



# LION TALES

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership meetings are the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

## BOARD MEMBERS

President, Mike Flynn

Secretary, Wyman Dickerson

Co-Secretary, Ashley Snow

Treasurer, Janet Harris

Tail Twister, Ginny Hiatt

Lion Tamer, Mary VanVoorhis

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Steve Routt

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Debbie Baker

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Nancy Champlin

Director, Chuck Swiderski

Director, June Green

## Sutter Creek Crab Feed

The Sutter Creek Lions Club will be hosting the "[STAN KELLEY MEMORIAL CRAB FEED](#)" and raffle at the Sutter Creek Auditorium (18 Main Street) on February 25, 2012. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a no host bar. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. includes wine. (Per ABC regulations no outside alcohol permitted). Tickets are \$30 each; cash, check or money order (sorry we are not set up to accept credit cards). Sutter Creek Boy Scouts Troop #63 will be there to help serve the "all-you-can-eat" crab, French Bread, and salad. [To order tickets or for information contact Chuck Swiderski: 209.296.3457 or e-mail \[cswiderski@volcano.net\]\(mailto:cswiderski@volcano.net\).](#) Money raised from this event is used for local community projects.



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission: "To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects."

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## By the Numbers – Lions International

### January Calendar

- 9 Full Moon
- 10 Membership Meeting
- 16 MLK Birthday
- 17 Board Meeting
- 23 New Moon
- 24 Membership Meeting



Lions have raised more than \$45 million since 1990 to support the SightFirst program which has saved the eyesight of millions of people worldwide.



Lions Quest – a school-based life skills program is helping more than 12 million young people tackle issues such as drug abuse and violence.



More than 4 million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest over the last 20 years. Through their art, they have learned to express their feelings about peace in the world.

## Member Profile – Ashley Snow

Steve Routt met up with Ashley at Back Roads Café for an engaging conversation and an opportunity to meet and learn more about the



youngest member of the Sutter Creek Lions Club. Ashley is a recent arrival in Sutter Creek. She was attending Cal State Chico in a pre-nursing program and decided to move home to be with her mom Debbie Baker - also a Lion and the Postmaster of Sutter Creek. Ashley is continuing her studies at

Folsom Lake Community College and will soon transfer to Sac State to complete her nursing training. Ashley grew up in Linden and graduated from Linden High School in 2008 where she was active in their FFA program, took leadership training, and was very active in volunteering. As an FFA member she attended the National Convention, speech contests, and raised pigs and sheep. When asked why she

joined Lions, she replied that when her mom told her the Sutter Creek club was open to women they decided to join at the same time. Ashley is no stranger to Lions. The Linden Club was very active with her FFA group by providing scholarships and asking them to attend Lion functions. Ashley's dad is also a Lion in Stockton. She's very proud of her new club and because she is "used to volunteering," is looking forward to lots of fun and great community involvement. When I asked Ashley how we could encourage more young folks to join, she commented on how nice it would be to have a Leo Club at Amador High. As our youngest member (22 years old) Ashley is a full-time student, holds down two jobs, is a long distance runner, and was the chairperson for the Parade of Lights. Please take time to meet and enjoy this wonderful and enthusiastic member of our club.

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## District Dignitaries Visit Sutter Creek Lions



District 4-A1 Governor David McCullough (Ceres) spoke at the Sutter Creek Lions membership meeting on December 13 which was held at J&D's Steakhouse. Also visiting and sharing information was Vice District Governor Jim Syvertsen and his wife Pat (Modesto 500), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Tom Bauder (West Point), Mountain Region Chair Gary West and his wife Linda (Tri Dams), and Zone Chair Todd Riebe (Jackson).

🍷 "I Believe" - Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam's theme is a challenge for Lions to demonstrate how they believe. Our visitors updated our club on current projects and ways to get involved.

- Take care of your club like family;
- Retain membership – Lion Clubs have grown by 12,000 new members through October;
- Be innovative and creative in expanding your community service projects;
- Tree Planting – A goal was set to plant 1 million trees worldwide as a symbol of the association's commitment to the future; so far over 5 million trees have been planted;
- Training for club officer, programs, and help can all be found on the Lions Clubs International Foundation website [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org);

Other programs that clubs are involved with include:

- 🍷 Medical Alert Jr. Program for ages 4-14;
- 🍷 Ronald McDonald pull tab collection – look for collection boxes as Sutter Creek Lions join this worthy program. Over 900 lbs. of tabs have been collected over the last three years which has paid for almost 200 nights so that parents can be close to their hospitalized children;
- 🍷 Student Speaker Foundation–What Can the America of Yesterday Teach the America of Tomorrow;
- 🍷 All Star Football Classic has raised over \$350,000 for District projects in Modesto;
- 🍷 Parkers Prom is for children ages 2-18 years old with terminal cancer.

It seems December is a popular birthday month. Toni Linde, Tom Bauder's wife, Ashley Snow, and



Happy Birthday was sung for Wyman Dickerson.

Current officers inducted that night were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Debbie Baker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Nancy Champlin, Director June Green, Lion Tamer Mary Beth VanVoorhis, Tail Twister Ginny Hiatt, and Assistant Secretary Ashley Snow.

The evening concluded with District Governor McCullough officially inducting charter members who were not able to attend the dinner in August. They included Lions Tracey Towner, Francine and Ed Pogue, Tracy Gust, Toni Linde, Wyman Dickerson, and June Green.



Playground equipment was donated for Minnie Provis Park by the Sutter Creek Lions in 2004. Are you interested in helping others? Meeting new people? As a Sutter Creek Lion you will use your time and talents to make an impact locally. Volunteering your time not only helps those in need, but also gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment. Call or email Nancy Champlin (267-0731, [champs20@att.net](mailto:champs20@att.net)) to find out more.

*“Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.” We want to hear from you!*

**Peace and Good Cheer  
to one and all in the New Year  
Sutter Creek Lions Club**

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## **Sutter Creek Lions Club Supporter**

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