



## Thoughts from our Exalted Ruler



-By Laurie Banks, ER

### Convention Update:

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had the honor of attending the 159th National Convention of Grand Lodge in Austin, Texas.

We arrived bright and early on Sunday morning and dove right into checking out all the exhibits and info booths to get a feel for everything happening at the convention.

The opening ceremony commenced at 4 pm on Sunday, June 30, 2024. On July 1, the Grand Lodge convened its initial business session. July 2 was another busy day with more business sessions where we voted on 21 resolutions—18 passed and 3 didn't make the cut. One resolution was rescinded. For details on all the resolutions, see

<https://elks901.org/?p=7537>

The final Grand Lodge session on July 3 included a memorial service and the installation of new officers, including DDGER Patti Powell from Lakeport Lodge in the Great Northwestern District.

I attended several seminars along with PER Rick Nadale to learn about new programs and ways to support our lodge.

Topics such as:  
Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot Out, ENF, Public Relations, Auditing & Accounting, and many more initiatives including support for veterans and community projects.

A highlight was meeting and hanging out with ERs from the Great Northwestern District and other distinguished guests. Dinners, conversations in the hospitality room, and shared insights provided valuable guidance and laughs.

Now, we're gearing up to implement some of these exciting ideas into our lodge over the next few months.

Hope to see you at the lodge, we have several fun events planned this month. And check out the Jamboree 2024 fun planned at the Ukiah Lodge August 16th - 17th.

## Thanks & Congrats!

Aug 2024

- ★ Elk of the Month - Hans Enz
- ★ Volunteer of the Month - Andrea McArtor
- ★ ER Acknowledgement of the month- Priscilla Burgi

Hanz, Andrea & Priscilla, thank you for all you do for Elksdom & this Lodge. Congratulations!

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



### It's Scholarship Season

The 2025 Scholarship application time is here...

It's time to plan/prep/act.

The Elks National Foundation provides millions of dollars in college scholarships each year through its scholarship programs.

Check out all the opportunities, there may be one for you, your kids, grandkids, or even great grandkids!

For scholarship information and applications, go to [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars).

Openings and Deadlines vary:

- \*MVS/Most Valuable Student Scholarships - **application available 8/1/24**
- \*Legacy Awards, for Elks' families - **available 9/1/24**
- \*Emergency Educational Grants (see online)
- \*More opportunities online.

## Community – Friendship – Charity

[join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org)



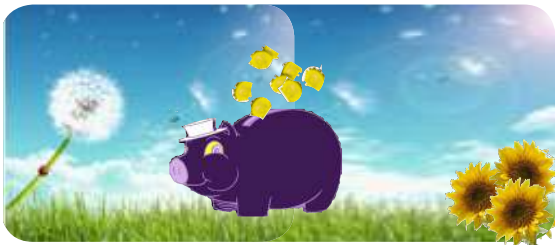
### California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – CHEMPI

#### 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

Enjoy warm summer days & Feed the Purple Pigs



*“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)

Please consider making a lasting legacy gift to the children in whatever manner works best for you. There are a number of different ways to provide for future generations of the children served by our CHEMPI Therapists and Vision Screeners.

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

As we move through the summer, don't forget to feed the Purple Pigs. We had a good month with a total of \$431.51.

Please keep giving to help the children in need. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Keep the coins coming and I'll keep on counting. Thank you for placing your names on the pig. If you have any questions 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 June:

- |                |                           |                          |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tony Morgan*   | Roy (Butch) Smith *       |                          |
| Glenda Smith * | Dave Baggenatos *         |                          |
| Bill Silveria  | Anonymous 3 Pigs          | Petaluma Elks RV Club*   |
| Bill Lewis     | Bonnie & Leintz Koagada * | Dennis Nowicki *. 4 Pigs |

(\* 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 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 *    |

### The Whisperings Staff

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
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| Photos/Flyers: Susan Degive, others   |                      |

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.

•Charlene Gannon

Lounge Hours: \*See calendar.

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

## Upcoming Bylaw Changes

Vote on at August 22nd Meeting

-By Wayne Wilson, PER, Bylaw Coordinator



At the Lodge meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024, a vote will be taken to approve a change to our Lodge Bylaws. The proposed Bylaw change will be to increase the annual membership dues. This change has been proposed as membership dues have not changed in over five years and, as we know, inflation & other expenses have risen drastically in recent times.

The change is as follows:

### Presently reads...

#### ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

##### Section 2.

##### (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be **\$120.00** per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

### Will read as follows:

##### (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be **\$145.00** per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

Upon passage, this Bylaw change will be submitted to Grand Lodge Judiciary, along with those passed last February and put on hold, to become effective in September of this year.

All members are encouraged to attend the August 22 Lodge meeting to provide their input and vote on the above Bylaw change.

## August Birthdays

- By Susan Degive

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 3 John Hutchinson<br>Michael Stafford  | 17 Kerry Davison<br>Eric Graul<br>Heidi Johnson<br>Carlos Soto                             |
| 4 Sherri Adams<br>Julie Dempsey<br>Gregory Geide<br>Jim Langford<br>Bill Mickelson     | 18 Bryan Giroux<br>Gary Ham<br>James Hopkins<br>Wayne Ritz                                 |
| 5 Roger Burk<br>Terry Mc Clarnon   | 19 Alexander Banayat<br>Kate Carpenter   |
| 6 Albert Breeden<br>Roger Damron<br>Everett Swesey                                     | 20 Charlene Gannon<br>Donald Johnson   |
| 8 Duncan Holt<br>Annette Marks<br>Scott Slonoff  | 21 Steve Gosselin<br>Alicia Rones  |
| 9 Pamela Abbott-Enz<br>Glenn Kabanuck<br>Casimir Klimowski                             | 22 Patrick Chipman<br>John Conway<br>Ronald Emanuel Jr<br>Frank Gambonini<br>Lil Mc Carthy |
| 10 Karl Bastian<br>Robert Crosat<br>Robert Ferrando<br>Robert Gambonini<br>John Glover | 23 Joaquin Balistreri<br>Dave Ginilo<br>Jeff Harris<br>Dustin Johnson<br>Mike Tomasek      |
| 11 Tom Corda<br>Gregory Drew<br>Douglas Frampton<br>Wayne Stefenoni                    | 24 Albert Petrides   |
| 12 Gloria Del Santo  | 26 Michael P Kerrigan<br>Roman Latanyszyn<br>Jeff Lucchesi<br>Jim Sebastiani               |
| 13 James Crichton<br>Robin Davis<br>Kimball Hall<br>Myron Witt                         | 27 Robert Hofer  |
| 14 Rick Ashby<br>Dorothy Cosmi<br>Bonnie Koagedal                                      | 28 John DeSylva<br>Sandra Stone  |
| 15 John Bruce<br>Jack Burns<br>Michael Nevin   | 29 Thomas Higbee<br>Scott Hudnall<br>Gayle Ramos<br>Andrew Sorokowski                      |
| 16 Leroy Cabral<br>Mark Todd   | 30 Jim Andrews<br>Michael Cook<br>Douglas Fletcher ♦                                       |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!!!



CHEERS!!!

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).



## July Birthdays... We Had Cake!

Another successful and fun Birthday as July Members celebrated on a record-breaking Burger Night.

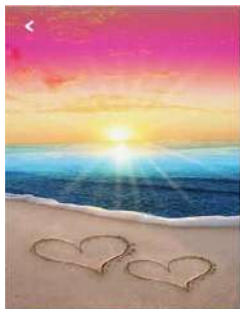


## It's Your Birthday... We Have Cake!

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 Aug. 14th, Sept. 11th & Oct 9th.

# Paint Nite at the Elks

**Mon  
Aug 12  
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 Aug 7 for guaranteed space. Limited walk-ins accepted.

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



Lisa Pedrani



[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)

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**Fri  
Aug 16  
12:30**

(at the Lodge)

All Are Welcome

**MENU:  
Shrimp  
Louie  
\$ 15**



Please RSVP & mail by Aug 6  
Make check payable to & mail to:  
Norine (Bobby) Gervasi  
1074 Santa Clara Lane  
Petaluma, CA 94954



Questions?  
Contact Bobby Gervasi (707)762-0724

**Thu Aug 15**

## TRIVIA NIGHT



Activities  
begin 6:15PM

## AND PIZZA!

Served 5 - 7PM

Personal Pizza & Side Salad for \$15



**Friday  
Aug 23**

# 50's Night

**\$15 ticket**

*Burgers, Veggie Burgers,  
Hot Dogs  
& Fries or Salad*  
4-5 no host cocktails  
5-7 dinner  
7-? Dance

*Dress: Favorite 50's attire  
Necklace game*

Chairs: Bobby Gervasi & Bob Lopez  
(and his old crew)

Order your tickets  
online [elks901.org](http://elks901.org)



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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.

## BUNCO NIGHT



Activities begin 6:30PM  
(Bar hours 3pm - 7pm or later)

**Buy in \$10**

Join us on the third  
Friday of each month

GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE TODAY  
(limited at door)

**Aug 16**

More Aug events on page 5 & 9

**JAMBOREE 2024**  
**Tickets Due**  
 The Early Bird Has Flown,  
 But There Are Still  
 Good Prizes In The Nest...

**You can still win.** Turn in your ticket stubs (& money) by the **August 5th** deadline and you are eligible for some great prizes and you will be supporting worthwhile District projects. The drawing will take place Saturday August 17th at the Ukiah Lodge. You do not have to be present to win at that evening's good dinner and fun event.

Please return the filled out ticket stubs with a \$20 check payable to Petaluma Elks Lodge. If you cannot use the tickets please return them so others may. If you need more tickets, contact the office. Good luck and thank you.

JOIN US FOR  
**GR8NW District Jamboree 2024**  
 MUSIC - GAMES - FOOD  
 FAMILY - FRIENDS - FUN!  
**AUGUST 16 & 17**  
 HOSTED BY  
 UKIAH LODGE #1728  
 1200 HASTINGS RD., UKIAH  
 707-462-1728

**FRIDAY 16**  
 OUTDOOR BAR OPENS @ 1PM, PLAY A FEW GAMES IN THE PARK, COOK YOUR OWN STEAK OR CHICKEN AT 6PM, A S'MORES BAR FOR DESSERT WITH MUSIC AND DANCING

**SATURDAY 17**  
 INDOOR & OUTDOOR LOUNGE OPENS AT 11, GAMES OPEN 11-5, WING COOK OFF 12-2, DUNK TANK 2-4, BANQUET DINNER IN THE LODGE 6PM, BASKET AUCTION WITH MORE MUSIC AND LOTS OF DANCING

Grant Walsh

**Wednesday BBQ Burger Specials**

**WEEKLY SPECIALS \$15 For Aug:**

- Jul 31 : Western Bacon Cheese Burger
- Aug 7: Patty Melt
- Aug 14: Onion Mushroom Burger
- Aug 21: Gary's Famous Big 901 Beanless Chili Dog
- Aug 28: Western Bacon Cheese Burger

**Secretary's Corner**

-By Larry Sartori



**Membership Recap**

<b>Members as of April 1, 2024</b>	938
Initiated	26
Affiliated:	1
Reinstated:	2
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	3
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths	7
Expelled	0
Net Change	10
Members as of July 19, 2024	957
Delinquent	91
Delinquency Rate	9.70%
Honorary Life Members	1
Life Members	57
Life Percentage:	6.08%



**Proposed for Membership:**

Candidate:	Proposer:
Bryce Fraser-	George Matt
Ron Friedrichsen-	Bob Lopez
Jill Kelly-	Sandra Piro
George Newport-	Joanne Sartori
David Parnow-	Jeremiah Rudder
James Parnow-	Jeremiah Rudder
Michael Reed-	David Youngberg
Jerome Walsh-	Larry Sartori

**Welcome our New Members**

We welcome our newest members into our growing "901" family:

(in alphabetical order):

Danielle Basinger, James Basinger, Jeff Harris, Gerald Reinartz, & Scott Tedrow

Congratulations to all! We look forward to seeing you and your families at the lodge.

**You Are Cordially Invited To B.P.O. ELKS Petaluma Lodge #901**



**The Visitation of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
 Patti Powell & Partner Candy Anderson, PER  
 Thursday September 12, 2024**

Mark Your Calendar

Watch For Tickets & Details



**DD CLINIC  
 Ukiah Lodge**



**Sun., August 18th, 2024**

Officers and Members of Elks Lodges throughout our Great Northwest District attend this clinic to discuss business matters and activities.



**Biography of**  
**Douglas A. Schiefer**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**Fraternal Year 2024-2025**  
**Benevolent and Protective Order**  
**of Elks of the U.S.A.**



Douglas Allen Schiefer was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on February 14th, “*Valentine baby*” to Richard A. Schiefer and Alice A. (Acton) Schiefer. Doug was the middle son of three brothers, David, the eldest and Robert, the youngest. Doug attended elementary, middle, and high school in Bucyrus, graduating in 1976 as a three sport athlete (*football, basketball and track*). During the fall of Doug’s senior year in high school, the family and community suffered the devastating and tragic loss of Robert’s life-ending heart attack during a high school gym class.

In June of 1975, Doug met his future wife, Julia Sponseller, a California girl new from a local high school. Doug married his high school sweetheart Julia on September 11, 1976. Doug and Julia value their faith, family and community. Having been blessed with an amazing family, they have passed that legacy onto their three children: Heather, Lesley and Robert; sons-in-law, Erik and Joel, and four wonderful grandchildren: Ethan, Evan, Owen, and Jane.

In August of 1977, Doug moved his new family to Berea, Ohio to attend Baldwin-Wallace College to pursue his education and play football for the “Yellow Jackets” head coach Dr. Lee Tressel. During his four years at B-W, Doug played football as a punter, was a Four-year Letterman and Four-year All Conference Punter; 1978 NCAA Division III National Champions; and 2018 Baldwin-Wallace Athletics Hall of Fame Award. In 1981, Doug received his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Doug enjoyed a thirty-four year career with the Ohio Adult Parole Authority, starting in 1983 as a probation/parole officer. He received Parole Officer of the Year award in 1997, and was then promoted to Parole Services Supervisor until his retirement in 2017.

Doug was initiated into Bucyrus Elks Lodge No. 156 on May 10, 1984, having been proposed for membership by his high school best friend Bill Metzger. Doug is a third generation Elk and became an active and dedicated member having chaired or served on numerous Lodge committees, progressed through the chairs, was installed as Exalted Ruler in April 1988-1989, and again in 1996-1997; was Elk of the Year in 1992-1993; has served or chaired as Lodge Trustee from 1991-1996, and again from 2009-2014, and was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Bucyrus Lodge on February 12, 2015.

Doug served the North Central District of Ohio as Drug Awareness Chairman from 1990 to 1999; as Executive Board Member from 1991 to 1996; as Activities Chairman in 1996-1997, and as Judiciary Committee Chairman from 2015 to the present.

Doug served the Ohio Elks Association as Assistant State Drug Awareness Chairman in 1996-1997; as State Chaplain in 2000-2001; as State Secretary in 2001-2002, as Third Vice President in 2002-2003, as Second Vice President in 2003-2004, as State Trustee from 2004 to 2007, final year as Chairman; as First Vice President in 2007-2008; as State President in 2008-2009; as Chairman of the Advisory Committee in 2010-2011, and as Chairman of the Elks Leadership Kollege from 2019 to 2021.

Doug served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy in 1998-1999; as a Special Representative to several Lodges within his district; as Area 4 Fraternal Committee Member from 2013 to 2018, the final two years as Chairman; and as Area 4 Lodge Activities Committee Member from 2018 to 2021. In 2021, Doug was elected to represent Area 4 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications-East Member in 2021-2022; as Home Member in 2022-2023, and is presently serving as Secretary of the Board for 2023-2024.

On a civic level, Doug served his community on the Bucyrus City Schools Board of Education from 2004 to 2017 and as school board president from 2007 to 2012. He also served as board member and finance chairman at Bucyrus First Church of the Nazarene; has worked with the youth of Ohio as a licensed track & field and cross country official for over thirty-two years; and since 2018, Doug and Julia spend time visiting our veterans at the Ohio Veterans Home as volunteers.

Doug and Julia are thankful and humbled to represent our great Order of Elks as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We’re excited and looking forward to the adventures ahead, visiting our Elks communities throughout America and meeting new friends as we promote our Theme ...

**“ELKDOM’S HEART FOR AMERICA”**



**Patricia “Patti” Powell**

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler**

**“Great” Northwest District # 0920**

**Fraternal Year 2024 – 2025**

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the U.S.A.**



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Lakeport, CA 95453

Personal History:

Native Californian / 35-year domestic partnership with Candy Anderson, PER

Education

Tustin High School - 1972 / Saddleback Jr. College – AA Fine Arts, 1974 / CSU Fullerton - B.A. Liberal Arts 1988 / CSU Sacramento - M.S.W., 2000

Professional

KFC, S.F. Bicycle Messenger, Super Shuttle, Fine Art Sales, Nordhammer Sculpture Foundry, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, California State Adoptions, Lake County Social Services - Child Welfare & Adult Services, 23 yr. / Retired 2018

Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704:

Initiated 2/28/2000 / multiple committees / Lodge Inner Guard, Lodge Chaplain, Lodge Esquire, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler & Officer of the Year 2007-2008, Trustee 2008-2012, Exalted Ruler 2019-2020

“Great” Northwest District No. 920:

Chair: Elks Training, Scholarship, ENF Fundraising, Ritual Word & Floor Judge

California – Hawaii State Association:

Association Vice President 2022 – 2023, Ritual Floor & Word Judge

Grand Lodge

Auditor to the DDGER 2020-2021 & 2021-2022

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for GER Douglas Schiefer

Interests

Travel, Sports – S.F. Giants & 49ers, G.S. Warriors, Camping, Hiking, Reading, Museums



**News From Grand Lodge**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

-By Brad Smith, PDDGER & Chairman of Probation Committee

Last month’s article noted issues with the relationship between the Hall Association, Incorporated, and Elks Grand Lodge. The article ended with finding a way to handle the voting process to either comply with Grand Lodge Statutes by rewriting the corporate bylaws, or to simply dissolve the corporation. The research is ongoing. California Corporate Law is being researched in the attempt to resolve issues brought on by the current corporate bylaws. I will update the membership when a plan is developed to move forward.

I was asked why we can’t keep it as it is now. My answer is that the Petaluma Elks Lodge’s charter would be removed and the property would be turned over to Trustees. Undoubtedly, expensive litigation would ensue to determine ownership with there being no real winners.

Other issues that contributed to the Lodge being placed on Probation have been resolved. The Grand Lodge Insurance program has been implemented. The Lodge can now modify their bylaws to update items and reorganize various aspects. Job descriptions for employees and volunteers are being updated or written. Lodge Policy book is being reviewed. Budget review and modifications will be presented to the Lodge floor at the first meeting in August. In other words, the Lodge Officer Corps is working hard at administering and managing the Lodge by resolving issues and planning for the future.

**Veteran’s News**

**Vets Wish List Changes**

-By Heather Hupp, Veterans Donations Coordinator



Hello fellow Elks!

My name is Heather and I will be organizing, managing and delivering donations to the Yountville Veterans home. My contact: in case you have questions 1-707-490-5073.

There are some changes that I wanted to share with all of you. The Yountville coordinator has requested that we no longer donate any food items. Many of the residents at the Veterans home have specific diets, swallowing concerns, or allergies.

We will change our focus to providing donation items that are listed on the wish list that has been provided to the lodge. We plan to have this list available on our Elks 901 website

soon! We will also be placing a donation collection bin in the front lobby at our lodge.

I will share information as I hope to improve our donation participation and make veterans a priority. Every donation makes a difference! You can drop off items at the lodge during any open hours.

For August, let’s focus on the three most requested items by the veterans themselves:

- Birdseed (small bags)
- Sweat pants (all sizes S-4X)
- Depends (all sizes)- mens & womens

If you see me around the Lodge and have questions, don’t hesitate to chat with me!

**“Elkdom, Love It, Live It, Promote It”**

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**Support our Troops - Wear Red on Fridays!**

Wear a Red Shirt to the lodge or around the Community to bring awareness.



# BUNCO NIGHT

Activities begin 6:30PM  
(Bar hours 3pm - 7pm or later)

Buy in \$10  
Payouts: Most Buncos, Most Wins/Losses, Baby Bunco

Join us on the third Friday of each month

**Aug 16**  
**Sep 20**  
**Oct 18**

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



Event Chair: Julie Ferrari



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# BBQ STEAK NIGHT

On the Patio  
**Friday Sep 13**

**\$30**

**5:30PM Happy Hour**  
**6:30PM Dinner**

Steak, Baked Potato, Roasted Veggies, Caesar Salad, Roll, & Dessert.

# WHISKEY TASTING

**\$10 for 3 Tastings**


**4PM to 6PM**



Get your tickets early, limited available.  
[www.elks901.org](http://www.elks901.org)



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# ELKS 901 VETERANS NIGHT

**FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 2024**

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Honoring Those Who Served

# YOUNTVILLE VETERANS APPRECIATION

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS,  
WATCH FOR DETAILS



# Oktoberfest

**Oct 19**  
**5PM - 9PM**  
**\$40**

A Fundraiser for  
Elks National Foundation (ENF)

**Dinner by Chef Hans:**  
Authentic German Feast  
Weisswurst & Bratwurst  
and all the fixings

**Dancing to Blowmusik**  
(a German Oompah Band)

**A Festival of Fun Featuring:**

- Costume Contest
- Games & Dancing
- Auction & Raffle Benefits ENF

Get Tickets at [Elks901.org](http://Elks901.org)  
Questions? Contact [psabbottenz@gmail.com](mailto:psabbottenz@gmail.com)




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## Leading Knights Corner

### It's About Americanism & Charity!

-By Pricilla Burgi, Leading Knight



My goodness... is it August already!! Time flies when you're having fun... and I am having a blast!!! I have met so many brothers/sisters of our Lodge and looking forward to meeting many more. Come down to an event or the social lounge, let's meet and get to know each other. What is it you want to see at the Lodge? What events would you like to have happen? Your Officers are here to help make your experience amazing here at the Lodge. With that... I am excited to announce Petaluma Elks 901 YouTube Channel!! Tammy Atwood and I will be having a weekly video of upcoming events and Lodge happenings. Tune in for information and a fun time!!!!!!

#### Americanism:

I recently connected back with Blue Star Mom's of Marin County (closest chapter). I am pictured with with Barbara Bochner, Chapter President of Marin County Blue Star Moms. What a great organization!!

We are getting a few items on the books to help support this group. The event that I want to talk about now is a "care package boxing" event. I am finalizing the date, but I am asking all of our members to help by donating some of the items we need. Below are just a sample of items, a full list will be posted at the Lodge, or feel free to email me at [burgi57chevy@gmail.com](mailto:burgi57chevy@gmail.com). There will be a collection area at the Lodge.



Food, (Important: individual packets if possible)  
Nuts (almonds/peanuts/mixed nuts), Crackers and peanut butter/crackers, Peanut butter in individual cups, Granola bars/ cereal bars, Endurance bars (Powerbars, Clifbars, RX bars, etc, Tuna (cans WITH POP OFF LIDS or flat bags), Canned items (WITH POP OFF LIDS), Tea (individual packets), Instant coffee packets, Water additives (single bottle servings of Propel, Gatorade, etc).

Additional items: Crossword and Sudoku books, Motrin/Tylenol /Advil/Aleve, Neosporin, Cough drops, Tums/Imodium/Benedyl, Gum.

#### Our community:

I know the summer isn't over, but its time to think about school starting.... We are starting a School Supply Donation! How great is this, we get to help out community by making sure our kids have what they need to have a successful school year. This year we will be teaming up with American Legion supporting Valley of the Moon kids and Mentor Me supporting our Petaluma kids. Below are just a few of the items we are looking for: #2 pencils, ballpoint pens, crayons (box of 24), pencil sharpeners, College rules notebooks, Rulers, scissors, colored pencils, glue sticks, composition notebooks, erasers.... There is an items list located at the lodge. Feel free to contact me at [burgi57chevy@gmail.com](mailto:burgi57chevy@gmail.com) or 707-772-7489 with any questions.



**The social quarters will be open again on Tuesdays starting August 6th!!!!** Come down and practice your pool skills as we are planning a pool league!!!! Come on down, lets see whatcha' got!!!!!!



## ENF

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



## KUDOS, Applause & Thanks To...

Rita Schaefer- for running Trivia Nights.  
Julie Ferrari- for running Bunco Nights.  
Wayne Wilson- for Pizza making  
Priscilla Burgi & Tammy Atwood- for Tuesday nights regeneration.



## 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.

## Volunteering Builds a Better Lodge & Community

## Battle of the Officers

-By Laurie Banks, ER



This was truly a great event for the lodge & members. Lots of fun and memories were made.

Laurie & Priscilla in tuxedo vests, white shirts and 50's dinner hats. Members responding to "we can't hear you" with applause and yelling in support for their team whose area was decorated in a 50's theme.



Dino & Tammy presented a video they created for the evening on the TV in support of their team and wore "show me your Tips" T-Shirts in RED.

Pizza was free for the guest, the group raised over \$ 500 in donations for the lodge.



**Have some fun, Do some good...  
Get involved!  
Help make it happen**

**-By Laurie Banks, ER**

Our lodge is still in need of an Esquire and a 4 Year Trustee to complete the Officer Core for the Lodge. These are very important positions that need to be filled. If interested or need more details please contact the ER.

Volunteers needed in all areas to help YOUR lodge. Greeter/ Tiler, Register person for dinners, Servers, Kitchen Preps, Kitchen Cooks, Dishwasher, Events, Clean-up, Setting tables, Decorators, Raffle assistance, Bartenders, Bar-Backs, Chairing or Co-Chairing Events, Helping out on events. The list is endless, the need is HUGE for the lodge. Please step up and help out with whatever you can to give to the lodge.

● **George Gambonini**

**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!



**Please Lend A Hand**

**All Members - A Reminder**

We are all Volunteers and that is what makes the lodge successful or not. When you come to the lodge to dine, volunteers are giving their time. Either to create a menu, shop, prep the food, cook, set tables, prepare the dining room, plate, serve, run the register, clean up entire kitchen, do all the pots, pans, cooking utensils run all dishes through dishwasher and put everything away and sanitized back to how it was, ready for the next event. Please Take a minute to CLEAR YOUR TABLE where you and maybe your guest ate at, so these volunteers can get home to relax. We all need to support an ELK volunteering, to show support for the lodge. There truly are no waiters, waitresses or bussers at the lodge, we're ELKS. Thank you.



**Outings & Hosts**

**- By Gordon Cox, PR Officer**

"August is the border between summer and autumn" Tove Jansson

August celebrations include: National Girlfriend Day (8/1), International Beer Day (8/5), National Sisters Day (8/7), International Cat Day (8/8), National Women's Day (8/9), National Lazy Day (8/10), National Relaxation Day (8/15), and National Beach Day (8/30). Pick your own favorite reason and join an RV outing with us.

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.) campfire yarns, 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):**

**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

October 9-12 (Wed-Sat)  
Riverwalk RV Park in Fortuna, CA.  
Linda Frost 707-481-3839,  
JR (Jim) Ruddell 707-326-1029, & Jim & Kris Foster 707-338-1748

**November 2-6 (Sat-Wed)**  
Betabel RV Park, San Juan Bautista, CA.  
Gail & Levi Swift 415-847-4775 & Ted & Sherri Adams 415-328-5542

**December 11:**  
Members Only Christmas Party  
Foxtail Golf Club, Rohnert Park, CA

**T/HC Meetings' Times**

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

- House Committee **6:00pm – 6:45pm**
- 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.



**Summer's Here –  
(Also Family & Friends)  
It's Travel Time**

901's RV Park is for Elks Members (in good standing) and their guests. 18 full hook ups and a dry camping area.

Check it out on our website:

[elks901.org](http://elks901.org)

Reservations encouraged.



**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)

# AUG/SEP

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUL (28) Breakfast 9am-11:30am	(29) Bar 3-7pm	(30)	(31) BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	AUG 1 Scholarship-MVS opens	2 Bar 3-7pm	3
4 Breakfast 9am-11:30am	5 Trustee/House Committee 6:00pm New Hours Bar 3-7pm	6 Bar 3-7pm	7 BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	8 KLM Meeting Summer Schedule Bar 3-7pm	9 Bar 3-7pm	10
11 Breakfast 9am-11:30am	12 Paint Nite \$30 Bar 3-7pm	13 Bar 3-7pm	14 BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	15 Triv & Pizza Nite Pizza- 5-7pm Triv & Pizza- 6:15pm Bar 3-7pm	16 901's Social Luncheon Shrimp Louie 12:30pm \$15 Bunco Nite \$10 Bar 3-7pm	17 Jamboree Ukiah Lodge Aug 16-17
18 Breakfast 9am-11:30am DD CLINIC Ukiah Lodge	19 Trustee/House Committee 6:00pm New Hours Bar 3-7pm	20 Bar 3-7pm	21 BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	22 Dinner TBA Meeting Night 7pm Initiation Bar 3-7pm	23 50's Night \$15 Bar 3-7pm	24
25 Breakfast 9am-11:30am	26 Bar 3-7pm	27 Bar 3-7pm	28 BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	29 Bar 3-7pm	30 Bar 3-7pm	31
SEP 1 Breakfast 9am-11:30am Scholarship-Legacy opens	2 Bar 3-7pm	3 Bar 3-7pm	4 BBQ Burgers 5pm-7pm	5 Bar 3-7pm	6 Bar 3-7pm	7

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday: Breakfast  
Wednesday: Burgers

- Aug 1 - MVS Scholarships opens
- Aug 6 - Bar now open on Tuesdays
- Aug 12 - Paint Nite
- Aug 14 - Birthday Cake
- Aug 15 - Trivia
- Aug 16 - Social Luncheon
- Aug 16 - Bunco
- Aug 16-17- Jamboree- Ukiah
- Aug 18 - DD Clinic- Ukiah
- Aug 23- 50's Dinner Dance

## UPCOMING EVENTS

More details online

- Sep 1- Legacy Awards Scholarships opens
- Sep 12- DD Visitation
- Sep 13 - Whiskey & Steak Nite
- Sep 20 - Bunco
- Oct 4 - 901's Veterans Night
- Oct 19 - Oktoberfest
- Oct 25 - Yountville Veterans Night
- Nov 1-2 - Mid-Term Convention- Burbank
- Nov 9-10 - Craft Faire

## GET TICKETS ONLINE

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# Drug Awareness: Fentanyl in our Community

The Public is invited to attend this  
Important Presentation by Micah's Hugs.

**Sat Sep 21 4PM**

Micah's Hugs is dedicated to educating youth of the dangers of substance abuse & fentanyl poisoning, bringing awareness to the disease, breaking the stigma that follows it, in addition helping those that are suffering with addiction.



This award-winning nonprofit, named after Micah's son, Micah Jr., helps distribute and provides training on the use of Narcan, an over-the-counter treatment that reverses opioid overdoses.

Join us at the Petaluma Elks Lodge for this FREE event.



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& Vendor  
Faire**

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Sun  
Nov  
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