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Camarillo-Somis Lions Notes

October was really amazing. We have the hardest-working-best-organized team committed to doing the work. No complaining. Just showing up and putting in the hard work that all the other clubs wish they could do.

My kids absolutely love working the booth. We started off with a couple weeks of corn roasting. And then we moved inside at the window serving orders. I was nervous at first because there is a lot of people and the line gets busy. And these kids, they did nothing short of amaze me. William doesn't even read yet but there he was pulling tickets and sorting orders. That's your club, teaching kids how to read. I know they will make great Lions one day.

November will be a short month only one meeting. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and they are able to spend it with friends, family, and loved ones.

We are coming up on the anniversary of the passing of Mike Morgan. Just want to remind everyone he was my sponsor and such an impactful person in my life. He gave me this opportunity to join the club and it has brought me so much already. We miss you Mike.

December the fun begins. We are organizing a parade entry into the Camarillo City Christmas Parade on Saturday December 12. We have a trailer that will chauffeur club members down the parade route. The Theme is California Christmas, and that means Hawaiian Shirts and Santa Hats. We are looking for volunteers who want to ride down main street and wave. This is the biggest public event each year and our best opportunity to be seen.

Thank you for everything you do, We Serve!

Club President Dan Goldberg

PV Lions Calendar - November 2026

- Nov 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 14 2nd District Meeting -Ventura
- Nov 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 21 Farmers Market
- Nov 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec 8 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec 15 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec 19 Christmas Party - Los Posas CC
- Jan 9 Melvin Jones Luncheon = B&G Club



November 2026 Birthdays





Clarke	Sheri	11/6
Hellstrom	Richard	11/28
Jochums	Bruce	11/23

Vision Screening 2026

We wrapped up the year with over 2000 vision screenings. Medea Middle School topped it off with an all day event and 444 screenings. Six Camarillo-Somis Lions led by Lion Russ who attended all nine events did the screenings.



VISION SCREENING 2026					
#	Date	School	Lions	Screened	Total
1	10-Sep-26	Oak Park- Brookside El.	Russ, Jan, Tom	236	236
2	14-Sep-26	Oak Park-H/S	Russ, Ceeb	76	312
3	18-Sep-26	Oak Park- Red Oaks El.	Russ, Jan, Missy	271	583
4	22-Sep-26	Ocean View– Laguna Vista El.	Russ, Missy, Tom	140	723
5	24-Sep-26	Ocean View-Mar Vista El..	Russ, Missy, Jan	263	986
6	28-Sep-26	Ocean View J/H	Russ, Jan, Tom	227	1213
7	6-Oct-26	Ocean View– Tierra Vista El.	Russ, Tom, Bob	230	1443
8	20-Oct-26	Oak Park - Medea Creek M/S	Russ, Jan, Bob	444	1887
9	26-Oct-26	Oak Park - Oak Hills El.	Russ, Jan,	220	2107

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Hello Camarillo—Somis Lions Club!

We have a graduate!!! Amie will be graduating this Saturday at 10am. She has been matched with a child with autism and I will be able to get details down the road a bit. For now, we would like to know if anyone from your group will be attending the ceremony, how many seats we need to reserve and if you want to be acknowledged onstage or prefer to remain seated in the audience.

If you could kindly get back to me we would appreciate it so we can organize things on our end. If you cannot come to the ceremony you can watch it live on our Facebook page.

Thank you so much for your sponsorship of Amie and I'm sure you are as pleased with her success as Missy is!



Judy Reilly

Transforming lives through partnerships with service dogs

Puppy Raisers Needed! Text "Puppy" to 51555 to learn more!

Service Dog Amie's Graduation Speech — Lion Missy

If any of you know me I need to thank my peeps starting with…

⇒ GDA/TLC, for entrusting me with the most precious puppy on earth — and, of course, the smartest and cutest!

⇒ The Breeding and Nursery staff and volunteers, for all the time and energy you put into enriching their little minds before we get them. You gave me a puppy with potential, then I took her home and discovered just how much mischief that potential can create.

⇒ The Puppy Department, for handing me the smartest and cutest puppy ever. Oh, did I mention that already?

⇒ The Veterinary staff, for keeping Amie healthy and making sure she was ready for all the adventures ahead.

⇒ The Kennel staff, for entertaining Amie and keeping her safe when I leave town-or when I just need a break from being followed into every room of the house. You give me the rare gift of going to the bathroom alone!



⇒ The Canine Development and Area Leaders, for keeping us on the straight and narrow and helping me become a better Puppy Raiser. You patiently guided me, answered my questions and remind me "she's just being a puppy"

⇒ A special thank you to all of Amie's puppy sitters-you know who you are! Thanks for opening your homes and hearts to her. Without you she would not have had all the necessary socialization and training experiences which prepared her for her next chapter. You also gave me a chance to miss her-which is much easier than admitting I needed a break!

⇒ To the Mule Creek Trainers and incarcerated trainers, thank you for the year of training, patience and dedication you invested in Amie. Your hard work shaped her into the amazing dog she is today. She is now the perfect Service dog for Nathan and family and I know she will soon open up his world in ways we can only imagine. I can't wait to follow her new adventures in Quebec, Canada-and see whether she develops a French bark! You know I named her Amie because in French it means FRIEND.

⇒ **Last but not least, to the Camarillo-Somis Lions Club,** for your continued support to GDA, and for sponsoring several dogs over the years and for Sponsoring Amie. Your generosity helps make these life-changing partnerships possible. Thank you for believing in these dogs and the people whose lives they transform.

⇒ And of course I have to thank my husband Joe for holding down the fort while I'm off volunteering. He watches Amie, supports me, and somehow manages to get very little done around the house because he is literally watching the dog. Joe thank you for your patience and support and pretending not to notice Amie got more attention than you. I couldn't do this without you.

Thank you all for being a part of Amie's journey. It truly takes a Village to raise and train a Service dog ***Congratulations Class 441 —— Lion Missy***

Service Dog Amie's Graduation

Amie is moving to Quebec Canada after graduation to help an autistic child whose mom spent 10 days in training with Amie. Camarillo-Somis had three lions including Missy, Bruce and Greg attending the event. As Lion Missy noted in her speech Amie owes her growth to many individuals and organizations.














With Gratitude & Appreciation for your Puppy Sponsorship of

Service Dog "Amie"

(Graduated class #441)

and contributing to the overall success of our service dog program

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Camarillo–Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club

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Presented on 10/24/2025

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22 Oct.— Lion Burgers for TO Peace Officers Charity Golf

Lions Bruce, George and Ambers Light Lion Ellen teamed up with Conejo Valley Lions and cooked 120 hamburgers for the Thousand Oaks Police Charitable Foundation golf tournament at Moorpark Country Club.

Early rain made it questionable whether or not we could cook, but the clouds cleared and it turned out to be a great day and we made the golfers happy.

We look forward to helping them next year!





Camarillo-Somis Lions Meeting Speaker in October

I only took two photos at our meetings in October and both show our speakers receiving our Lions cup from Club President Dan. At top we have Camarillo Councilmember Susan Santangelo and at bottom we have Ophthalmologist Doctor Stark from the Ventura Eye Institute.





Underwood Family Farms Easter Fest - Weekend #5

All the photos below and on the following page are from Weekend #5, which turned out to be our best weekend by far. No debilitating heat, no rain and no wind made for a good weekend. We were beginning to wonder whether anyone would come but they did. We ran out of water and Bratz on Saturday and did some magic switching with buns for Bratz and tri -tip on Sunday but it all worked. We bought another 525 bottles of water for Sunday and managed to sell it out along with all our hotdogs and Bratz. It certainly made my inventory easier with all the zeros next to various items. We had some real iron men and women, some of whom spent all day, each day at the event.




















Underwood Family Farms Easter Fest - Weekend #5

Lion Bruce is our canopy master and his skills were needed to rapidly repair our condiment cover. Below you see many of the kids and family who helped.

















TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN





Man Who Just Climbed Skyscraper Kicks Himself After Seeing There Was An Elevator All Along

WORLD - Jan 25, 2026 - BabylonBee.com







I'm at that age where my back gives me a weather report every morning.





Underwood Family Farms Easter Fest - Halloween

We finished the Easter Fest on Halloween Saturday the last day in October. At 8am it looked like we were going to get wet but other a few sprinkles it held off until closing time. No doubt, this affected crowd size. Bruce cut the staff because we were told that signups for the day were moderate and we cut our food orders as well. Nonetheless, we had a decent day that doubled each of our first two weekend totals and put us over $100K for the 11 day event.

















Underwood Family Farms Easter Fest - Halloween

Here a few more photos of the Halloween Day players. We had lots of Red shirts for the day as well as key long term supporters from Santa Paula, although I had to wake up Lion Al at the Bratz/Hotdog table during an afternoon lull. No doubt that he and fellow SP lions will be wide awake when we clean up in three days.














Underwood Family Farms Easter Fest - Halloween

At right you see the customer who put us over $100K for the event and over $6K for the day as Lion Sheri took her order at just before 5pm.

Lion Mike is rain proofing the corn cooker motor after we sold all the corn at Underwoods and just prior to the rain — Careful Mike!

Lion Bill was next to Sheri, happy that his new Starlink WIFI and ordering system functioned almost flawlessly during the event.. Bill worked every day and definitely earned his one Bratwurst each day as well as our thanks for his efforts into bringing us into the 21st century with his electronics. He never stops trying to improve our system and increase our productivity — Thanks Bil!!

At bottom you see the almost empty pumpkin patch at the very end of the Halloween Day.

Thanks to all our Lions and friends.









28 Oct. -Trunk or Treat



28 Oct. -Trunk or Treat

Ten Camarillo-Somis Lions showed us to hand out candy and small toys to thousands of children from the county. They included Lion Bruce, who bought all the goodies and brought the display, Jeff, Sheri, BobL, BobT, Tom, Bill, Russ, Rich and Neal. In addition, Lion DaveT came by to provide a couple of large bags of candy and then distributed his time amongst the masses as mayors need to do.

The crowd was huge as you can see by the photo at bottom taken as it just started to get dark. The photo was from our booth and it remained this busy almost until we closed at 8pm. Last year 5000 people came but is was definitely larger this year.





28 Oct. -Trunk or Treat

It is amazing just how many different costumes that were worn by kids and their parents. This and the following pages show many of the costumes and the smiling faces of the kids who stopped by our booth. We all took turns handing our candy and some small toys and particularly enjoyed the kids reactions to our auto skull and to the tiny rubber ducks and other creatures. The Ducks were a real hit and got smiles as they were being handed out. Lion Rich stepped outside our booth and managed to find all the tiny kids that often couldn't reach our table. He is probably suffering a sore back today. You will note that the crowds were consistent from light to dark and we managed to give out all our goodies during the 3 hour event. We even gave a large bag of candy to the Boys and Girls club who ran out early. We all had a fun time and many thanked our club for its participation.

It was a great Lion Day!!!




















28 Oct. -Trunk or Treat

















28 Oct. -Trunk or Treat

We even had two invisible men or women and they had a hard time finding the candy. At bottom you see the view out our back door. The crowd moved along a large oval route to visit all the booths.













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Message from LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh

In recognition of World Sight Day earlier this month, we celebrate the extraordinary difference Lions and Leos are making to protect and restore sight around the world, empowered by our global foundation.

Watch my special video message about Lions' work in vision, made possible through LCIF grants, programs and partnerships. Then, read on to discover how our service is making a difference and explore grant opportunities to help you expand our collective impact in your own community.

This life-changing work is possible because of your kindness and commitment to serving others. Please consider making a donation to LCIF today and invite fellow humanitarians to join us in service and expand our reach even further. Together, we can help more people see a brighter future.


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OCTOBER 8-18, 2026
Opening eyes. Changing lives.
Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.
LEAD
INSPIRE
SERVE
YOUTH
FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027
Empower today. Lead tomorrow.
Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.
ENVIRONMENT
MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027
Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.
Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean

14 Nov. 4-A3 Second District Meeting



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"LCIF News and Information for District 4-A3"

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Lions-Led Flood Relief in Nepal

OAK BROOK, Ill., Sept. 10, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Lions in Nepal are using a US$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to deliver emergency relief and support longer-term recovery following devastating flash floods that have killed more than 1,000 people and left thousands missing.**



Triggered by the collapse of glacial ice and rock near the Nepal-China border, the floods swept through communities, destroying homes, roads, schools, bridges and other critical infrastructure. Immediate assistance made possible with the grant funding includes family food packages, as well as drinking water, blankets, sleeping mats, hygiene and sanitation kits, basic clothing, first-aid and essential medical supplies and temporary shelters. Lions will also support rescue operations and help clear flood debris and mud from affected areas.

Additionally, they will provide short-term care and rehabilitation assistance for children who have lost parents or other family members in the disaster.

"When disaster strikes, Lions step forward," said A.P. Singh, chairperson of LCIF. "In the wake of the devastating floods, Lions are coming together to reach people in need, providing relief, supporting affected families and standing beside communities through one of their most difficult moments."



Because Lions live and serve in these communities, they are well positioned to identify urgent needs, direct resources where they can have the greatest impact and remain engaged as recovery continues. In addition to the LCIF grant, Lions across Nepal raised US$67,000 for relief efforts and Lions in several other countries are adding their financial support. With these resources, local Lions are developing plans to help the region rebuild after immediate needs are met.

"Lions' service is more than a one-time volunteer activity," Singh added. "It is a commitment to stand with people when they need us most."

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The District 4-A3 Donations Dashboard

2025-2026 Goal:	$34,467.00
2025-2026 Total Donations:	$48,058.88
2026-2027 Goal:	**$40,182.00**
2026-2027 Total Donations:	**$ 4,908.51**
(as of Sept. 30, 2026)	
2025-2026 Total Donations:	$ 8,790.00
(as of Sept. 30, 2025)	



LCIF Disaster Relief Grants support Lions-led efforts through all phases of disaster response. Since July 1, 2026, LCIF has awarded more than US$1.3 million in disaster relief funding to Lions in regions impacted by natural disasters around the world. To support Lions' efforts in Nepal and communities affected by future disasters, visit lionsclubs.org/donate or connect with your local Lions club.

Your LCIF District Coordinators



Lion Bill Dunlevy, PCC
Ventura Downtown Lions
District LCIF Coordinator since 2025



Lion Terence "Terry" Orton
Arroyo Grande Lions
District LCIF Coordinator since 2022



LCIF: We Change Lives. Every day. Everywhere.

Giving empowers service. When you support LCIF, 100% of your donation benefits the very grants and programs that empower the compassionate service of Lions and Leos, and those who need our help. Your generosity makes a powerful impact.

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OUR MISSION
To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service and grants.
We Serve. We Give. We Impact Lives.
GLOBAL IMPACT
Serving in 200+ countries and territories
Impacted over 500 MILLION lives
Awarded over US$1.2 BILLION in grants
LCIF SUPPORTS GLOBAL CAUSES
VISION
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HUNGER
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF
YOUTH
DISASTER RELIEF
Together, we turn compassion into ACTION and hope into lasting CHANGE.