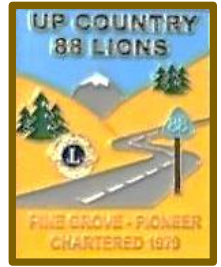




**JANUARY
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CLUB MEETINGS 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6pm at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse on Irishtown Rd

CLUB # 37207 **HASHTAG** #Upcountry88Lions **BOARD MEETINGS** Virtual - as needed

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Last month was interesting!

We needed to postpone our December 4th meeting with Past District Governor Kent Christensen, our District 4-A1's **LCIF** Chairperson (it's the Foundation's wing of Lions International). We'll reschedule it.

Our annual **Holiday Dinner** was fun. *See article in this newsletter...*

Remember – the January 1st General Meeting – is **cancelled**. HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!

Club Officers – There's in-person training on January 11th in Burson. Let me know if you want to carpool.

We will have a guest speaker, Melissa Justice from **Hospice of Amador**, at our **January 15th** meeting; so we'll have a Social Time/Appetizers from 5:30pm-6:00pm. Members – bring your favorite appetizer if you can.

District Meeting is on January 18th in Modesto. Let me know if you want to carpool. Everyone must **register by Saturday, January 4th** to guarantee a meal.

February will be a "Student Speakers Contest" month! Our "**1st Wednesday Meeting**" will be OUR club's contest. Our "**3rd Wednesday Meeting**" will be OUR zone's contest. *See article in this newsletter.*

~ *Lion Gail*

UPCOUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

January 1: CLUB MEETING POSTPONED

January 1: **Lions Float** in **135th Rose Parade** – Help support it – Information is in [District's Newsletter](#)

January 11: **OFFICER TRAINING** for Mountain Region at Burson Community Center – all our club's Officers and Chairpersons are invited – lunch will be provided – headed by PCC Claudia Miller - details to follow...

January 13: **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

January 14: **Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat** - [REGISTER](#)

January 15: **GUEST SPEAKER AT CLUB MEETING** - Melissa Justice, Events Coordinator for Hospice of Amador & Calaveras <https://hospiceofamador.org/> Hospice will be having a Valentine's Day Raffle. Social Time with Appetizers starts at 5:30pm. Meeting begins at 6:00pm.

January 17: **Rebuilding Clubs** - Zoom – link on [District's calendar](#) (Gail, Nancy, Terry, and Marie)

January 18: **District Meeting** – at Camp Taylor in Modesto – [FLIER](#) – [REGISTER](#) - *See article in this newsletter.*

January 25: **Newsletter Items due** - Send photos and articles to Lion Editor Gail

January 25: **Service Hours** – Report the service you've done to Lion Secretary Brian

February 5: **UC88 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST** – at our Clubhouse. Public is invited. Doors close promptly at 6pm and are opened between each speaker.

February 10: **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

February 19: **MOUNTAIN ZONE STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST** – hosted by us - at our Clubhouse!

February 21-23: **MD4 Convention** – Visalia - [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

February 28: **Rebuilding Clubs** - Zoom – see link on [District's calendar](#) (Gail, Nancy, Terry, and Marie)

March 8: **District Meeting** – Details to follow...

March 21: **Blood Drive** – Sutter Creek Lions

April 14: **Member Orientation** – 6:30pm via [ZOOM](#)

April 22: **Earth Day** - [LINK](#)

April 24-27: **District 4-A1 Convention & Short District Meeting** – [Black Oak Resort & Casino](#)

April 26: **Worldwide Induction Day (WWID)** - [LINK](#)

July 13-17: 107th [International Convention](#) in Orlando FL
Sounds like fun – Let's go!

CLUB MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00pm
To join us online, email upcountry88lions@gmail.com beforehand and ask for the link. For meetings with Guest Speakers, **social time/appetizers start at 5:30pm.**
See any updates on our online [Calendar](#).

HOLIDAY DINNER 2024

Front row L to R: Frank, Georgia, Larry, Lynn

Back row L to R: Brian, Ernie, Pat, Michael, Gail

Our December 18th Holiday Dinner was fun – there was great food and service at Plate 88. We had good laughs with friends. We missed those who were out-of-town, sick, or forgot! The White Elephant Gift Exchange is ALWAYS interesting!

**GUEST SPEAKER
@ JANUARY 15TH MEETING**



Melissa Justice, Events Coordinator for Hospice of Amador & Calaveras will be our Guest Speaker for this meeting.

Hospice will be having a Valentine's Day Raffle. See the flier in this newsletter. Here's Hospice's [LINK](#). Social Time with Appetizers starts at 5:30pm. Meeting begins at 6:00pm.

PUBLIC IS INVITED to join us at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse at 14074 Irish Town Road in Pine

Grove, CA (Clubhouse is on the right as you enter). Get to know us AND ask us what we do as LIONS! Special guest speakers are usually scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact us if you have ideas for future speakers.

Email upcountry88lions@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you'd like the Zoom link to attend virtually. Bring your used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, and sunglasses to a Lion for recycling. We also collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Or bring them to one of our collection boxes: <https://upcountry88lions.org/recycling/>

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTESTS

We will be holding our Club Student Speakers Contest on **February 5, 2025**. Lion Terry is our club's chairperson.

We will also be holding the Mountain Zone Contest on **February 19th**. Jackson, Mokelumne Hill, Sutter Creek, and West Point are in our zone.

2025 California Lions Student
Speakers
Contest Topic is:

**"Artificial Intelligence -
Friend or Foe?"**



<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

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.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Instructions are on **Ear of the Lion's website:** <http://earofthelion.org/> or call 1-800-327-8077.

CONTACT: If you know of someone in the **upcountry area** who needs vision or hearing assistance & cannot afford it, contact a Board Member or email upcountry88lions@gmail.com.

**CHECK OUT YOUR
DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER**

<https://lions4-a1.org/whats-happening/newsletters/>



UP COUNTRY 88 LIONS

**Collect, Refurbish & Redistribute
EYEGLASSES, HEARING
AIDS & CELLPHONES**



Thank you for your kindness!

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(They don't accept single lenses or glasses cases anymore FYI.)

temporary, affordable housing to families while their child is undergoing treatment at a Sacramento-area hospital.
<https://rmhcnc.org/get-involved/pop-tab-program/>
<https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-more/pull-tabs-ronald-mcdonald-house/>
 Check out our District 4-A1's WEBSITE: <https://lions4-a1.org/district-projects/projects-more/pull-tabs-ronald-mcdonald-house/>
 Turn them in to a member of our Upcountry 88 Lions Club or bring to one of our meetings/events.

DISTRICT 4-A1 LINK
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**CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR**  
**LINK**  
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INTERNATIONAL LIONS
CALENDAR LINK

2024-2025 BOARD & CHAIRS

Club President/ GAT	Gail C
1 st Vice President/ GLT	Open
2 nd Vice President/ GLT	Lynn M
Treasurer	Frank A
Secretary	Brian C
Service Chair/ GST	Terry V
Membership Chair/ GMT	Nancy V
2-Year Director	Larry R
2-Year Director	Pat M
Marketing Chair	Gail C
Immediate Past President	Gail C
Club Administrator	Gail C
Student Scholarships Chair	Nancy V
Guest Speakers Chair	Terry V
Vision Care Chair/Eyeglasses Collection	Pat M
Student Speakers Contest Chair	Terry V
Newsletter Editor, Website & Social Media Administrator	Gail C
LCIF Chair	Open

PULL/POP/SODA TABS



We collect pull tabs (not the whole aluminum can) from sodas, soup, etc. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern California collects these tabs to recycle and put the proceeds toward their Adopt-A-Family Program. This program helps subsidize the cost of families staying at the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House. The House provides



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 MYLCI 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.