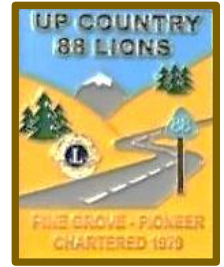




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CLUB MEETINGS 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

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

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PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN



Happy Holidays to you!

Every year, December seems to be such a busy month. There are no formal meetings this month. It's just going to be a fun time - where we will be meeting with our fellow Sutter Creek Lions at the **CHILI COOK-OFF** and our fellow UC88 Lions at our annual Holiday Dinner/Party. The cook-

off replaces our regular "1st Wednesday of the Month" meeting.

Then, January will be back to close-to-normal. Linden Lions Club might be making a visitation at one of our Wednesday meetings. If so, Lion Terry will plan for us to have a Guest Speaker. More info will be in next month's newsletter.

The **public is invited** to our annual **STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST** on February 7th. Each year, it is interesting to hear the perspectives of high schoolers on the topics that are chosen for Multiple District 4's contest. [LINK](#). See the article in this newsletter.

Every member is encouraged to take part in the planning for our major event in March - a **MEET & GREET**. It will take a strong commitment from our members to get new members. Part of our goal is to reach out to people who have recently moved to our upcountry area. It will be great to get younger members to help with our Service Projects. We'll be sending out a mailer and advertising like crazy!

~ Lion Gail

UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

December 6: **MEETING IS 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

December 25: **NEWSLETTER ITEMS** - Send to Lion Editor Gail.

December 25: **SERVICE HOURS** - Report to Lion Secretary Brian. See article in newsletter.

January 3: **CLUB MEETING** - Meeting starts 6:00pm.

Location: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd (Clubhouse on right as you enter) If you'd like to join online, contact Lion Gail ahead of time for the link.

January 17: **CLUB MEETING** - Meeting starts 6:00pm.

Location: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd (Clubhouse on right as you enter). If you'd like to join online, contact Lion Gail ahead of time for the link.

February 7: **CLUB'S STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST 6pm sharp** @ Pine Gove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd. Clubhouse on right. See article in newsletter.

March 2024?: **MEET & GREET** (Open House) to encourage area residents to join our club.

March 15: **BLOOD DRIVE** hosted by Sutter Creek Lions.

See their flyer toward the end of this newsletter.

May 2-5: District 4-A1 Convention [LINK](#)

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

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. Looks like 16 people have responded. If you are a

"maybe," no worries - as there should be plenty of food.

Just know you're invited!

Pat/Lynn, Ernie, and Nancy are entering the contest.

Everyone gets a ticket to put in the container in front of their favorite crock-pot of chili. And the one with the

most tickets will win. Awards will be given out for the winners, possibly 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER/PARTY



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/person. Catered by Terry/Nancy. Let them 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 her by **December 8th.**)

CLUB'S STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

February 7th – 6pm Sharp! Come early. Doors will only be opened between speakers for late-comers. **Public is invited.** Location: Pine Gove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd (Clubhouse on right as you enter.) Those entering the contest have an opportunity to receive over \$20,000.00 if they continue on to the state's competition.

Website: <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

"For a Better World, What Would YOU Change?"

Club contests on or before February 26, 2024

Zone contests on or before March 18, 2024

Region Contests on or before April 15, 2024

District contests on or before May 6, 2024

Area Contests on or before May 20, 2024

Final Contest at June Joint COG June 15, 2024

87th Annual Student Speakers CONTEST

2023-24 Topic



Sponsored by The California Lions Clubs
Multiple District Four



Scholarships sponsored by
The Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation

VOLUNTEERING - SERVICE HOURS

When you are involved in a service project that is related to Lions, remember to submit your hours, dates, photo, and descriptions to Lion Secretary Brian so it can be entered in International's database.

If you're representing Lions, we can count your time toward our club's service. Let Brian know if it falls under one of the eight service "causes". Vision, Hunger, Humanitarian Efforts, Youth, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Environment, or Disaster Relief. If you're wearing your Lion's vest, hat, or shirt at the event, and if you have a photo taken, I can include that in our club's and district's newsletters!

Why it matters' website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-reporting>

Reporting Service Helps:

- Accurately measure our global impact
- Identify the best ways to work together
- Bring attention to the great work of Lions
- Ensure clubs' service is supported in the best ways possible

Here's a video from 2020: Lions served over 250 million... in one year! <https://youtu.be/KillrfR7hH4?feature=shared>

REMINDER \$\$

If you have not paid dues for the period January 1-June 30, 2024, please send a check to Treasurer Ernie before the end of December 2023. If you don't remember if you're paid up, contact Lion Ernie or Brian.

MELVIN JONES FELLOW – LION GAIL

Lion Gail received a plaque from DG Claudia at the November District Meeting and is now a [Melvin Jones Fellow](#) (for her service to District 4-A1). She received that acknowledgement at last April's District Convention from then-District Governor Doug Campbell, but the actual plaque was not ready then.

NOV. DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE

Lions Brian & Gail helped fill backpacks with food for kids in need.

MAKE PLANS TO GO!**DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION 2024****WILD WILD WEST**

May 2-5, 2024



Registration Forms - [LINK](#)

EYE CARE & HEARING ASSISTANCE**EYE CARE:**

If you need 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

If you know of someone (any age) in the UPCOUNTRY area who needs eye care and cannot afford it, you can also contact one of our Board Members or email us at upcountry88lions@gmail.com

HEARING ASSISTANCE:

The Ear of the Lion/Hearing Foundation has a hearing aid bank and supports patients who need hearing aids. They also receive donations from individuals who believe in their program. Instructions on website:

<http://earofthelion.org/> or call 1-800-327-8077.

If you know of someone (any age) in the UPCOUNTRY area who needs hearing assistance and cannot afford it, contact a Board Member or email us at upcountry88lions@gmail.com

~ 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.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

In conjunction with Project Care, we are announcing the MD4 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. There will be two categories that promote both the environment and club service activities during the 2023-24 Lion's year. It will provide a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting, and preserving the environment. [...] It is as easy as snapping a picture of the beach, trees, birds, water, sky, or anything around you as you serve to improve the environment. The photos will be displayed, and the winners will be selected by popular vote at the MD4 Convention in February 2024. There will be one winner in each category.

Contest Rules

- The Environmental Photo Contest is open to CA LIONS
- There are TWO categories:
 1. **The Environment** - Photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) in California. No people may be included in the photos.

2. **Environmental Service in Action** - Photos of your club participating in an Environmental Service Activity during the current Lion year. Must include Lions in the photos.

- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10".
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of all photos.
- Only one submission per club will be accepted.
- Photos must be taken during the current Lion year and submitted to MD-4 by January 15, 2024.
- Photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.

Include your name, Club name, District, and a brief description of the photo. Photos must be received by Lion Kathy McCracken no later than January 15, 2024.

Send photos to:

Lion Kathy McCracken, 406 W. James St, Rialto, CA 92376

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
 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](#)

DISTRICT 4A1 NEWSLETTER [LINK](#)

DISTRICT 4-A1 CALENDAR [LINK](#)

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR [LINK](#)

INTERNATIONAL LIONS CALENDAR [LINK](#)

DISTRICT INFORMATION

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Sutter Creek Lions Club



A Successful Second Blood Drive!



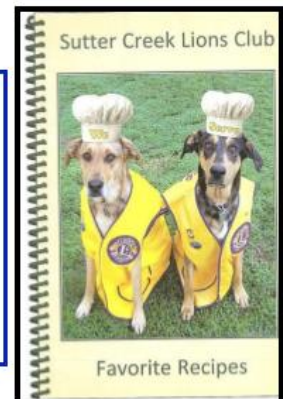
On September 15, the sun was shining as the Sutter Creek Lions and Vitalant hosted their Second Blood Drive this year at the Sutter Creek Community Building, 33 Church Street. There were 19 people who donated whole blood and six people who made a Power Red donation (which count as two donations) for a total of 31 pints of blood collected.



Each registrant received their choice of a complimentary copy of Sutter Creek Lions Club Favorite Recipes (\$20 value) or a "I Hit A Vein" T-Shirt.



Our next blood drive will be on March 15, 2024 followed by another one on "Friday the 13" in September, 2024. Cookbooks and T-Shirts will again be offered (while they last). We are also working on offering a third choice of a giveaway as our way of thanking donors for their participation.



Our Club is proud to be able to add this new community service. We are actively seeking new members who have new ideas and are willing to volunteer to make an impact locally. If you're interested in joining, email us at info@suttercreeklions.org. We meet the second Tuesday of each month and share a potluck dinner (5:00 pm) at the Community Building, 33 Church Street, Sutter Creek.

Sutter Creek Lions Club, P.O. Box 71, Sutter Creek CA 95685
Visit our website at www.suttercreeklions.org, Email info@suttercreeklions.org
Visit Facebook @SutterCreekLions



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. Show the new member the website so they may browse items to spend their coupon on, such as shirts or personalized badges.