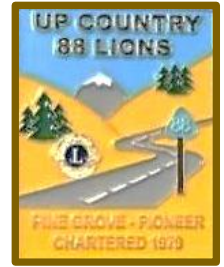




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2025**

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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'S COLUMN



THOUGHTS ON LIONISM...

I find the hardest part about doing your Club Newsletters is writing this column!

There's lots of events coming up this spring. The calendar below has events for everyone to attend...not only what our club is putting on, but also what

area clubs are doing. **Supporting Tri-Dams Lions, Sonora Lions, and Sutter Creek Lions** is a GOOD THING!

Hopefully everyone can attend the two **Student Speakers Contests** this month. Wear your vests if you can.

Lion Marie and I have planned three **TASTEFUL MEET & GREETS**. See the flier toward the end of this newsletter.

We're combining her exciting idea to encourage people to come to our events by demonstrating healthful foods with one of Lions International's Global Causes – Diabetes Education.

If you'd like to be on the **BOWLING FUNDRAISER PLANNING COMMITTEE** with Lions Frank and Marie, let them know. It's tentatively planned for this summer.

If you're planning on coming to the **District Meeting** on March 8th and/or the **District Convention** from April 24-27, let me know.

Remember, if you have done **SERVICE HOURS**, please report them to Lion Brian so he can add them to the Lion Portal.

~ Lion Gail

UPCOUNTRY 88 CLUB CALENDAR

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

February 2: Women In Lions Virtual Event – 5pm – [FLIER](#) - [REGISTER](#)

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 12, March 11, April 8, May 13: MD4's

Membership Experience (M.E.) Chat – [REGISTER](#)

February 14: Burson Bingo – Tri Dams Lions - [LINK](#)

February 14: Amador Hospice fundraiser – see flier

February 17: Club Officers Town Hall offered by District 4-A1 - 6pm

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

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

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

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

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

March 1: Early \$ Registration for [4-A1 Convention](#) ends

March 5: GENERAL MEETING – Guest Speaker?

March 8: 4-A1 District Meeting - Atwater Memorial Building – [REGISTER](#)

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

March 19: TASTEFUL Meet & Greet – See [FLIER](#)

March 21: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions – See information toward the end of this newsletter

March 28: Cioppino Dinner – Sonora Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 28: Rebuild Clubs Team Meeting - Zoom - see link on [District's calendar](#) (Gail, Nancy, Terry, and Marie)

April 2: GENERAL MEETING – Guest Speaker?

April 2: Late Registration \$ for [MD4-A1 Convention](#) begins

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

April 16: TASTEFUL Meet & Greet – See [FLIER](#)

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

April 24-27: District 4-A1 Convention – Black Oak Resort & Casino – Let Lion Gail know if you're going or have questions. [WEBSITE](#) - 6-page Registration Packet [HERE](#)

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

May 21: TASTEFUL Meet & Greet – See [FLIER](#)

July 13-17: 107th [International Convention](#) in Orlando FL

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](#).

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTESTS

We will be holding our Club Student Speakers Contest on **February 5, 2025** 6pm. Lion Terry is our club's chairperson.

We will also be hosting the Mountain Zone 1 Contest on **February 19th**. Jackson, Mokelumne Hill, Sutter Creek, and West Point are also in our zone. Lion Gail is the contact person. 6pm sharp.

88th Annual Student Speakers CONTEST

2024-25 Topic
Artificial Intelligence (AI):
Friend or Foe?



Sponsored by The California Lions Clubs
Multiple District Four

The Fourth District Student Speaker
Foundation

SUPPORTER
Lions Fourth District
STUDENT SPEAKER
FOUNDATION, INC



<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

TASTEFUL MEET & GREETS

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS are having "TASTEFUL MEET & GREETS."

March 19, 2025: SALADS & SALAD DRESSINGS - Low-calorie, homemade & NUMMY!

April 16, 2025: NIBBLES - Delicious & healthy, you will come back for more!

May 21, 2025: DESSERTS - Mouth-watering, but won't break your diet! Time: 5:30 PM Hands-On Preparation.

Location: Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse, 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove CA.

Thanks to Grocery Outlet, 9 N State Highway 49-88, Jackson, for the supplies & to Lions District 4-A1 for their

support.

Bring used **eyeglasses** for recycling & **soda/pull tabs** for Ronald McDonald House.

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FINDING FELLOW LIONS IN MACAU



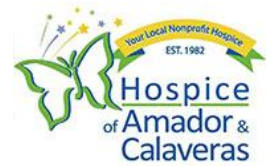


During a recent vacation, our newest Lion member, Marie, ran into another California Lion. After a delicious Macanese feast at Fernando's Restaurant, tucked away by Hac Sa Beach in Macau, Lion John Bento, Rio Vista Lions (CA), spotted these plaques on a wall.

UPDATE - GUEST SPEAKER @ JANUARY 15TH MEETING



Randy Offenbach, Community Liaison for Hospice of Amador & Calaveras was our Guest Speaker at our meeting. Hospice will be having a Valentine's Day Raffle. See the flier in this newsletter. Here's Hospice's [LINK](#). His email is Randy.Offenbach@hospiceofamador.org



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/>

DISTRICT 4-A1 CALENDAR LINK

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR LINK

INT'L LIONS CALENDAR LINK

CALIFORNIA FIRE 2025 RELIEF

You can donate to [LCIF](#), [CLF](#), and Lions District 4-A1 Disaster Relief Inc. EIN: 61-1864195. Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A1" and send them to PO BOX 4343, Modesto, CA 95352. Please put **“Disaster Relief”** in the memo section.

RECYCLE AND HELP OTHERS



UP COUNTRY 88 LIONS

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



Thank you for your kindness!

**DROP OFF at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates'
Clubhouse during hours of operation**



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

PULL/POP/SODA TABS



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®
Northern California**



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 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.

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 Someone is needed to take over for next year's contest.	Terry V
Newsletter Editor, Website & Social Media Administrator	Gail C
LCIF Chair	Open



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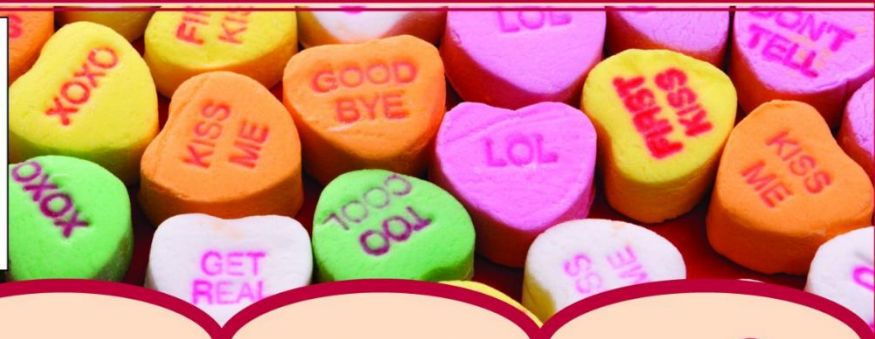
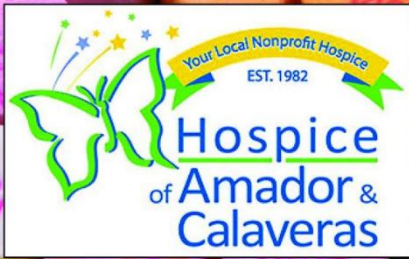


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Take A Chance on Love - This Valentine's Day

Hospice of Amador & Calaveras: 16th Annual Valentine's Day Drawing • Win 1 of 8 Amazing Prizes!

Complete Living Trust Package

Includes Last Will & Testaments, Revocable Trust, Power of Attorney, Advanced Healthcare Directive, HIPAA Waivers, and one (1) Trust Transfer Deed.
Valued: \$2,375
Donated by Burton & Swett



London Blue Topaz and Diamond Bracelet

Diamond studded in the center is a white gold circle set with 58 diamonds weighing just over 1/5 carat. The circle is linked with the yellow gold link style shank on each side.
Valued: \$1,300



40' Super Cruiser Rental - One Full Day

Day on Lake Melones in a beautiful 40' Boat Rental with a slide on the back!
Valued: \$965
Donated by New Melones Lake Marina



7-Night Stay at the Sea Ranch

Enjoy a hot tub and ocean views in the distance for one week in a 2 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom Sea Ranch vacation home!
Valued: \$1,200
Donated by Karen Dickerson



Seascape Beach Resort

2 nights in a studio unit with an ocean/beach view located in Aptos, CA.
Valued: \$1100
Donated by Wayne Garibaldi



Local Golf Package with Private Tasting

Rounds of golf at Sequoia Woods Country Club and Greenhorn Creek Resort with a Private Tasting at the Cellar Room Valued: \$925
Donated by: Sequoia Woods Country Club and Greenhorn Creek Resort

Airplane Ride for 2

1 hour scenic flight for two departing from Calaveras County Airport.
Valued: \$500
Donated by: Rob & Linda Davids

Whitewater River Rafting Trip for 2

Enjoy a full day adventure down the lower 13 mile stretch of the South Fork American River for 2!
Valued: \$500
Donated by OARS Angels Camp

Special Thanks to our Drawing Sponsors Saluti's & Murphys Hotel

TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH; Buy One, Get One Free when you buy 10 or more tickets. (\$100 = 20 Tickets)

All ticket purchases of \$100 or more receive ONE voucher for:

a FREE Cheesy Bread App. from Saluti's ~or~ a FREE dessert from Murphys Hotel (Please Check One)

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

- Mail this form with a check payable to HOAC, or Credit Card info, to: HOAC, 1500 S. Hwy 49, Jackson CA, 95642
- Call and order tickets at: 209-223-5500
- Purchase tickets at HOAC office at 1500 S Hwy 49, Jackson or Jackson Thrift Store at 10776 Argonaut Lane, Jackson or Angels Camp Thrift Store at 570 N. Main Street, Angels Camp
- Go online at www.hospiceofamador.org for more information.

Name _____ Phone _____

of Tickets _____ Total Amount \$ _____ Email _____

Credit Card # _____ Expire Date ____/____/____ Security Code _____

Drawing held at 3pm on February 14th
at the Jackson Thrift Store (Need not be present to win)

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your commitment in helping to save lives through blood donation. The next Sutter Creek Community blood drive is scheduled on **March 21** and the details are below.

Please feel free to share this email with friends and family!

Sutter Creek Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Sutter Creek Lions

Friday, March 21 from 12:30 – 4:45 p.m.

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

Please schedule an appointment at [Click here to schedule an appointment](#) or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Walk-ins will be accommodated if space allows.

Donors will be entered into a Vitalant drawing for a chance to win one out of two \$5,000 gift cards.

To prepare for your donation:

For eligibility questions call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or go to vitalant.org/eligibility/blood-donation-requirements

- Donors must be 16 years old and there is no upper age limit.
- The blood donation process takes about one hour, and the actual blood donation takes about 5 to 8 minutes.
- Please bring a photo I.D.
- Eat a hearty meal before donating.
- Drink plenty of water prior to donation (two to three 16-ounce bottles of water two hours before donating).
- 16-year-old's must have a signed Vitalant parent consent form which can be found at vitalant.org/resources/donor-forms#parentconsent
- or at the blood drive.
- To learn more about making a Power Red donation click here - vitalant.org/donate/types-of-blood-donation/power-red

Thank you for being a blood donor and helping to save lives with us!

Nancy Champlin & Patricia Tara

Blood Drive Coordinators

Sutter Creek Lions



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Invitation-Application for Membership

Lions club name: _____

Member sponsor: _____

First name: _____ M: _____ 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 statelionsclubs.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.