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MEMBERSHIP

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

BOARD MEMBERS

President, Steve Routt

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Treasurer, Janet Harris

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Membership, Howard Webb

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Director, Bob Carlson

Director, June Green

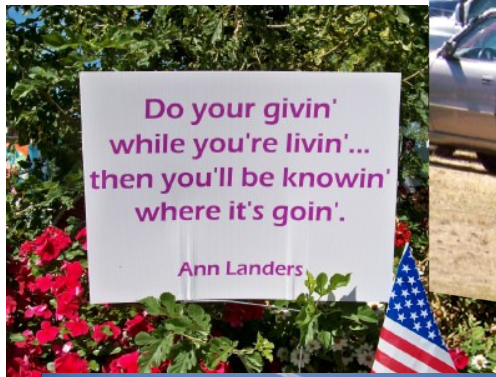
Director, Debbie Collins

Sutter Creek Lions at Camp Out for Cancer

It was the Lions' honor to help with the Camp Out for Cancer campaign by directing cars in the main parking lot and the RV lot.



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WHITE CANE DAYS

The Sutter Creek Lions will be accepting donations in honor of White Cane Days on October 5 and 6 in front of the Sutter Creek Auditorium. Monies collected are used to support programs and services for people who are blind or visually impaired as well as for sight conservation. Please take some time to visit us and give to this worthy cause.



History - In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible. In 1930, the late George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts. Today white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US and many other countries, providing blind persons a legal status in traffic. The white cane now universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind.

California Driver Handbook - Sharing the Road

Pedestrians Who Are Blind - Pedestrians using guide dogs or white canes with or without a red tip must be given the right-of-way at all times. These pedestrians are partially or totally blind. When these pedestrians are in your vicinity, be especially careful when turning corners or backing up, particularly if you are driving a quiet hybrid vehicle. Here are some suggestions for helping pedestrians who are blind:

- **At a stop light or sign, do not stop your vehicle more than 5 feet from the crosswalk, unless there is an advance stop bar (line).** A blind pedestrian uses the sound of your engine as a guide; so drive up to the crosswalk to allow the person to hear you. **Important:** Drivers of electric and hybrid vehicles must be extra alert to blind pedestrians, as they may be unaware of your presence due to the nearly silent nature of these vehicles.
- **Do not stop in the middle of a crosswalk.** This forces the blind pedestrian to go around your vehicle and into traffic outside of the crosswalk.
- **Do not give the blind pedestrian verbal directions.** A blind pedestrian listens to all traffic sounds before deciding to cross the street.
- **Do not wait too long for the blind pedestrian to cross the street.** When a blind person pulls in his or her cane and steps away from the intersection, this gesture usually means for you to go.
- **Do not turn right without looking first.** Look for any pedestrians, especially blind pedestrians or traffic, before starting your turn. Blind pedestrians who have a green light are not expecting a driver to make a right turn in front of them. Turning may result in the blind pedestrian becoming disoriented and vulnerable to being hit by another right turning vehicle when attempting to cross the street.
- **Do not honk your horn at a blind person.** The blind person has no idea who you are honking at and may be startled by the noise.

Calendar

October

5/6 **White Cane Days**
(S.C. Auditorium)
8 **Columbus Day**
9 **Lions Meeting**
13 **S.C. Ladies Night Out**
13/14 **S.C. Musical Organ Rally**
23 **Lions Meeting**
31 **Halloween**

Eyeglass Recycling **200 Pair and Counting!!** **Drop-Off Locations**

Amador Ledger Print – 11020 Hwy 49, Martell - Lion Debbie
Coldwell Banker – 54 ½ Main Street – Lion Rose-Marie
St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish – Lion Francine
Sutter Creek Auditorium, 18 Main Street
Sutter Creek Church of the Nazarene – Lion June
Sutter Creek Post Office – Lion Debbie
Village Real Estate, 52 Main Street, Lion Bob





Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, Inc.



Preserving the Gift of Sight



The Sutter Creek Lions are members of the Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, Inc. The Lions Eye Foundation (LEF) has been in existence for more than 50 years and has helped countless thousands of individuals to experience a better quality of life by being given the "gift of sight". The LEF began in 1960 with a small group of Lions in the San Francisco Bay Area with the determination to help others. Today, the LEF, meets on a quarterly basis in various cities throughout California and Nevada, and has evolved into an organization consisting of over 33 trustees and 33 advisors representing member clubs in nine Lions districts. As a member club we have the right to refer patients. This is a multi-step procedure requiring information from the patient, the patient's physician, and the sponsoring club. The first step is to verify that the patient meets the financial eligibility requirements. The second step is to assure that the patient has been seen by a physician who provides a diagnosis and supporting information. The third step is for the patient to fill out and authorize the release of medical information. The final step is for the sponsoring club to complete the application and forward all documentation.

-  The most prevalent surgery was for cataracts
-  There were 16 surgeries for retina, cornea or strabismus problems that would have cost \$25,000 - \$35,000 each
-  The youngest patient was 9 years old, oldest was 72 years old
-  There were also 40 Laser Procedures with an estimated value of \$60,000

If you know of someone who would be a candidate for this program, contact Sutter Creek Lions at P.O. Box 71, Sutter Creek, CA 95685 or email champs20@att.net.

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