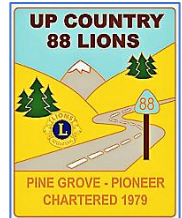




**MARCH  
2026**

## Official Voice of Upcountry 88 Lions What's Doing?



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**CLUB #** 37207

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

**NEWSLETTERS** [upcountry88lions.org/newsletters](http://upcountry88lions.org/newsletters)

**EDITOR** Lion Gail

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Please email items to Lion Gail if you'd like them in this monthly newsletter. Deadline is by the 25th of each month.**

### GUEST SPEAKER Pat Minyard Mar 4th



**March 4:** General Meeting

**Guest Speaker:** Pat Minyard (also a member of our club!)

**Topic:** [Amador Fire Safe Council](http://www.amadorfiresafe.org)

**Agenda:**

5:30pm: Social/Appetizers

6:00pm: Meeting starts with Guest Speaker

Later: Planning for upcoming Raffle / Fundraiser

**Location:** 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Estates' Clubhouse

**Website:** <https://www.amadorfiresafe.org/>

**To Bring:** Used eyeglasses/sunglasses for [Lions In Sight](#) and pull tabs for [Ronald McDonald House Charities](#)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

**February 26th** - Kaleb is entered in the next (Zone) round of the Student Speakers Contest at Mel's Diner - downstairs. Our Club's Co-Chair, Marie, will be there - and CLUB MEMBERS are urged to attend & support Kaleb!

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

**March 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.

**April 1: GENERAL MEETING** with Guest Speaker/TBD - 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts. 2026-2027 Club Officer voting tonight!

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00pm

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

### MEMBER'S BIRTHDAY

**Tom T March 13**

### STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST Feb 4th

<https://md4lions.org/studentsspeakers>


Announcing the winner of our California/ MD4 Club Student Speakers Contest, drum roll... Kaleb Huanaco! Thank you for a great speech on this year's topic: Youth Mental Health: Overcoming Barriers to Well-Being." Thank you to Logan Carnell, Jeff Brown District 3 Supervisor, Kevin McCann, and Shilpa Rasmussen, Secretary of Amador [NAMI](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness), for being judges and alternate. Thank you to Kaleb's parents, Mike Spinetta, Jacob Guidi, and Giles Turner for supporting him. Our club awarded him with a check for \$100. Kaleb is entered in the next (Zone) round of the contest on **February 26th** at Mel's Diner, downstairs. **Co-Chair Marie will be there - and CLUB MEMBERS are urged to attend and support Kaleb!**

### MEMBERS' CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**ERNIE G 3/1/2003**

**RICHARD K 3/1/1997**

**March 25:** Mountain Region's Student Speakers Contest - Senior Center on Greenly Rd, Sonora - 5:00 pm A winner at each level can get over \$10,000 in scholarships.

 <https://md4lions.org/studentspeakers> and <https://studentspeakersfoundation.org/>



Student Speaker CONTEST 2025-26 Topic



**TASTEFUL MEET & GREET – Feb 7th**



**"SPRING ROLLS"**

We had a fun time at our recent Tasteful Meet & Greet. Thank you, Lion Marie, for teaching us how to make Spring Rolls. They were delicious and we got to bring left-overs home.

We focused on a healthy, diabetes-friendly menu to help

educate people regarding one of Lions Clubs' Global Causes of "DIABETES" awareness. [Website](#)  
 Based on our advertising for this event, we had several people bring in their used eyeglasses for [Ronald McDonald House Charities Northern California](#) (and hearing aids too). Eyeglasses recycling helps with the Global Cause of "VISION". [Website](#)  
 If you would like recipes, or to find out more about our club, please email [Upcountry88Lions@gmail.com](mailto:Upcountry88Lions@gmail.com) [#upcountry88lions](#)

Thank you for donations from [Wok and Roll Asian Kitchen](#), [Jackson's Cost Less](#), and [Lions District 4-A1](#).

**CONVENTION – April 24-26**

**Black Oak Casino Resort, Tuolumne CA**

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

– [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) –

[77th District 4-A1 Convention REGISTRATION](#)

[Food Faire sign-up](#)



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 OR have questions, contact Lion Gail.

**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](#) for event ideas at [marketing.ca.lionsclubs.org](http://marketing.ca.lionsclubs.org)

California Lions Global Service Team Coordinator- Lion PCC Craig Durand  
[LionCraig4L4@gmail.com](mailto:LionCraig4L4@gmail.com) (714) 936-5778  
 Service 1<sup>st</sup> California Leads the Way! [CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org](http://CaliforniaLions.org/MD4Lions.org)

**NexTrex Recycling Challenge**

**How does the challenge work?**

- Register on [NexTrex.com](#) to obtain access to the Trex Portal. Report recycling totals at [my.trex.com](#)
- Weigh, record and attach pictures
- Deliver collected plastic films/bags to a participating retailer for recycling (see [list](#))
- 25 participating organizations are randomly selected each quarter and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500
- Each 250 pounds is an entry into the drawing

**What can I win?**

Trex Bench    Solo Stove    Life-size Jenga    Life-size Connect 4    Pop-up Theater

Stores prefer small deliveries of plastic film for recycling. Please contact the store prior to delivery for larger amounts.

**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 reusable food storage bags    Cereal bags    Case overwrap    Salt bags    Pallet wrap & stretch film    Wood pellet bags    Produce bags

For official sweepstakes rules and to register please visit [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com)

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

Lions and Leos serve to strengthen the relationship between the community and its environment. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities.



**UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS BOARD/CHAIRPERSONS 2025-26**



Brian



Frank



Gail



Larry



Marie



Terry



Pat

**EVENTS IN OUR DISTRICT AND BEYOND!**

- February 28:** Health & Vision Fair – Moke Hill Lions - [FLIER](#)
- March 4, 18, 25:** Smart Phone Classes for Seniors – free – Tri Dams Lions – see FLIER
- March 7:** Annual Crab Feed – Jackson Lions – see FLIER
- March 13:** [Burson Bingo Night](#) – 2nd Fri - Tri Dams Lions
- March 14:** 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner & Dance - 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 – see FLIER
- March 21-22:** Dandelion Days - Jackson Lions see- FLIER
- 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 25:** Mountain Region's Student Speakers Contest - Senior Center on Greenly Rd, Sonora - 5:00 pm
  - 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 –see FLIERS
  - April 23-26:** **District 4-A1 Convention** – [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) – [NEW SAVE-THE-DATE FLIER](#) – [LINK](#)
  - May 2:** Gardening & Plant Fair – West Point Lions – See Vendor FLIER and [Event FLIER](#)
  - May 16:** Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show – Bass Lake Lions – [FLIER](#)
  - July 3-7:** [Lions Int'l Convention](#) - Hong Kong - [FLIER](#)
- ONGOING**
- District 4-A1 Membership Orientations** – **ALL LIONS ARE WELCOMED!** 6:30pm - every 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

- Please bring a photo ID
- Eat well and drink plenty of water before donating
- Digitally sign questions. Vitalant 800.268.4825 vitalant.org
- Donors must be 16 years old & no upper age limit.

GIVE BLOOD Vitalant.org



Sutter Creek Community Blood Drive

Sponsored by Sutter Creek Lions Club  
Friday, March 20  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

Donors will be entered into a Vitalant drawing for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card!  
Please schedule an appointment at donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code 10053385 or call Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or scan the QR code using a Smartphone camera.

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# DANDELION DAYS!

MARCH 21 - 22, 2026

DOWNTOWN JACKSON

STREET FAIR

HOSTED BY THE JACKSON LIONS CLUB

MUSIC \* FOOD \* CARNIVAL

LIVE MUSIC - 2 STAGES, 2 DAYS!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7 AM SAT/SUN

200 VENDORS \* BEER & WINE GARDEN \* FREE PARK & RIDE SHUTTLE



FAMILY FUN! A JACKSON TRADITION!  
MUSIC & SHUTTLE SCHEDULES AT JACKSONLIONSCLUB.ORG



West Point Lion's Club

## SPRING FLING BAZAAR

Saturday, March 21st

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

22283 Hwy 26

West Point, CA 95255

Shop Local Vendors

Handmade Crafts

Unique Gifts

Community Fun for Everyone

VENDORS WANTED

\$25.00 per space

Email: [brendahjacksonlions@gmail.com](mailto:brendahjacksonlions@gmail.com)



Mokelumne Hill Lions Club

FREE

# HEALTH FAIR

Mok Hill Elementary School—S350 Highway 26

February 28, 2026 9:00AM-4:00PM

Medical Exams will include:

- Vision Screening
- Visual Acuity
- Free Eye Glasses
- Body Mass Index
- A1C/Diabetes
- STD/HIV Testing
- Blood Pressure
- Blood Oxygen

Sponsored by:

- Mokelumne Hill Lions Club
- Lions International Global Initiative for Health and Wellness
- Chaveria County Public Health
- Mok Hill Fire Protection District
- Chaveria Sheriff's Dept.

FREE



FREE

# SMART PHONE CLASSES

FOR SENIORS 55+

Wednesday's at 10:30 a.m.

February 25th, March 4, 18th and 25th, 2026

BURSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
3654 Burson Rd

- ★ Learn how to effectively use your Smartphone
- ★ Download & Use Apps
- ★ Stay Safe Online
- ★ Take, Edit & Send Photos
- ★ Q&A Time

TO REGISTER

Please email [hhsatrainner12@gmail.com](mailto:hhsatrainner12@gmail.com)

Sponsored by:



SENIOR PLANET  
FROM AARP

Hosted by  
Tri Dams Lions



# ANNUAL CRAB FEED



\$75



MARCH 7, 2026

Saint Sava Mission  
604 Mission Blvd.  
Jackson, CA 95642

All you can eat crab with all the fixings.

Wine included.

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner served at 7:00 pm

No outside alcohol

For tickets: [EventJacksonLionsClub.org](http://EventJacksonLionsClub.org)

All the proceeds from this event benefit our local youth sports program.



## 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](mailto: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



**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/> 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 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 M1 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.