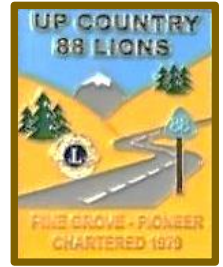




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CLUB MEETINGS 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

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

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PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN



UC88 Lions and Lion-Friends,

Hope you can make it to our upcoming meetings. Our March 6th meeting will focus on the planning of our Meet & Greet (Open House) to get new members. We need your input! We will also be putting together a Nominating Committee for 2024-

2025 Officers.

Anyone interested in going to March's District Meeting in Escalon, let me know. Our district has a great Training Workshop planned for March 30th in Hughson. You will be receiving an email with a link to their Special Edition Newsletter soon. It has information on our District's events between now and the end of this Lion-Year 6/30/2024. April 17th is an important annual event for our club when we are visited by the District Governor's Team. May 2-5 is the Convention at Black Oak Casino/RV Resort near Sonora – it's always fun, entertaining, informative, and memorable! I've got photos - just ask me! On May 8th, we'll hand out our four Student Scholarships.

~ Lion Gail

UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

March 2: Crab Feed – Jackson Lions - [FLYER](#) & [LINK](#)

March 6: **Club Meeting** – Meeting starts 6pm. TOPIC: Upcoming Meet & Greet. 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 - [LINK](#)

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

March 16-17: Dandelion Days – Jackson Lions – *see their flyer and Music flyer toward 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.

March 25: Newsletter Items - Send to Lion Editor Gail

March 25: Service Hours - Report to Lion Secretary Brian

March 26: 4-A1 Member Orientation – 7:00 PM via [ZOOM](#)

March 30: **4-A1 District Training Workshop** – in Hughson – *see District's Special Edition Newsletter*

April 3: **Club Meeting** - Election of Club Officers – please attend! 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 5: Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions (*Consider going to support them as they've come to our dinners in the past.*)

April ??: **Meet & Greet** - Open House to encourage area residents to join our club.

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

April 17: **DG Team's Visitation** - *see article in this newsletter*

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!

May 8: **Scholarship Awards Night** – Amador High School Gym – Past President Frank will make the presentation. 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: 1st & 3rd 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 UPDATE (FEB 7)



Up Country 88 Lions are pleased to inform everyone that, on Wednesday February 21, 2024, we held our annual Student Speakers Contest. This was the 87th Annual Student Speaker Contest sponsored by the California Lions Club Multiple District Four. Congratulations go out to all five students from Amador High School who participated. Once again, it was a very interesting evening listening to these students describe what they would do based on this year's topic "For a Better World, What Would You Change?" They had a different thought on what they would change. Although all the students gave wonderful speeches, senior Alec Raines was the winner. The other students who participated were Trinity F, Lillian A, Skylar G, and Pandora L. We would like to thank all our judges, tellers, and timekeepers for helping this become another successful contest. We are looking forward to supporting Alec as he moves on to the Zone contest on March 7th! ~ Lion Terry V, Co-Chairperson

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Join us to support Alec at the Mountain Zone 1 Contest at Mel and Faye's in Jackson on March 7th at 6pm sharp. The Chairperson is John Sondeno, who is a Jackson Lions member and lives in Pine Grove. Those entering the contest have an opportunity to receive over \$21,500.00 if they continue to the state's competition. [WEBSITE](#)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM'S VISITATION – April 17 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!



WHEN: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

PROGRAM: 2nd Vice District Governor Matt Stickler and Global Service Coordinator (GST) Rob Hyatt will be here for the annual District 4-A1 Governor Team's Visitation to our club.

TOPIC: They will be discussing rebuilding our club and our Service Projects. President Gail has met with them. They have many great/exciting ideas to share with us. They suggested we invite our COMMUNITY PARTNERS like Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club. [LINK](#)

ONLINE VIDEO CALL: Friends and Members can also join this meeting on our **RECURRING ZOOM LINK**. If you'd like the Zoom link, email upcountry88lions@gmail.com for details/instructions.

ADDRESS: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse at 14074 Irish Town Road in Pine Grove, CA (Clubhouse is on the right as you enter.)

SOCIAL TIME: 5:30pm – with appetizers.

MEETING STARTS: 6pm

EMAIL: upcountry88lions@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WEBSITE: <http://upcountry88lions.org>

RECYCLING: Bring your used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, and sunglasses, and ink cartridges to a Lion for recycling. We also collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House or bring them to one of our collection boxes: <http://upcountry88lions.org/projects-list/>

BSA TROOP 78G (Girls)

Our Board voted unanimously to donate \$300 to the BSA Troop 78G (girls) who mainly live upcountry. The money

will go toward a scholarship for camp.
Here's some websites with more information:
<https://foothillconservancy.org/bsatroop78/>

https://www.ledger.news/on_the_vine/12-year-old-jackson-troop-78-nearing-eagle-rank/article_935e24c6-1a17-11eb-b10b-7fcc7569cda.html

https://www.ledger.news/roots/adventure-is-calling-join-cub-scouts-now/article_35a87aa8-7d21-11eb-8b2f-5f6a87e16e07.html

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/amadordistrictscouts>

WANT TO JOIN ON ZOOM?

Let Lion Gail know so she can set it up.

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. 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

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.

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.

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](#)

Dandelion Days !

March 16 - 17, 2024 Downtown Jackson Street Fair
Family Fun! A Jackson Tradition!

Kids' Carnival!



Arts & Crafts Vendors ... Food Booths
Live Music - 2 Stages, 2 Days!
Pancake Breakfast 7 am Sat/Sun

Lots of Free Parking/Free Shuttle

- County Admin Bldg, 810 Court St.
 - Sutter Hill Transit Center, 115 Valley View Way
 - Argonaut High School
 - Grocery Outlet*
- 9 N. State Hwy 49/88
(*Paid parking, no overnight)



Live Music!



Donate Eyeglasses
at the White Cane
Table near the
Lions Trailer!

JacksonLionsClub.org

See the LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE on the next page...

Dandelion Days !

March 16 - 17, 2024 Downtown Jackson Street Fair

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

Sponsored by Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort & The National Hotel

SATURDAY March 16

NATIONAL HOTEL/LOGAN'S ALLEY

10 - 11:30 Violin on Fire
Noon - 1:30 The Blowbacks
2:00 - 3:30 Kool Shifters
4:00 - 6:00 It's All Good

PETKOVICH PARK

10 - 11:30 Tin Dears
Noon - 1:30 Sultan of Silly
2:00 - 3:30 Amador Sons
4:00 - 5:30 She Calls Him Wilson



SUNDAY March 17

NATIONAL HOTEL/LOGAN'S ALLEY

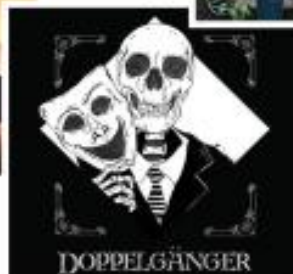
10:30 - 12:30 Teal Wheels
1:00 - 3:00 Doppelganger
3:30 - 5:30 Highway Vagabonds

PETKOVICH PARK

10:30 - Noon Amador Sons
12:30 - 2:00 She Calls Him Wilson
2:30 - 4:00 Violin on Fire



KOOL SHIFTERS



THE BLOWBACKS





Sutter Creek Lions Club

February Newsletter 2024

Blood Drive – March 15

Each donor will receive their choice of a free “I HIT A VEIN” T-Shirt or a “Sutter Creek Lions Favorite Recipes” cookbook (while supplies last). In addition, all donors who come to give blood, platelets or plasma on March 15 will receive FREE solar eclipse glasses* PLUS an exclusive T-shirt to brighten your day, both redeemable by email (while supplies last.)



Because of the Success of Our Past Drives, the Number of Appointments Has Been Increased to 36!

DID YOU KNOW? Donating blood helps more than trauma victims, it can save the life of a child with cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, many children diagnosed with cancer need blood transfusions because cancers of the blood and bone marrow cause low blood counts. Forty-Two percent of platelets are used for inpatient/hematology/oncology.

Sutter Creek Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Sutter Creek Lions

Friday, March 15 from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Sutter Creek Community Center, 33 Church Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Many Lions Clubs participate in various outreach services for vision, diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, disaster relief, hunger, youth, and humanitarian efforts. For more information about the Sutter Creek Lions, email info@suttercreekions.org

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

A festive poster for a District Meeting. The background is dark blue with gold stars, constellations, and fireworks. A large, faint circular logo with a lion's head is in the center. The text is in gold and white. The main title 'DISTRICT MEETING' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, the location 'Escalon Community Center' and address '1055 Escalon Ave, Escalon, CA 95320' are in white. The word 'REGISTRATION' is underlined in gold. The dates and times 'MARCH 8TH & 9TH', 'FRI. 9AM-2PM', and 'SAT. 8AM-2PM' are in gold. The breakfast and lunch information is in gold. The cost information is in gold. A QR code is in the bottom right corner, surrounded by a blue circle with the text 'SCAN ME' below it.

★ YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE
**DISTRICT
MEETING**

Escalon Community
Center
1055 Escalon Ave,
Escalon, CA 95320

REGISTRATION

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

BREAKFAST PROVIDED
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
LUNCH PROVIDED SATURDAY
ONLY

COST IS \$20 PER LION
NEW MEMBERS AND LEOS
ARE FREE



SCAN ME

Use above QR Code or ctrl + click on this link to access registration form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRthYjce3ErPDXiWlbyuksDJVGQI-xmhOIhQgKjdUJtZ9r-A/viewform>



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.