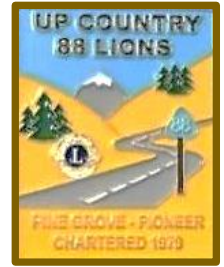




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**CLUB MEETINGS** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

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### PRESIDENT GAIL'S COLUMN



To UC88 Lions & Lion-Friends,

We're on track with the planning of our **MEET & GREET** (Open House) on May 18<sup>th</sup>. *See the flier in this newsletter...*

Our club's **Student Speakers Contest** article/photos were highlighted on page one of the **ROOTS** section of the *Ledger*

*Dispatch* and on their Facebook page - [LINK](#). *See a copy of it in this newsletter.*

Lions Brian and Gail went to the District 4-A1 Training on March 8<sup>th</sup> and brought back loads of information – some of it was shared at our club's March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. We brought "**Blessing Bags Starter Kits**" that we helped put together as the Hands-On Service Project. So we brought several baggies to the meeting. Lion Ernie took some for Vets who are on hospice. The rest will be given to a non-profit in our area that helps those in need. *See the flier in this newsletter.*

We're starting to collect certain plastics for our Environment Service Project, "**Bags To Benches.**" Lion Nancy has *an article in this newsletter.* Let's get 1000 pounds in a year and receive a bench from NexTrex for our community (and the publicity will help too!).

~ *Lion Gail*

### UP COUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

**April 3: Club Meeting** – 6pm - **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.

~~**April 5:** Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions (Cancelled)~~

**April 12** and beyond: MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights are no

longer available. See updates on "Lion Portal" - [LINK](#)

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

**April 17: DG Team's Visitation** -5:30pm Social time/Appetizers. 7:00pm Meeting. Zooming will be set up for this meeting - *see article in this newsletter*

**April 21:** Dinner in the Dark – Sierra Lions – [FLIER](#)

**April 23:** Member Orientation – District 4-A1 offers this "class" if you want to learn more - 7pm via [ZOOM](#) - every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – **ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED!**

**April 25: Newsletter Items** - Send to Lion Editor Gail

**April 25: Service Hours** - Report to Lion Secretary Brian

**May 1: Club Meeting** – 6pm – 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.

**May 3-5: District 4-A1 Convention** - Black Oak Casino/RV Resort near Sonora CA – let Lion Gail know if you're going – [LINK](#)

**May 8: Scholarship Awards Night** – *See article in this newsletter...*

**May 15: Club Meeting** – 6pm – please attend! We'll be working on the final plans for this Saturday's Meet & Greet. 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.

**May 18: Meet & Greet** - 11:30-2:30pm - Open House to encourage area residents to join our club. RSVP please. *See flier in this newsletter...*

**June 5: Club Meeting** - 5:30pm Social time/Appetizers. 6:00pm Meeting. Speaker to be announced...

**June 19: Installation Dinner** – We're 45 YEARS OLD!  
*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](#).

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

Lion Bba Rob Hyatt



2nd Vice District Governor Matt

**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. They have many great/exciting ideas to share with us.

They suggested we invite our COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:upcountry88lions@gmail.com) with questions.**WEBSITE:** <http://upcountry88lions.org>**RECYCLING:** Bring your **PLASTIC**, 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/>**STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIPS****Up Country 88 Lions Club****2024 High School Seniors Scholarship Program**

We received 22 student's applications from Amador High School.

From our club, four will be awarded at \$750.00 each. Scholarships are to be used at a trade school, college, or university of their choice.

Scholarship Awards Night will be at Amador High School on May 8, 2024 in the 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.**NEW SERVICE PROJECT  
"BAGS TO BENCHES"****2024 Lions Go Green, Improving our environment;** with this program, "Bags to Benches". We'll be collecting dry, clean, clear, soft plastic items.

What can be recycled: plastic grocery bags, Ziploc food storage bags, cereal bags, newspaper sleeves, water bottle case wrapping, wood pallet wraps, produce bags, bubble wrap, ice bags, bread bags, toilet paper clear outer wrap.

Start saving and collecting clear plastic items! Bring to a club meeting or email/text me.

We will have 3-4 collection sites. More information to come.

If you have any questions, let me know. ~ Lion Nancy

OUR CHALLENGE PERIOD is 3/25/2024-3/25/2025 (one year), to collect 1,000 pounds – we can do this!

See the flier toward the end of this newsletter...

<https://nextrex.com/view/programs>"Environment" is one of Lions International's Global Projects - website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>**MEMBER'S CLUB ANNIVERSARY**Ernie  
3/1/2003

**HELPING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER**

Lions Brian (back/left) and Gail (front/left) helped our Community Partner, Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club, at this year's Dandelion Days in Jackson.

**WANT TO ZOOM WITH US?**

**Let Lion Gail know so she can set it up.**  
**(SAVE this RECURRING LINK)**

Frank is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Up Country 88 Lions Club Meetings

Time: This is a recurring meeting - Meet anytime, as needed – **SAVE THIS INFORMATION!**

Link to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89762282984?pwd=RkVGNjIYZGhtM2N0VxZFMUZIYXQ3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 897 6228 2984 and Passcode: 406943

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kekDn1m1La>

**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-](http://upcountry88lions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/LEF_application_forms_4-2017_rev.pdf)

[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 <https://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](#) to download 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.

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

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

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

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

**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

**Blessing Bags Starter Kits**

- Gloves
- Warm Socks
- Toothbrush /Toothpaste
- Wipes or wash cloth
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Lotion
- Beef Stick or Beef Jerky
- Snacks - i.e. crackers, dried fruit etc.
- Candy Bars (no chocolate)

You can also add other items that may help someone who is in need or in a bad way. It is just a thoughtful, inspiring thing to do as a Service Project for our community.

Places to donate:

- Shelters
- Transitional housing
- Shower Ministries
- Schools with Expanded Learning programs
- Community Partners' Safe Houses
- Food Banks
- Churches
- Childcare Centers

Ledger Dispatch  
**Roots**

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024



Lisa Nease, Co-Chairperson, presented him with his certificate

**Up Country 88 Lion's Club Student Speakers Contest**

Via Press Release  
For Ledger Dispatch

Up Country 88 Lions are pleased to inform everyone that, on Wednesday February 22, 2024, we held our annual Student Speakers Contest in Pine Grove. This was the 8th Annual Student Speaker Contest sponsored by the California Lions Club Multiple District Four.

Congratulations go out to all five students from Arroyo 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, winner Alex Baltes was the winner.

The other students who participated were Trinity F., Liliana A., Skylar G., and Fan-



LIONESS/DAVE ROBERTS

Up Country 88 Lion's Club students who participated were Trinity F., Alex E., Liliana A., Skylar G., and Fanora L.

ora L. We would like to thank all our judges, voters, and volunteers for helping this become another successful contest. Alex has moved on to the Zone's contest held on March 27th (results unavailable as of press time).

Those entering the contest have an opportunity to receive over \$2,500, so if they continue to the state's competition, for more information, visit <https://mdglions.org/student-speakers>.

American Association of University Women

**Changing Women's Lives, One Scholarship at a Time**

Via Press Release  
For Ledger Dispatch

Higher Education Scholarship Applications Open Through March 15th

Calling all women who are looking to finish their degree! As the March 15th deadline draws near, young women in Arroyo interested in furthering their education are encouraged to check out and apply for the American Association of University Women (AAUW) scholarship.

The American Association of University Women have provided and supported women across the United States for nearly 100 years, doggedly pursuing gender equity through higher education.

Two programs provide oppor-

nities for students who may not qualify for "traditional" scholarships - first for those who are interested in returning to school after entering the workforce or perhaps did not go directly into college after graduating high school. Re-entry is open for women who have completed at least two years of college coursework, and the Super Division/Scholarship for those who are starting or returning to college after an interruption in their pursuit of five or more years of higher education.

AAUW Publicity Committee

See *Scholarships*, Page B6



LIONESS/DAVE ROBERTS

2023 AAUW Scholarship Recipients Alex Inez Doyle and Emily Galtier, AAUW Scholarship Chair.

**INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?**

*Do you want to help meet the needs of our community?*

# **MEET & GREET**

## **OPEN HOUSE**



**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**11:30am - 2:30pm**

**Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse  
14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove, CA**

***Lunch Served – RSVP by May 10th to 209-210-7516  
or email UpCountry88Lions@gmail.com***



**Where there's a need, there's a LION!**

**UpCountry88Lions.org**



# NexTrex Recycling Challenge

## How does the challenge work?

- Register on [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com) to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at [my.trex.com](http://my.trex.com)

- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

*Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.*

## What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

## What can I win?



Trex Bench

## What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags



**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.