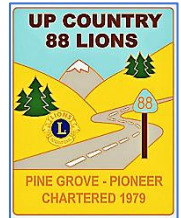




**FEBRUARY
2026**

Official Voice of Upcountry 88 Lions
What's Doing?



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

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BOARD MEETINGS Virtual - as needed

EDITOR Lion Gail

NEWSLETTERS upcountry88lions.org/newsletters **VOLUME 10 - ISSUE 8**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check out our Google Calendar [HERE](#)

February 4: STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST – Club-Level.

6PM sharp at 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove, Clubhouse on right. Lions Marie and Gail are co-chairs. Wear your club vests or shirts and invite your friends! [LINK](#)

February 7: TASTEFUL MEET & GREET – 2pm at Clubhouse, 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove – Members: plan to attend and "Meet & Greet"! - [FLIER](#)

February 25: NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE – send photos and articles to Gail for the next issue. Also, send your service hours or donations info to Lion Brian.

March 4: GENERAL MEETING with Guest Speaker: Pat Minyard. Topic: Amador Fire Safe Council – 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts. Planning for upcoming Raffle / Fundraiser. 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Estates' Clubhouse

April 1: GENERAL MEETING with Guest Speaker/TBD – 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts.

April 21: FUN BOWLING NIGHT – Details to follow...

May 6: GENERAL MEETING with Guest Speaker/TBD – 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts.

May 6: SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT – 6pm at Amador H.S. – Lion Frank will hand out our club's 2 scholarships. Members can plan to attend, sit together, and wear your Lions' vest.

June 3: GENERAL MEETING with Guest Speaker/TBD – 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts.

June 17: INSTALLATION & POTLUCK – Details to follow...

CLUB MEETINGS: 1st Wednesdays at 6:00pm

To join online, email upcountry88lions@gmail.com beforehand to ask for the link. *For meetings with Guest Speakers, social time/appetizers start at 5:30pm.

& pull tabs for stays at [Ronald McDonald House](#).
Thank you for donations from Wok n Roll Trailer,
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[FLIER LINK](#)

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TASTEFUL MEET & GREET
February 7, 2026 2 PM
"SPRING ROLLS"
Come and make your spring rolls with individualized dipping sauces!

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

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STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST Feb 4th

<https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers>

Hello fellow Lions,

Student Speaker Contests are underway!
Please let me know if you need anything from me or your district and if you email me your Contest date, I am going to try to get to as many



as I can. You can email me at lionangiebarth@gmail.com.

District Level is **April 18**, 2026 2pm

Area Level is **May 2**, 2026 2pm (**Date Change**)

Contests will be held at Banta Elementary School,
22345 El Rancho Rd, Tracy, CA 95304

~ Lion Angie Barth MD4-A1 GST

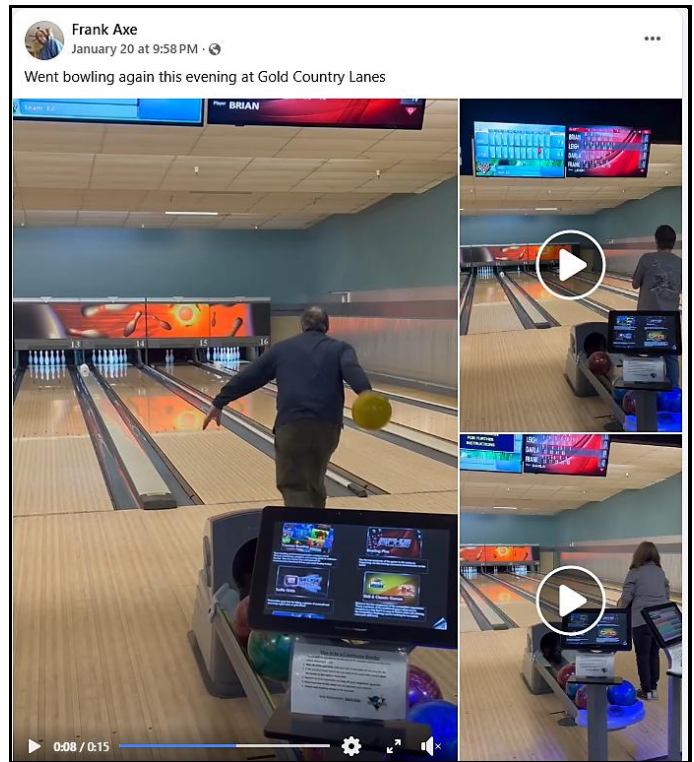
**89th Annual
Student Speaker
CONTEST**
2025-26 Topic



Sponsored by The California Lions Clubs
Multiple District Four

Scholarships sponsored by
The Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation

So, we might need to make it for earlier. Stay tuned for the meeting time. Hopefully, our friends from PGCIC and ATCAA can join us again! Check out their website for Food/Bar options on [Gold Country Lane's](http://GoldCountryLane.com) website. SEE YOU THERE!



GUEST SPEAKER UPDATE - Jan 7th



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



Thank you, Past District Governor Kent Christensen, for being our online Guest Speaker on January 7th. Topic was: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

FUN BOWLING NIGHT – April 21st

We had fun on January 20th at Gold Country Lanes at 81 Ridge Rd in Sutter Creek. Thank you to Frank for organizing this and posting three videos on his [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/frank.axe).

Join us on April 21st if YOU want to be part of the fun! (either bowling or cheering them on). Contact Lion Frank ahead of time so he can sort out who is on which lane! At January's get-together, the lanes were very busy at 5:30 pm, even though Frank registered us way ahead of time!

ADVERTISING ON KVGC RADIO



Photo Credits: KVGC Radio's Facebook page. Lions Gail and Marie advertised upcoming events for our club on KVGC's Friday Noon radio show for non-profits.

DONATIONS FOR July-Dec 2025

- Amador Lifeline - \$100.00**
- Community Church Pine Grove – Maintenance of Mike Clark Field - \$100.00**
- Ear of the Lion - \$48.75**
- Interfaith Food Bank - Project Thanks - \$560.00**
- Lions Eye Foundation CA/NV - \$58.50**
- Nexus Youth & Family Services – Backpacks - \$100.00**

Pine Grove Elementary School Parent's Group P.A.W.S. - Science Camp - \$200.00
Pioneer Elementary School - Science Camp - \$200.00
Plus three School Scholarships - \$2,350.00

CONVENTION – April 24-26

Black Oak Casino Resort, Tuolumne CA

<https://lions4-a1.org/convention-district-meetings/>



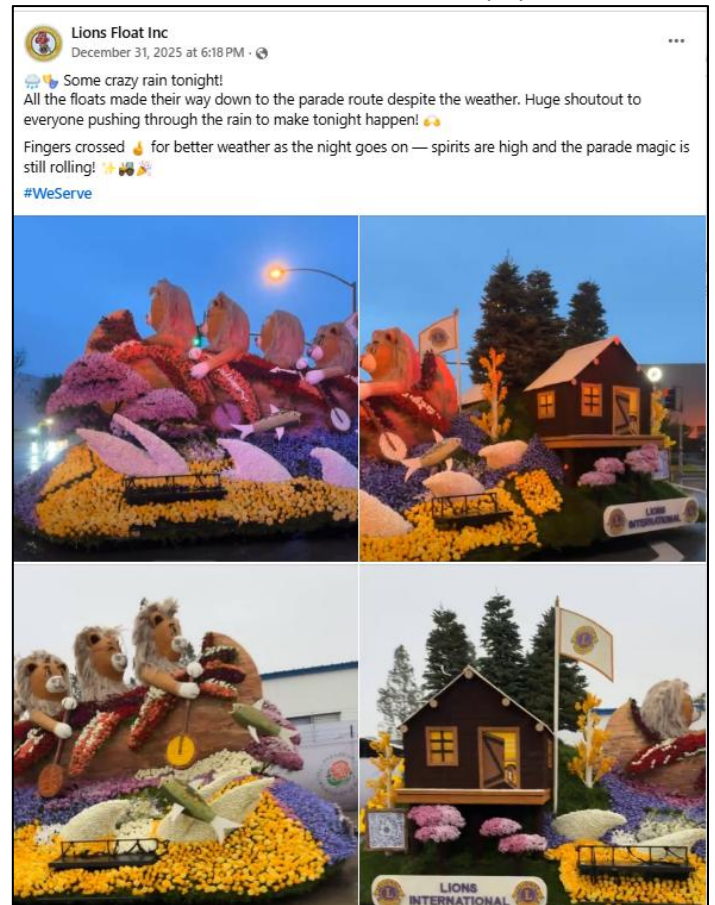
Find out more about what happens in our [District 4-A1](#) and what they do for us! It's great fun and a chance to get to know other Lions in our area!
If you can attend, please contact Lion Gail.

LIONS FLOAT UPDATE 1/1/2026

Lions Float in Pasadena Rose Parade - [LINK](#)



Here's KTLA-5's photo of Lions Float is winner of the "Tournament Volunteer Trophy".



1/15/2026 post: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsFloat>
Newly installed President Terry Madigan revealed the 1/1/27 Pasadena Tournament of Roses theme 'Welcome!'

MD4's SERVICE WEEKS INITIATIVE
Environment Apr 18-26, 2026

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/weeks-of-service>

Interested in chairing this Global Cause from Lions International? Let Lion Gail know...

California LIONS CLUBS

2025/2026
New Service Weeks Initiative
Inspired by IP-Elect A.P. Singh

Mental Health & Well-Being
October 4-12, 2025

Hunger
January 3-11, 2026

Environment
April 18-26, 2026

Hey California Lions! Save the dates and start planning your service projects now as we join service with clubs and districts worldwide

- Club partnering/district-wide projects encouraged
- Plan event outreach early to maximize community visibility, engage volunteers, share out and inspire
- Visit [Service Resources](http://ServiceResources.com) for event ideas at marketing.calionsclubs.org

California Lions Global Service Team Coordinator - Lion PCC Craig Durand
LionCraig4L4@gmail.com (714) 936-5778
Service 1st! California Leads the Way! CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS BOARD/CHAIRPERSONS 2025-26



Brian



Frank



Gail



Larry



Marie



Terry



Pat

EVENTS IN OUR DISTRICT AND BEYOND!

February 6: Crab Feed – Contact Lion Don at 209-765-6830 for tickets - \$80 per person - Turlock Lions

February 7: Don Osborne Memorial Run – [LINK](#) – [REGISTRATION FLIER](#) - Oakdale Lions

February 7: Green and Gold Gala – Jackson Lions – [FLIER](#)

February 7: 51st Annual Crab Feed – Mariposa Lions [FLIER](#)

February 7: [Valentine's Vendor Event](#) – West Point Lions

February 7: Crab Feed – Copperopolis-Lake Tullock Lions -

[FLIER](#)

February 7: Oyster & Barrel Roasted Rib Feed – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 7: Super Crab Bowl - Stockton Host Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 13: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri -Tri Dams Lions

February 15: EXTENDED Deadline for submitting Vision-Related Service Activity - [FLIER](#)

February 15: [International Childhood Cancer Day](#)

February 17: [Drive-Thru Tri-Tip Dinner](#) – Patterson Lions

February 19: Spaghetti Dinner – Ripon Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 20-22: 107th California Lions [MD4 Convention](#)

February 21: Crab Feed – Ceres Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: 2nd Amendment – Waterford Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: 31st Annual Crab Feed – Hilmar-Irwin-Stevenson Lions - [FLIER](#)

February 21: Crab Feed – Lodi Lions – [LINK](#) - [FLIER](#)

February 28: Health & Vision Fair – Moke Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 13: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions

March 14: 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance – RSVP by February 22nd - Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 14: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner – Escalon Lions

March 15: Bingo – Lathrop Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 15: Pancake Breakfast – Oakdale Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 15: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - [FLIER](#) and

Cayucos Drawing – [Cayucos FLIER](#) – Tracy Tank Town Lions

March 20-21: **District 4-A1 Meeting** – Clubs: Bring used

eyeglasses and pull tabs (already boxed /marked

/counted/reported to Lion Portal) to Lion Paul Wagner!

March 20: Blood Drive – Sutter Creek Lions

March 21: Health Fair – Atwater-Winton Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 21: [March Madness Bazaar](#) – West Point Lions

March 21: Lions Eyes Across California Day - Celebrate on

the 3rd Saturday in March each year.

March 28: Louie Galli Memorial Cioppino Dinner - Tracy

Breakfast Lions - [FLIER](#)

March 28: Shrimp with Tri-Tip – Linden Lions - [FLIER](#)

April 10: [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions

April 17: Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes' Annual Cioppino Dinner

Fundraiser – Sonora Lions - [LINK](#)

April 18: MD4 [Student Speakers Contest](#) – District-level

April 18: 4-A1 Lions Allstar Football Banquet

April 18-26: MD4 [Environment](#) Service Week – [FLIER](#)

April 18: 75th Anniversary Gala – West Point Lions – [FLIER](#)

April 23-26: **District 4-A1 Convention** – [Black Oak Casino](#)

[Resort](#) – [NEW SAVE-THE-DATE FLIER](#) – [LINK](#)

ONGOING

District 4-A1 Membership Orientations – **ALL LIONS ARE**

WELCOMED! 6:30pm - every 4th Tuesday on [Zoom](#) except

November, December, June & July

District 4-A1 Club Officers' Town Hall Meetings – 6pm -

3rd Monday of the month

(Zoom links can be found on the [District Calendar](#))

2025-26 BOARD/CHAIRPERSONS

President/ <u>GAT</u>	Gail
1 st Vice President/ <u>GLT</u>	Vacant
Secretary	Brian
Treasurer	Frank
Director	Larry
Director	Terry
Service Chair/ <u>GST</u>	Vacant
Membership Chair/ <u>GMT</u>	Marie
Immediate Past President, Club Administrator, LCIF Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Website & Social Media Administrator	Gail
Vision Chair (Eyecare – Eyeglasses Recycling)	Pat
Programs/Special Events Coordinator	Vacant
Scholarships Chair	Vacant
Student Speakers Contest Chair	Marie/Gail
Holiday Dinner/Party	Frank
Bowling Fundraiser 2025	Marie/Frank



in our District to attend this workshop series also. All the Cabinet members are critical in supporting membership growth, service impact, and leadership development. This is an opportunity to develop a strong team, understand each other's skill sets, develop strategies, and much more. [...] I will be a Moderator at this workshop series and hope (since we have advanced information) that we get a strong showing from our district and use this as an opportunity to continue to strengthen our team.

~ Lion Claudia, GLT - [FLIER](#)

LET'S GROW

Growth Workshop Series

Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for Let's Grow, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

BONUS: All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact

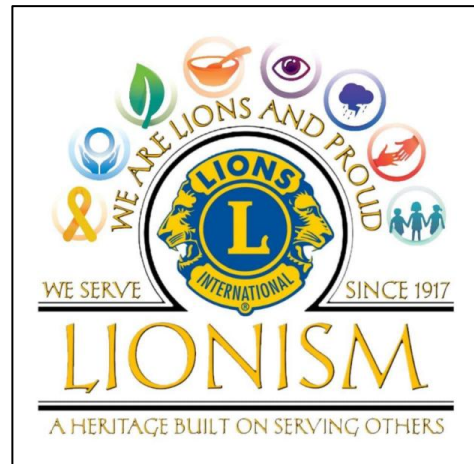
January 6 - February 17
(Every Other Week)
8 pm EST / 7 pm CST
/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s membership@lionsusa.org

LionsUSA GROWTH WORKSHOPS
February 3 & 17

This is important for planning and transition. The next Growth Workshop will be [and were] on the following dates: **2/3, & 2/17** - 5PM.
Focus Topics are as follows:
February 3: Marketing & PR,
February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing.
I highly recommend that ALL incoming DG Team, GAT Coordinators and members, and District Leo Advisors attend this workshop. It would also be a good idea to market this to Leo Advisors and **interested Lions and Leos**



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.

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



UpCountry88Lions.org
UpCountry88Lions@gmail.com

Drop them off at these locations during hours of operation or give to an Upcountry 88 Lion (or bring to one of our meetings/events).

- [Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates](#) – 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove – clubhouse is on the right
- [Rancheria Casino Resort](#) – 12222 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson – give to a security guard
- [Trassare Jewelers](#) – 38 Main St, Jackson, California
- [Amador Senior Center](#) – 229 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson, CA

If you think of any other locations that might work,

contact Lion Pat, Vision Chair. You can also refer people check out the list on our [RECYCLING WEBPAGE](#).

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 temporary, affordable housing to families while their child is undergoing treatment at a Sacramento-area hospital.

<https://rmhnc.org/get-involved/pop-tab-program/>

Check out our District 4-A1's [WEBSITE](#).

Turn them in to a member of our Upcountry 88 Lions Club or bring to one of our meetings/events.

DISTRICT 4-A1's MOUNTAIN ZONE CLUBS

Our Mountain Zone Chair = PCC Claudia Miller

[COPPEROPOLIS LAKE TULLOCH](#) [JACKSON](#)
[MURPHYS-ANGELS](#) [MOKELUMNE HILL](#)
[SONORA](#) [SUTTER CREEK](#) [TRI DAMS LC](#)
[UPCOUNTRY 88](#) [WEST POINT](#)

CHECK OUT OUR 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](#)



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 stat@scisusa.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 MyL 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.