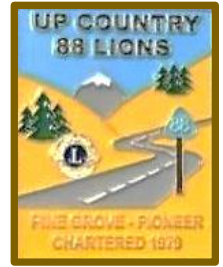




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**CLUB MEETINGS** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

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

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### PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN

Hi UC88 Lions and Lion-Friends,



We're currently focusing on **getting new members**. Think of those you know who might be interested in giving back to our upcountry community. "The Recruiting Wheel is an effective way to develop lists of people who could be invited to join your club."



\* May include, but is not limited to, elected officials, school principals, police and fire chiefs, and hospital administrators.

\*\* May include, but is not limited to, doctors, accountants, dentists, lawyers, and bankers.

Bring your used **eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, and sunglasses, and ink cartridges** to an Up Country 88 Lion or one of our meetings for recycling. We collect **pull tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. You can also bring them to one of our collection boxes listed here:

<https://upcountry88lions.org/recycling/>

~ Lion Gail

### UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

**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.

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

**February 25:** **SERVICE HOURS** - Report to Secretary Brian

**March 2:** Crab Feed – Jackson Lions - [FLYER](#) & [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 7:** Mountain Zone 1 Student Speakers Contest at Mel & Faye's in Jackson – 6pm sharp – see article

**March 8-9:** **4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING** – Escalon CA - [FLYER](#)

**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 5:** Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions (Consider going to support them as they've come to our dinners in the past.)

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

**April 16:** Early 4-A1 Convention Registration ends. Rates increase after today.

**May 2-5:** **DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION** at Black Oak Casino/RV Resort near Sonora CA – [LINK](#) – Let Lion Gail know if you're going! [DOWNLOAD Registration Packet](#)

**May 8:** Scholarship Awards Night – Amador High School Gym – As many members who can, please attend - with your Lions attire on. Many organizations in our area give out scholarships that night. Our club hands out four of them at \$750 each.

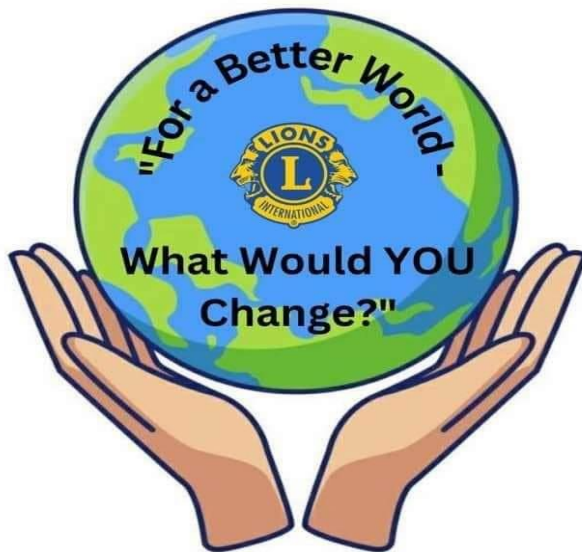
**June 19:** Installation Dinner – Details to follow...

**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](#).

## 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 Grove Mobile Home Estates, 14074 Irish Town Rd (Clubhouse on right as you enter.)

If they win, the next contest is the Mountain Zone 1 Contest at Mel and Faye's in Jackson on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm sharp, per Chairperson John Sondeno (who is a Jackson Lions' member and lives in Pine Grove.)

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/student-speakers>

**"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

## CLUB SERVICE CHAIR NEEDED!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHAIR A PROJECT between now and the end of March, let Lion Gail know. YOUTH and VISION are the main areas we've focused our SERVICE PROJECTS on in the recent past.

**MD4 SERVICE – 3rd QUARTER PROJECT CARE**

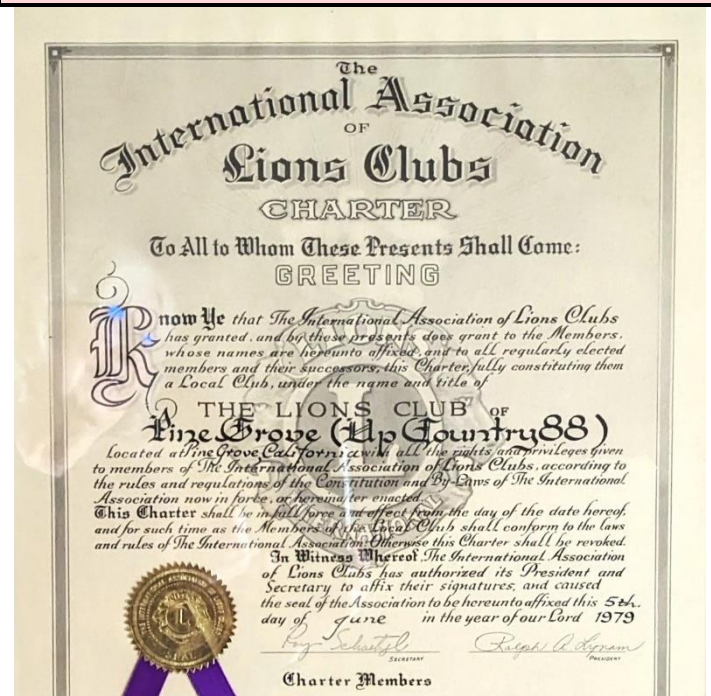
Jan-Feb-Mar 2024

**YOUTH & VISION are focus areas**

Below are some service resource tools for your use:

- **LIONS CARE SERVICE CHALLENGE - [FLYER](#)**
- **VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS (outside the school district – like homeschooled) – [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](#)**
- <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>

## LOOK! OUR ORIGINAL CLUB CHARTER



**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!

[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.

**WANT TO JOIN ON ZOOM?**

*Let Lion Gail know so she can set it up.*

Up Country 88  
LIONS  
HAVE  
BIG  
HEARTS



Come, join us  
& give back to our community!

- \* Student Scholarships - Four awarded each year
- \* Pine Grove & Pioneer Elementary schools - Support, including Fall Festival Fundraisers, Pioneer Community Garden, Flag Day Essay Contest
- \* Inner Faith Food Bank & Project Thanks - Donations to those in need
- \* Collection/Recycling - Eyeglasses, pull tabs, hearing aids

Website: [upcountry88lions.org](http://upcountry88lions.org)

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Address: PO Box 777 Pine Grove CA 95665

**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](#)

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

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

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

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





# **CRAB FEED**



*Sponsored by: Jackson Lions Club*

**St. Sava Mission Grounds**  
**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024**

**Dinner 7:00pm**

No Host Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Wine Included

No outside Alcohol Permitted

**\$65** Per Person



**For Tickets Contact Mike Bohl**  
**(916) 764-7363**



***Proceeds go towards scholarships and community projects.***



# Sutter Creek Lions Club



## A Successful Second Blood Drive!



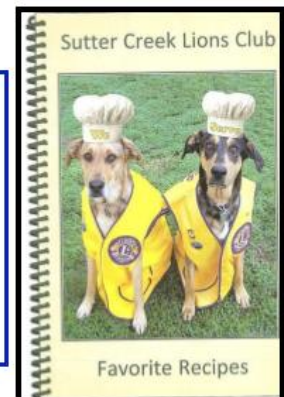
On September 15, the sun was shining as the Sutter Creek Lions and Vitalant hosted their Second Blood Drive this year at the Sutter Creek Community Building, 33 Church Street. There were 19 people who donated whole blood and six people who made a Power Red donation (which count as two donations) for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



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE  
**DISTRICT  
MEETING**

Escalon Community  
Center  
1055 Escalon Ave,  
Escalon, CA 95320

MARCH 8TH & 9TH  
FRI. 9AM-2PM  
SAT. 8AM-2PM

BREAKFAST PROVIDED  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
LUNCH PROVIDED SATURDAY  
ONLY



# Just Ask!

## Quick tips for effectively recruiting new members

### 1 Build a team

Get started by building a team of people who are dedicated to increasing your club's membership.

- » Decide who will help your club recruit.
- » Use the membership development team form in the Just Ask! guide to organize your team.

### 2 Build a vision

Take time to assess your club and your community to find out what you need for successful recruitment.

- » Determine what you want your club to be.
- » Choose what you want your club to support.
- » Establish your goals.
- » Decide who you will recruit.

### 3 Build a plan

Map out your club's action plan and completion dates, then assign tasks to help you reach your goals.

- » Decide where and when will you recruit.
- » Determine your recruitment materials.
- » Review your growth plan.
- » Reach out to your target members.
- » Promote your informational meeting and activities.
- » Follow up with participants.

### 4 Build success

- » Conduct an induction ceremony.
- » Ensure that new members are properly on-boarded.
- » Find ways to involve new members in your club's activities.



## Repeat the process

People join Lions International to serve—make sure that your new members are involved in ways that align with the reasons they joined your club.

For details on these steps, as well as additional tools and resources your club can use for successful member recruitment, download the complete Just Ask! Fostering a Culture of Recruitment guide from the Resource Center at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).



**Lions  
International**







## 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@ionsclubs.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 MVI 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.