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Lions Scuttlebutt

We survived 2025 and are now at the end of our first month of 2026. There is much to look on with pride as this year begins. PV Lions has three new members plus two honorary members to add to our ranks. The year began with the District Governor inducting our new members into the wonderful world of Lions. The way forward for our club looks bright.



We are starting the year with our annual Valentine's Party to be held at Los Posas Country Club on February 10. This will be a most exciting event with dinner, music, games and camaraderie. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. More details will be forth coming very soon.

Last month ended with our annual Student Speaker Contest on January 27 led by Lion Dick Bellman. We all can agree it was a great experience. As we continue into 2026, we need to set our goals at increasing our club membership, making our club more visible in our community and helping each other to become better Lions.

We are looking into ways to broaden our vision screening to accommodate more of the youth in the community. We are also resurrecting the Leos Club at Camarillo High School. They have been dormante for some time but now they are a heathy 50 strong as the entire baseball team becomes Leos. As always, if you have an idea of how to improve our club or ideas on community services we should become involved with, please bring them to the attention of the board so we can act on them.

Looking forward to a terrific 2026

Lion President Bob

PV Lions Calendar - January 2026

- Feb 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 21 **Farmers Market**
- Feb 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 21 **Farmers Market**
- Mar 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 14 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr tbd **Farmers Market**
- Apr 21 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 28 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- May 12 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- May tbd **Farmers Market**
- May 19 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- May 26 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun 9 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun 16 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun tbd **Farmers Market**
- Jun 23 Installation - B&G Club



Lions Tournament Volunteer Award

It was wet but 4A3 was well represented at the Rose Parade. Photos came from 4A3 Facebook and show DG Pothier, PDG Laird, Lions International President Singh and lots of Lion volunteers who earned the Tournament Volunteer Trophy. ***Congratulations Lions.***



13 Jan - Regular Meeting 1/2

President Bob opened the meeting with his trusty sidekicks. He introduced our District Governor Pat Pothier who had the honor of inducting three new members to our club. Along with our two new honorary members Graig Underwood and James Barker from Underwood Farms this makes 5 new members to our club so we start the year off with significant positive growth. Induction begins with the introduction of sponsors and their affirmation to support the new lions and to ensure that they become active long term members of lions. Lions Bruce Jochums, Sheri Clarke and Bill Schulze acknowledged their roles. Next, our three new members, Ron Karlsson, Jeff Krumm and Alex Shulze were introduced and inducted into Lions.

PDG Rich provided membership certificates, badges and pins to the inductees and sponsors. Finally each sponsor had the pleasure of pinning their new member.



13 Jan - Regular Meeting 2/2

In addition to the Lion installations DG Pothier handed out service awards to many of the club members. Each member received a letter from our international president for their longevity. As you may recall two of our longest serving members including Neil McNutt (62yr), Lloyd Christie (49yr) and Jack Ebert (50yr) were recognized at our Christmas Dinner.

I also received a photo of Lion Mike at the podium. As a guess, Mike is thanking the cooking crew for their efforts.

Thanks to Lions Tom Debardas, Jan Nunez and Bruce Jochums for providing photos of the events because I was off in Tucson at an opening of my wife's art show.



Holiday Ball Drive - Update

Here is an update on our holiday ball drive donation. Pleasant Valley Lions provided **\$2000** for John Knittle to purchase holiday balls and he confirmed that he provided over 80 balls including football, soccer and basketballs to the Woody Woodburn Holiday Ball Drive.

I received the photos on 1 January just after the bulletin was sent out but I had to show John loaded down with some of the balls he purchased. *Great job Lion John!*



20 Jan —Board Meeting 1/2

We had a good turnout for the meeting and lots to discuss.

- Treas. Bill needs 3-4 Lion to attend food handling training before the Easter Fest. **Contact Bill.**



Committee Reports

- Hunger: GK noted that the Somis Food Pantry is struggling and may need more funds in the spring.
- Vision: PDG Rich met with Port Hueneme Lions who are close to being able to purchase a spot vision camera. Until they are able to purchase one PV will assist by lending one and training them.

Old Business

- PP Bruce noted that the BBQ for the Calif Conservation Corp will be at the state beach at the harbor. Details to be provided at next board meeting.
- Sec. Rich noted that we have the entire 50 person Cam. Baseball Team as a Leos Club.
- Lion Dick noted that we have 3-4 speakers for our Student Speaker Contest on 27 Jan.

New Business

- Sec. Bill proposed a BBQ for the entire Underwoods staff in appreciation of their help at the festivals — Date to be determined but probably after the Easter Festival.
- Treas. Rich will look into getting a table for Lions Tribute Day at the City of Hope in March. Contact Bill if you want to attend.
- Lion Chet will host a meeting at his home to start the nomination process. We need new VP's.
- Sleep Heavenly Peace is having a service event this Saturday to build beds. Sign UP on line.
- Sec. Rich is looking for more delegates to the MD4 Convention. We have 4 but need 6.



Solicitations

- 805 Miracle League Fundraiser: Club approved donation of a **Lions Santa Maria BBQ for 40** for auction and up to a **\$1500** donation for a table if enough choose to attend.
- Search Dog Foundation: Club approved an additional **\$1000** raising our total for the year to **\$2000**.
- Cam High Baseball BBQ at Freedom Park: Sec Rich suggested this but PP Bruce said that it is unlikely that we will get approval from Recs and Parks — TBD

Roundtable

- Lion Missy noted that the Guide Dogs of America lot repair project is underway. PV donated **\$10K** and Missy and her group donated **\$8K**. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and we should attend. Missy will provide info.

While I was looking at the 4A3 Facebook page for photos of the SP 100th I found this photo. President Bob mentioned that we received an electric cart from Ventura Downtown for Lion John Knittle, who is *the Great Pleasant Valley Lion* noted below.

As the note below says “Where there’s a need there’s a Lion.”



Ken Cozzens

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Thanks to the generosity of VFW 1679, Ventura Downtown Lion's Caring Committee was able to provide a handicap electric cart to a great Pleasant Valley Lion. President Bob Larson stepped in to insure a smooth delivery. Where there's a need there's a Lion!

Thanks from: Guide Dogs/Tender Loving Canines

January 12, 2024

Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Members of the Lions Club,

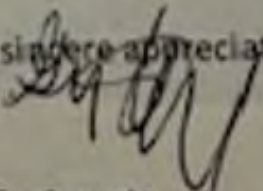
On behalf of Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines, thank you for your extraordinarily generous donation of \$10,000. We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to our mission and to the people we serve.

Your gift will have an immediate and meaningful impact. It will allow us to make important improvements to our Kennel Area, enhancing safety for our dedicated staff while ensuring the highest level of care and comfort for our dogs. These upgrades are a vital investment in the daily work that supports every successful guide and service dog partnership.

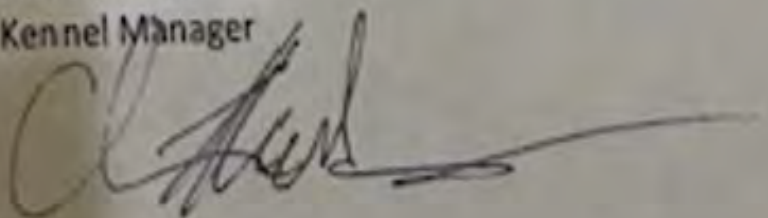
Once the project is complete, we would be honored to invite members of the Lions Club to attend the dedication of the new Kennel Area. We would also love to provide a behind-the-scenes tour as a small way of showing how your generosity directly supports our dogs, staff, and clients.

Thank you again for your leadership, generosity, and unwavering support of Guide Dogs of America. We are truly grateful to partner with the Lions Club in changing lives.

With sincere appreciation,


Greg Steinmetz
Sr. Manager of Admissions

Chris Medina
Kennel Manager



Thanks from: Student Speakers Foundation



Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation

"Your Legacy to the Youth of California"



January 9, 2026

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
District 4-A3
P. O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Lions:

The Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation acknowledge receiving your contribution of \$3,000.00 (check #2328). I am pleased to enclose the 2025-2026 Year Chevron for your Banner, and this amount will be placed in your account for future awards..

Financial donations assist our Foundation in providing the \$100,500 for the yearly student speakers contest scholarships.

This Scholarship Program, funded through our Foundation, exists because of the special Lions, Lions Clubs, and other donors who are our supporters.

We all appreciate you and wish you a Happy New Year!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Ohrmund".

PDG Chris Ohrmund
President
Foundation Office:
331 Spur Trail Avenue
Walnut, CA 91789
909-598-0554 Fax-909-594-3625
ohrmu@aol.com

Thanks from: Lions Camps at Teresita Pines



LIONS CAMPS at Teresita Pines

David Garry, Camp Manager • 22801 Big Pines Highway, PO Box 98, Wrightwood, CA 92397-0098
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January 7, 2026

Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club

P.O. Box 157
Camarillo CA 93011

Federal ID #33-0818008
California ID #2117383

Dear Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

On behalf of Lions Camps at Teresita Pines: We wish to let you know that we have received your generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support the construction of a Team Challenge Course, benefitting campers of all abilities that attend Lions Camps in the Great Outdoors.

Over the years, the Lions have sponsored many projects to enhance the experience of campers at our facility. The Team Challenge Course has been a long sought-after project to allow for campers to work towards being part of a team through a variety of activities and growing the skill of interdependence amongst all who participate.

Thanks to our Lions Families and Friends, like you, The Lions Camps will still provide memorable camp experiences for the children we support in our mission; *"to provide beautiful mountain facilities for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled."*

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Garry'.

David Garry

Camp Manager

Thanks from: Alzheimer's Foundation

Marylin Simpson also provided a check for \$300 to PV Lions



...FOR EVERYTHING.

Thank you so much
for your generous donation
of food and TIME to
BBQ for the Walk
to END Alzheimers.

Thankyou

Mary Simpson
Team the Sparrows

District 4A3 Melvin Jones Fellowship Recognition Luncheon 1/2

A large gathering of 4A3 Lions happened at the Carpinteria Lions Clubhouse to celebrate those who have achieved a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Five Pleasant Valley Lions including PDG Rich Cervantes, Lloyd Christie, Russ White, Richard Baker and Bill Schulze all received Progressive Melvin Jones Awards.

Three 4A3 Lions received LCIF Presidential awards. PDG Jason Laird received the award at right for 2024-2025. Obviously the pin was a little smaller than that shown and the ribbon is not included but I wanted you to see the award. It reflects the great work by the District on all LCIF Global Causes. PCC Bill Dunleavy and one other lion also were recipients of Presidential Awards.



District 4A3 Melvin Jones Fellowship Recognition Luncheon 2/2

Lion Lloyd came through with photos of all our Melvin Jones Fellowship awardees except him self. In addition he provided photos of the primary speakers at the event including PIP Brian Sheehan, ID Liz Cooke, DG Pat Pothier and PDG Norm McDaniel.

If you look carefully you can see all 5 PV Lions in the photo at bottom.



100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SANTA PAULA LIONS CLUB



DECEMBER 8, 1925

SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2025



17 Jan—Santa Paula Lions 100th Anniversary 2/4

Congratulations to Santa Paula Lions on turning 100 years old. They are our biggest supporter at all our major fund raising events so we know them well. Past President Doug Learn is shown at right and below receiving awards from District Governor Pothier, PDG Margaret Dunleavy and John Nichols for their tremendous service as Lions over 100 years.

Significantly Santa Paula Lions has sponsored six lions clubs and one Leos Club including Carpinteria, Fillmore, Santa Barbara Host, Ojai, Simi and Saticoy Lions and Santa Paula Leos.



17 Jan—Santa Paula Lions 100th Anniversary 3/4

The photo at top is the only one I have with SP Lion President Glenda Learn. Glenda was the MC for the event. Three of our PV Lions and Amber's Chris Graham are shown at middle below. *The photos below came from SA3 Facebook.*



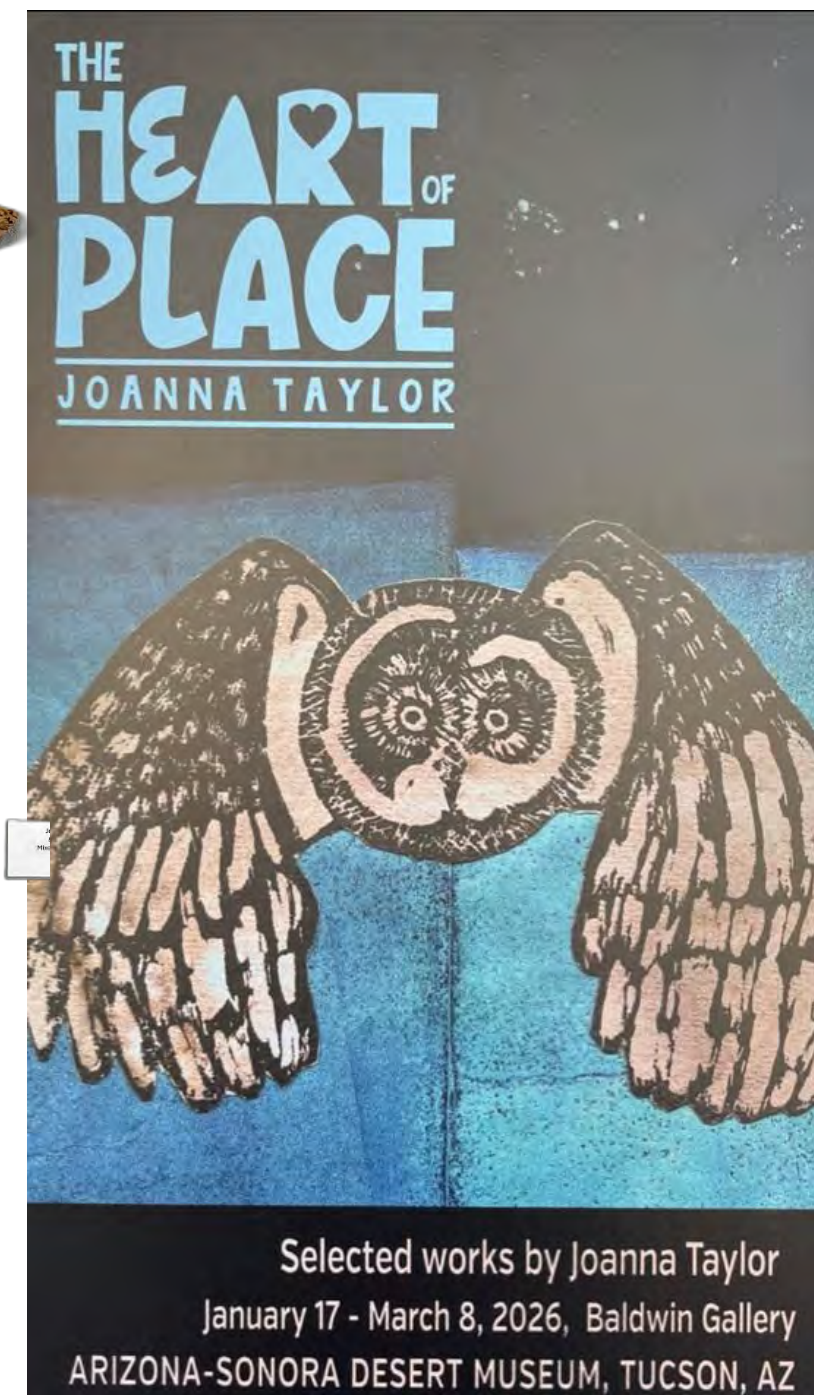
17 Jan—Santa Paula Lions 100th Anniversary 4/4

Pleasant Valley Lions at the event included PDG Rich, Mike and Jan Nunez, George and Lloyd.

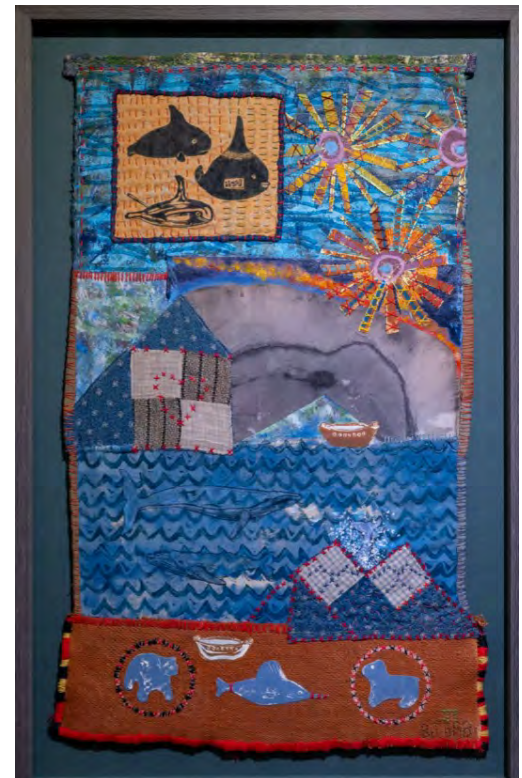


We spent a week in Tucson, AZ to attend the opening of my wife Joanna's art show that she has been preparing for over two years. The show lasts till March 8 so if you are near Tucson, stop by for a visit or you can take a virtual tour at desertmuseumarts.com.

As you will see by the samples on the next few pages her art is extremely varied as noted on the following page. Some are books that were open during the reception but under cover for the remaining show. The painting at top of 3/5 was a UNICEF Christmas Card, several others were Leanin Tree greeting cards and others were displayed at Yosemite's Visitor and Art Center.



Joanna Taylor creates from memory, imagination, and emotion, crafting folk-inspired works that blend home, history, and the natural world. A self-taught artist working in painting, collage, textiles, and book arts, she builds her own “art supplies” by carving stamps, sewing, and gathering natural materials: soil, plant dyes, even water from lakes and rivers to create “earth notes” on paper and cloth. Her subjects include family, pets, places, wildlife, and memory, often stitched together through narrative, research, and reverie. In her words, “We are all a part of my art pieces... present, past, and future generations.” This selection -- spanning paintings, artist’s books, and her Sampler Series -- reveals “worlds within worlds,” where handmade details carry intimate meaning. The result is a body of work that preserves what matters: connection, wonder, and the spirit of place.





THE HEART OF PLACE 4/5



5/5

5/5



17 Jan - Farmers Market

This Saturday was a busy day but four PV Lions made it to the market. Lions Tom, BobL, Russ and one of our newest members Alex showed up for 4 1/2 hours to collect lots of eye glasses, batteries and hearing aids.

It was great to see Alex at the market.

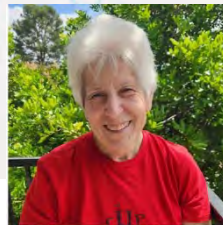
The photographer, Lion Tom is shown as a reflection.



24 Jan. - Sleep in Heavenly Peace 1/4

Eleven Pleasant Valley and two Amber's Light Lions spent 3 1/2 hours helping build 27 beds in Newbury Park for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

This was an incredibly well organized event attended by dozens of volunteers from many organizations. About a dozen of them wore SHP red shirts and they led and trained teams that cut, sanded, drilled, assembled, stained, branded and stored all the components for final assembly at homes. It all started with a group welcome by SHP leaders.



Linda Krukowski
Chapter President



24 Jan. - Sleep in Heavenly Peace 2/4

As noted it was an incredibly organized event. We started at 0900 and were told that we would finish the beds by 1230. When I saw all the components and stations and noted that many of the volunteers were new at this I was doubtful. I took a photo of my watch as they were branding the last bed frame with SHP and loading the truck with all the components and was amazed at the time — 1230!!



This and the following pages show all Lions and the total construction process.



Lions George Graham and Dick Bellman didn't make the group photo so I had to use a side shot of them while listening to the SHP leaders. Amber's Light Lions were also added to the photo.

Our three newest members, Jeff Krumm, Alex Schulze and Ron Karlsson showed up for the first major charity event since they were inducted last week. This bodes well for their future involvement in club activities. Who knows, they may also become Proud Lions.



24 Jan. - Sleep in Heavenly Peace 3/4

Here is a page with PV Lions at work. Lions George, Dick and Rich found their way to a sanding table. Bottom center you see George in his white dust jeans, which is the latest SHP style. Jeff, Bob, Tom and Bruce got the best job drilling holes and screwing support pieces to the major bed frame—No sanding required. Then, Jeff left to help assemble headboards.

Lion Sheri was our Q/A and spent time cleaning up our messes by sanding them out. Lion Bill did some final staining. Alex started and finished with the headboards.

It was a great event and hope that we can work with SHP again. They asked if we wanted to help with delivery and final assembly at homes. We are interested and will remain in contact.



24 Jan. - Sleep in Heavenly Peace 4/4

There were lots of young kids and a few very young helping out sanding and assembling. A few dads brought their kids and were very patient showing them how to assemble.

At bottom you see the dwindling group as we near the end of the event. The cleanup started at the back and ended at the truck where all materials were loaded.



Thanks from: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Hello Bed Build Volunteers,

Linda and I would like to sincerely thank you for your time, effort, and dedication in building 27 beds this past Saturday. We are truly impressed with the quality of the finished bed components—outstanding work all around!

In the coming days, these beds will be delivered to children in need. Please take comfort in knowing that your hard work has touched a child's heart and will provide a safe, comfortable place to sleep each night.

Thank you again for making such a meaningful difference. Great job!

Warm regards,
Len & Linda Krukowski



Topic: Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being.

Student Speakers

We had three student speakers who came with their families for support.

Lion Dick Bellman is our student speaker chair and he did his usual good job organizing and chairing the event. Lion Dick is shown at the start of the event with our three speakers described in order from left to right below.

All were excellent speakers but there has to be a winner who moves on to the 4A3 Zone competition this month. Starleigh Ngo-Voight is shown with Lion Dick.

Starleigh Ngo-Voigt (Winner)

9th grade Rancho Campana High School,

Activities involved with in or out of school

Within the school, I am a part of our school's Mock Trial Team, and my role is a witness. I am also a part of our Robotics team. Outside of school, I am part of the National Charity League, where mothers and daughters do volunteer work to help serve their community. Through this program, I also learn leadership and social etiquette. Another extra-curricular I am a part of is TTAG, which stands for Tech Trek Alumni group. As a middle school student, I had the privilege to go to an all-girls science camp called Tech Trek at Whittier College on a scholarship. Once I completed the program, I was able to join TTAG, where I could do volunteer work with like-minded girls and also learn about all things science.

Zachary Heck

9th grade

Activities involved with in or out of school

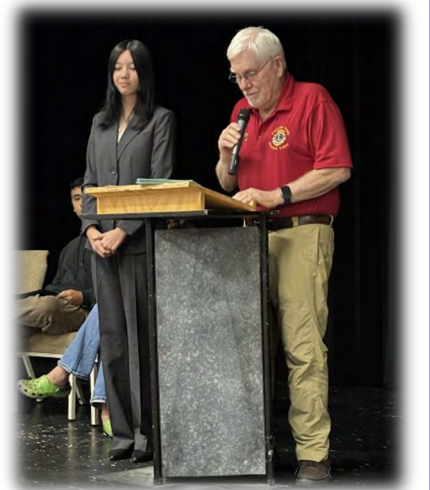
I participate in Ventura County Food Share, Hueneme High School band and I also am taking a global trade and logistics class after school.

Alice Olcovich

9th grade, Rancho Campana High School

Activities involved with in or out of school

Mock Trial, Volunteer at the Camarillo Animal Shelter, Freshman class treasurer, ASB



Student Speakers

Here is a better view of our three student speakers. I caught the two girls in the hall preparing for their talk but Zachary made it just before 6pm with his family.

All three are 9th graders so we may see them again next year.



Student Speaker Contest Judges

Bob Burrow, Brian FitzGerald, George Contreras have done this before and we are grateful for their support. Brian and George are retired Rio Mesa coaches and teachers and Bob is retired from the City of Camarillo.

As you can below we had a nice crowd to support the students. Add another half dozen from the cooking crew to this group.



Dinner

We had a nice Santa Maria Style dinner from the large crew at right led by Lion Bruce (I think).

Our guests led the line and all seemed to enjoy the meal.



Meeting

President Bob invited us all to a Valentine's Party on Feb. 10 at the Los Posas Country Club. Lion Bill set this meeting up, will use the \$1500 refund from our Xmas party and will get a member discount, which makes our meal quite reasonable. Menu will be salmon, chicken and prime rib with a few side dishes. Lion Bob wanted red jackets and ties but the crowd insisted no ties - No ties won. We will have a DJ so dancing is required and there will be no speeches —Yeah! Price will be \$20 for members and \$30 for members spouses and friends. Contact Lion Bill to sign up. You can pay now or pay at the door.



PDG Rich

- Gave a thorough briefing on our participation in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace community project. Rich was very impressed with the organization and the roughly 85 people who stepped in to build 30 beds, which can be use singly or combined to form bunkbeds. Soon these beds will be delivered to Ventura County families and we can help. Many in our club are fans of this type of project because we like to build things that benefit the community. Building things that benefit the youngest and most vulnerable is even better.
- Noted that the Lions Tribute at the City of Hope has been delayed.
- Rich is signing up folks for the Santa Paula Lions Friends in Site next week. It's a great project that typically serves over 300 people.

Amber's Light Lion Mary Ann Knovak promoted the Ambers Bunco night to be held on Feb. 7. For \$30 you can play bunco and enjoy a spaghetti dinner.





Guide Dogs of America - Tender Loving Canines

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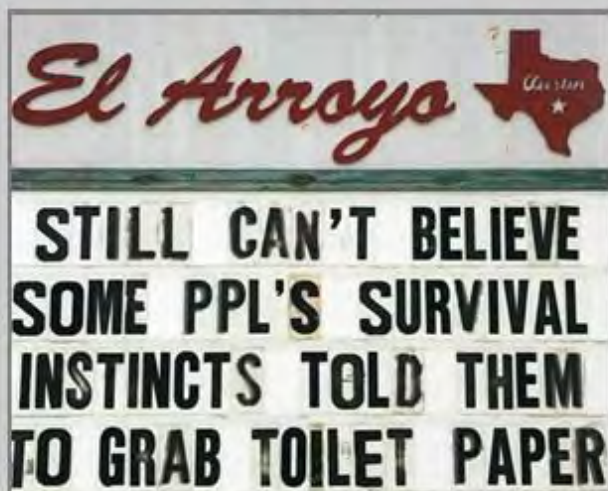
🌟 Staff Spotlight: Greg 🌟

As our Sr. Manager of Admissions & Graduate Services, and a GDA guide dog user himself, Greg brings lived experience, empathy, and heart to everything he does. From supporting future teams, to keeping the office laughing with his legendary "dad jokes", his kindness and positivity make GDA | TLC feel like home.

PD: Greg is in a navy blue GDA | TLC jacket and black pants walking outside on one of our campus paths with his white cane. He has a big smile on his face, the sun is shining all around him, and the grass is bright green.



Signs for Thinkers



**DEAR CAMARILLO-SOMIS PLEASANT VALLEY LIONS CLUB,
WE HOPE 2026 IS OFF TO A FINE START FOR YOU!
WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS!**



PEACHES, YOUR ONCE TINY SPONSORED PUP, HAS GROWN INTO HER VEST AND IS ALL SET FOR THE NEXT BIG STEP.

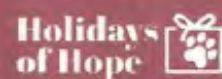
Congratulations!

I'm pleased to inform you that your puppy-in-training has reached the next milestone in his or her journey to become a working Guide Dog or Service Dog who will help transform the life of a person in need! Your puppy has been selected to return to GDA1 TLC to begin their training. **Your program dog will return to our Sylmar campus on Saturday, February 21st, 2026.**

The trainers will be looking at the dog's overall picture, which will help us decide which dogs will start as Guide or Service Dog candidates. You'll be notified of your dog's course of study after they have gone in for training.



**WE'RE PRETTY EXCITED!
HERE'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING
TO PREPARE FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY**



Your Support Transformed Lives in 2025!

Thanks to you, this past year was filled with hope, healing, and incredible partnerships that changed lives in powerful ways.

Here's what your generosity has made possible:



21
GUIDE
DOGS



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VETERAN
SERVICE DOGS



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AUTISM
SERVICE DOGS

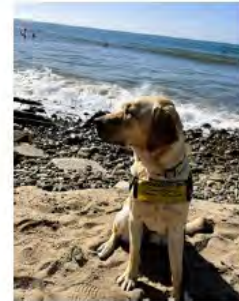


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FACILITY
DOGS

WELL, WE GO TO THE BEACH A LOT!



YES, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO VISIT, BUT IT'S ALSO A GREAT PLACE TO PRACTICE MY SKILLS WITH LOTS OF DISTRACTIONS



DISTRACTIONS COME FROM EVERYWHERE, ESPECIALLY FROM MY BUDDIES - OTHER PUPS IN TRAINING





HONORING OUR VETERANS ON VETERAN'S
DAY AND EVERY DAY
I'D BE PROUD TO BECOME A SERVICE DOG
FOR A VETERAN IN NEED.

THE BEACH IS ALSO A GREAT
PLACE TO PRACTICE MY POSING
SKILLS



DISTRACTIONS
COME FROM
EVERYWHERE,
ESPECIALLY FROM
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OTHER PUPS IN
TRAINING



PINOT, PIZZA & PUPS FUND RAISER FOR GDA/TLC



WOW THOSE SIRENS WERE REALLY LOUD BUT NOT ONE BARK OR HOWL FROM THESE PUPPIES IN TRAINING



THANK YOU OXNARD
STATION 66

A SPECIAL THANKS TO DAN AND GARY FOR THE TOUR AND
SHELBY YOU PROVIDED A GREAT TRAINING FOR THESE
FUTURE GUIDE AND SERVICE DOGS!
GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA/TEXAS LOVING CAPABLES
APPRECIATES YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONALISM

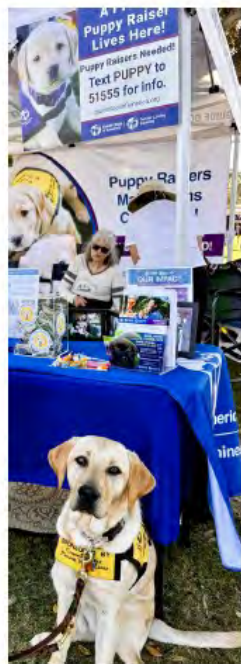
PV Guide Dog in Training Peaches Moves On 5/10



YUP, THAT'S
ME DRIVING A
MUSTANG



A GREAT TIME TO MEET AND GREET AND SEE SOME AMAZING FORDS



PV Dog in Training Peaches Moves On 6/10



MARIO BROS AND PRINCESS PEACH



ME AND MY TRAINER MISS
VIKKI, AKA MISS PINATA



MARIO AND PRINCESS PEACH
HEY, IF I CAN WEAR THIS DRESS I CAN
CERTAINLY WEAR A GUIDE DOG HARNESS!

GUIDE DOG/TLC PUPPY RAISER APPRECIATION DAY/ HALLOWEEN PARTY



WE GET IN OUR STEPS





TRAIN TRIP TO SANTA
BARBARA WITH 20+
PUPS IN TRAINING.
WOW



RAINY WEATHER HELPS BUILD
REAL-WORLD SKILLS

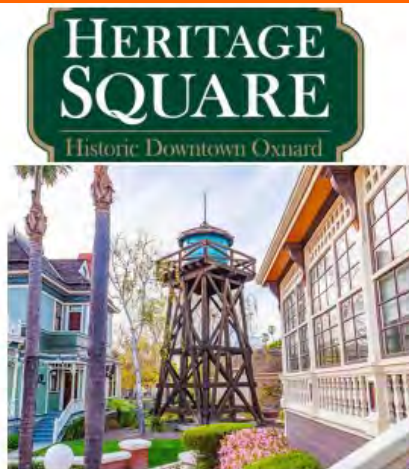


THE SIMI VALLEY FAIRS ARE A
GREAT PLACE TO MEET AND
GREET
MY FIRST TIME MEETING A PONY.
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO SNIFF WITH ME



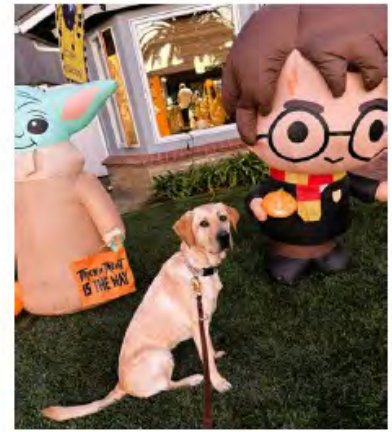


FAMILY TIME



OUR PUPPIES IN TRAINING
ALWAYS CHECK OUT NEW AND
INTERESTING PLACES TO
PRACTICE OUR SKILLS





STRIKING A POSE FOR PICS
ALLOWS ME TO ENHANCE MY
PATIENCE AND CONCENTRATION!



I ATTEND MY MEETINGS, JOIN
MY SKILLS CLASSES, AND
PRACTICE AS MUCH AS I CAN.



WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO REPRESENT THE CAMARILLO-SOMIS, PLEASANT VALLEY LIONS CLUB AND GDA/TLC AT A VARIETY OF EVENTS, INCLUDING:

- **SERVICE GROUP PRESENTATIONS**
- **FAIRS**
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**
- **HIGH SCHOOLS**
- **COLLEGES**
- **FUNDRAISERS**
- **COMMUNITY OUTINGS**
- **AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**I ASKED MY FRIEND
TO SPELL WONTON
BACKWARDS**

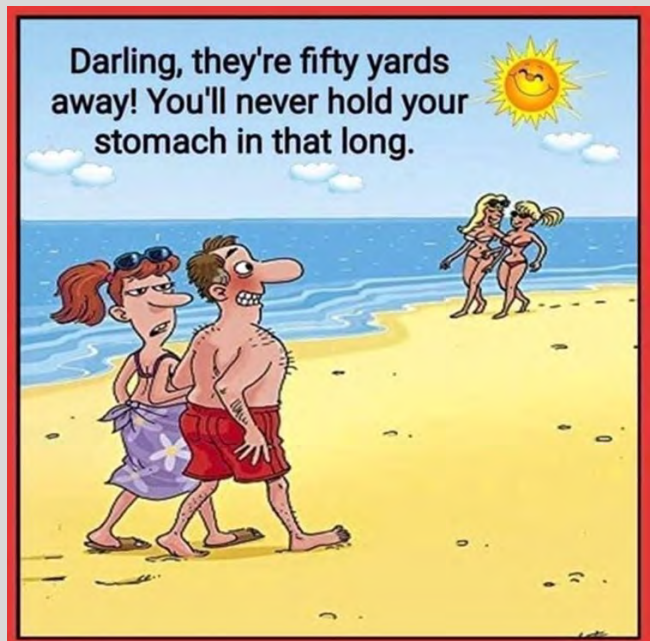
UnKNOWN PUNster ©2018

HE SAID NOT NOW

**I ONCE DATED A GIRL
WITH A LAZY EYE**

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**I ALWAYS THOUGHT
SHE WAS SEEING
SOMEONE ON THE SIDE**



The official sports drink when I was a kid



**OH, YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE
OF 20 MOVIES FOR THE CAR?**



**WHEN I WAS A KID, I WATCHED
THE SAME THING EVERY TRIP.
IT WAS CALLED THE WINDOW.**



HOPE IS A SEARCH DOG WHO WILL NOT GIVE UP

For almost 30 years, the Search Dog Foundation has been dedicated to forging the most effective disaster search teams in the nation. Our mission is simple yet profound: to bring hope to the darkest moments of a disaster and to search until everyone is found.

We've seen the powerful impact of these teams time and time again, like that of the seven SDF-trained teams that deployed to Mexico City following the 7.1 magnitude earthquake in September 2017. Among the teams, search dog handler Fidel Gomez witnessed firsthand how distressed community members were buoyed by the arrival of the canine teams:

"When the community sees the dogs arriving to the devastated areas, it's hope for the community. The community feels they have all the support—yes, from the fire department that responds—but most importantly, from the dogs. The community immediately turns their attention to the dogs, because they understand that the dog is the hope of finding their relatives." This relentless commitment to search has defined our work, empowering hundreds of first responders and their canine partners to deploy to major disasters—from devastating earthquakes in Haiti, Mexico, and Turkey—to events closer to home, such as the California wildfires and catastrophic flooding in Texas and Washington state.

Your donation provides the training, equipment, and care necessary for a search dog to become the most important presence in any disaster—the one that assures each community that hope is on the way.

Make hope possible.



PV Lions Guide Dog Puppy in Training - Amie

Dear Family,



Guide Dogs
of America



AESAAD
Tender Loving
Canines

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning... circle. My trainer would place two disks on his left and right side, ~~and I would~~ once my trainer cued release I would move from left to right or right to left and he would c/t me. We have been doing this for about 4 days and I'm picking it up pretty good.

Some other things that I am learning include... other things that I'm learning are hold. I'm learning how to hold an item while walking around the dayroom. My trainer would begin by placing item in my mouth and I would hold it as we walk around the dayroom. I'm also learning how to autosit while still holding item. I need a little work on that, but I'm getting it. I am good at...

Tug, push, and back up. These three cues my trainer did very good at teaching me. With tug my trainer would walk me up to back handle, ~~and he~~ c/t me for investigating and the rest is history. With push my trainer ~~put~~ put a target on the back of a chair and let me investigate that he would c/t me for that. I am having challenges with... one of my biggest challenges right now is holding while sitting. I tend to drop the item. I'm working on it. I'm holding for like 4 to 5 seconds. I'll get it.

I have the most fun when... I'm playing by myself or with my trainer

My favorite toy is... Bonebone

Wags & Kisses,



Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow. Huh?

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:
Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)
The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour:
61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair..

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, — Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321$

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the round, the person died of natural causes

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace

Q.. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? A. One thousand

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

January 2026 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Brown	Mike	2/18
Rains	Ted	2/13
Taylor	Bob	2/22



Horoscope

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Your innovative spirit is on overdrive this month. Whether you're scribbling genius concepts on the back of napkins or discussing quantum physics with the neighbor's cat, lean into your eccentricity and challenge the status quo. Just be sure to touch down to Earth before the aliens recruit you as their new leader.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

Your whimsical nature is on full display this month as your imagination is like a wild ocean, swirling with fantastical ideas and dreams. Whether you're doodling unicorns in the margins of your meeting notes or daydreaming about starting a commune for retired circus animals, let your creativity flow freely. Beware of getting lost in thought while grocery shopping — you might accidentally bring home a llama instead of milk.



We Serve



Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead with International President A.P. Singh

Lion

As a Lion, you are a leader in your community. Your belief in service and your desire to make a difference — both at home and around the world — are what inspired you to become a Lion.

Every project you begin and every role you take on is an act of leadership that strengthens our entire association. And every person you invite helps us reach our *MISSION 1.5* goals and do even more good for the people who need us.

At this midpoint of the Lion year, now is the perfect time to reflect on how you can continue to be a force for positive action in your club and beyond. Show those around you what it means to succeed — and what it means to be a Lion.

Together in service,

A.P. Singh
International President

Your contributions to LCIF bring us all closer to success



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Dear Lions and Leos,

Throughout 2025, Lions and Leos around the world have continued to serve millions, improving lives and communities through your generosity. LCIF grants have empowered your clubs and districts to reduce hunger, restore vision, help communities recover, rebuild after disaster, and so much more.

Thanks to your dedication and support, we are making strong progress toward our fundraising goals this fiscal year. As we move forward in 2026, please keep inspiring others to support LCIF and explore [grant opportunities](#) to expand your impact. Remember to invite new donors to make their gifts to LCIF in recognition of Melvin Jones' 147th birthday. [Every donation](#) makes a difference to someone in need and helps us leave our mark on the world.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

More Lions Means More Service

Communities all over the world rely on Lions to feed the hungry, rebuild after disasters and so much more. As these needs continue to grow, so must our membership. We must continue to start new clubs and recruit new Lions so we can be there when we're needed the most.



138,285

Members Added

These members' lives will be forever changed, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless. (Data is from 7/1/25-12/31/25)



1,641

New Clubs Formed

Just as your club transforms your community, these groups unite to create lasting change in theirs. (Data is from 7/1/25-12/31/25)

CAMARILLO AMBER'S LIGHT LIONS



Valentine's
BUNCO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

7



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

DOORS OPEN 5:45, DINNER 6:00

BUNCO STARTS 7:00

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CAMARILLO

1500 TEMPLE AVE

Tickets \$30



**Spaghetti Dinner &
Bunco Games!**

Cash Prizes & Raffles

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

[HTTPS://SQUARE.LINK/U/LK5JJYIH](https://square.link/u/LK5JJYIH)

**All Proceeds to Benefit
Local Charities!**



**LIMITED TICKETS!
BUY ONLINE BY 2/5**

7 Feb. Lions Friends in Sight —- Santa Paula



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

8am to 2pm

SANTA PAULA CHURCH OF CHRIST

276 SANTA PAULA ST. ~ SANTA PAULA

Information or to volunteer leave message for Glenda @ 805-525-8566 or
santapaulalionsclub@gmail.com



California Lions Friends in Sight provides free vision screenings and recycled eyeglasses throughout Southern California and Northern Mexico. All are welcome, especially children and those with financial hardship.

This program provides:

- Eye health assessment
- Free recycled eyeglasses, if necessary

The vision screening does not replace the comprehensive eye examination that you obtain through a doctor's office. It does assess eye health concerns and provides a useable pair of recycled eyeglasses until professional services can be obtained on your own.



THE 107TH CALIFORNIA LIONS MD -4 CONVENTION

Join us aboard the historic Queen Mary in Long Beach, California, for the 107th California Lions MD-4 Convention, happening February 20–22, 2026. Lions from across the state will come together for three days of fellowship, leadership development, inspiring speakers, and celebrations of service. Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to connect with fellow Lions while experiencing one of California's most iconic landmarks.



Amber's Light Magic Yarn Project during first 2 days of convention - See following

Join the FUN at the MD4 Convention!



Lions MAKING MAGIC YARN!

Friday, Feb 20 & Saturday, Feb 21



FOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE:



Hands-On Workshop



Exhibit Hall



Seminar

Learn how to make a magical yarn wig for a child battling cancer!

FIND US ON THE QUEEN MARY



Speed Learning

21 Feb. California Lions Be-Cause Walk 1/3

Let/s get moving while raising funds for your favorite cause. All funds will be directed to the cause of your choice. Walk in person on Sat. Feb. 21 at the MD4 convention or “virtually” until Feb. 18, 2016. Descriptions of all Global Causes follow.

In-Person Saturday, February 21st, 2026
Long Beach, CA at the Queen Mary



Virtual 100-Day Movement Challenge
November 12th, 2025- February 18, 2026



Diabetes

Proceeds from the **Diabetes** cause will fund standardized Diabetes Screening Toolkits for each of the 14 California Lions Districts statewide. Help **move** forward these kits — including glucometers, test strips, and other essential supplies — will allow clubs to easily conduct community screenings, reduce individual club costs, increase participation by Lions, nurses, and ensure supplies are used efficiently with minimal waste. **Be-Cause...** health matters!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1004812288444492/>
<https://californialions.org/be-the-reason-someone-thrives>



Disaster Relief

By selecting **Disaster Relief**, your contribution supports the California Lions Foundation (CLF) — California Disaster & Wildfire Victim Relief Project. **Be-Cause** Wildfires and other natural disasters continue to devastate communities across California year-round, causing trauma, loss of homes, jobs, personal belongings, pets, and even lives- CLF partners **move** in the right direction with local Lions Clubs in the affected areas to deliver immediate support through grants that provide direct relief tailored to their community's specific needs.

Learn more: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/wildfires>



Welcome! With this volunteer-driven project, 100% of profits go directly into service — every dollar supports your chosen cause.



Environmental

Part of the "Totally California Environmental Experience" Environmental Cause – Be-Cause proceeds support the California Lions initiative - Monarch Butterfly Gardens CA Lions Project to plant Monarch-friendly gardens across the state, increasing access to native milkweed and nectar plants. When you move for environmental you help support education and community awareness on how to protect and sustain Monarch habitats so these iconic butterflies can continue to thrive for future generations.

More here: <https://califomalions.org/lions-monarch-gardens>



Childhood Cancer

Move for Childhood Cancer Be-Cause, your donation supports Lions Making Magic — a hands-on service initiative where California Lions volunteers create comforting, uplifting items for children undergoing cancer treatment and recovery. Each item is crafted with care using strict child-safe guidelines, then delivered to young warriors to bring comfort, confidence, and a moment of joy during an incredibly difficult time. Proceeds directly fund Lions Making Magic workshops, including demonstrations, education, volunteer training, and travel —

helping more Lions bring more comfort to more kids.

Learn more about the project <https://califomalions.org/lions-making-magic>



Youth

Move for Youth. Support *Kases for Kids* — a compassionate project ensuring that children entering foster care never have to carry their belongings in a trash bag. Lions Youth (Leos), working through California Lions Youth Outreach, provide each child with their own suitcase or backpack filled with essentials such as toiletries, blankets, and school supplies. Be-Cause this simple act restores dignity, offers comfort, and reminds every child that they matter.

<https://califomalions.org/leo-clubs>



Humanitarian Efforts

Supporting Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People.

Be-Cause since 1983, the Lions Project for Canine Companions provides expertly trained service dogs to individuals with disabilities, free of charge. If you chose to **move** for Humanitarian Efforts, your contribution benefits the Lions Project for Canine Companions Foundation.

Learn more about their good work <https://www.lpcanine.org>



Hunger

By choosing the **Hunger** cause, your donation helps provide sack meals for food-insecure individuals visiting at the Visalia Warming Center — a volunteer-driven shelter that opens nightly during the colder months. Serving up to 100 people each night, the center offers a warm, safe place to rest and a meal that includes fruit and nutritious snacks designed to sustain individuals until the following evening. **Be-Cause** many guests rely on these sack meals 2–3 times a week as their only reliable food source.

Move to support ensuring dignity, comfort, and guaranteed nourishment for those facing hunger. Serving Tulare County for nine years

More info: Visalia Warming Center Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057254387793>



Vision

Move to support the gift of sight. For more than 50 years, the Lions Eye Foundation has helped low-income individuals throughout Northern California and Nevada receive sight-saving eye surgeries and treatments — including cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other urgent medical vision needs. **Be-Cause** supporting the **Vision** Cause, you help restore sight and transform lives.


Learn more about the great work they do here: <https://www.lionseyefoundation.com/>



Register today!

*Sponsored by
California Lion Foundation*

Virtual 100-Day Movement Challenge Nov 12-Feb 18

In-Person Saturday, February 21 7-9 am Long Beach at The Queen Mary



 Ventura Downtown Lions Presents 

**Bowl to
STRIKE OUT
Cancer
2026**

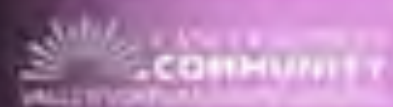

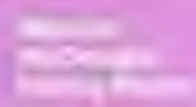
\$35.00 Donation (per person) includes:

- 3 Games of Bowling
- BBQ Lunch with all the Fixin's
- Event T-Shirt (While They Last)
- Music, Fun & More for the Whole Family!

**February 28, 2026
12:30 - 3:30 pm**

Sign Up Online at: VenturaLions.org

Buena Lanes
1788 S. Mesa Verde Road
Ventura, CA 93003
805-677-7710



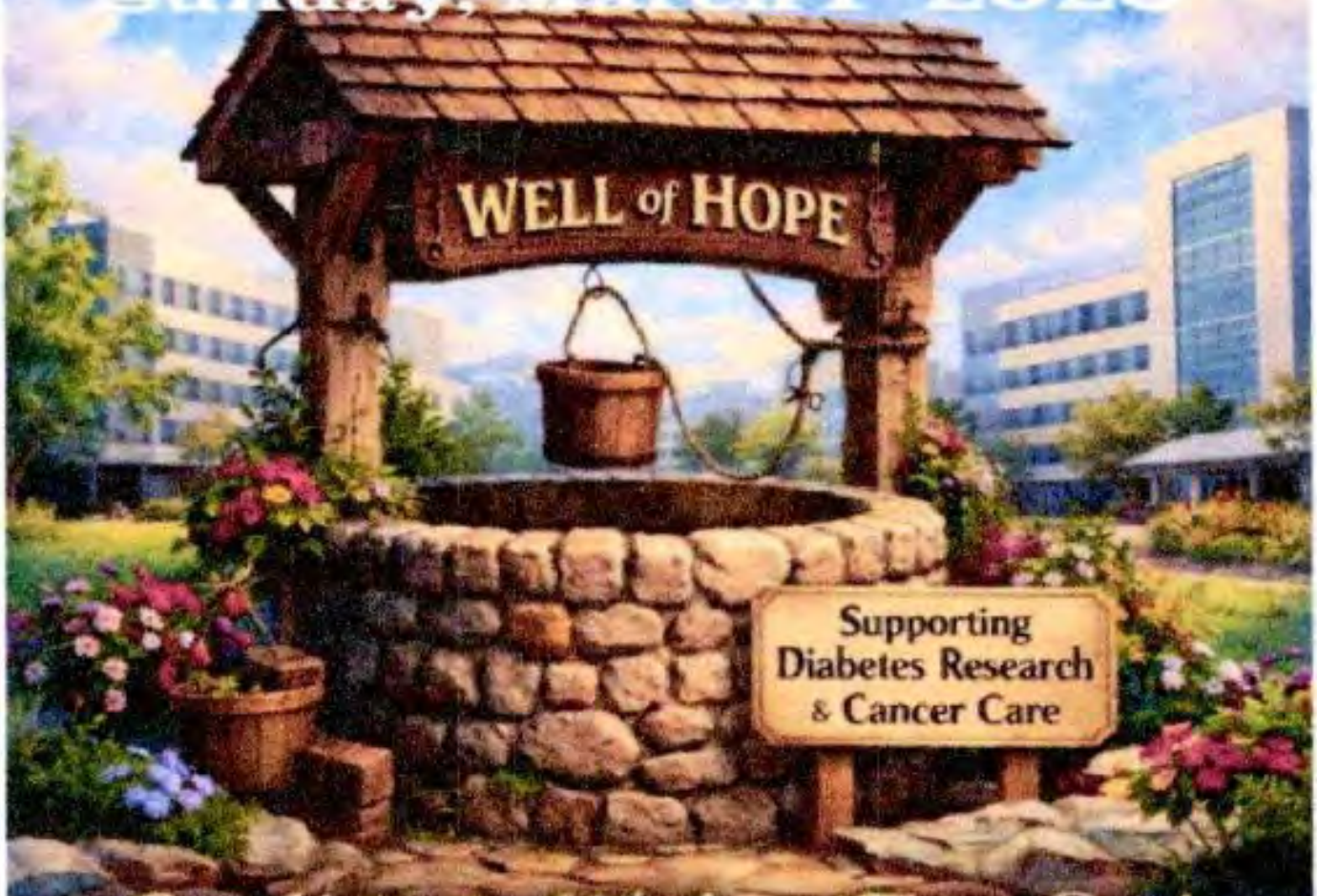
68th Lions Clubs &
City of Hope.



City of
Hope

TRIBUTE DAY

Sunday, March 1st 2020



Supporting
Diabetes Research
& Cancer Care

Join Us for the 68th Annual Tribute Day!

1500 E Duarte Rd, • Duarte, CA 10am - 1pm

Drop in your spare change to create real change

- ★ Meet MD4's top platelet donor, and even donate blood or platelets as your act of service. You can also learn how you can sign up to save lives all year long.
- ★ Lions and City of Hope partner in countless ways to give hope. Be part of something that truly changes lives.



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

**Convention 2026. Be there.
Be loud.**



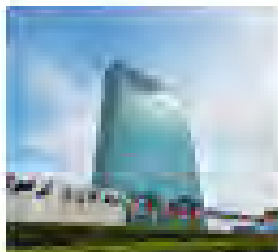
With its stunning sights, local flavor and ease of entry for international travelers, Hong Kong, China is the perfect place to spread the joy of service at the 2026 Lions International Convention. Can't wait? Watch the video to get a sneak peek of our beautiful host city.

An epic adventure awaits you!

Don't miss the chance to illuminate Hong Kong with the spirit of service! Join us for a time of fun, fellowship and the opportunity to learn from your fellow Lions and Leos. Register today and get ready to experience everything Hong Kong has to offer!

Secure your spot at LDUN 2026.

Lions Day with the United Nations: Join the Global Conversation



Friday, March 20, 2026

New York, New York, USA

This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.

➤ [Registration now open](#)

Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2026 Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, USA. We will explore how Lions and Leos are working together with the United Nations with a special extended program.

Secure your spot today to hear what Lions and Leos are doing to strengthen communities and celebrate our partnership with the United Nations.

Your LDUN registration includes:

- Ticket to the LDUN program
- Printed souvenir program
- Commemorative LDUN pin
- International President's pin
- Dynamic speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities

PV Lions Committee Leads 2025-26

Finance & Budget	Bill S., Rich C., Russ W., Mike N., Mike M., John Fraser, Bob Larson
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Lead 1st qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 2nd qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Bar 1st qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 2nd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 3rd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 4th qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
District Contests	Lloyd Christie & Russ White
Photographer	Bob Taylor
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez
Student Speaker Contest	Dick Bellman & Kim Stephenson
Meeting Programs	Dan Goldberg
Scholarships	Graham, White, Fraser, Jan Nunez
Membership Chair	Mike Nunez
Club Service Chair	Russ White
Peace Poster	Dan Goldberg
Sight & Hearing	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Visitations	Lloyd Christie
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
Harvest Festival	Bruce Jochums
Easter Festival	Bruce Jochums
Badges/Pins/Banners	Mike Nunez
Bingo	Bill Schulze
Web site /IT	George Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser

PV Lions Roster Jan 2026

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Spouse
Baker	Richard		657-203-7697	
Barker	James			
Bellman	Richard "Dick"	805-484-1534	805-368-0067	Sharon
Bourdeau	Robert	805-484-1500	805-479-4432	Christine
Brand	Walter	805-386-3643	805-506-1047	Brenda
Brown	Michael	805-987-4272		Susan
Brown	Lee	805-389-3101		
Cervantes	Richard	805-482-6346	805-443-0474	Mary Jo
Christie	Lloyd	805-386-4902	805-233-4131	
Clarke	Sheri		805-340-1747	Jeff
Clementi	Paul	805-641-2056	805-3409563	
DeBardas	Thomas "Tom"		805-407-8491	
Dellanina	Gino	805 479 9372		Betty
Eberts	Jack	805 504-6976		Jo
Erwin	John		805 491-9822	Karen
Feder	Alan		???-320-2858	Nancy
Flores	Joe	805=482-2251	805-377 1939	Maria
Forsythe	Kerry	805 389-0886	805-405-5815	Paula
Fraser	John	805-987-3538	805 377-9277	Karen
Goldberg	Daniel		805-940-5632	Erin
Graham Jr	George	805-647-1601	818-416-7721	Chris
Grimes Jr	Gregory	805-482-8021		Lisa
Hamor	Gerry	805-388-4791	805-402-3307	Gloria
Hanlon	Ceeb		805-4437416	
Hellstrom	Richard		818-292-6637	Anne-Marie
Hohenwarter	Joseph		805-701-2154	Phoebe
Jochums	Bruce	805 443-7474		Ellen
Johansson	Eric	805 482-4753		
Karlsson	Ron		714-913-3537	Sarah
Kildee	Kevin	805 482-2934	805-630-9814	Janet
Knittle	John	805 482-1297	805-630-9814	

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Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Spouse
Krumm	Jeff		805-205-3739	Sheri
Larson	Robert "Bob"	805 419-4028		
Mansfield Jr	Arthur "Art"		805-216-2833	Bobbie
Mc Nutt	Neale	805 482-2356	805-432-1254	Sue
Mingay	Donald	805 437-6900		Carole
Moore	Robert "Bob"	805 485-2136	805-750-9294	Evie
Nunez	Jan	805 647-1601	805-795-0825	Mike
Nunez	Mike	805 482-2858	805-535-5234	Jan
Price	Chet	805 484-2211	805-657-9900	Christiana
Rains	Ted	805 484-3777		Val
Ramirez	Lorenzo	805-485-5608	805 890 1596	
Santiesteban	Louie	310-921-7732	818-968-1858	Leticia
Schulze	William "Bill"	805-386-8088	805-427-0764	Ginger
Schulze	Alex			
Seidler	David	805-491-2599	805-402-5188	Debby
Smith	Gerald "GK"	805 482 4552	805 312-0342	Carol
Stayton	Joe		805-368-7394	Missy
Stayton	Missy		805-368-4940	Joe
Steinmetz	Greg		805-815-9038	
Stephenson	Kim		805 231-2733	Dave
Taylor	Robert "Bob"		805 910-9912	Joanna
Taylor	Frank	805 482-4843		Betty
Tennessen	Dave		805-754-4320	
True	Daniel "Dan"	805 482-1198	805-612-2448	Paddy
Underwood	Craig			Sarah
White	Russell	805 482-0147	805 630-4098	Dale
Zwinkels	Wim	805 981-0010	805-276-8692	Yoke

**RMS Queen Elizabeth pulling into New York with
returning servicemen in 1945.**

Finally WW11 is over.

