



## Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler



-By Laurie Banks, ER

The Installation Dinner & Dance was absolutely BEAUTIFUL. All the family, friends, members and guests of everyone that attended, over 200, was impressive and appreciated. I can't thank everyone enough.

All the work that went into the event, so many people to thank (my apologies if I accidentally miss someone) ...

All the volunteers that helped with the ceremony. Fred Bartow the photographer. Jim Atwood for getting the extra BBQ. Tammy Atwood for ordering the flowers. My vision for the decorations and centerpiece was awesomely accomplished by Iris and Priscilla Burgi. Hanging the decorations was done by John Lane and the flowers were designed by Cindy Lane. Table setup by Lindsay Calegari. The check-in table and all the invitations, signs, raffle tickets, seating chart, etc. by Susan Degive. To the absolutely out of this world kitchen and all the cooks, BBQ teams and

helpers throughout the 2-day prep, you guys nailed it! Anita Maack and family for the ravishing appetizers. I was told it was the most beautiful event done at the lodge and the food was number one, served quickly, plated nice, very hot, plenty to eat and out of this world. Thank you to the FFA Team that helped serve. To my officer core that stood up to start the serving so to get our guests served hot food from our awesome kitchen. Truly words can't say how much I appreciate each and everyone of you for all your time and energy to make this an awesome memory of our lodge. And the necklace game I had to play and congratulations to my granddaughter Bella Banks for winning. Raffle winners Dino Ricci and Thomas Simontacchi. This event shows the fun and support we can have at our lodge with our membership and guests. Let's keep moving forward.

We are in need of volunteers. (bartenders, cash register people, kitchen preps, cooks, dishwashers, event's setup, check-in). Whatever time and help you can give, please reach out to me or one of my officers to get you somewhere you want and can make a difference. It's a great way to meet members, spend time and help our lodge grow. Please check your calendars and read the Whisperings; lots and lots happening at the lodge. Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you around the lodge.

## Thanks & Congrats!

- ★ **Elk of the Month -May 2024 - Don Wood**  
For always helping out in the Kitchen!
- ★ **Volunteer of the Month -May 2024 - Susan Lassen**  
For stepping up in the kitchen as the lodge needs.
- ★ **Volunteer of the Month -May 2024 - Iris Burgi**  
For making the Exalted Ruler's vision of decorations come true: for the Installation dinner and turning the lodge into another level of perfection!

**Don, Susan & Iris**, thank you for all you do for Elksdom & this Lodge. Congratulations!



**PETALUMA ELKS' LODGE #901**  
Honoring our Mothers in glorious Elk tradition!

# Mother's Day

## Champagne Breakfast/Brunch

### Sunday May 12

**2 Seatings**

<b>Early Seating</b> Arrive 9am - 10:15am	<b>(lodge open 9am til 1pm)</b>	<b>Late Seating</b> Arrive 11:00 - 12:15
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Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Denver Scramble, Ham, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Pancakes & Syrup, Biscuits & Gravy, Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Orange Juice, Milk, Chocolate Milk, Coffee & Tea

Each Mom or Grandma will receive a glass of Bubbly, a Rose, and a Kiss (Hersheys, or course)!

**Adults \$20 Kids 5-12yrs \$10**  
**Under 5 Free**

**Advance Purchase Only by 5/6**  
(Extremely limited walk-ins)  
[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

**Gift Basket Raffle Drawing**



*Have you made your reservations yet?*



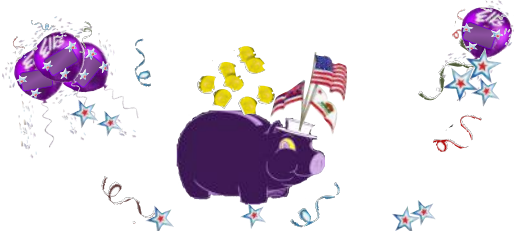
## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

**Serving children with disabilities since 1950.**

“The Elks Major Project provides invaluable help to the children struggling to be independent and builds hope in the hearts of their parents.”

### Make A Difference In A Child’s Life

**It’s Convention Time - May 15th - 18th  
Will We Make Our Annual Goal?**



Thanks to all who donated.  
You’ve made a difference in a child’s life.

*“Gifts that last beyond Tomorrow”*

**Bequests & Living Trusts**



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](http://www.chea-elks.org)

You can do something worthwhile with long-term effects. Check out the BLT program, a lasting way to help children in need. Even a modest gift can have a tremendous impact in terms of future benefit.

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



**“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](http://www.donatelife.net)

*NOTE: UPCOMING EVENTS ARE LISTED ON PAGE 11 & INFO/FLYERS ARE THROUGHOUT*

# From Our Purple Pig Chairman

- By George Matt

We are having a steady income. Thank you for your continued support to the Purple Pig Fund. The total for the month of March was \$1,501.28. The total included \$653.24 from the Large Lodge Pig. There were a total of 25 contributors.

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 March:**

- |                 |                    |                                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tony Morgan *   | John Connelly      | Timothy McCarthy *                |
| Alfred Moello * | James Jergensen    | Heather Hupp* (2Pigs)             |
| Shaun Maner     | Roy Smith (Butch)  | Diane & Tom Yannes                |
| Gary Ham*       | Large Lodge Pig    | Barbara “Bobbi” Galbraith         |
| Roy Smith *     | Charlene Gannon*   | Lindsey Calegant (2 Pigs)         |
| Lori Ham        | George Gambonini * | Petaluma Elks 901RV Club (2 Pigs) |
| Bennie Tapan    |                    |                                   |



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

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**Lodge Number:**  
(707) 763-0901

**RV Reservations:**  
[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

**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.

• Steven Rubio

Lounge Hours:

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

### 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:	Vacant
Chaplain:	Tim Sheehan
Inner Guard:	Al Petrides
Tiler:	Ken Conley
1 Year Trustee*:	Lindsay Calegari
2 Year Trustee*:	Dave Baggenstos
3 Year Trustee*:	Bill Lewis
4 Year Trustee*:	Vacant
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. Committee 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.



## Major Project Update

-By Laurie Banks, Exalted Ruler



As the accounting for Purple Pig has been updated through February 2024, over \$25,000 has been raised by Petaluma Elks Lodge # 901. We still have through April 2024 for our final total. In May, I will present a check to The Major Project at the CHEA/State Convention in Fresno on behalf of the Lodge. Thank you to all that donate to make this important project so successful. **The following are:**

### 52 Club Members

Anderson, Darryl	Hillman, Kenneth	Morgan, Anthony
Baggenstos, David	Hofer, Robert	Nowicki, Dennis
Balistreri, Joaquin	Holmes, Wallace	Romanowski, Gene
Cleary, Michael	Joyce, Tim	Ronsheimer, Margaret
Coutouriotis, Steve	Kelly, William	Sheldon, Robert
Courier, Richard	Koagendal, Bonnnie	Smith, Roy
Galbraith, Barbara	Lane, John	Temple, Mark
Gambonini, George	Llund, Henriette	Ternullo, Frank
Gannon, Charlene	McCarthy, Timothy	Turner, William
Graff, Debra	Martinez, Al	Wilson, Irma
Ham, Gary	Matzen, Harold	Wilson, Wayne
Ham, Lori	Mello, Alfred	Witt, Myron
Head, Charlie	Minns, Terry	

### Century Club Members

Countouriotis, Steve	Kelly, William	Smith, Roy
Gannon, Charlene	Lillund, Henriette	Kelly, William
Graff, Debra	Matzen, Harold	Wilson, Wayne
Ham, Gary	Minnis, Terry	Witt, Myron
Head, Charlie	Morgan, Tony	
Hillman, Kenneth	Nowicki, Dennis	

Keep those donations and Piggy's coming and remember...

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



## April Birthdays... We Had Cake!

Birthdays for April were celebrated at the lodge on Burger Night. It was great fun to recognize all the April Birthday-folks that came to enjoy the cake, burgers, and fellow Elks. An enthusiastic turn out for burger night and birthday cake celebration! Hope to see you next month!

**Second Wednesday every month.**



Petaluma Elks ER Laurie Banks, Leading Knight Priscilla Burgi and Al Petrides present the cake and celebrate the April Birthdays.



## It's Your Birthday... We Have Cake!

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 **May 8th**, June 12th, Jul 10th.



## May Birthdays - By Susan Degive

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Patricia Brock    | 19 James Barthol         |
| William Hart        | Cheryl Dowd              |
| Heather Hupp        | James Shugrue            |
| 2 Max Mickelsen     | Richard Silva            |
| 3 Charles Davis     | 20 Michael Cleary        |
| 4 William Frank     | Larry Moss               |
| 5 Michael Nunes     | Dale Van Deusen          |
| Martin Rodgers      | 21 Diana Edens           |
| 6 Adrian Bello      | Victor Grube             |
| Michael Boles       | David Leveroni           |
| Robert Freundt      | Frank Moro               |
| Mark Hunter         | Robert Sheldon           |
| John McFarland      | 22 Daniel Aronson        |
| 7 John Emery        | Lorentz Koagedal         |
| Kathlie Gruggett    | 23 Robert Mc Clure       |
| Jack Hickey         | Pamela Tarango           |
| Tim Mc Sweeney      | 24 Peter Azevedo         |
| 8 Rodney Jason      | Scott Vorhees            |
| David Sharkey       | 25 Vail Bello            |
| George Tsiopos      | Laurie Champagne-Terrell |
| 9 Allan Barnes      | John Cilia               |
| Wayne Cattich       | Colleen Dunaway          |
| 11 Billy Brody      | Phillip France           |
| Michael Deguara     | Jeremy Hofer             |
| 12 Doug Buttke      | Wayne Wilson             |
| Susan Hurley        | 26 James Lovrin          |
| 13 Rick Nadale      | Al Martinez              |
| Royce Van Bebber    | James Mason              |
| 14 John Connelly    | Cheryl Suit              |
| Rod Scaccalosi      | 28 Richard Calkin        |
| Sandra Sommers      | William Lorenz           |
| 15 Gary Corda       | Christopher Wikeen       |
| Robert Franzi       | 29 Ronald George         |
| John Marian         | Robyne Hilton            |
| Gary Mickelson      | Ben Peters               |
| Gary Warrick        | Bill Talios              |
| 16 Michael Forzano  | 30 Cheryl DeMarta        |
| Anne Mirante        | Greg Moore               |
| John O'Brien        | Glenn Reed               |
| William Reilly      | John Volpi Sr            |
| 17 Todd Bowen       | 31 David Bartholomew     |
| Lori Ham            | Jerome Millsap           |
| Jim Murphy          | Carolyn Strange ♦        |
| Larry Sartori       |                          |
| 18 Alfred Mello     |                          |
| Mark Quam           |                          |
| Anthony Simontacchi |                          |



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!

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).

# 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.

*Sip & Color*

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

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



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## 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

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY  
online at [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)  
(limited at door)



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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.

# 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](http://www.elks901.org)  
Reservations Recommended  
Limited Tickets at the Door!




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LODGE #901

# 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](http://www.elks901.org/store)  
(limited tickets at the door, max 50 tickets)  
For Elk Members and their Guests.



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**Membership Proposed**

**New Member: Proposer:**

Ted Cabral	Joe Milani
Anne Gealta	Reinstatement
Jeff Harris	Timothy McCarthy
Melba Newman	Judith Reilly
Jill Olson	Bonnie Koagedal
Richard Olufs	Larry Sartori
Sheldon Roenau	Dave Einers
Evi Smith	Ray Peterson

**Secretary's Corner**

-By Larry Sartori



**Membership Is Special**

Members of the Elks enjoy privileges that are unavailable to the public and those who have let their membership lapse. For instance, members can enjoy a great burger on Wednesday nights or the special events we have. We enjoy inexpensive drinks, weekly dinners, occasional karaoke and trivia nights, monthly paint nights. We also enjoy flat screen tv's, pool tables, dart board, shuffle board and a gym. This is just a portion of what your membership dues pay for. Divide the cost of your dues \$120.00 by the approx. 210 days we are open, the cost of your membership is just 57 cents/day. None of these benefits are available to the public or to former members who have surrendered their privileges. Lodge guests are always welcome, but they may only enter the Lodge when accompanied by a member. You may not know this, but former members that have been dropped from the membership rolls cannot enter any Elks Lodge for any reason, not even as a guest of a member in good standing. Every year, some members of our Lodge will surrender their Elks privileges as a result of non-payment of dues, which is a terrible loss for them and the Lodge too. But every Elks Lodge is a private club and like any other private club access is restricted to members only. This is done to protect the rights, privileges and benefits

of those members in good standing. Frankly, it would be foolish to pay a fee to enjoy the benefits of membership if everyone could enjoy the same benefits without paying a membership fee. Members would rightfully complain about such an injustice. The Lodge bears the responsibility of protecting its members in good standing. As always, we encourage our members to invite their friends and relatives to join us for a nice dinner at the Lodge or invite them to attend one of our outstanding events. The Lodge welcomes such socialization. In many cases, these people are so impressed with our facilities and hospitality that they've asked to become members themselves. One of the reasons our Lodge has such great facilities and wonderful events is to reward our members for their loyalty and for continuing to be members in good standing. That's why it's important to understand that the Lodge is not a public facility and why membership truly does have its privileges. If you have received your dues notice and have yet to renew, now is the time. If financial hardship requires you to seek relief from renewing your dues, there are options available. Please call the Lodge Secretary at 707-763-0901 for more information about these membership options. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

**Pay Dues Online**



Pay your dues online at no extra charge. Go to our website [elks901.org](http://elks901.org) to submit your dues online. It will help immensely. If you do not have internet access, call the office 707-763-0901 ext. 0, M-F 8am – noon. Please note, you can still mail your payment.

Our Secretary, Larry, continues to process and mail out your 2024/2025 Petaluma Elks Lodge membership cards. Thank you for supporting your lodge.

**Elks National Youth Week  
May 1st—7th**

Elks Lodges set aside May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged by the GER to sponsor programs throughout this week dedicated to the youth of our country.



**CHEA Convention 2024: May 15th – 18th  
Clovis/Fresno**

● Andrea McArtor

**Elks #901 Mon May 6**

**PIZZA**

Personal Pizza with a side salad for \$15 Served 5-7 PM

Choose:

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

**DINNER THURSDAY DINNER & LODGE MEETING**

**Thur May 9**  
Rigatoni & Meat Sauce  
Salad & Garlic Bread

**Thur May 23**  
Linguini & Clams  
Salad & Garlic Bread

*Pasta* By **Bob Sheldon & Crew**

**\$15 Members & Guests**  
Get Tickets in Advance (Limited At Door)

Bar Opens 3:00PM  
Dinner 5:00PM - 6:30PM  
Meeting 7:00PM  
Lounge last call 6:40PM

RESERVE online at [www.elks901.org/store](http://www.elks901.org/store)

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**Elks 901 Memorial Day Veterans Services**  
**May 27th at Cypress Hills Memorial Park**



Gather with us on the morning of Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day (observed), for a Moment of Remembrance, Respect & Thanks for America's Veterans.

Estimated\* times (at press time):

- Meet at the gates at 430 Magnolia Ave at 9:15am\*
- \* Check with the office for any updated times & details.

**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](http://www.elks901.org/store)

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**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](http://www.elks901.org/store)

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**We Need Your Help!**

A little time or a lot, whatever you can give to this big, extra special event. Help honor our Moms & Grandmothers.

**SATURDAY (11th):** Set up & prep work.

Some of the tasks (but not limited to) include: setting up tables, (tablecloths, silverware, salt & pepper & centerpieces, etc). Decorations & raffle table. Food prep work in the kitchen etc.

**SUNDAY (12th): "Showtime!"**

Servers, table clearers, sign in, greeters, clean-up, raffle ticket sellers, "all-purpose", kitchen help, cooks etc.

Many tasks need many hands.

If you or anyone you know would like to help, please contact Laurie Banks, Exalted Ruler: 707-696-3520. Lmdbanks@yahoo.com or the office.

Please give your name, phone number, e-mail & availability.

We will be in contact with everyone that can help. Thank you for taking an interest & looking forward to hearing from you.



**Leading Knights Corner**

**"It's About CHARITY"**

-By Priscilla Burgi, Leading Knight

As we start our new Elk year, we have been able to donate \$700 to Petaluma FFA for serving at the 2024-25 Installation Dinner, \$472 to the Petaluma High School Softball team for serving at the Hall Association Dinner and \$421 to the very talented Keenan Irish Dancers that provided our St. Patrick's Day entertainment!!! As we continue to show our support during the year, and as you attend our Elk functions, be sure to say hello to them, let them know they are appreciated and what a good job they do!



**Americanism**

**Flag Flying**

-By Priscilla Burgi,

**Leading Knight & Americanism Chair**



I have a mission for each of you. It's easy, as you wander through your everyday life activities you may see a home or business flying our American Flag. Your mission, take a picture and send me the address so that we, Petaluma Elks #901, can send them a Certificate of Acknowledgement. Send address to: burgj57chevy@gmail.com.



We are filling special gift basket(s) that will be raffled at our Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday May 12th.

We need donations to fill the basket(s). If you can help, have an item(s) to donate to the basket(s), please either bring them directly to Laurie Banks, Exalted Ruler or **drop them off at the office by May 8th**, with a label stating the item(s) are for the Mother's Day Brunch Raffle so they won't be confused with any other fundraisers. Contact Laurie with any questions:

707-696-3520, Lmdbanks@yahoo.com

We appreciate your help to make this a wonderful Mothers Day Brunch for our mothers and grandmothers.



**Americanism**

**Flag Retirement**

-By Priscilla Burgi,

**Leading Knight & Americanism Chair**



The Petaluma Elks will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on **June 14th** at the Elks Lodge. Please have all Flags for retirement brought to the Lodge by Wednesday June 12th. We will hold the Elks Retirement Ritual and then release the retired Flags to the Boy Scouts for proper and respectful disposal. Stay tuned for further information at the Lodge, in email blasts and the June Whisperings. Any questions, please contact Priscilla at burgj57chevy@gmail.com

ENF  
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION -  
Supports Veterans, Communities & Children.  
Please support ENF





## 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 (by/before the end of the month). Hint: 3 names.

Let me know if you find your name. Good Luck!  
This will repeat every month with new names.

## UPDATE on the HALL ASSOCIATION & GRAND LODGE

**Thank you for voting.** Over 250 members responded to the advisory vote and a majority chose to not comply with Grand Lodge statutes. The Hall Association and your lodge officers will continue to work with the Grand Lodge and the District probation committee to see what the next course of action will be and we will keep you informed when we know more.



## What is the Elks National Foundation?

-Presented By Larry Sartori, Secretary & ENF Chair

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. They fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. They help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities.

This year, the ENF allocated nearly \$16 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your

community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, they have received more than \$288.7 million in contributions and bequests. Today, they have more than 124,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$806.6 million.

The Foundation returned to the state \$1.734 for every dollar received by the Foundation from California-Hawaii Elks members. That translated into \$1,997,020.00 back in Grants and Programs. So, you see by donating to ENF you get a big bank for your buck.



## KUDOS, Applause & Thanks To...

**Keenan Irish Dance School-** for their awesome performance at our St Patrick's Day Dinner.

**Purple Pig Donors-** for all the piggys turned in this year.

**Everyone Who Helped with Installation-** for a memorable event.



All Are Welcome



Fri  
Jun 14  
12:30

(at the Lodge)

MENU:  
Chicken  
& Ribs  
\$15

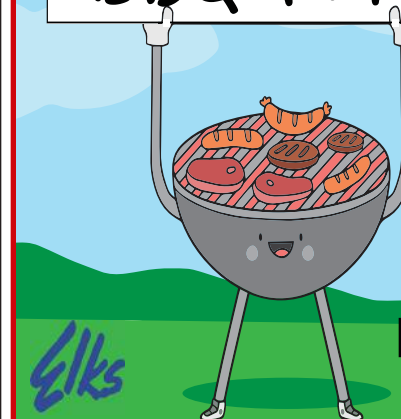
Please RSVP & mail by Jun 4  
Make check payable to & mail to:  
Norine (Bobby) Gervasi  
1074 Santa Clara Lane  
Petaluma, CA 94954



Questions?

Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724

You're invited to the  
**Father's Day  
BBQ Party**



June 16  
SAVE THE DATE  
More Info to come

## Elks 159th Grand Lodge/National Convention 2024

Austin, TX.

June 30th - July 3rd



FAQ and info/GL packet on CHEA website:  
chea-elks.org

Pre-register at  
<https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm>



**HONOR ALL WHO SERVED  
FLY THE FLAG**



**VE Day 5/8/24**  
**Armed Forces Day 5/18/24**  
**Memorial Day (observed) 5/27/24**

You can show your thanks by remembering the Yountville Veterans when you shop. Pick up a few things for them and drop the items off at the lodge. We will deliver the items (& paperwork) to our proper contacts to ensure the items get to the intended Veterans at the Yountville Veterans Home & Hospital. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. For more info, go to our Lodge's website: [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org) to see the

**VETERANS' WISH LIST**

Thanks to all of you who have dropped off items.  
It all adds up!

**Calling all ELKS to the Starting Line**

**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 , [Imdbanks@yahoo.com](mailto:Imdbanks@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](http://www.elks901.org)

**COMPLETE THE FORM or register online at [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)**

**REGISTRATION FORM:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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:      \$ _____ <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b> \$ _____	SHIRT SIZE(s) – Mark how many of each size  _____ S _____ MD _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL
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**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.**



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



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

● Glenda Smith

**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.**

When you enjoy a weekly meal please help clear your tables for the working volunteers!



**Looking For**



We sure could use your help. Would you lend a hand? We have many volunteer positions available that need your help. Some take very little time; others require more. Take a look, see anything you know, or would like to learn how to do?

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Lodge Event Support:</b> | Phone call assistants (reach out to members) |
| Bartenders                  |  |
| Bar backs                   |  |
| Cooks                       |  |
| Prep cooks                  |  |
| Kitchen help                |  |
| Clean up                    |  |
| Set up                      |  |
| Register Person             |  |
| Raffle support              |  |
| Craft event help            |  |

Please contact Laurie Banks, Exalted Ruler: 707-696-3520. Lmdbanks@yahoo.com with any questions or interest. Send your name, phone number, email & area of interest. It's an opportunity to get involved, make a difference.



Calling all members - please join us with volunteering and hosting our fellow members behind the bar! Check in with our ER, Laurie Banks for details on obtaining your California Responsible Beverage Sever Certificate - the process is easy and we need help filling volunteer shifts behind the bar.



**Outings & Hosts**

- By Gordon Cox, PR Officer

The month of May was named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. It also referred to the Latin word maiores, "elders," who were celebrated during this month. Gather ye rosebuds while ye "May" with our RV group!

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):**

**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.

**August 23-27 (Fri-Tues)**  
 Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park, Gilroy, CA.  
 Tenny & Linda Tucker 707-849-5108 & Dee Jones 707-481-5248.

**September 11-15 (Wed-Sun)**  
 Bodega Bay RV Park in Bodega Bay, CA  
 Jim & Kris Foster 707-338-1748, Gail McGovern 707-318-1811, and Gordon Cox 707-364-4647



**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.



**Veterans Bingo Wish List**

Out Shopping?

Please pick up a few items for the Yountville Veterans.



They play bingo.

**Items needed for their Bingo prizes:**

Candy, Chips, Jerky, Peanuts in the Shell, Microwave Popcorn, Cup of Soup, Tea Bags, Instant & Regular Coffee, Stationery, Envelopes, Stamps.  
 Drop items off at the lodge. We will get them to the Veterans.

**Get The Latest Updates...**

Check the website for the most current info [www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org). Are you getting our weekly events by email? Do you want to change how you receive this Whisperings (by mail or email)? email [webmaster@elks901.org](mailto:webmaster@elks901.org)

# MAY/JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APR (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		<b>Elks National Youth Week, May 1-7</b>			
5  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	6 Pizza Nite \$15	7  TRI TIP SLIDERS	8  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	9  Pizza By Bob Sheldon & Crew \$15 Meeting Night 7pm	10  Paint Nite \$30	11
 CINCO de MAYO! 5pm-7pm \$18	Trustee/House Committee 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	Bar 3-7pm	
12  MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH (2 seatings) \$20	13	14	15  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm  SONOMA RACEWAY Beer Booth OnLine Training Deadline Bar 3-7pm	16	17	18 National Armed Forces Day  Thank Them
	Bar 3-7pm		<b>CHEA/State Convention, May 15-18, Clovis/Fresno</b>			
19  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	20 Trustee/House Committee 6:30pm Bar 3-7pm	21	22  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	23  Pizza By Bob Sheldon & Crew \$15 Meeting Night 7pm Bar 3-7pm	24 Bar 3-7pm	25
26  Breakfast 9am-11:30am	27  Memorial Day (observed) Services at Cypress Hills Bar 3-7pm	28	29  BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm Bar 3-7pm	30 Bar 3-7pm	31 Chili Cook-Off Tastings \$10 Bar 3-7pm	JUN 1
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## EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Every Sunday: Breakfast
- Every Wednesday: Burgers
- May 2 - Candle Night (like paint nite)
- May 3: Bunco/Game Night & Hot Dogs
- May 5: Cinco De Mayo
- May 6: Pizza Nite
- May 7: Tri-Tip Sliders Tues.
- May 9: Pasta & Meeting Nite
- May 10: Paint Nite
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 15 - Raceway Deadline - Online Training- Beer Booth\*
- May 15-18th: CHEA/State Convention - Clovis/Fresno
- May 23: Pasta & Meeting Nite
- May 27: Memorial Day -Service at Cypress Hills
- May 31st: Chili Cook-Off

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- More details online
- Jun 7,8,9 - Nascar Booth\*
- Jun 30 -Jul 3 - GL Convention- Austin, TX
- Jun 14 - Social Luncheon
- Jun 14 - Flag Retirement
- Jun 16 - Fathers Day BBQ
- Jul 26,27,28 - HR Races - Beer Booth\*

## GET TICKETS ONLINE

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**ELKS 901 CHARITY**

**Craft & Vendor Faire**

**Sat & Sun**  
**APR 27 & 28**  
**10<sup>AM</sup> - 3<sup>PM</sup>**

**OVER 70**  
**CRAFTERS & VENDORS**  
*Something different each day*  
**CONCESSIONS, too!**  
*Coffee, Treats, Hot Dogs, & More*



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