



Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler



-By Laurie Banks, ER

Greetings Petaluma Elks Lodge Members, my name is Laurie Banks, your new Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025 year. I am honored to be your ER as much as I am to have such a great energetic Officer Core for the year to help me.

I am a 25-year member of Petaluma Elks Lodge. I was the 5 Year Trustee 2020--2021, 4 Year 2021-2022, Esteemed Loyal Knight 2022-2023, Esteemed Leading Knight 2023-2024, and now ER. I have been an active member doing many events over the years and attended most of our lodge events and dinners. I am at the lodge most of the time and will continue being available at the lodge for the membership.

My direction for the lodge in the upcoming year is to get the lodge active for our members and to bring in new members; to help Petaluma Elks Lodge be more Supportive within the community; to make sure that we are doing our best do to all the Grand Lodge Programs: ENF, CHEA,

Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shootout, Americanism, Veterans, Lodge Activities, AVP & DDGER Visitations, Membership, Purple Pig Major Project, Financial Management, Government Relations, Public Relations, Lodge Harmony; to keep our traditional events exceptional: Car Show, Lodge Picnic, Mother's Day, Memorial Day at Cypress, Elks Memorial Day, Kids and Adults Christmas Party, Law Enforcement and Firefighter Night, Crab Feed, St Patty's Day and many more Elk events and dinners; for myself and officers to attend all Conventions and Leadership classes, and to bring that information back to the members to keep this lodge growing strong.

Good communication is a must, and this officer core and I will do our best to keep this lodge and membership informed in all areas. Please reach out to me or my officer core anytime with your thoughts or concerns.

Looking forward to a great year.

NOTE: This issue goes to print just as a vote is happening on March 28, 2024 regarding probation by Grand Lodge, and 16.030 and other statue compliance by the Hall Association and the lodge. A direction will be in place by time you read this. I will be addressing those results next month.

Petaluma Elks Lodge donates \$2,000 to Sonoma Family Meal to support their Hunger Relief program

-By Gary Lassen, Treasurer & Grant Coordinator



Pictured from left: Gary Lassen, Grant Coordinator; Wayne Wilson, Exalted Ruler; Whitney Reuling, Executive Director; Heather Ames, Executive Chef; and Elias Cisneros, Chef Instructor

The Spotlight Grant that our Lodge provided to Sonoma Family Meal (SFM) will feed 100 families!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible work that Sonoma Family Meal is doing to alleviate hunger in our community.

Food insecurity is growing exponentially for families and seniors who have experienced disasters, lost jobs, or simply fallen off the financial ledge that once sustained them. Sonoma Family Meal serves 2,000 meals per month to our community. They believe people deserve wholesome, prepared meals once a week as a supplement to groceries.

SFM partners with organizations including the McDowell Family

Resource Center, ELIM and CURA to provide prepared meals that can simply be popped in the oven and ready to eat 45 minutes later — a much-needed night off to working parents or a loving food hug to seniors living alone.

Their work also supports local farmers and ranchers with much needed income and makes use of produce that would otherwise go to waste. Sonoma Family Meal is hoping to double their food distribution numbers this year.

The impact that Sonoma Family Meal has on our community is truly commendable, and Elks are honored to contribute to their efforts. We believe in the importance of coming together to support those in need, and their organization exemplifies this spirit.



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 Learn how you can help the Purple Pig while helping your family in the process.
BEST LASTING THING YOU CAN DO

More info on BLT at www.chea-elks.org

The BLT Legacy Giving Program has several options available that allow caring individuals to make charitable gifts that support children served by the Major Project (aka The Purple Piggy Bank). Find one that works for you!

If you would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, contact Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson Duane Sartori: Duane@boslawfirm.org

Hunt for those loose coins Fill the Purple Pigs



“Elks Give From The Heart”

Elks Give The Gift Of Life
 Register as a Donor **Donate Life America**
 For more info go to: www.donatelife.net

NOTE: UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED ON THE BACK PAGE & INFO/FLYERS ARE THROUGHOUT

From Our Purple Pig Chairman

- By George Matt

We are having a steady flow of contributions. Thank you for your continued support to the Purple Pig Fund. The total for the month of February was \$635.34 There was a total of 18 contributors this month.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We are helping each child with our giving. Keep the coins coming and I'll keep on counting. Thank you for placing your names on the pig. If you have any question about the Purple Pig fund please contact the Secretary's office.

Turn in your full piggies and adopt another...then repeat often!

A Coin a Day... They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play.



Contributors for the month of February:

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tony Morgan * | Wayne Wilson * | |
| Aristotle Wolfe | Harold Matzen | Dave Bagganst * |
| Gary Warrick | Richard grosser * | Dennis Nowicki. * |
| Bob Sheldon | Steve Nelson | Gene Romanowski |
| Irma Wilson * | Anonymous | Jim & Diana Edens |

(* Member that has turned in more than one pig in the past 12 months.

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- State/CHEA Elks' Website:** www.chea-elks.org
- Lodge Number:** (707) 763-0901
- RV Reservations:** www.elks901.org

Lodge 901 Officers: 2024-2025

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Exalted Ruler*: | Laurie Banks |
| Est. Leading Knight*: | Priscilla Burgi |
| Est. Loyal Knight*: | Dino Ricci |
| Est. Lecturing Knight*: | Tammy Atwood |
| Secretary: | Larry Sartori, PER |
| Treasurer: | Gary Lassen |
| Esquire: | TBD |
| Chaplain: | Tim Sheehan |
| Inner Guard: | Ken Conley |
| Tiler: | Al Petrides |
| 1 Year Trustee*: | Lindsay Calegari |
| 2 Year Trustee*: | Dave Bagganostos |
| 3 Year Trustee*: | Tim Moore |
| 4 Year Trustee*: | Bill Lewis |
| 5 Year Trustee*: | Jim Atwood |
| House Committee: | Officers with * |

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All lodge notifications in this publication constitute an Official notification, and no other need be given. Committe Chairpersons should submit their new items in writing to the Editor no later than the 15th of each month for the upcoming month.

Lounge Hours*: Our ability to open the bar is dependant upon available volunteer staffing. Check calendar, verify with lodge.

- Lodge Information:**
Call (707) 763-0901
- Office Hours:**
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.

Meeting Nights:
2nd & 4th Thurs.7:00 p.m.

●Lori Ham

Lounge Hours:
*See calendar.

Note: meeting nites- bar closes at 6:30p.m. Then opens after meeting until 9:00pm.



Major Project Update

-By Laurie Banks, Leading Knight & Major Project Chair



At the end of my year as Purple Pig Chair 2023-2024. I am so proud of this lodge for stepping up this year. I have had a lot of fun being your Chair. From being part of Purple Pig Events, Craft Faire April & November, Car Show, with Theme Child Aushay & his Family in the VIP tent for Car Show & Aushay picking the Trophy Car of His Choice. A Presentation by his therapist about the CHEA Purple Pig was done as well. Purple Pig Poker Run & BBQ, the new Purple Pig Key Chain that lights up were sold this year at many events. The accounting for Purple Pig is only through January 31, 2024. So, we still have February, March, & April Monthly to add and any events within that month such as Craft 2 Day Event part that is designated to these totals as well.

We have hit over \$20,000 and the final totals for the year end will be out at the end of April.

For the month of January, Purple Pig donations were \$2,118.16.

Thank you to Kenneth Hillman for a \$500 donation to the Purple Pig in January!

Total 52 Club Members: 35

Total Century Club Members: 12

Our NEW Purple Pig Chair FY 2024-2025 will be Lindsay Calegari, as well as our 1 Year Trustee.

Keep those donations and Piggy's coming; we have until the end of April. and remember...

"A coin a day so our children with special needs can walk, talk, see and play."

April Birthdays

- By Susan Degive

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Travis Jernigan | 14 Ernest Garcia |
| Rich Mejia | Edward Jensen |
| Chris Petersen | Sean Kensinger |
| 2 Steve Henris | William Palmini |
| Leni Metro | Eleanor Sebring |
| Sheri Rossi De Guevara | 15 Sergio Bravo |
| Dan Silacci | 16 Don Lounibos |
| 3 Gary Chang | Bob Mawyer |
| Steve Hart | Isidro Santos |
| 4 Robert Carpenter | Michael Scholzen |
| James Foster | 17 Garth Hewitt |
| Marsh Harris | James Mattei |
| William Turner | 20 Catherine Damele |
| 5 Pete Gonzales | Danny Hevron |
| Shelly Owens | John King Jr |
| Jeff Pottorff | 21 Mario Bernardini |
| 6 Kenneth Carli | Lee Lombardi |
| Dennis Finn | Steven Weis |
| Michael Peggs | 23 John Dado |
| Joanne Sartori | Derlin German |
| 7 Ray Peterson | Michael Wachter |
| Richard Vicente | 25 Patricia Bernard |
| Diana Yannes | Julie Dillingham |
| 8 Gordon Cort | Robert Mc Coy |
| John Keenan | Ed Ricci |
| Nathan Kirby | 26 Dave Bergmann |
| Sandra Piro | Judith Reilly |
| D Thomas | Bill Scarpete |
| 9 Robert Glaser | 28 Michael Carroll |
| Ignacio Navarro | Dennis Dailey |
| James Smith | Archie King |
| 10 Christopher Bearden | Thomas Toohey |
| Donald De Costa | 30 Harold Matzen |
| Debra Graff | Tori Patocchi |
| 11 Stefan Souza | ♦ |
| 13 James Madden | |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!



It's Your Birthday!!

Please pick up your

Birthday Drink Tickets at the Bar.

You receive 2 drinks on the Lodge to celebrate your birthday. Let the Bartender know, and they will check your name off their list. Must show your member card. Valid birthday month only.

(No Top Shelf)



Name Game

-By Laurie Banks, ER



Win a weekday dinner or breakfast ticket.

- Find your name somewhere in The Whisperings where it doesn't belong. Hint: 3 names.

Let me know if you find your name. Good Luck !

This will repeat every month.



It's Your Birthday...

We Have Cake!



Beginning in April, every month on the 2nd Wednesday, we'll share a cake on Burger Night to celebrate all our fellow Elks' birthdays.

Come Celebrate, see how many candles we can light on April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, Jul 10th.

At the Lodge

Blood Drive

Tues. Apr. 2nd

10am 3:30pm



Appointments encouraged: vitalant.org

Because of you, life doesn't stop

Thu April 18

TRIVIA NIGHT



Activities begin 6:15PM

AND PIZZA!

Served 5 - 7PM

Personal Pizza with a side salad for \$15

Choose:

- Plain cheese
- Pepperoni or ground Sausage
- Veggies (onion, bell pepper, tomatoes, mushrooms, olives)



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~Elks 901~ SOCIAL CLUB

All Are Welcome



Fri Apr 19 12:30

(at the Lodge)

MENU: Italian \$16

Please RSVP & mail by Apr 9
Make check payable to & mail to:
Norine (Bobby) Gervasi
1074 Santa Clara Lane
Petaluma, CA 94954



Questions?
Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724



We Need You!

Sign Up Now

BUTTER & EGG DAYS

APRIL 20

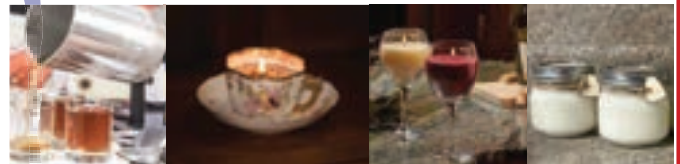
Elks 901 will again be serving Tri-Tip sandwiches to

raise funds for the Lodge. Volunteers needed for setup, prep, and at the booth. Contact Wayne Wilson, wwilson-elks901@outlook.com, 707-799-5094

Candle Workshop

at the ELKS

Thu May 2



A local artist will guide you step by step through the process of creating your own handcrafted candles. At the end of the workshop, you'll leave with your own personalized set of soy wax candles, ready to illuminate your space with warmth and fragrance.

\$35 per person Includes instruction and material to create two 6oz custom scented and dyed soy wax candles

Register online www.elks901.org/store. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Apr 29 (no walk-ins).



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...ALERT...

Some dinners are very popular. Ensure the meal you came for is waiting for you. Make your reservations online or call the office.



More April events on page 5



District Ritual Competition
Apr. 26th-27th - Lakeport Lodge
 Support your Officers

Secretary's Corner

-By Larry Sartori

DD CLINIC
Sunday, Apr. 28th, 2024
Lakeport Lodge

Officers & Members of Elks Lodges throughout our Great Northwest District attend this clinic to discuss business matters & activities.
 ERs, Leading Knights, Secretaries, & Trustees Attendance Required.
 All Officers should attend.
 Committee Chairpersons & all Members are encouraged to attend.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR YEAR 2024-2025



April 1st is the time to put your new membership card for year 2024-2025 in use. **Be sure you have signed your card before entering the Lodge room.**

Dues Are Due

Thank you for all the early bird payments. Cards are going out as fast as we can process the payments.

Come Celebrate!
Installation Of Officers

PETALUMA ELKS LODGE #901




Saturday Apr 6

4:00PM Installation Ceremony
 5:00PM Appetizers & No Host Cocktails
 6:00PM Dinner followed by Dancing

- BBQ Steak with Creamy Garlic Shrimp
- Twice Baked Potato
- Roasted Vegetables
- Caesar Salad & French Roll
- Cheesecake

\$35 per person
Tickets Presale only by March 29
www.Elks901.org



Dress: Business Casual
 For all Elk Members and Their Family & Guests • elks901.org

Remember ENF & The Major Project

When you send in your BPOE dues for 2024-2025, just \$5 (or more) to each help us meet our goals, achieve grants, help children, veterans and our community. The dues statement has line items for donating to both charities. You can then check it off your to-do list.



Together We Make A Difference!



DINNER & LODGE MEETING with Initiation
Thur April 25



MENU: Stew & Polenta with Ceasar Salad
\$20 Members & Guests
Free to Initiates



MUST RESERVE BY April 22
 Extremely Limited At Door

Bar Opens 3PM Dinner 5:30PM
 Meeting 7PM Lounge last call 6:40PM

Lodge Meeting Nights' Bar Hours

On meeting nights, per rules of Elkdom, the bar closes promptly at 6:30 PM (before the start of the 7PM meeting). Everyone must exit the bar at 6:30 PM. The bar will open after the meeting & close at 9pm.

• Mike Kerrigan



Leading Knights Corner

"It's About CHARITY"

-By Laurie Banks, Outgoing Leading Knight

The following item was voted on the floor of the lodge last month and approved for a Charity Donation to be made to/for:

- **Cal Poly FFA State Finals \$100** - for career development events of which top awards and agricultural activities for FFA members take place. The students and teams demonstrate their skills and are recognized for their accomplishments. The champion teams will compete and represent California at the Indianapolis Convention.

Thank you, Petaluma Elks Lodge #901.

Do you have a question or thought for Petaluma Elks to help support the community?

Please contact me, or Pricilla Burgi, Leading Knight 2024-2025. Let's help our community.



Hand in Hand Helping Each Other



Petaluma High School Girls Varsity Softball Team



-By Laurie Banks, ER

The Petaluma High School Girls Varsity Softball Team, over 15 ladies in their uniforms, helped serve, greet and clean up at Wednesday Night Burgers to raise money for their much needed team equipment, expenses, etc.

With the support of the dining Elks members, the team raised \$324 dollars. We invited them to come back and serve at the Annual Free Hall Association Dinner, Thursday March 28, 2024 to help us and them again.

Truly a great experience for them and a huge help to the Elks volunteers that cook, serve and cleanup at the lodge on this night. Awesome JOB Ladies and a BIG Thank You from the Petaluma Elks Lodge.



901's Burger Night kitchen crew with the Petaluma High School Girls Varsity Softball Team



Veterans Bingo Wish List

-By Diana Yannes, Veterans Bingo
Donations Coordinator/Mgr.



Greetings all Elks. Let me introduce myself. My name is Diana Yannes and I am the Elk who is responsible for managing and delivering our donations to Yountville Veterans for their Bingo nights. I have been responsible for this for the past year and am very committed to our Veterans.

Next, I want to take this time to thank each and everyone of you who have donated in the past; you are rock stars!

For those of you who are unaware, the Donation Bin is located in the storage room adjacent to the dining hall. It is a big cardboard box located to the right, in the back of the room. It is clearly marked and also includes a list of items our Veterans have requested for their Bingo nights.

Our Veterans have requested: birdseed, candy, chips, jerky, peanuts in the shell, microwave popcorn, Cup of Soup, tea bags, instant and regular coffee, stationary, envelopes and stamps.

Ponder this, if you were playing Bingo, what would your favorite prize be?

So please think of our Veterans when you go shopping, throw in a little item for them and drop it off at the Lodge. If you are in a hurry, it is perfectly acceptable to just drop it off in the office. I check in weekly at our Lodge.

As a sidelight, whoever reads this article and is the first to drop off an item into the Donation Bin, you will find a bag of Gold Coins to thank you for your efforts.



The Veterans Wish List

Going shopping? Please remember the Yountville Veterans. Find a copy of the **VETERANS' WISH LIST** on our Lodge's website or at the Lodge office.

Thanks to all of you who have dropped off items at the lodge. Every item helps and is appreciated by all!



KUDOS, Applause & Thanks To...

2024-2025 Officers, Trustees & Committees- for stepping up to lead us through the year ahead.

Members- who sent ENF & Major Project/Purple Pig donations in with their dues.

"Early Bird" Members- for timely dues payment.



Leading Knights Corner Proud To Be An Elk

-By Pricilla Burgi, Leading Knight

Welcome to the Petaluma Elks 901 New Year!!!! What a year it's going to be! Hi there, my name is Priscilla Burgi, and I am honored to be your Esteemed Leading Knight FY2024-2025. We have so many events coming and hope to see you enjoying each one. We have Trivia night, Candle Workshop, Elks 901 Social Club, Annual Craft Faire, Butter & Eggs, NASCAR, Bunco, Cinco de Mayo, just to name a few.

I was asked the other night why I accepted the office of the Esteemed Leading Knight. It was easy to answer, it's my home away from home, my family away from family. My Cheers, you remember the TV show, where everybody knows your name. I don't think I have ever felt so welcomed by so many and it continues to this day. I may have a not-so-great day at work, I come here and guaranteed a smile and lots of laughs. Many days as I enjoy an adult beverage, I watch guys at the end of the bar playing dice laughing and having a great time, BTW watch out guys... I was taught dice games!!! The support we give our community, the care we have for our Vets and First Responders, representing Petaluma California is matched by no other! It makes me proud to be an Elk.

Our Elk Lodge, Our Elk Brothers and Sisters, Our Elk Family.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas for Charity events. I would love to hear them.

Firefighters Appreciation Dinner



-By Laurie Banks, ER



Petaluma Elks Lodge held its Firefighter Appreciation Dinner serving over 100 Firefighters, plus 20 to-go orders that were delivered to those working at the station. Goog Corda spoke briefly. Parent Sorensen bought their first drink.



Sincere thanks go to: Elk Volunteers John & Cindy Lane at the check-in table, Bonnie Koagendal and Lindsay Caligari who helped me with table setup and decorations. 20 Law

Enforcement in the kitchen cooking with Elk volunteers Dennis Nowicki, Angy Nowicki and John Cerini. Susan Degive for all the flyers and the signs in the bar and the on-line updates. Anita in the office for help with printing and updates. A huge thank you to all the Elks members, family friends and businesses that sponsored this event. Special thanks to Goog Corda and Rick Nadale who hit the pavement to help me get sponsors. And, our great appreciation to the men and women firefighters who serve our communities to keep us safe.



St Patrick's Day 2024 Irish Jig, Corned Beef & Purple Pigs



-By Tammy Atwood, Lecturing Knight

Thank you so much to all who attended this year's St Patrick's Day event - as the host I am already looking forward to St Patrick's Day 2025. Our chef, Dennis Nowicki, knocked the flavors out of the park. Thank you to Dennis and Angy Nowicki for leading our kitchen and serving crew. I made a colossal error with our student servers, but you would never know it with how our "paid Elk guests" jumped up and volunteered! A special thank you goes out to Lindsay Caligari, Priscilla Burgi, Chris Cole, Aaron and Julie Dillingham, Jim Atwood, Bonnie Koagendal, Wayne Wilson, Harry Hollinghead, Matt Nathe, Scott Beiswanger, Bob and Betty Carpenter, Sheila Conway, Marge Schram, Tiburcio Patricio, and many others. I am told Wayne stepped in as Dennis's right hand... thank you both, the meal was a delicious success! My right-hand Laurie Banks was just as amazing! Our Elks Leadership for 2023-2024 and incoming 2024-2025 were simply amazing in action! The Keenan Irish Dancers graced our floors; we could not have had better entertainment - and they have already committed to dancing for us again next year.

We will be recapping our wins, losses, and opportunities for improvement in our next set of committee meetings. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated - the congestion at the bar is our first loss we plan to tackle!



"Pot of Gold" ... The Raffle proceeds of \$1,200 are being donated to the Purple Pig. Sincere thanks to all who participated and supported the cause. Congrats to the winner. 🍀



National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 21st - 27th, 2024

"Better Together"

Our greatest appreciation to you...
we could not achieve goals without you!

Fri May 3

BUNCO NIGHT



Activities begin 6:15PM

Buy in \$10

Payouts: Most Buncos,
Most Wins, Most Losses

AND DINNER!

Dinner 5 - 7PM • Bar Opens 3PM

Clam Chowder & a Roll \$8
Grilled Ham or Cheese Sandwich \$8
Soup & Sandwich \$15

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TRI TIP SLIDERS

Tue May 7

FOOD • FRIENDS • FUN

\$16

2 sliders,
coleslaw, &
potato salad



Served 5-7PM
Bar opens at 3PM

Reserve Online www.elks901.org/store
(limited tickets at the door, max 50 tickets)
For Elk Members and their Guests.




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Cinco de Mayo!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US
SUN MAY 5

& DRESS IN STYLE WITH YOUR BEST SOMBRERO
Lounge Opens 4pm • Dinner 5pm - 7pm

Margaritas & Tequila Specials!

MENU: - Fresh Pico de Gallo & Fresh Chips
- Two Tacos (Ground Beef or Breaded Shrimp)
- Homemade Refried Beans & Spanish Rice

\$18

Tickets www.elks901.org
Reservations Recommended
Limited Tickets at the Door!







PETALUMA ELKS
LODGE #901

Paint Nite

at the Elks

Fri

May 10

6PM - 8PM

\$30



Join local artist Lisa Pedrani for a fun evening of creativity. All skill levels welcome. Lisa will guide you step-by-step for a fun, relaxing time. All supplies provided.

Pre-register by May 5 for guaranteed space. Limited walk-ins accepted.

Register online www.elks901.org/store





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**Have Some Fun,
Do Some Good, Get Involved!**

Mother's Day
Breakfast/Brunch
Advance Purchase Only
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Honoring our Mothers in glorious Elk tradition!

Sunday May 12
2 Seatings
 (lodge open 9am til 1pm)

Adults \$25
Kids 5-12yrs \$15
Under 5yrs Free

**NOTE: Volunteers Sign Up Now., Don't Miss...
 May 15 - Online Training Deadline**



NASCAR June 7,8,9
HR Races July 26,27,28

Come one day or every day to serve & stock beer at the races to raise money for the Elks 901 (previous years raised over \$10,000 for the Lodge)! Must be 21+ and complete an online training before May 15. Please sign up now - we can't proceed without a committed group. Who? ELK Members, Family, Friends, Neighbors.

Laurie Banks , lmdbanks@yahoo.com, 707-696-3520

PETALUMA ELKS CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Sat Jul 13 10am - 3pm
Fun for the whole family
Music & BBQ Lunch
VEHICLE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
 Register online at www.elks901.org
 Benefits Purple Pig Charity

COMPLETE THE FORM or register online at www.elks901.org

REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____ CLUBAFFILIATION: _____

VEHICLE YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL _____
 (must be 1974 & older)

Contact Jim Atwood 707-333-3385 for questions and info. Please return registration form, with check payable to:
 Petaluma Elks Lodge #901
 2105 S. McDowell Blvd Ext
 Petaluma, CA 94954

SHOW ENTRY: \$40 / \$50 AFTER 6/22 \$ _____

ADDITIONAL LUNCHESES: \$18 PER PERSON \$ _____
 One BBQ Chicken Lunch included with entry.
 Burgers & Hot Dogs available at event.

T-SHIRT: \$25 PER SHIRT \$ _____

DONATION to PURPLE PIG: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SHIRT SIZE(s) – Mark how many of each size
 _____ S _____ MD
 _____ LG _____ XL
 _____ 2XL _____ 3XL

Elks 901 Food for the Community

"When you're down at the lodge remember to drop off canned goods in the lobby food barrel."



The Petaluma Salvation Army food pantry is open to all in the community:
 Tuesday thru Thursday
 Emergency food boxes available all week long.



To volunteer call (707) 769-0716
 721 S. McDowell Blvd.

Students making food boxes for those in need. The need in our community grows each day.

●Manny Rosa
Hungry? We've got you covered! Yum...

Check the calendar for "food nights".

Support our weekly meals & volunteer cooks, they are cooking for you!



Bring family and friends for a relaxed evening and enjoyable meal.

Friday May 31 6pm

Chili Cook Off!



Taste & Judge
 \$10 to Taste each entry & Vote
 Join us for Hot Chili, Laughs, & Fun!

Compete for Prizes & Bragging Rights

- NO FEE to compete but please Pre-Register for guaranteed spot. One free tasting/vote card per entry.
- Name your Chili (blind tasting, so no family names)
- Deliver Crockpot Full to kitchen by 5:45 ready for tasting
- Spoons, Cups, Napkins, Outlet provided
- Bring a Extension cord if needed.

ENTER YOUR CHILI online at www.elks901.org/store



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Outings & Hosts
 - By Gordon Cox, PR Officer

Our word "April" comes from the Latin "Aprilis", the name given to the month by the ancient Romans. Although no one knows for certain, some Roman authors thought that Aprilis was related to the Latin verb "aperire", meaning "to open," because April "opened" the buds of leaves and flowers. **It's time open up your rig and join our gang for a springtime adventure!**

Our Elks 901 RV Club has monthly outings which include group dinners (both pot luck and at nearby eateries), happy hours, games (corn hole, spinners, etc.) and visits to local attractions (wineries, river boat excursions, golf, etc.).

If you are a member or associate member of the BPOE 901 and would like to take your RV on one of our outings, please contact the host of the outings shown in the schedule below. Please call early as most RV parks require a list of attendees at least two weeks in advance of outing.

2024 Outing Schedule (partial):

April 19-23 (Fri.-Tues.)
 Heritage RV Park in Corning, CA.
 Wayne & Roberta Thomas 707-217-8390 & Chuck & Paulie Clark 707-480-1444.

May 8-12 (Wed.-Sun.)
 Almond Tree RV Park, Chico, CA.
 Ed & Sally Jensen 707-542-3900, Ron Lunsford 707-479-9891, & Diane Bergeron 843-338-5266.

June 5-9 (Wed-Sun)
 Jackson Rancheria RV Park, Jackson, CA.
 Denise & Larry Calvert 707-799-6567.

July 17-21 (Wed-Sun)
 Flag City RV Resort, Lodi, CA.
 Diane & Neal Parker 707-495-1810 & Dee Jones 707-481-5248.

T/HC Meetings' Times

Meetings are held on the Monday prior to the Lodge Meeting.

- House Committee 6:30pm – 7:15pm
- Trustee Meeting: 7:30pm -8:00pm

All members are welcome to the T/HC meetings. But to be placed on the agenda of a T/HC meeting please send your request into the lodge office no later than the Wednesday before the meeting. Members wishing to speak at these meetings, but not on the agenda will be heard on a time available basis. Remember all members are invited to the T/HC meetings & we need to hear from all of our brothers & sisters.

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APRIL/MAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
(31)	1	2  BLOOD DRIVE 10am - 3:30pm	3  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	4	5	6  INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS \$35
7  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	8 Trustee/House Committee 6:30pm	9	10  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm 	11 Meeting Night 7pm	12	13
14  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	15  Nascar Beer Booth OnLine Training Deadline Bar 3-7pm	16	17  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	18 Trivia Nite 5-7pm	19  901's Social Luncheon 12:30pm	20 Butter & Eggs Day Tri-Tip Booth
21  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	22 Trustee/House Committee 6:30pm	23	24  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm 	25 Dinner \$20 & Initiation Meeting Night 7pm	26 GNWD Ritual Contest - Lakeport- Apr 26th-27th	27  Craft & Vendor Faire 10am-3pm
28  Craft & Vendor Faire 10am-3pm	29	30	MAY 1  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	2  Candle Workshop at the ELKS \$35	3  Bunco Nite	4
 DD CLINIC Lakeport Lodge	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm
5  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	6 Trustee/House Committee 6:30pm	7  TRI TIP SLIDERS	8  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm 	9 Meeting Night 7pm	10 Paint Nite  \$30	11
 CINCO DE MAYO 5pm-7pm \$18	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Apr 2: Blood Drive

10am - 3:30pm

Apr 6: Installation of Officers 2024-2025

- 4:00PM Ceremony
- 5:00PM Appetizers
- 6:00PM Dinner then Dancing

Menu: • BBQ Steak with Creamy Garlic Shrimp
- Dress: Business Casual. For all Elk Members and Their Family & Guests
\$35 per person Tickets Presale Only by 3/29

Apr 10: Birthday Cake

Apr 18: Frivia Nite & Personal pizzas & Salad \$15

Apr 19: Social Luncheon Italian, \$16.00

Apr 20: Butter & Eggs Day Elks' Tri-Tip Booth

Apr 25: Dinner & Lodge Meeting & Initiation

- 5:30 Dinner 7:00 Meeting
- Stew & Polenta, Ceasar Salad
- Free to Initiates, \$20 others
- MUST RESERVE

Apr 27-28: Craft Faire

UPCOMING EVENTS

More details online

May 2 - Candle Night (like paint nite)

May 3: Bunco/Game Night & Hot Dogs

May 5: Cinco De Mayo

May 7: Tri-Tip Sliders Tues.

May 10: Paint Nite

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Raceway Deadline - Online Training- Beer Booth*

May 31st: Chili Cook-Off

Jun 7,8,9 - Nascar Booth*

Jul 26,27,28 - HR Races Booth*

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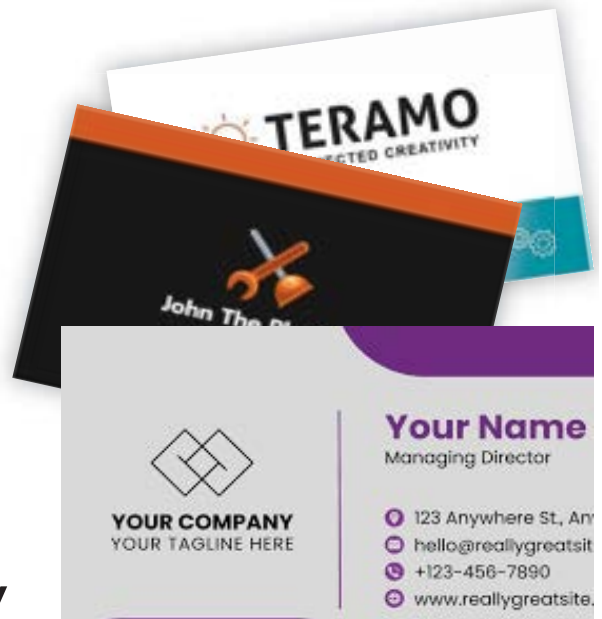
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