money raised to support PLC Admin fund.



OCTOBER: Set to Thrive- Donation of \$1000 to support their cause. Warm Coat Drive-

NOVEMBER: Livermore Lions Holiday Boutique- PLC Lions Steve & Pam Grimes supported by participating as vendors to sell our chainsaw carved art & crafts.

November 5th Veterans Parade in Pleasanton, PLC participates in the parade.

Tri Valley Haven Holiday Food drive

DECEMBER: Annual Toys for Tots Drive

December 2nd Hometown Holiday Parade, Downtown Pleasanton Main Street

December 10th Wreaths Across Pleasanton, 9am-12pm Wreath making Location TBD

Wreaths to be placed on Veterans headstones in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery.

Wreath placement & ceremony date and time TBD



They also inducted TWO new members to their club, They were honored by being inducted by our very own Lions District Governor Manil

Paint and sip Night



Submitted by Pam Grimes

Amador Valley Lions Club Lions MD4 district Canned Food Drive - club collected many non-perishable food items to support MD4 district goal to supply food to people in need.

Fundraiser "Cash for Thanksgiving" AVLC netted \$1,080 in donations; funds will be distributed to deserving charities early next year.

A donation of \$100 was given to the "Lions Rose Bowl Parade Float".

Donations of \$1,000 each to Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Food Pantry were approved by the club.

Dozens of eye glasses and eye glass cases were donated to Lions for the Vision Impaired.

Guest speakers:

Laurel Ben, Marriage & Family Therapist, MA / LMFT addressed the effects of the pandemic and Social Media on our youth and families and answered questions from the group.

Norene Mirande "Lions for Canine Companions for Independence". Norene shared with us the history and mission of the organization including that Charles Shultz the creator of the cartoon "Peanuts" donated 10 acres of land in Santa Rosa to enable the project to thrive.

Upcoming events:

Bus Trip to visit the Charles Schulz Museum and "Lions for Canine Companions for Independence" leaving from the Pleasanton Senior Center on February 21, 2024 @ 09:00, cost will be \$110 for members, \$115 for non-members and includes lunch. If interested to book this trip, please sign up at the Travel Desk at the Pleasanton Senior Center, or mail your check to: VIP Travel - Pleasanton Senior Center, Attn: Ian 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

AVLC annual Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 12/5 at Terra Mia Italian Restaurant in Livermore, starting @ 18:00 starting with a no-host bar. Event will include a 4 course dinner and a bottle of either red or white wine per couple. There will be the fun Heads / Tails Game, Basket Raffle and Door Prizes. We are requesting a \$75 donation per person for Lions members and their guests. We encourage all members to bring new and unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program, jars of peanut butter and/or bags of non-perishable canned goods for the Tri-Valley Food Pantry. If interested in attending this fun event contact Buzz Valente @ buzlinval@comcast.net phone 925-784-0520.

Sharks Hockey game, AVLC will be securing tickets for Saturday night 1/20/24 for the "Summer in January" Hawaiian shirt give-a-way night - There is a limit of 20 tickets available for this fun event so if you're interested please let Buzz know @ buzlinval@comcast.net phone 925-784-0520.

AVLC members will complete holiday cards to be mailed to the VA Hospital in Palo Alto for distribution through the volunteer desk at the hospital.

Submitted by, Mike King

Zone 4 - Annie Chau

Oakland Chinatown, Alameda Breakfast, Moraga, WC Rossmoor, WC Ygnacio Valley

Walnut Creek Rossmoor Lions Club The Club has been and is actively involved in doing good for our community.

Our events have ranged from an Antiques Appraisal involving a local real estate company and Bonham's Auctions to a Food Bank donation drive.



Eyeglasses sorting volunteers

We also sponsored an Eyeglass Unwrapping Event which helped unwrap over 7,500 eyeglasses. These glasses will eventually be sent to Lions Club clinics in the U.S., Mexico, Central America, Asia and Africa. We also collect bread tags which are sent to Danielle Cares for Chairs which is an organization which converts the tags through recycling to get funds to purchase wheelchairs. Our club was also able to provide referral assistance to some Afghan refugee doctors in need of new prescriptions.

Our Capital Campaign for the current year of 2023-2024 is focusing on children's issues, such as :



Freda, Linda, Patty and Florence

pediatric cancer, vision, hearing, diabetes and humanitarian aid. We have targeted recipients which will benefit from our donations and so far have collected \$13,205.

The Rossmoor Lions club is here to make a difference !

Submitted by, Kitty Jacobs



Food Drive

Moraga Lions Club This fall has been a whirlwind of activity for our Moraga Lions Club!

We launched September with a bang at the annual Moraga Pear Festival on September 30th. Collaborating with the local Kiwanis club, we dished up delectable food and delightful pear mimosas while manning a bar stocked with quality beers and wines. It was a fantastic success thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members and friends.

From October 6th to 8th, we took charge during Community Service Weekend in Moraga. Leading various projects, we witnessed the town come together with over 300 volunteers. Kids and families painted heartwarming messages on flower pots and stones destined for local senior centers. Additionally, we spearheaded a food drive, coordinated a blood drive, and organized an eyeglass sorting project - a truly fulfilling weekend of service.

The subsequent weekend saw our club rallying behind a noble cause. At the local firehouse event supporting burn victims, we provided and served a scrumptious pancake breakfast. Several Lions and enthusiastic Leos pitched in to prep, serve, and tidy up, welcoming numerous families who joined us for a delightful morning.

November kicked off with a heartfelt gesture as we donated and prepared a dinner for Winter Nights, a program supporting unhoused families. Our Lions went the extra mile, taking exams to obtain food certification cards, ensuring they could serve these families. The evening brought everyone together over a delicious spaghetti dinner, fostering warmth and camaraderie.

During our bi-monthly meeting on November 7th, we had the honor of hosting District Governor Manil Babu Shrestha and a cabinet member as our guests. Their presence marked a special occasion as we inaugurated the new Leo Club president, Bella Stratford, and Kathy Grannan, one of our newest members. Sharing our recent endeavors and future plans with the District Governor was truly inspiring.

As we head into the festive winter season, our excitement continues to grow. We will host our annual Holiday Party on December 12th as we celebrate another incredible year with our cherished friends and families.

Save the date for our highly anticipated and perennially successful crab feed on January 20th.

Submitted by, Karla I. Juarez
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Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley Lions Club Creating gift bag goodies for the USA/Canada lions forum. 2 blocks of wood, with a run tag with instructions of how to run around the block to get your exercise.



Our Lions have been busy with supporting our community and Lions Projects.

We participated in the Peace Poster Contest with two local schools and we are preparing for the Student Speakers Contest.

Club members have been attending Lions Foundation and community meetings including Lions Eye Foundation, Lions in Sight, LVRN, Lions Center for the Visually Impaired and Scouting.

The club has donated snacks and paper goods to the Fisher House, Travis Air Force Base. We continue to collect eyeglasses and work at the Lions in Sight warehouse. As part of the Environmental Project of LCI President Patti Hill, we are collecting plastic for a bench to be placed in Reno. This was a project for all attendees at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

As our community project for the holiday season, club members are making monetary donations to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

Bake Someone Happy IV is kicking off on 1 December. Club members will bake their specialties or you can order your favorite item. The raffle drawing will be done in February and delivery will be made in time for Valentine's Day. However, if you would like a dessert for December or any other special occasion, please contact one of our members

Submitted by Linda Griffin



Zone 5 - Hema Paneru

Berkeley Host, Berkeley Annapurna, Berkeley Laligurans, Berkeley Makalu, Albany, Richmond-Pinole, Rodeo, Crockett, El Cerrito

Albany Lions Club Where overabundance meets good nutrition: Albany Lions and Leos introduce "Backyard Harvesters" a project made possible thanks the generosity of a "Hunger Grant" from the California Lions Foundation.

Lions across the globe are known for recognizing and meeting the needs of their local communities. When Lions International identified that hunger is a growing concern with 1 in 4 families struggling with food disparity, the "Hunger Grant" was innovated to encourage local clubs to address this concern and find a way to promote awareness of this issue while aiding in the fight against hunger. The Albany Lions club accepted this challenge and became the recipients of the "Hunger Grant".

The Albany Lions and Leos piloted a new program called "Backyard Harvesters", where they take the abundance of backyard crops and connect food to local families, churches and food pantries in need of supplemental nutrition. There is an abundance of food waste due to unmaintained backyard fruit trees and crops which need harvesting. With food too essential to throw away or let it just fall to the ground, left to rot; we step in to lend a hand while promoting the spirit of service which Lionism is famous. Just a few of the people we have helped this past harvest season have been a mom busy with small children, a woman with an injured back, a mother in the hospital, and another older man who told our Leos that they did such a great job in one hour which would have taken him all afternoon to do. One gentleman was so impressed with our help at his harvest that he said, "Backyard Harvesters" is a win for everyone; I received the right amount of fruit, your team got to take some home, and there is plenty left to donate to the local food bank. Thank you, Lions Club!"

If you would like to have this program initiated in your club, feel free to reach out to us for support. May the next harvest season be ever more abundant and Lions and Leos be there together as willing harvest workers.

They won the "giving award" from Lions International for the amount of \$250.00.



Albany Lions Club continued Lions Valerie and Stu deliver glasses to Avenal State Prison and pick-up glasses from as far away as Bakersfield. Eyeglasses collection boxes are often overflowing. Lions Richard Stellina and Kevin Pope send them to the Lions in Sight Warehouse for processing. Lion Valerie Griffin and husband Stewart continue distributing and picking up eyeglasses from Southern California



Lions Clifford and Vickie Redstone attended the training for the retina camera project at LCVI.

They received the Bench we earned collecting plastic.

Lion Dori Osborn brought to the attention of the Albany Chamber of Commerce the great achievements and successes of Albany Lions Student Speaker Winner Sofia Andrusova, Sofia was awarded the "Youth of the Year Award", and 1,000 check for her education



The Card Angles have been hard at work producing Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and holiday cards for the veterans and staff at the Hospital in Martinez.

Saturday 11/11 honored our Veterans by placing flags at their grave sites at Sunset

View Cemetery on Veterans' Day. Rising early to say a posthumous "Thank You for your service" were Albany Lions President Kevin Pope, Pam Moreno, Valerie Griffin, Gary Cook, Dori Osborn and Albany Lions supporter Olivia Liou.



Solano stroll the lions passed out goodies to the kids, greeted & cheered in the strollers



Attending the Crockett BBQ Kevin, Ken, Janet, Betty, Vickie and Cliff, Valerie and Stu



Club members not only attended the Oktoberfest fundraiser of the Antioch River town Lions Club but they put in their time to volunteer as well. The V-Twins, Cliff, Ken, Bob and Kevin were there

ALBANY HARVESTERS' PROJECT



With a grant from California Lions the club harvested apples as a fundraiser



Solano stroll information booth had pamphlets and giveaways, posters and flyers, giving the booth a spectacular look.

This page of Albany Articles Submitted by Michelle Strong

Albany Lions Club

CRAB FEED January 19, 2024 Flyer on page # 32

Crockett Lions Club meet every Wednesday morning at Boy Scout Hall starting at 8 AM and we have a regular attendance of 25- 35 members & guests. We have much to share but this report want to talk about one of our Signature Projects - The Travis AFB Fisher House. 1st VP Dayton Smith's is the project share, ably assisted by Lions Joe Costa and John Cameron and a host of others! The 1st Wednesday of the month we load Dayton's pickup with needed items for the Fisher House - together with cash contributions from club members. It is estimated Dayton and delivers \$1000+ each delivery Here a partial delivery with Lions John & Toni . . . The Travis AFB Commander & Fisher House recognized us!



On October 25th we had our first ever eye-glass sorting project. Lion Stu brought 20 boxes,

each filled with 500 plastic wrapped Zenni customer-returned eyeglasses. We separated into groups, cut off the plastic packaging, and restacked the glasses in boxes for Stu & Valerie to take to Avenel State Prison, where certified inmates clean, size and repackage the glasses for Stu to return them to Lions in Sight for them to distribute as they go on their vision mission trips - what a project! And that's not the end of it as Stu & Valerie travel for days and thousands of miles picking up used glasses for sorting- pulling loaded trailer with their faithful companion Daisy Mae right at their side . . .



At another meeting we had our newest member, Lion Maureen Wright shared

her life story and filled us in on "The Respite Inn at Concord, where she serves as the Executive Director - a unique facility that provides "out-of-home respite and emergency services to adults with developmental disabilities, supporting families by giving them periodic breaks from care-taking

September 17th was our Crockett Lions Annual Town BBQ and Treasurer Danny Rinaldi reported: \$3,391.00 149 tickets paid including 33 walk-ins (120+ meals served) \$945.00 Raffle sales, \$ 264.00 Bar sales, \$4,600.00 net revenue, \$1,000.00 CCF grant \$5,600.00 Total Revenue

Our September 27th meeting's program was MD19 (Washington/British Columbia) Past Council Chain, Lion Al Hedstrom who has a lot to share as he:

1. Served 23 years in the US Navy as Chief Legalman - chief petty officer
2. Is a technology instructor at South Puget Sound Community College
3. Works as the bailiff for the Kitsap County Superior Court
4. Has held most every office with the Silverdale Sunrise Lions Club
5. Was District Governor for District 19-N
6. Was the Council Chair for Lions Multiple District 19
7. Is a New Club Consultant for LCI
8. Is a District Governor Elect School Group Leader

October 3rd our program was Maria Artle sharing stories of her work rescuing dogs, cats, & other critters - check out: <https://www.martinaanimalrescue.org/who-we-are>

You will also find her at: <https://www.adoptapet.com/shelter/119846-martina-animal-rescue-benicia-california>. And, there is a wonderful article about her in The Times-Herald at: <https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2015/05/21/two-animal-lovers-create-local-rescue-organization/>

October 10th Region Chair Valerie introduced Jillian "Jilly" De La Torre (of the tower) a former Albany HS Leo and daughter of Lion Roland De La Torre! who told us all about the October 28th the 37th Annual Greater Richmond Inter-faith "Harmony Walk"

At our October 17th meeting we learned among other things:

1. Following his rehab . . .Lion Stu can drive !!!
2. Now out of the hospital, Lion Mary Desmond can walk !!!
3. The Crockett Lions will be 95 years-old as of October 20, 2023 !!!



They're collecting pounds of plastic on their way to 500 to get that Trex* bench for the Crockett Dog Park - at this rate we'll have the bench before the dog park gets built!

Things are coming right along out at the new Dog Park Crockett is busy building a new dog park all the interworking's are happening



Good things happen when there's a Crockett Lion in the room. Thoughts turn into action. Ideas are elevated. And the potential of others is reached. Because we aren't just dreamers. We're doers. And when you UNLEASH a Crockett Lion, good things happen.

Submitted by, Lion Secretary Denny

Oakland Chinatown Lions Club The club members continue to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids. Recently a couple of club members joined with other District Clubs to learn how to use the Retinopathy Screening camera. They have members who are from the Oakland Chinatown Improvement Council, gearing towards improving the community in Oakland Chinatown. The club members have been a part of the safety patrol organized by Taishan Association. The club members walk with Oakland Police officers on the first Tuesday of every month. Their club members include PDG Don Kaing, District 4C3 zone chair Annie Chau. The club supports Lincoln Elementary School, Asian Health Services, and United Nations Flag Raising Ceremony. There are members involve in the student speakers contest at the California Crosspoint Academy in Hayward. The club recently donated \$1000 for the Holiday Toy drive. Some members also brought extra toys for the holiday toy collection at Lincoln Elementary. The club holds an installation dinner Gala and a fundraising Gala each year to raise funds for the charity work in the community. The club members are active throughout the district attending and supporting other club events, attending LCVI Board meetings and fundraisers. *Submitted by Annie Chau*

Richmond-Pinole Lions Club have been busy on several service projects. Lions Laurelle Martin, Pam Patzlaff, and Audrey Nieman have made cards for the Veterans and Nurses as part of the Card Angels group. We made cards for Fall, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving and met with the Card Angels for a work party/lunch in October. We donated copy paper and school supplies to Stewart School in Pinole and are working with the Pinole Garden Club to create a centerpiece fountain or birdbath for the garden at the school. Lions Carolyn Ponce and Audrey Nieman helped decorate the Monster Ball at Lions Center for the Visually impaired. Lion Carolyn donated her hand-crafted fused glass jewelry for the craft sale at the event and Lion Audrey donated her Halloween painting and crafted Halloween cookies and pumpkin bread. Lions Audrey and Pam attended the Monster Ball. Lion Laurelle participated in Pinole's Dumpster Day and Coastal Clean-up Day and has served on the Pinole Youth Commission and Community Service Commission. She is also on the Pinole Senior Center Board. Lion Judy Mulliner puts in service hours every week in the Senior Center kitchen preparing low-cost meals for members and the home bound. Lion John Pinckney headed up the Peace Poster Contest at St. John's School in El Cerrito and Associate member Lion Mary Desmond took charge of the Peace Poster contest at St. Joseph school in Pinole. Richmond-Pinole Lions turned in during November **338** pairs of used eyeglasses and one hearing aid. We have collection boxes at Pinole Senior Center, Richmond Kaiser Hospital Optical Center, and at St. Callistus St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. In December, Lions Laurelle, Judy, and Audrey will bake decorated cookies for the Holiday Food Delivery for LCVI clients on December 8th. We are getting ready for the Student Speaker contest with our contacts at Pinole Valley High and advertising our high school scholarship to students at the area high schools. Ongoing activities, Lion Audrey works with the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St Callistus Church every Monday and Thursday giving out food to those in need; we also collect used glasses there. Lion John teaches Bible Study every Sunday at his church where he is a deacon. Lion Laurelle works in her church library every week helping members find books, checking in books, and shelving returned books. We will have a food and toy drive in conjunction with our club Holiday Party on December 15th. *Submitted by Audrey Nieman*

El Cerrito Lions Club They continue to collect eyeglasses, hearing aides and cell phones for the LIS Eyeglass Warehouse. The club recently hosted the Annual Veteran's Day Flag placing on Veterans gravesites at Sunset Cemetery in El Cerrito. They provided flags for, served coffee and donuts to volunteers. They had a large turnout 4C3 Lions, Cub and Boy Scouts, and local dignitaries.

Rodeo Lions Club They continue to collect eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones for LIS Eyeglass warehouse. The club members have a collection bin for Nextrex plastic collection at Rodeo Hardware. They continue to collect plastics for any club Nextrex project. The club fundraises by selling chocolates. Rodeo Lions support and donate to Lions events

Zone 6 - Vijay Chaudary

Fremont Sagarmatha, Union City, Hayward Silicon, Alameda Yeti, Oakland Feed the Need and East Bay Mugunghwa Centennial

Union City Lions Club The year thus far has been busy and rewarding for the members of the Union City Lions Club. This year marks the 60th Anniversary for the club and was celebrated at the August 10th meeting in conjunction with the installation of the new Board members. Union City Mayor Carol Dutra Vernaci, a 20+ year Lion, presided over the induction of the new Board.

In July the Union City Lions, once again, sold fireworks to fund the various activities planned for the upcoming year, and had a very good year in acquiring funds for the year.

On August 1st, the club participated in the Union City Police Departments "National Night Out" by not only being one of the major sponsors for the event, but also hosted a booth highlighting Lionism and soliciting new members from the community.

Also, in August the Club was a sponsor, and booth attendee, for the City of Union City Sister City celebration highlighting the various Sister Cities twined with Union City throughout the world.

In October the club sponsored and participated in the New Haven Schools Foundation "Mutt Strutt" raising funds for the foundations various initiatives, including four \$1,000 scholarships, sponsored by the Union City Lions, and given to graduating seniors from the local high school(s). Also, in October the club had a visit from the District Governor who inducted one of the two new members into the club that occurred in that month.

Lions members, throughout the year, continued to assist in the local "Fellowship Dinners" held at a local Catholic Church every Friday night targeting food insufficient individuals and families. In that same vein, as in past years, on November 20th the club purchased, prepared food boxes and distributed Thanksgiving Turkey dinners, in collaboration with "Centro De Servicios" for 150 food insufficient families. The club will also replicate the Turkey dinner giveaways for the same number of families for the Christmas Holiday on December 18th.

Upcoming events for the new year for the club include the renewal of the Crab Feed to be held on February 24, 2024 and the Restaurant Stroll on May 16, 2024.

From the Union City Lions to all 4C3 Clubs and Lions throughout the world, stay safe and healthy and HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!!!

**Hands that wipe tears
Are better than
Hands that clap for success**

What Michelle Lionizer Editor
heard at district cabinet meeting

**Doubt kills more dreams
than any failure ever will**

What Michelle Lionizer Editor
heard at district cabinet meeting

Hayward Silicon Lions Club Impactful Charity Mission to India: The Lions Club recently embarked on a two-week charity mission to India, where they accomplished numerous charitable events that made a significant difference in the lives of people in need. Let's take a closer look at the highlights of this impactful mission.

Supporting the Blind School of Pothanicad, Kerala

One of the inspiring projects undertaken by the Lions Club during their mission in India was their visit to the 'Blind School of Pothanicad, Kerala'. The club team sponsored 20 blind ladies at the school, providing them with the necessary support to learn skills for earning a living. By sponsoring these courageous women, the Lions Club is making a profound impact on their lives.

The sponsorship not only offers these individuals opportunities for self-sufficiency but also enables them to lead fulfilling lives filled with success and happiness. It is heartwarming to witness how the Lions Club is empowering these blind ladies to overcome their challenges and actively contribute to society.

Making a Difference in the Lives of Children with Cancer

Another noteworthy initiative undertaken by the Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley during their mission trip to India was their dedication to making a difference in the lives of children fighting cancer. Collaborating with Lions District 318D, SOLACE, and AROH, the Lions Club has been able to have a significant impact on the lives of 50 young warriors battling this challenging illness.

Through collective efforts and resources, these young warriors have been empowered with hope and strength to fight against cancer. The Lions Club's dedication to supporting these children and providing them with necessary resources showcases their commitment to improving the lives of those in need.

Supporting the LILLY Lions Special Children's School in Chengannur, Kerala

An important focus of the charity mission in India for the Lions Club was supporting the LILLY Lions Special Children's School in Chengannur, Kerala. The club team was warmly received by the special kids band, and they had the opportunity to meet with the entire student body, teachers, and officers of the school.

As an active participant in this project, the Lions Club is sponsoring the construction cost of four classrooms in the new three-story building currently under construction. This support will enable the school to accommodate over 300 special children immediately upon the completion of the building by March 2024. The commitment of Silicon Valley Indian Lions Foundation President, Khush Bodhan, and PDG James Varghese as trustee board members of the school further highlights the Lions Club's dedication to this cause.

Leading the Way in Charity Efforts

The Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley has always been at the forefront of charitable endeavors, not only within their district but also throughout California. Through their mission trip to India, they have once again demonstrated their commitment to serving communities and making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

By sponsoring blind individuals, supporting children with cancer, and contributing to the construction of the LILLY Lions Special Children's School, the Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley has exemplified the true spirit of charity and compassion. Their efforts in India serve as an inspiration to us all and remind us of the importance of giving back to the community.

In conclusion, the Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley's charity mission to India was marked by numerous impactful events that brought positive change to the lives of those in need. Their commitment to supporting the blind, empowering children with cancer, and aiding special children's education showcases their dedication to making a lasting difference. Their work sets an example for others to follow

and reinforces the meaningful impact that can be made through acts of kindness and selflessness.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE ESSAY

2023-2024

"DARE TO DREAM"

WINNING AUTHOR:

ISHAAN PATIL

Sponsored by the Nor Cal Helping Hands Lions Club

CONGRATULATIONS ISHAAN!

The Peace Essay is open to the visually impaired. The essay is 500 words or less to be an original essay based on the LI Peace Theme and written by the student.

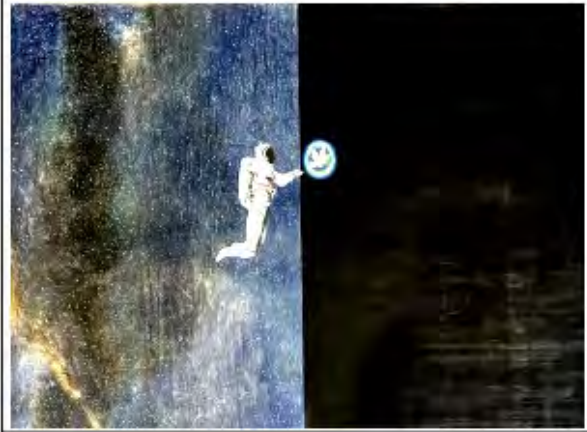
LIONS INTERNATIONAL
2023-2024

PEACE POSTER

Thank you to all the clubs that participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. We completed our District 4C3 Peace Poster Contest and have a Winner to be sent to the MD4 Contest.

DISTRICT 4 C3 PEACE POSTER PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL DISTRICT CLUBS	39
CLUBS PARTICIPATE	12
STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN DIST.	289 (approx.)
POSTERS SUBMITTED FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST	19
DISTRICT WINNER	1 ZOE LIN, ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL, BTWD SPONSORING LIONS CLUB, BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB



"DARE TO DREAM" STUDENT'S QUOTE ABOUT PEACE: "THE MULTIVERSE IS REAL! I AM SENDING A DOVE TO FIND OTHER SELVES IN THE UNKNOWN WORLD. WHEREVER THEY ARE, PEACE IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION."

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me
 Let there be peace on earth
 The peace that was meant to be

Let peace begin with me
 Let this be the moment now
 With every step I take
 Let this be my solemn vow

With God as our father
 Brothers all are we
 Let me walk with my brother
 In perfect harmony

To take each moment
 And live each moment
 In peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me



ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CLUBS ZONES AND DISTRICT

**SAVE
THE DATES!**



**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**BRING A
FRIEND!**



Pasta feed fundraiser



PLEASE JOIN THE
DIABLO VALLEY
LIONS CLUB



5pm to 7:30 pm

JANUARY 13TH

\$25.00 Per Person, (Youths) 12 and under \$10.00 Per Person

Pick up is available upon request

Location: Christ the King Church 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill

Meal includes: Pasta with beef meatballs & meat sauce with ground beef and pork
Meatless sauce also available (upon request)
Parmesan cheese, salad, rolls and butter plus dessert

★ **THERE WILL BE A DOOR PRIZE** ★

THERE WILL BE RAFFLE PRIZES TOO!!

Purchase tickets by January 10th

Checks written to "Diablo Valley Lions Club"

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Walnut Creek, CA 94597

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*We are back and at new location



FRIDAY, JAN. 19th 2024

APPETIZERS & COCKTAILS - 5:30 PM

DINNER - 6:30 PM

\$70 PER PERSON

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8 AM Saturday, January 27th thru 1 PM Monday, January 29th

Interactive and Team-Building Training!

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This 3-day Institute focuses on:

Conduct Effective Meetings, Change Management, Working in Teams,
Communication Skills, Creative Thinking, Diversity, and more...

This Institute will prepare Lions for Leadership positions at "All" levels with your club. You may be a member considering moving into a leadership role in your club or district. You could be a current club leader looking to hone or add to your skill set. All would benefit from attending and familiarizing themselves with leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to serve their clubs and community better. Participants are not only provided the necessary information but also the tools and resources needed to help your clubs thrive and succeed in today's current environment. Fostering "Team Building Skills" with your fellow Lion is also a crucial component of this Institute. In a nutshell, this Institute focuses on enhancing leadership and management skills and expanding participants' knowledge of Lions Club International.

Lodging and Meals

The fee of \$400.00 (no refunds after January 12, 2024) covers the Institute, food, and lodging from 8 AM Saturday, January 27th through 1 PM Monday, January 29th. If you plan on arriving on Friday, January 27th, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$189.00 plus fees and taxes when you check in at the hotel. A credit card will be required by "ALL" Lions at check-in. All meals during the Institute are provided at the Institute location, except breakfast, which will be at the hotel. Breakfast on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Lunch on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Beverages provided at each meal.

DAMAGE, SMOKING & CLEANING FEE

If you cause any damage to your hotel room or smoke in your hotel room, whether found during your stay or after check-out, "YOU" shall be responsible for all fees associated with repairing said damage. The hotel is a non-smoking hotel, and a fee will be incurred by "YOU" if smoking takes place in your room or in the hotel, along with any excessive cleaning needed.

Location of Institute and Lodging

The Institute will be at the Earle Baum Center, 4539 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa
Lodging will be at the Courtyard by Marriott, 175 Railroad Street, Santa Rosa

TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR THE INSTITUTE - CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

<https://californionalionsm4.ticketspice.com/2024-emerging-lions-leadership-institute-santa-rosa>

Any questions can be directed to PDG Manny Sanchez

562-708-9661 (mobile)

lionmanny@gmail.com

We Need Your Help! Collecting Used Hearing Aids



The Ear of the Lion Hearing Foundation is in need of used hearing aids. Please check with Hearing Providers, friends and family to rescue hearing aids that might be thrown away. The foundation will refurbish and provide hearing aids for the disadvantaged hearing impaired.

Please bring them to your General Meetings or give them to the Lion's in Sight Warehouse

Contact Kathy Doty for more information

925-980-6696 or earofthelion.org



PLEASE REFER CLIENTS TO THE ABOVE
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OUR MISSION

Lions have supported Canine Companions for Independence® since its founding in 1975. The Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI), a Lions foundation, was formed in 1983 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization creating awareness and providing support for Canine Companions®, a non-profit organization that provides expertly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

LPCCI is comprised of an all-volunteer Board of Directors, Area Directors and Trustees who devote their time in making Lions all over the United States aware of this magnificent program. Our support has grown with Lions Clubs from California to Maine. Currently Lions Clubs and individual Lions in 26 states support the program. Our goal is to have Lions Clubs in every state participate in this worthwhile program that provides exceptional dogs for exceptional people®.



"Hearing Dog Elroy helps when I'm driving by alerting to sirens. He even lets me know when my name is called." —Lauren, Canine Companions hearing dog recipient

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Canine Companions for Independence is a national organization that provides expertly trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities free of charge.

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Assistance dogs are expertly trained and partnered with a working professional in a health care, criminal justice or education setting.

*Assistance dogs for veterans with PTSD are provided in specific geographic regions.



YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP SUPPORT LPCCI!

Here's my contribution for:

- Club Membership
 - 0-20 members = \$125
 - 21-40 members = \$175
 - 41-60 members = \$225
 - 61-80 members = \$275
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- Life Membership = \$300
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- Abdu Award = \$100
- Distinguished Service Award = \$300
- LPCCI Fellowship = \$1,000
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I wish to become a Life Member in the
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The amount of my contribution to the Life Membership Fund, at least \$300, can be paid in full or over a three year period at \$100 per year.

My first contribution of \$_____ (at least \$100) is enclosed herewith, and I agree to make yearly contributions of at least \$100 until the full amount is paid. Plaque to be sent upon completion of payments.

Please print or type name exactly as it is to appear on award plaque and bannerplate:



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 Member Clubs make a commitment to an annual donation based on the number of Members

() 0-20 Members \$125	() 61-80 Members \$275
() 21-40 Members \$175	() 81+ Members \$325
() 41-60 Members \$225	() Other: _____

Number of Club Members: _____ District: _____ Current _____ OR New Member Club _____
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Please make your check payable to
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 send your donation and this remittance card to
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Thank you for your generosity, your donation will support more graduate teams like Josh & Maverick



HURRY TO THE MUSEUM AND REMEMBER WHY YOU LOVE PEANUTS!



**AMERICAN
STAGE TOURS**



Presents for...

*Pleasanton VIP Travel is going to the
Charles Schulz Museum & Canine Companions
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
\$110.00 per person member
\$115.00 per person non-member*

9:00 a.m. Depart Pleasanton Senior Center for Santa Rosa.

11:00 a.m. Depart for Canine Companions for Independence where dogs are trained to help the hearing impaired and physically disabled. The campus is 7 1/2 acres and there will be a guided tour of the kennels, the vet clinic and training facilities and time for shopping in the Gift Shop. **Gift shop Does not accept Cash**

12:45 p.m. Enjoy a hosted lunch at the Warm Puppy Caf , to include a choice of:

Turkey cheddar sandwich, lettuce, tomato, chipotle aioli

Caprese, tomato, fresh mozzarella, arugula, pesto aioli, balsamic reduction

Tuna Salad on ciabatta roll, tomato, lettuce

Chicken Caesar Salad (dressing on side)

*All served with Chocolate Chip Cookie & beverage of coffee, Hot Teas, Fountain Soda or Lemonade.
Please make your selection at time of sign up*

2:15 p.m. Arrive at the Charles M. Schulz Museum. You will have a guided tour of the facility that was built in honor of Charles Schulz, the cartoon artists most known for his peanut's comic strip. The museum & gallery contains displays of Charles Schultz original drawings, awards, photographs and memorabilia

4:00 p.m. Depart for the return trip home.

5:30 p.m. Approximate arrival time home.

Price includes: Tours as described above, Hosted lunch, and motorcoach transportation.

**To book this trip, please sign up at the Travel Desk.
Or mail your check to: VIP Travel - Pleasanton Senior Center**

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18 OUT OF 38 CLUBS

 **NO NEWS**
FROM THEM 

ZONE 2

Pleasant Hill Lions Club
Concord Lions Club

ZONE 3

Danville Lions Club
Dublin Lions Club
Livermore Lions Club

ZONE 4

Alameda Breakfast Lions Club

ZONE 5

Berkeley Host Lions Club
Berkeley Lallgurans Lions Club
Berkeley Makalu Lions Club
Berkeley Annapurna Lions Club

ZONE 6

East Bay Mugunghwa Centennial Lions Club
Fremont Sagarmatha Lions Club Alameda Yeti Lions Club Oakland feed the need Lions Club

Global Membership



Report by Pramod Joshi

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CARD ANGELS

We are now up to 13 Card Angels. Since December of 2019 starting with just 2 we've grown through the years. Five different Lions Clubs and 4 non Lions. We met recently in Pinole for our get together. We chat, create and help each other complete cards. Some draw, some color in and some write the words inside. We also enjoy a potluck style meal together. We have been asked to add just a few thank you cards for other staff that helps with the Veterans too. On a regular basis we have done it for the Veterans and their Nurses. There are also physical therapists, kitchen staff and housekeeping. Were up for the task. Posting these and what we

do on social media helps us too, here are some cards a friend of Michelle's created and donated to the Card Angels Project



Christmas cards are next

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