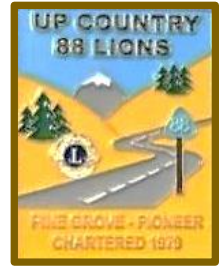




**NOVEMBER  
2023**

## Official Voice of Up Country 88 Lions What's Doing?



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**CLUB MEETINGS** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

**CLUB #** 37207 **BOARD MEETINGS** Virtual - as needed

**EDITOR** Lion Gail **NEWSLETTERS** [upcountry88lions.org/newsletters](http://upcountry88lions.org/newsletters) **VOLUME 8 ISSUE 5**

### PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN



#### CLUB'S FOCUS ON VISION & GETTING INVOLVED WITH OUR DISTRICT?

If you know someone who is in need of eyeglasses or eye surgery and cannot afford it, please refer them to our club. We have money in our budget to provide vision care. Eye surgery instructions are available on the

Lions Eye Foundation – CA/NV's website:

<http://www.lionseyeca-nv.org/-patient-referral.html> or

call 1-415-600-3950. Here's link to download the

APPLICATION: [http://upcountry88lions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/LEF\\_application\\_forms\\_4-2017\\_rev.pdf](http://upcountry88lions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/LEF_application_forms_4-2017_rev.pdf)

Are you interested in being involved with any of the groups within our District 4-A1? They always appreciate other Lions becoming involved in the running of the district.

Or would you consider taking classes through the [Regional Lions Leadership Institute \(RLLI\)](#)? *"It prepares Lions for leadership positions throughout the association and may be customized to accommodate the needs of each area. Qualified candidates are ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities."*

If you're interested in going to the **November 10-11 District Meeting in Jackson**, let me know. See flyer and registration form in this newsletter. (Please bring us any used eyeglasses/sunglasses and pull tabs to turn in at the meeting.)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Eric Cheung has visited our club a few times. He's going to be District Governor next Lion-year and would appreciate our help.

Here's a file that has more information: <http://e-district.org/userfiles/340/file/GAT-Success-Guide.pdf>

~ Lion Gail

### UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

Check out our Google Calendar - [CLICK HERE](#)

**November 1:** **CLUB MEETING** – Meeting starts 6:00pm. (no speaker tonight) TOPIC: Planning for Meet & Greet in late January or February 2024. LOCATION: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd (Clubhouse on right as you enter)

**November 10 & 11:** 4-A1 **DISTRICT MEETING** – Mountain Region is hosting in **Jackson CA**. Let Gail know if you're going. [FLYER & REGISTRATION FORM](#)

**November 11:** Veterans' Day Parade – If you're interested in coordinating an entry, contact Lion Gail.

**November 11-December 2:** ZONE MEETING – TBD

**November 15:** **CLUB MEETING** - Meeting starts 6:00pm. Couple of short Lions-related videos shown tonight.

**November 25:** **NEWSLETTER ITEMS** - Send to Lion Editor Gail

**November 25:** **SERVICE HOURS** - Report to Lion Secretary Brian

**December 6:** **MEETING CANCELED**

**December 12:** **CHILI COOK-OFF** with Sutter Creek Lions 1pm Sutter Creek Community Building, 35 Church St. – see details in this newsletter

**December 20:** **HOLIDAY DINNER** – Meal served 5:30pm at Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd – see details in this newsletter

**Late January or February 2024:** MEET & GREET (Open House) to encourage area residents to join our club.

**CLUB MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 6pm. Social time/appetizers starts at 5:30pm for meetings when we have guest speakers. See updates on our [Calendar](#).

**IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US ON ZOOM,**  
Email [upcountry88lions@gmail.com](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com)  
**AHEAD OF TIME TO GET IT SET UP.**



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**Facebook**

and



**Instagram**

## INVITATION TO CHILI COOK-OFF WITH SUTTER CREEK LIONS CLUB



On December 12, we're having another CHILI COOK-OFF with [Sutter Creek Lions](#) - 1pm at their meeting location, Sutter Creek Community Building, 35 Church St. Chili Cooks entering the contest from our club – so far – are

Ernie, Nancy, and Pat. Cornbread was suggested. Sutter Creek will provide place settings. *More details in December's Newsletter.* (Be thinking about maybe doing a combined fundraiser with them next year...)

## PROJECT THANKS 2023



### Be a Coordinator

Your family, friends, or organization can provide & distribute complete holiday meals to families

### Be a Contributor

\$75 will provide one family of 6 a complete meal

Please consider being a coordinator and/or contributing to Project Thanks!

For more information contact Liz at [liz@feedamador.org](mailto:liz@feedamador.org) or call (209) 267-9006



Please consider helping us ensure everyone's Thanksgiving is as special as your own.

*Remember, no one should face the day hungry.*



Interfaith Food Bank  
AMADOR COUNTY

As in 2023-24 Budget, our Club has donated \$525.00 to Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County. It will provide seven families with a full Thanksgiving meal before Thanksgiving. In the past, we've organized making our own baskets and connecting with the families. We realize

the Food Bank has great resources for making every penny count toward with the purchase power they have. So we, again, have donated to them. There will be a photo of the presentation in next month's newsletter of the check presentation by Lions Nancy and Gail. You're welcome to help or contribute to this on your own. See information on the above flyer...

## INVITATION TO HOLIDAY DINNER



**WHAT:** Club's Holiday Dinner

**WHO:** Up Country 88 Lions' Members and spouse and/or guest. *Club Member's Sponsors are also invited.*

**WHERE:** Clubhouse at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates

**WHEN:** December 20, 2023 - 5:30pm Dinner is served!

**MEAL:** \$10 donation. Catered by Terry/Nancy V. Let the Velasco's know if you have any dietary restrictions.

**INCLUDES:** Food and drinks

**ATTIRE:** Wear holiday-theme if desired

**FUN:** Okay to bring a white elephant gift – maximum value of \$20 – and wrapped please.

**RSVP:** Need to reply the number of people attending in your group to Lion Nancy (email [nv23800@gmail.com](mailto:nv23800@gmail.com)) by **December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## UPDATE- GOLF TOURNAMENT 9/30/23



1<sup>st</sup> place. Jackson Lions (Chad S & Friends)



2<sup>nd</sup> place. Breakfast & Birdies (Justin H & friends)



3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mother Lode Broadcasting (KVGC) (John W & friends) Frank is on the left.



Left photo: Closest to the Pin winner (7.5') Pete H  
Right photo: Longest Drive Winner – Austin O



Right photo: Roxanne F was calling for "Bueller? Bueller?" She was a tremendous help with the Silent Auction. Left photo: Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club members Darla R (shown) and Frannie W helped with silent auction and moving items from inside to the outdoor patio! (Photo Credits: Eric Cheung and Gail C)



Lion Brian was with 1VDG Eric Cheung, holding new International President's theme "Changing the World".



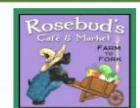
Frannie W from PGCIC and Roxanne F (a previous Lion) helped SO MUCH with the Silent Auction.



Up Country 88 Lions Volunteers: (standing) Brian, Gail, Frank, Pat, and back of Ernie's head! (Not shown: Larry)

### GOLF TOURNAMENT September 30, 2023

Thank You! **HOLE SPONSORS**  
from Up Country 88 Lions Club



Special thanks go to Finesse Carpet One for sponsoring two holes! Thank you to those who donated to the Silent Auction, especially Lion Frank! Thanks to everyone at Castle Oaks Golf in Lone.

**UPDATE – GENERAL MEETING 10/4/23**

Ginger Rolf, from [Amador STARS](#), described how her organization has spent 20 years providing services to cancer patients in the Amador and Calaveras County areas. They use volunteer drivers to transport patients to doctor services locally, in Sacramento and in the Bay Area. They also cover lodging, meals, fuel, and such things as wigs and group support. Covid caused them to lose a lot of volunteers and their annual fundraiser at the casino, but things are picking up again. ~ Lion Brian, Secretary

**UPDATE – FALL FESTIVAL 10/13/23**

PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FALL FESTIVAL –

<https://pinegroveel.amadorcoe.org/paws/> The festival is done each fall to support Science Camp for sixth graders. We help with this by providing a hot dog booth. Thank you to Lions Terry and Nancy for being co-chairs and cooking and for Lion Larry for cooking hot dogs until they came out his ears! They cooked approximately 160 hotdogs in three hours. They got really busy between 5:30-6pm.

**UPDATE – MEETING @ PGCIC 9/6/23**

Leigh Rica (PGCIC) spoke about the history and activities of the Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club. He provided details about the refurbishing of the town hall by the club over the last few years. The [PGCIC](#) leases the hall from the county in 10-year increments. He described recent improvements inside and outside of the building. They are planning to make their next project the development of a commercial kitchen. Their funding comes from renting out the hall, a booth at Dandelion Days, sign rental at each end of town, and sponsoring Groovin' in the Grove. They also donate to other groups like Amador STARS, Pine Grove Elementary School and Amador College Connect. ~ Lion Brian, Secretary

**UPDATE – ACAA DONATION**

As printed in ACAA's October Newsletter: "Gail, President of the Up Country 88 Lions Club, hands ACAA President Marleen Olive, the club's donation of \$200 as Sandra Wagner looks on." Amador County Artists Association also listed our club and thanked us for our support on their "Art in Amador" flyer. They will put the money toward their Student Art Show, that connect with our Lions' ["Youth"](#) focus area.

## DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW – Directed by Roxanne Fausett

<https://volcanotheatre.net/dashing-through-the-snow/>



By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope  
& Jamie Wooten

Directed by  
Roxanne Fausett

**November 17—December 16**



**www.volcanotheatre.net**  
or 209.419.0744

Volcano Theatre Company is a 501-C(3) Non-Profit Corporation  
With Permission of Dramatists Play Service, Inc. -2023

*NOTE: Not a Lions-related event – but Past Lion Member Roxanne is directing it and she has been helping us with our fundraisers-events-etc. Our club also contributed to their summer stage.*

### HOW TO HOST A MEET/GREET MEMBERSHIP EVENT

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/membership-growth-event>

### ~ NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED! ~ WHY JOIN OUR CLUB?

If you are a Lion and enjoying this newsletter, **Share it!**

**If you are enjoying this newsletter and are not a Lion, we would encourage you to Become a Lion!** For more information, email [upcountry88lions@gmail.com](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com).

**SUGGESTIONS:** Leave your brochure in public venues where there is lots of traffic. Be sure to include contact information - like our **club's business card** - so people can follow-up with you, perhaps they are a potential new member. There's a space in the middle of the card where you can put your own name and phone number if you'd like! Lion Gail has more if you run out. Thank you!

[Click here to download our 5-Minute Talk.](#)

**Dues** - Singles: \$110/year or \$55/half-year. Family plan: \$170/year or \$85/half-year. The Public is invited to all Up Country 88 Lions' events. Get to know us. Ask us what we do as LIONS! Website <http://upcountry88lions.org>. Bring your used eyeglasses, cell phones, and sunglasses, and ink cartridges to a Lion (or to [locations on our website](#)) for recycling. We also collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Our Membership Application is located at the back of this newsletter and [online](#). Here's a [link](#) for the PDF file "Membership Opportunities," a quick reference to understand the various types of membership, and the fees/dues associated with them. If you join UP COUNTRY 88 LIONS CLUB, you'll become a member of the largest service organization in the world.

### OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We combine efforts with local Community Partners. We are organizations helping each other with projects, events, fundraising, guest speakers, and more! They are listed on our webpage: [upcountry88lions.org/partners](http://upcountry88lions.org/partners). Click on their links below to find out more about them:

[Amador STARS](#)

[Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency](#)

[Amador Upcountry Rotary](#)

[Interfaith Food Bank – Amador County](#)

[Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club](#)

[Pine Grove Elementary School](#)

[Pioneer Elementary School](#)

[Upcountry Community Center](#)

**Check out DISTRICT 4A1  
[NEWSLETTER](#)**

**DISTRICT 4-A1 CALENDAR**

[district4a1lions.wordpress.com/whats-happening/calendar](https://district4a1lions.wordpress.com/whats-happening/calendar)

**CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR**

[md4lions.org](https://md4lions.org)

**INTERNATIONAL LIONS CALENDAR**

[lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar](https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-events-calendar)

**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

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UP COUNTRY 88

WEST POINT



**Pioneer Elementary School**

invites you to help us honor our local veterans at our

**VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY**

When: Thursday, November 9th at 10:00 AM

Where: Pioneer Elementary School cafeteria

VETERANS: We would like to show you our gratitude by serving you breakfast before the assembly begins. If you would like to join us for a meal and fellowship, please arrive at the school cafeteria at 9:00 AM. Please RSVP by Friday, November 3rd so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Call Patty Horn (principal) at (209) 295-6500 or send an email to [patty.horn@acusd.org](mailto:patty.horn@acusd.org) to RSVP for breakfast.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to recognize your service!

*Thank you to our friends at **Young's Payless Market IGA** in Pioneer for their generous contribution to our Veterans breakfast.*

Show your patriotism and wear **red**, **white**, and **blue**!



## November District 4-A1 Meeting

### Thank our First Responders for their Service

St. Sava Mission & Retreat Center

604 Mission Blvd, Jackson, CA 95642

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 10 & 11, 2023

8:30 AM to 2:00 PM



### Friday

~~ Quick and easy marketing tips by Lion Editor Gail Cates & Lion Susan Newman

~~Does your club have a newsletter? Let's help you get started!

~~Disagreements in your club or board meetings? Learn how to work through challenging conversations to get to the other side.

~~Q&A with clubs: What are you doing to attract and retain members? Let's talk MD4 Convention!!

~~Grilled hot dogs & hamburgers for Friday night dinner fun & fellowship.

### Saturday

~~Come learn two new hands-on service projects your club can bring to your community.

~~Is your club still in the dark on the required financials that must be in place? Are your State and Federal tax filings current? Come learn the ins and outs of what is to be filed and when.

~~Conflicts in your club? Let's get them resolved!

~~Q&A with clubs: What are you doing to attract and retain members? Let's talk MD4 Convention!!

**Cost: \$20 per Lion & guest. Leos: no charge**

**RSVP by Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring non-perishable food items for the local food bank instead of raffle prizes.



## November District 4-A1 Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM / Make out checks to District 4-A1 and send to  
Susan Newman, 4229 Lasalle Dr., Merced, CA 95348

~~Breakfast provided on Friday and Saturday

~~BBQ dinner provided on Friday evening for fun and fellowship

# Attending: Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday BBQ dinner \_\_\_\_\_ = \$10.00 per person

NAME CLUB E-MAIL Total \$\$\$\$


List any and dietary restrictions or special needs:

### **GLASSES – PULL-TAB PICKUP – ANYWHERE IN DISTRICT 4-A1 / Bring to our District Meeting !!**

Please remember that glasses and pull-tabs can be picked up anywhere in all of District 4-A1 – From Lodi to the Yosemite Zone – From Up-Country to Dos Palos. All that is needed are at least 25 pairs of glasses and a phone. Pull-tabs and cans will be picked up with the glasses but please keep them separate. Remember-Every pair counts when we have needy kids. CALL ME! Paul Wagner 510-910-3755



## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

### Invitation-Application for Membership

Lions club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non Binary ☐ Prefer not to answer Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please review qualification criteria and fees for the following:

I am a: ☐ New member

☐ Former member ☐ Transfer member Member number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if unknown, email stats@lionsclubs.org)

Previous Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Family member ☐ Student member ☐ Current or former Leo ☐ Young adult

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as an entrance fee, in addition to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for international, multiple district, district and club dues.

I accept membership into Lions Clubs International and that the standards are limited to persons of good moral character and reputation. I recognize the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons. I understand that membership is not valid until approved by the club's board of directors.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CLUB SECRETARY USE**

I confirm that the board of directors has approved this member for membership in this Lions club.

Signature of club secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OUR MISSION

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



#### Checklist:

- Keep a copy of the completed application form for the club's files. Do not send it to Lions Clubs International.
- Add the member using My CI or include the member's name and address on the monthly membership report.
- When the entrance fees and dues have been collected and the new member has been provided with a membership card, turn money over to the club treasurer.
- Add the new member's name and address to the club roster and mailing list.
- See that the new member receives a New Member Kit. The materials within are to be presented at the new member's induction ceremony. Take the time to complete the certificate for the new member prior to the induction ceremony.
- Included in the New Member Kit is a coupon for our Club Supplies store at [www2.lionsclubs.org](http://www2.lionsclubs.org). Show the new member the website so they may browse items to spend their coupon on, such as shirts or personalized badges.