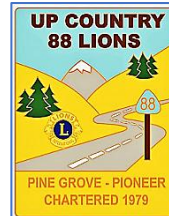




**JUNE
2026**

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

NEWSLETTERS upcountry88lions.org/newsletters **EDITOR** Lion Gail **VOLUME 10 - ISSUE 12**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check out our Google Calendar [HERE](#)

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 & BBQ POTLUCK – 5:30pm - See your invitation in this newsletter.

JUNE 23: FUN BOWLING EVENT – 5PM – [Gold Country Lanes](#) – INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! Contact Lion Frank if you have any questions or email upcountry88lions@gmail.com

June 25: NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE – send photos and articles to Gail for the next issue. Also, send your SERVICE HOURS and donations' information to Lion Brian.

July 1: GENERAL MEETING Meeting starts at 6:00pm (if Guest Speaker, social time will be 5:30). 14074 Irishtown Rd, Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Estates' Clubhouse.

August 5: GENERAL MEETING (Maybe? 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 a Bowling Fundraiser. PGCIC will be asking for volunteers too. See flier in this newsletter.

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

October 23: Pioneer Elementary School's Fall Festival 4-7 pm – Want to help man a booth again there this year?

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.

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

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!)

~ YOUR INVITATION ~

Installation of Officers/Board and BBQ/Potluck

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

5:30pm BBQ/Potluck

(Members can sign up with Lion Gail)

6:00pm Installation of

2026-2027 Officers/Board Members

Installing Officer – Past Council Chair Don Gall

PCC Don did our Club Officers' Installation at the 40th anniversary of our club on 6/5/2019.

PCC Don's wife, Lion Susan will also be at our Installation.

Location: 14074 Irishtown RD, Pine Grove CA
Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates' Clubhouse is on the right as you enter

**R.S.V.P. to upcountry88lions@gmail.com by
Friday, June 12th**

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



On May 19th, at Amador High School Gymnasium, Chloe got the Joe Bonini Memorial Scholarship. Sophia got the Lion Ed Shaver Memorial Scholarship.

Both were \$800 scholarships. Lions Frank and Gail did the presentation. The power went out during the LONG event! A photo of the winners will be in July's Newsletter.

GROOVIN' IN THE GROVE



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO STOP BY OUR INFORMATION TABLE!

START COLLECTING PRIZES!

Donations will go to Pine Grove & Pioneer Elementary School's Students – [LCI LINK](#)

Spread the word – headed by Terry and Nancy Velasco (CA State says we can't advertise online)

Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club presents its 10th Annual

Groovin' in the Grove

Saturday, September 12
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Pine Grove Park

Food ★ Fun ★ Music
Beer ★ Wine ★ Margaritas

FREE MUSIC CONCERT at 4PM

Live performance by **KOOE Shifters**

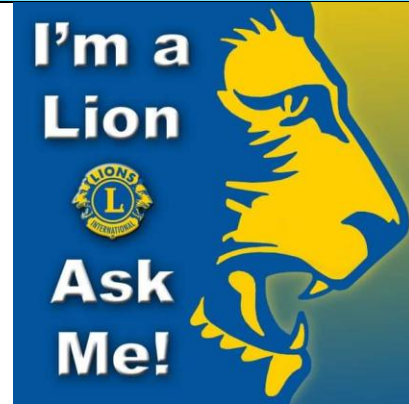
COME EARLY & SAVE YOUR SPOT
Food Vendors Open at 3pm
Mother Lode To Go
Wok & Roll Asian Kitchen
(no outside food or alcohol)

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

GEORGIA'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

May 16: The Celebration of Life for Larry's wife, Georgia, was held at the Clubhouse at Pine Grove Mobile Home Estates. The obituary is in the Ledger Dispatch. She was a great supporter of Lions. Several Upcountry 88 Lions and past members attended to support Lion Larry.

REBUILD CLUB'S LAST MEETING



On May 22nd, Lion/Prez Gail attended the final "Rebuild Club" Meeting with PCC Claudia Miller and several other Lions (three from San Joaquin Lions). This was a two-year commitment by Lion Gail and our Membership Chair. Lion Claudia was also our [Guiding Lion](#) for that period. Gail will continue to offer suggestions she's learned to the club.

DO WE WANT TO APPLY?

<https://californialionsfoundation.org/s/Youth-Environment-Access-2026-bh2g.pdf>

The California Lions Foundation is proud to announce new grant opportunities designed to help Lions clubs make an even greater impact in their communities. Clubs can now apply for funding in several key focus areas:

- 👤 **Youth Grants** — Support leadership, education, and youth development programs
- 🌿 **Environmental Grants** — Fund projects that protect and improve our environment
- 👏 **Inclusion Grants** — Promote diversity, equity, and opportunities for all
- ♿ **Access Grants** — Improve accessibility and remove barriers in your community

These new grant categories are designed to empower clubs to address today's most important community needs while expanding Lions service across California.

- **April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026**
- **Maximum grant per Lions Club is \$500**
- **Maximum aggregate grant is \$2,000 per Lions District in MD4**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Grants Chair PDG John Schroeder at PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com or call at 408-898-7119. Please allow two to three weeks for your grant application to be processed. **Email completed grant application to PDGJohnCLF@gmail.com** or hard mail to: **California Lions Foundation, c/o John Schroeder, 5970 Waterfront PL, Long Beach, CA. 90803**

4-A1 DISTRICT MEETING & CABINET/1VDG/2VDG INSTALLATION

July 18th

JOIN US FOR THE 2026-2027 INSTALLATION OF VDGs AND 4-A1 CABINET

1st Vice District Governor ★ Mike Bohl

2nd Vice District Governor ★ Jose Aldaco

District 4-A1 Cabinet 2026-2027

Installing Officer ★ Lion PCC Kevin Guess

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

LIBATIONS 6 PM ★ DINNER 7 PM

Linden Lions Clubhouse, 5041 N. Market St., Linden CA

\$45 per Person | For reservations contact 1st VDG Mike Bohl

- Cell (916) 764-7363 Email LionBigMike@gmail.com

[Share Event on Facebook](#)

EVENTS IN OUR DISTRICT & BEYOND!

CLUBS IN OUR MOUNTAIN REGION

[COPPEROPOLIS LAKE TULLOCH](#) * [JACKSON](#)

[MOKELUMNE HILL](#) * [MURPHYS ANGELS](#)

[SONORA](#) * [SUTTER CREEK](#) * [TRI DAMS LC](#)

[UPCOUNTRY 88](#) * [WEST POINT](#)

See FLIERS toward the end of this newsletter.

May 2: Gardening & Plant Fair – West Point Lions – See

[Event FLIER](#)

May 16: Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Show – Bass

Lake Lions – [FLIER](#)

June 20: Fathers' Day Event – West Point Lions - [FLIER](#)

June 20: Hot Copper Car Show – Copperopolis-Lake

Tulloch Lions - [FLIER](#) - [WEBSITE](#)

July 3: FIREWORKS – Jackson Lions

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](#))

GLOBAL CAUSES - June

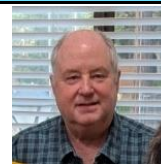
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/global-causes-initiatives/weeks-of-service>

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

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

2026-2027 UC88 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.

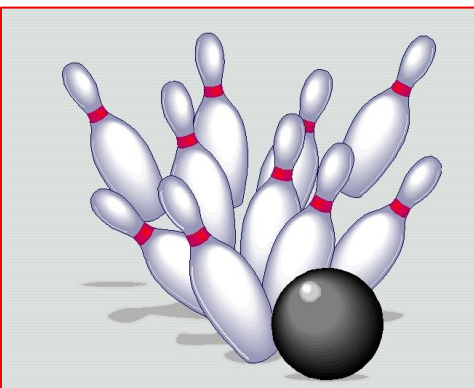
Section 4. RESIGNATIONS. Any member may resign from this club, and said resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the board of directors.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED-FUN BOWLING NIGHT



Join us on Tuesday, **June 23rd** at Gold Country Lanes at 81 Ridge Rd in Sutter Creek at 5 P.M.. 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! Hopefully, our friends from PGIC, Sutter Creek Lions, and ATCAA can join us! Check out their website for Food/Bar options <https://www.goldcountrylanes.com/> SEE YOU THERE!

AMERICA 250 ★ **1st Annual** **FRIDAY JULY 3**

3rd of JULY PARADE

MAIN STREET, JACKSON

PARADE ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN!

ALL DAY FUN IN JACKSON:

- 9:30 AM PARADE, MAIN STREET CITY OF JACKSON
- SIDEWALK SALE & FOOD COURT IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARADE, MAIN STREET CITY OF JACKSON
- 7:30 PM GAMES DETERT PARK JACKSON LIONS
- 9 PM FIREWORKS OVER JACKSON JACKSON LIONS

HELP JACKSON CELEBRATE AMERICA 250 WITH YOUR BEST PATRIOTIC PARADE ENTRIES!

ENTER PARADE HERE BY 6/19, \$25 ENTRY

WWW.CI.JACKSON.CA.US (209) 223-1646

Mokelumne Hill's 4th of July Parade honors the 250th anniversary of the USA

4th of July Parade

Location: Mokelumne Hill, California 95245

- ★ Start time: 11:00 am
- ★ Entry inquiries by June 22, 2026
- ★ Phone: (209) 405-0652
- ★ Free Parking and Shuttle

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

[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](#)**

Home & Gardening Plant Fair

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!

LIONS CLUB 25TH ANNUAL LAKE TULLOCH LIONS CLUB
IN COOPERATION WITH CV DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Hot Copper CAR SHOW

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026
8:00AM to 3:00PM **RAIN OR SHINE!**

ALL CARS, TRUCKS & MOTORCYCLES **HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**
WELCOME!

ONE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST CAR SHOWS!

Great Food & Drinks—Live Music—Raffle—Vendors—Awards

THE SQUARE @ COPPER VALLEY
100 Square Road, Copperopolis, California

For more info call or text (209) 213-3038 or visit our website at
www.HotCopperCarShow.com

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND PROJECT FUNDS

SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

FATHER'S DAY FINDS & GIFTS

A Special Vendor Event to Celebrate Dad!

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH, 2026 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

WEST POINT COMMUNITY HALL
22283 HWY 26, WEST POINT, CALIFORNIA 95255

GREAT GIFTS FOR EVERY DAD! **HANDMADE LOCAL UNIQUE**

SHOP UNIQUE GIFTS FOR DAD

- CUSTOM CARS
- VINTAGE TRUCKS
- LEATHER BELTS & HANDCRAFTED GOODS
- KNIVES & OUTDOOR GEAR
- FISHING GEAR & MORE

and so much more!

Bring the Family & Enjoy the Day!

GREAT FINDS ★ FUN ATMOSPHERE ★ COMMUNITY VIBES



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 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.