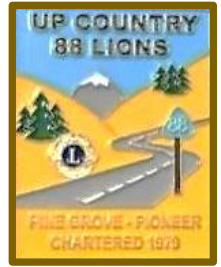




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## Official Voice of Up Country 88 Lions What's Doing?



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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

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### PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN

**HAVE A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**



Dear Fellow Up Country 88 Lions' Members,  
Here's a summary of upcoming events/projects for 2024:

- ❖ Plan/brainstorm for our Meet/Greet in late March or April - explore ways to attract NEW MEMBERS!
- ❖ Update members on recent developments with our 501(c)(4) status.
- ❖ Have a Flag Day Essay Contest in February? Chairperson is needed. *In the past, Up Country 88 Lions presented certificates at Pine Grove and Pioneer Elementary Schools.* [LINK](#)
- ❖ Plan for Student Speakers Contest on Feb 7th and invite prospective members/public to attend.
- ❖ In March or April, members are needed to review and select the winners of our School Scholarships.
- ❖ Club officer elections are this spring on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Officers need to be selected in March for 2024-2025 Lion-Year. Will you be a committee chairperson?*
- ❖ Scholarship Awards Night is May 8<sup>th</sup> – *attend if you can (with your Lions attire on for promoting Lions!).*
- ❖ Discussion of upcoming MD4 Convention on Feb 23-25 in Riverside, District 4-A1 Meeting on March 8-9, District 4-A1 Convention on May 2-5 near Sonora, and International Convention on June 21-25 in Australia.
- ❖ Discuss plans on having our next fundraiser
- ❖ Wanted! Someone to write a 1–2 page summary of our club's history. *It can be put on our club's website and read at our Installations or Member Induction Ceremonies.*
- ❖ Lions Care Projects – focus areas for January through March are "Youth" and "Vision." *We don't have a*

*Service Chair this year. See article in this newsletter and let Gail know if you are interested in chairing a project or two, maybe ones we've done in the past?*

- ❖ Update on collecting pull tabs, eyeglasses, sunglasses, cell phones, ink cartridges, and hearing aids.
- ❖ Marketing helpers are needed to hand out our club's informational flyer and business cards to businesses in the upcountry area – *and possibly getting new members by letting our community know we're here!*

~ *Lion Gail*

### UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

**January 3: CLUB MEETING** – Meeting starts 6pm.

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 6pm.

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

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

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

**February 21: CLUB MEETING** – Meeting starts 6pm.

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.

**March 6: CLUB MEETING** – Meeting starts 6pm.

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.

**March 8-9:** District 4-A1 Meeting – details to follow...

**March 15:** BLOOD DRIVE hosted by Sutter Creek Lions. See their flyer toward the end of this newsletter.

**March 20: CLUB MEETING** – Meeting starts 6pm.

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.

**April 3: CLUB MEETING** - Election of Club Officers

**April 2024?: MEET & GREET** - Open House to encourage area residents to join our club.

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

**May 8: Scholarship Awards Night** – Amador High School Gym – As many members who can, please attend - with your Lions attire on.

**June 19: Installation Dinner** – Details to follow...

**CLUB MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 6pm.

For meetings with guest speakers, social time/appetizers start at 5:30pm. See updates on our online [Calendar](#).

### UPDATE: CHILI COOK-OFF WITH SUTTER CREEK LIONS CLUB

On December 12, we had another CHILI COOK-OFF with [Sutter Creek Lions](#) in Sutter Creek.



Lion Nancy V and Lion Rick C  **tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place**. Lion Nancy got the cool 1<sup>st</sup> Place Chili Cook-Off Trophy and Lion Rick got Sutter Creek Lions' Cookbook as his award.



Lion Pat M (on right) got 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and received a beautifully-wrapped roll of toilet paper!



Patricia T got 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (seen here with her friend and holding her prize of toilet paper)



Brothers, Richard and Jim S., are shown here looking like twins!



**MAKE PLANS to go to Black Oak Resort**

**DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION 2024**

**WILD WILD WEST**

May 2-5, 2024



Registration Forms - [LINK](#)



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER/PARTY UPDATE



Can you see Lion Brian waving outside our clubhouse?



Can you say "hamming it up"?



Roxanne and Jeff won the "Best Holiday Costumes" award



Did his holiday outfit chase someone away?



Lions Brian and Gail brought their son



Thank you to Lions Nancy and Terry for provided a yummy dinner and dessert and after-dinner fun!

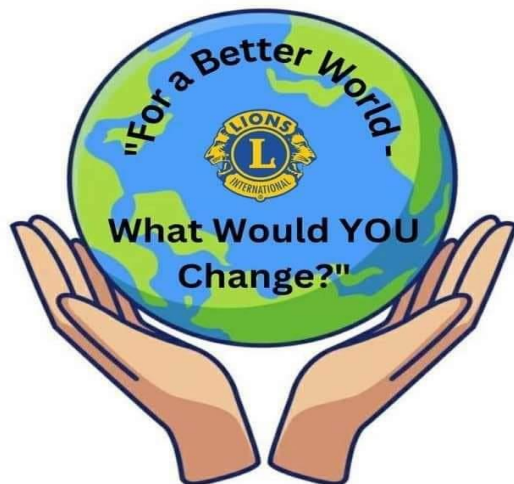




White Elephant Gift Exchange brought a bunch of laughs

## CLUB's STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

### 87th Annual *Student Speakers* **CONTEST** 2023-24 Topic



Sponsored by The California Lions Clubs  
Multiple District Four

February 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 to the state's competition.

MD4 Website: <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

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

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

## OUR DONATION TO PROJECT THANKS



Our Up Country 88 Lions Club donated \$525.00 to Project Thanks - Interfaith Food Bank for them to give meals to seven families of six people in need. Left to right: Lion Nancy, Lion President Gail, Executive Director Beth Stanton, and Liz from the food bank, who graciously coordinated the photo op!

## MD4 SERVICE – 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER PROJECT CARE - Jan-Feb-Mar YOUTH & VISION are focus areas

If you have any questions, pertaining to Service Reporting or the MD4 Project Care service program, please reach out to your District GST (Global Service Team).

~ Rob Hyatt, Coordinator

Below are some service resource tools for your use:

- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-toolkit>
- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-reporting>
- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-programs>
- <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-project-planners>
- **LIONS CARE SERVICE CHALLENGE - FLYER**
- **VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS – FLYER**
- **STRIDES WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS – FLYER**
- **PROTECTING OUR VISION & ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP – FLYER**
- **PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT PROJECT – FLYER**
- **HUNGER & FOOD SECURITY DRIVE – FLYER**
- **DIABETES AWARENESS AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP – FLYER**
- **BLOOD DRIVE – FLYER**
- **BLOOD AND BONE MARROW DRIVE – FLYER**

**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 the 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). 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](mailto: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](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com)

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

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!

**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](#)

**2023-2024 BOARD & CHAIRS**

Club President	Gail C
1st Vice President	Frank A
Treasurer	Ernie G
Secretary	Brian C
Service Chair	[Vacant]*
Membership Director	Frank A
2-Year Director	Terry V
2-Year Director	Pat M
Marketing Chair	Gail C
LCIF Chair	Gail C
Immediate Past President	Frank A
Scholarship Chair	Nancy V
Guest Speakers Chair	Terry V
Vision Care Chair	Richard K
Student Speakers Contest Co-Chairs	Terry/Nancy
Steak/Omelet Dinners Chair	[Vacant]*

**[DISTRICT 4A1 NEWSLETTERS LINK](#)**

**[DISTRICT 4-A1 CALENDAR LINK](#)**

**[CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR LINK](#)**

**[INTERNATIONAL LIONS CALENDAR LINK](#)**

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# Sutter Creek Lions Club



## A Successful Second Blood Drive!



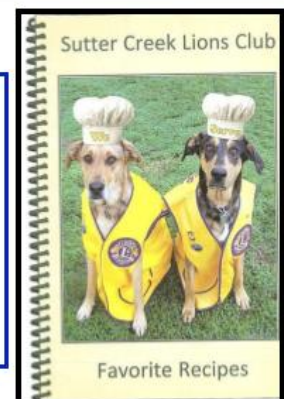
On September 15, the sun was shining as the Sutter Creek Lions and Vitalant hosted their Second Blood Drive this year at the Sutter Creek Community Building, 33 Church Street. There were 19 people who donated whole blood and six people who made a Power Red donation (which count as two donations) for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

### ★ SAVE THE DATES ★

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@suttercreekions.org](mailto:info@suttercreekions.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.suttercreekions.org](http://www.suttercreekions.org), Email [info@suttercreekions.org](mailto:info@suttercreekions.org)  
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## 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](mailto: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.