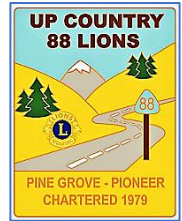




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EDITOR'S NOTE: Please email items to Lion Gail if you'd like them in this monthly newsletter. Deadline is by the 25th of each month.

MOTHER LODE NEWCOMERS'S GUEST SPEAKER – JUNE 3rd



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check out our Google Calendar [HERE](#)

May 6: GENERAL MEETING (no Guest Speaker) so meeting starts at 6:00pm. 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Estates' Clubhouse. The direction of our club will be on the agenda.

May 16: The Celebration of Life for Larry's wife, Georgia, will be at the Clubhouse at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates on that Saturday at 1pm. The obituary is in the Ledger Dispatch. She was a great supporter of Lions.

May 19: SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT (date changed) 6pm at Amador H.S. See article below...

May 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.

June 3: GENERAL MEETING with Guest Speaker will be LINDA FERRO. Topic will be [MOTHERLODE NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS](#) – 5:30pm Social/Appetizers, and 6:00pm Meeting starts. Short Board Meeting afterwards.

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

September 12: Groovin' in the Grove - 4 to 7pm. We will have our usual table under the pergola. We might be doing the raffle at Bowling Fundraiser. See flier in this newsletter.

September 25: Celebrate Pine Grove - 5 to 7pm. We will have our usual booth space.

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.

Everyone is invited to our June 3rd General Meeting at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse, 14074 Irishtown Rd in Pine Grove. Social Time/Snacks start at 5:30pm and Meeting starts at 6:00pm.

Our Guest Speaker will be Linda Ferro. She will talk to us about the Mother Lode Newcomers & Friends group. Here is their website:

<https://motherlodenewcomers.com/> Here is their

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MotherLodeNewcomersAndFriends>

"The purpose of our organization is to provide opportunities for friendship & to acquaint newcomers with activities/resources available in the Mother Lode." If you know anyone who has recently moved to our area, please let them know about this resource.

(Interesting fact: Linda is related to someone in Jackson Lions and someone in Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club!)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION

At our April 1st Club Meeting, District Governor Matt Stickler brought his wife, Maggie, who is the District's Cabinet Secretary, and their two children, G.R. and Kinsey, who are [Lions CUBS](#).

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Who will be receiving our two \$800 winners for the Ed Shaver Memorial and Joe Bonini Memorial Scholarships?

Lion Frank will make the presentation. Our Upcountry 88 Lions Members can plan to attend, sit together, and wear the Lions' vest. Here's what Counselor Suzie Reynolds wrote: "Amador High Scholarship Awards Night will be Tuesday **May 19th**, 6 pm in the Amador High Gymnasium. If possible, park in the upper parking lot near the athletic fields. I recommend arriving no later than 5:45 pm. We will move as quickly as possible, so please limit your presentation at our podium to 60-90 seconds. With over 90 presentations, our event runs over 2.5 hours in length on average."

and 5.9 pounds of pull tabs that our club had collected. Thank you, Lion Pat for your service as Vision Chair.

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS



Frank A May 3
Brian C May 16

CONVENTION UPDATE – April 24-26



Our club received a Helen Keller patch for our banner at Convention 2026 at [Black Oak Casino Resort](#) in Tuolumne. Lions Jennifer Gass and Rodrigo Acosta presented it to Lion Gail for our club's entry where we posted the club's eyeglasses recycling efforts on Facebook and in the Lion Portal per their directions.

"On July 23rd, five members of the Upcountry 88 Lions Club visited a meeting of the Jackson Lions Club. We brought our 48 pounds of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House and 97 pair of glasses for Lions In Sight CA/NV. We also brought pull tabs and eyeglasses from Sutter Creek Lions' President and turned them in to Paul Wagner to distribute out."

On April 25th, Lion Brian turned in 317 used eyeglasses

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO STOP BY OUR INFORMATION TABLE

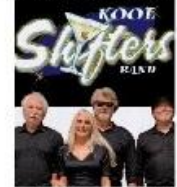
Groovin' in the Grove
Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club presents its 10th Annual



Saturday, September 12
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Pine Grove Park
Food * Fun * Music
Beer * Wine * Margaritas



Live performance by



COME EARLY & SAVE YOUR SPOT
Food Vendors Open at 3pm
Mother Lode To Go
Wok & Roll Asian Kitchen
(no outside food or alcohol)

Bring a lawn chair. Shade tents welcome. Sorry, no umbrellas or pets allowed.
Parking in Church Street Lot Courtesy of Volcano Telecommunications

GLOBAL CAUSES - April May June

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



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

EVENTS IN OUR DISTRICT & BEYOND!

May 2: Gardening & Plant Fair – West Point Lions – See [Event FLIER](#) toward end of this newsletter

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 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](#))

UPCOUNTRY 88 LIONS BOARD/CHAIRPERSONS 2025-26



Brian



Frank



Gail



Larry



Terry



Pat

President/GAT	Gail
1st Vice President/GLT	Vacant
Secretary	Brian
Treasurer	Frank
Director	Larry
Director	Terry
Service Chair/GST	Vacant
Membership Chair/GMT	Vacant
Immediate Past Prez, Club Admin, LCIF Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Website & Social Media Administrator	Gail
Vision Chair (Eyecare – Eyeglasses Recycling)	Pat

If you'd like a hardcopy of the Membership List/Roster that was emailed out on April 15th, let Lion Gail know.

2026-2027 BOARD

President	Gail
1st Vice President	Larry
Treasurer	Frank
Secretary	Brian
Service Chair	Vacant

Membership Chair	Vacant
Marketing Chair	Gail
Director (2-year term)	Vacant
Director (2-year term)	Terry

We'll need to have a Board Meeting after the June 3rd General Meeting. According to our Club's Constitution and Bylaws, we need to formally accept the two resignations.

Section 4. RESIGNATIONS. Any member may resign from this club, and said resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the board of directors.

Lion Nancy said she's willing to be our Membership Chair and 2-Year Director, replacing the empty positions. If you're interested in filling the Service Chair position, contact Lion/Prez Gail.

According to our Club's Constitution and Bylaws:

Section 11. REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS-ELECT. In the event any officer-elect, before their term of office commences, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve therein, the president may call a special nomination and election meeting to elect a replacement for such officer elect. Fourteen (14) calendar days prior notice of such meeting, setting forth the purpose, time and place shall be given to each member, by mail or personal delivery. The election shall be held immediately after nominations have been closed and a plurality vote shall be necessary for election.

SUPPORT THE LIONS FLOAT

Purchase your "Ride of your Life" tickets for a once in a lifetime experience. **What's in the Package?**

- "Ride of your Life" Package valued at \$5,000 is an opportunity to ride the float
- 1 (one) seat on the [Lions Clubs International Float](#)
- Themed apparel for the ride.
- 1 (one) nights' accommodations at the host hotel.
- 1 (one) grandstand parade ticket for a guest.
- 2 (two) tickets to the Lions Club International President meet and greet Reception.
- Tour of the float barn
- Transportation to and from the parade from the host hotel.



Ride of Your Life tickets may be purchased in person by business or personal check via mail from Past Council Chair Craig Durand. The Ride of Your Life and the Out-Walkers purchases are for the 2025 New Year's Parade. Purchase your tickets today contact PCC Craig Durand Cell: 714-936-5778 Email: lioncraig414@gmail.com 10032 Edye Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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 & 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

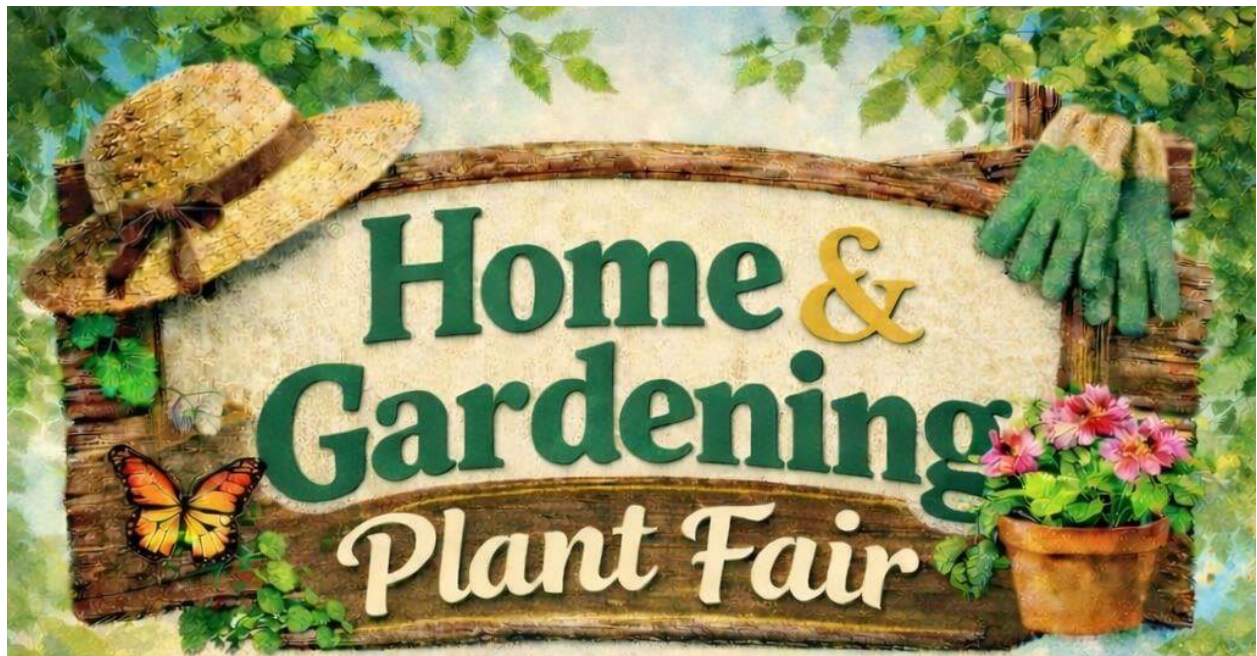
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**CHECK OUT OUR
DISTRICT 4-A1 NEWSLETTER**

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

DISTRICT 4-A1 CALENDAR [LINK](#)

CALIFORNIA MD4 CALENDAR [LINK](#)



CALLING ALL UNIQUE VENDORS!

Do you create, teach, or inspire in the world of gardening, plants, or beautiful home spaces? We are looking for a few special vendors to join our **Home & Gardening Plant Fair!**

- ◆ We are especially interested in:
 - ◆ Master Gardeners
 - ◆ Horticultural Educators
 - ◆ Plant & Garden Specialists
 - ◆ Home & Garden Decor Creators
 - ◆ Plant & Garden Specialists
 - ◆ Curated Outdoor or Garden Spaces
 - ◆ Home & Garden Decor Creators
 - ◆ Unique handmade garden items

This event brings together plant lovers, gardeners, and homeowners looking for inspiration for their homes and outdoor spaces.

MAY 2ND

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

22283 Highway 26 – West Point, California

Vendor fees are due by April 27th.

All vendor fees are **non-refundable.**

Contact: Brenda Hagerman 209 • 271 • 9154
or brendahagermanlions@gmail.com

If you offer something unique, educational, or inspiring for the home and garden, we would love to have you join us!



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Invitation-Application for Membership

Lions club name: _____

Member sponsor: _____

First name: _____ Ml: _____ 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 status@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 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.