



LION TALES

Sutter Creek Lions Donate to Community Projects

At the Sutter Creek Lions March dinner meeting, members heard from Knight Foundry Alliance (KFA) Board Member Frank Cunha about the City of Sutter Creek's acquisition of the Foundry property. After two decades of negotiations, the City obtained title to the Foundry complex. Established in 1873 by Samuel Knight, this is America's last water-powered foundry and machine shop. It has been named by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of America's eleven most endangered historic places. KFA is in the process of raising funds to help purchase the historic equipment and contents of the building. In the future, the Foundry will serve as an educational resource that provides a unique window into Amador's history and heritage. KFA volunteers welcomed a large crowd at an open house on March 4.

To show our support for this historic community project, the **Sutter Creek Lions donated \$3,000**. Frank accepted a check to KFA from Lion President Nancy Champlin (pictured right).



During the open house, Lion Jan Harris talked to Knight Foundry volunteer Chris Allen. Lion Rick Champlin stood in front of one of the gears to give a perspective of their size.



Before the Foundry project, Frank (who is also a board member of the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation) gave a presentation to our club on the park that was being conceived at the south end of Sutter Creek. This became Miners' Bend and is a wonderful interpretative park with mining artifacts and informative signage. **Sutter Creek Lions donated \$3,000** for tables and benches to help this park become a focal point and important showcase for its mining history.



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