

Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471

A Member of the California Hawaii Elks Association - West Central District



Dear Members,

Happy September! I hope you all had a fantastic and restful summer. As we head into a new season, it's a great time to reflect on all the amazing work we accomplished together last month and get excited for what's ahead.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support of our charitable efforts. It is through your generosity from our Bingo Night, Cornhole Tournament, and the Luau the Lodge raised over \$1,500 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (Purple Pig).

September holds a solemn reminder for our nation with the anniversary of 9/11. On this day, we honor the memory of those we lost and stand in solidarity with the families they left behind. It's also a crucial time to show our deep gratitude to our first responders, service members, and all those who continue to protect our communities.

Beginning on September 15th, we mark the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich cultures, incredible contributions, and vibrant traditions of Hispanic communities. The dates are significant because they fall on the anniversaries of independence for several Latin American countries. I encourage everyone to recognize and honor the impact of Hispanic Americans, they are our neighbors, friends, and fellow members.

We have some fun events coming up at the Lodge. These are perfect opportunities to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and get more involved in our community. Please be sure to check the calendar on our website for details on the upcoming Friday night dinners, our monthly meetings, and all our ongoings at the Lodge.

And don't forget, **Sunday Football is back!** Come watch the games in the bar and cheer on your favorite teams with fellow members and friends.

Your participation is what makes our community so special, and we'd love to see you there!



### **September Events**

5th Mahjong Madness 3-6:00

8th House Committee Meeting at 6:00

9th Trustee Meeting at 6:00

10th Bridge Night 4-7:00

10th Investigation Meeting at 6:00

11th Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00 Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00

12th Mahjong Madness 3-6:00

15th Elks Book Club at 7:00

19th Mahjong Madness 3-6:00

22nd House Committee Meeting at 6:00

23rd Trustee Meeting at 6:00

24th Bridge Night 4-7:00

24th Orientation Meeting at 6:30

25th Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00 Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00

26th Mahiong Madness 3-6:00



## **Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Amy Love, PER
(amy.love@pa	loaltoelks.org)

- Leading Knight.....Phil Tomac (phil.tomac@paloaltoelks.org)
- Loyal Knight.....Krista Kobeski (krista.kobeski@paloaltoelks.org)
- Lecturing Knight......Geoff Williamson (geoff.williamson@gmail.com)
- Lodge Secretary.....Lyla Phelps (secretary@paloaltoelks.org)
- Treasurer.....Suresh Nair (suresh.nair@paloaltoelks.org)
- Tiler.....Sandra Barbieri (sandiekhanson@gmail.com)
- Esquire.....Paul Eisenman, PER (eisenmanpaul@gmail.com)
- Chaplain.....Bonnie Waters (bonnie.waters@paloaltoelks.org)
- Inner Guard.....Stephen Friedman (stephenifriedman@gmail.com)

#### **Board of Trustees**

- 1 Year Trustee......Dave Matson (david.matson@paloaltoelks.org)
- 2 Year Trustee.....April Heron (april.heron@paloaltoelks.org)
- 3 Year Trustee..Varun Gopalakrishna,COB (varun.g@paloaltoelks.org)
- 4 Year Trustee ......Charles Cullen (charlie.cullen@paloaltoelks.org)
- 5 Year Trustee.....John Harrington (john.harrington@paloaltoelks.org)

#### **House Committee**

Amy Love, PER Krista Kobeski, Chairman Gayle McDowell Sarah Parks Phil Tomac Geoff Williamson

#### **House Committee Member's Group Email Address:**

house@paloaltoelks.org

#### **Elks Lead Nation in Honoring** 9/11 Heroes on 24th Anniversary

Chicago, IL - September 11, 2025 - The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will lead the nation in remembering the



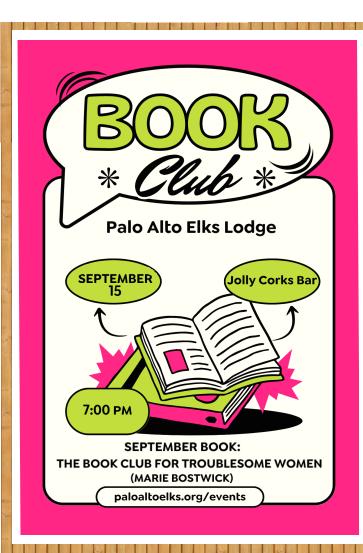
heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, with Patriots Day ceremonies held across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal. Local Elks Lodges invite the public to come together in unity, reflection, and gratitude—paying tribute to the firefighters, police officers, first responders, military members, and ordinary citizens whose courage and sacrifice continue to inspire America.

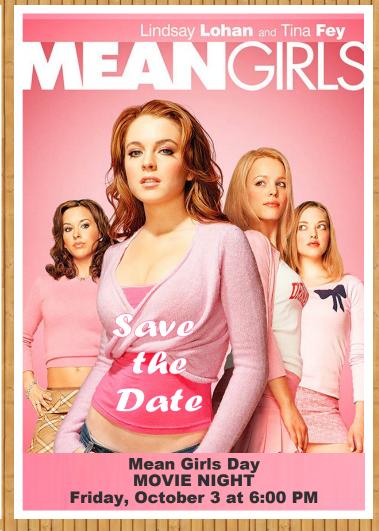
As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations for more than **157 years**, the Elks are proud to honor the spirit of service that rose out of tragedy. In 2024 alone, the Elks contributed over \$520 million in cash, goods, and volunteer time—supporting veterans, empowering young leaders through scholarships, and strengthening local communities nationwide. With nearly 1,800 Lodges and 800,000 members, the Elks remain committed to ensuring that the values of service, patriotism, and remembrance are passed on to future generations.

The Elks will never forget September 11th. Each year, we gather not only to mourn those we lost, but to honor the resilience of a nation that came together in its darkest hour. Through our acts of charity and service, we strive to keep that spirit of unity alive.

From small towns to major cities, Elks Lodges will pause to remember, reflect, and recommit to building stronger communities in honor of those who gave everything.

For more information or to find a ceremony near you, visit www.elks.org. For membership details, visit Join. Elks.org.









## PRIME RIB SANDWICHES ARE BACK!

Prime Rib French Dip Sandwich With Au Jus



TUESDAYS ONLY
IN SEPTEMBER



### September Birthdays





It's your special day, and we're ready to celebrate in style! Join us at the Jolly Corks Bar during your birthday month and let us treat you to a free drink on the house! Just flash your membership card to our friendly staff, and they'll take care of the rest.

Let's raise a glass to you and the amazing year ahead! See you at the Jolly Corks Bar for some birthday fun!

Kylie Abraham Michael Ackerman Joyce Alba James Anderson Rudolph Araujo Philip Armi Jenna Arruda Anne Margaret Astiz Tori Ann Atwell **Donald Austin** Natalya Bailey Shivani Balan Abhay Bhushan Carl Bianchini Caroline Bliss Katie Bodkin Massimo Brembilla Lori Brody Junxia Cai Arthur Carmichael George Carter Sarah Chen Michael Cheng Joe Cindrich Kenneth Cole Amy Connell Melina Corlay

David Day Sanjiv Dhawan James Dworkin Julie Eng Walter Enos Liliana Espinoza Ryan Fisher Daniel Fletcher Jamie Flight Sherri Flynn Charles Fulanovich Adam Garske Parikshit Gopalan Ellen Gorchoff David Grillot Craig Hallada Christopher Hendershot Lawrence Hooser Charles Houck **Brian Howley** Joanna Hubenthal Doug Keith Penelope Kerhin Judd Klement Katherine Lang Tad Lebeck Emily Lee

Lawrence Lee Dean Losé Jane Lowry Barbara Lúis Laura McCabe Mahnaz Milani Michael Pavel Patti Rae Beverly Rodriguez Catherine Ryan Ramin Saket Nabil Shahin Michael Shimada Jessica Shoemaker Robert Simmons Ted Simon **Greg Simons** Michael Siri Brian Smiley Robert Linville Smith Kristin France Stubbs Ronald Sykora Wanfang Tsai Keri Wagner Mark Wilson Shira Eve Yair Xujia Colin Zhang







Dinner Specials
Wednesday-Friday
5pm-8pm



#### Fall LODGE HOURS

Lodge Hours Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm)

Lodge Office Hours Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Elks Application Drop Offs Monday-Friday (12-4pm)

Jolly Corks Members Bar Monday-Friday (3-9pm) Saturday & Sunday (12-9pm)

Bistro Kitchen (inside) Monday-Friday (3-8pm) Saturday & Sunday (12-8pm)

Gym & Racquetball Hours Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm)

#### **Pool Hours**

Monday-Sunday (6am-9pm) Lap Swim (6am-11am) Open Swim (11am-9pm)

**Billiard Room Hours** Monday-Sunday (4-9pm)















## **Elks** Care **Elks** Share



Have you ever wondered how our Officers get information to assist them in managing our Lodges and how updates filter down from The Grand Lodge? The answer is Mid-Term Convention.

The West Central District and the Santa Clara Lodge #2347 is proud to host the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) 2025 Midterm Conference, taking place November 7–9, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5105 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA.

We are currently seeking **sponsors** for both the **conference** and the **golf tournament**. All sponsorship contributions will directly support the 2025 Midterm activities, including **educational sessions** that are vital to the development of Elks Lodge leaders throughout the California-Hawaii region. These sessions play a critical role in helping our Lodges thrive and grow stronger in service and community impact.

This is an excellent opportunity for your organization to gain visibility among a dedicated group of Elks leaders and members from across California and Hawaii while supporting a cause that fosters leadership, fellowship, and community service.

We would be honored to have your support. Sponsorship levels and benefits are provided below. If you have any questions or wish to discuss customized sponsorships, please do not hesitate to contact the midterm committee chair – Michele Wilson – michelewilson1130@yahoo.com

For more details on the Mid-Term conference and to register online visit, www.cheameetings.com

Elks National Foundation Dinner Sponsorship			
1 - \$10,000	2 - \$5,000		
(non-competitive)	(non-competitive)		

Table Tents Logo; Signage in marketing and at the Conference; Sponsor Tables

Golf Sponsorships Available					
Title Sponsorship	Breakfast Sponsorship	Lunch Sponsorship	Hole Sponsorship		
\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400		
A table at the luncheon and signage in golf marketing and at conference	A table at the luncheon and signage at conference	A table at the luncheon and signage at conference	A table at the luncheon		

Other Sponsorships Available – Silent Auction items, in kind donations, customized sponsorships.



#### **Welcome New Members**

On behalf of the entire Palo Alto Elks Lodge, I'd like to give a warm welcome to our newest members! We're thrilled to have you as part of our lodge.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves to any member you see around the lodge. We're a friendly bunch, and we're always excited to meet new faces.

#### **Tips for New/All Members**

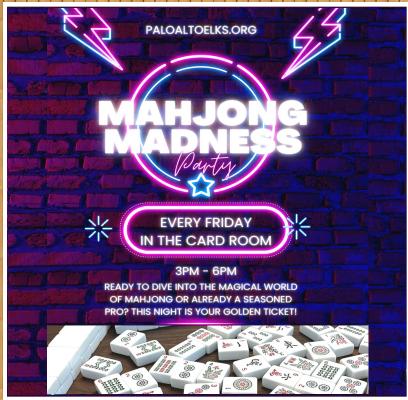
- Attend Lodge meetings (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)
- Sponsor a New Member
- Become a Volunteer, join a committee
- Attend Lodge Social Events, get to know our community

#### **Guest Fee Structure**

For the 2025-26 Membership Year athletic guest fees will be \$20.00 per adult. This fee is in place for both non-athletic members and guests of the lodge. Every adult guest pass will include complimentary access for up to two children. A \$5.00 fee will apply for any additional children visiting as guests of the lodge.











SUNDAY FOOTBALL AT THE LODGE

## GAME DAY GAME ON

GOOD FRIENDS
COLD DRINKS
WINGS



COME REPRESENT YOUR TEAM OR JUST COME AND HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS

# HOUSE/POOL RULES

Please familiarize yourself with the complete list of the Palo Alto Elks Bylaws

https://www.paloaltoelks.org/bylaws

Respect Eachother

Members are required to treat other individuals (including members, staff, guests, and children) and the facilities with kindness and respect.

No Outside Food or Beverages

No outside food or beverages are allowed (except for outside food during booked pool parties).

Members with special dietary restrictions may contact the Exalted Ruler for an exception.

Adult Swim

During adult swim time
(approximately 10 mins, every
hour), staff may ask children
(under age 16) to clear the pool
and hot tub. Please encourage
your children to use this time for
the bathroom, water, or snack
break

Check in/Guest Fees

All Members and guests must check in and be issued a wristband at the pool shack. Members must pay a \$20 fee per adult guest.

4 Appropriate Attire inside the Lodge

Appropriate attire shall be worn at all times in the Lodge/Club. No wet clothing, or towel wraps are allowed in the Lodge/Club facility. Shirts and shoes are required at all times.

Lap Lanes

Between 6am and 11am, swim lanes are reserved for lap swimmers and swim lessons. Please book a lane online (paloaltoelks.org/laps) or through the Elks app (paloaltoelks.org/mobileapp).

Please remember to moniter your children at all times. There are no lifeguards on duty.



## **Major Project Contributors**



Millennium Club (\$1000 Donation) Andrew Catan, Bryan Golden, Ben Guess, and Jennifer Hawks

Century Club (\$100 Donation)
Member Greg David donated \$100.00
to the Major Project (Purple Pig)
in memory of Andrew Catan.

Robert Barry, Joann Burgyan, Jeff Coelho, Cynthia Culbreth, Karen Fitzpatrick, Daniel Guhr, Sandra Hanson, Sandra Herman, Frank Ingle, Kate Lorig, Seth Mallory, Rachel Ross, Brent Sapiro, Charles Sim, Sharon Tobias and John Walther

#### **Donations to ENF**

Marisa Bauer, Caroline Bowker Bliss, Julius Lee Boyd II, Marc Chow, Richard Claxton, Nikil Deshpande, Eva Emerson, Jamie Flight, Peggy Florence, Ricardo Flores, Parikshit Goplan, Michael Hendershot, Kevin James, John Joh, Jasmine Kumar, Emily Lee, Tish Loeb, Manu Lohiya, Jane Lowry, David Maclennan, Ziga Mahkovec, Susan McComas, Michael McGrath, David McLaughlin, Salem Mezied, Daniel Moreno, Ravi Mulani, Jessica Mullen, Michael Pavel, Jeff Pisani, Stacey Preston, Nicole Redzic, Brigit Riley, Ingrid Catherine Rulifson, Ramin Saket, Michael Shimada, Jessica Stolbach Star Teachout, Marian Ting, Ward Thomas, Reena Tumber, Mary Vincent, Jonathan Weinberg, Katherine Weis, Megan Wilkins and Raymond Win

#### **Members Donating Piggy Banks**

Kristin Abbott, Michael Ackerman,
Christine Barry, Lorain Brookman,
Jeff Coelho, David Collins, Karen Fitzpatrick,
John Harrington, Sandy Herman,
Charles Houck, Anna Hwang, Frank Ingle,
Peter Johanson, Scott Leer, Rob Lutge,
Seth Mallory, Allan Marson,
Deborah Mason, Dave Matson,
Greg Matson, Mary Ann Moshiry,
Robert Murphy, Hong Pham, Jerry Peters,
Stephen Schmidt, Jonathan Shatz, Pamela
Sherwood, Tony Silva (PER), Chris Smith,
Rose Thoits, Chenoa Trout,
Jocelyn & Ben Tseng, John Walther,
Bonnie Waters, Carla Wray and

Annie Yau Young



#### **Proposed Members**

Applications have been received from the following:

#### Name

Margot Evans Bindu Kadiam Ward Thomas Diana Vastava

#### **Occupation**

Psychologist Consulting Principal Psychiatrist

#### **Proposer**

Gayle McDowell #014575 Gayle McDowell #014575 Gayle McDowell #014575 Gayle McDowell #014575



**57th Annual** October 9-12, 202

Hawaiian Theme



Activities • Games Food • Fun

www.ElksRally.org



RV Camping • Hotel Options or just come for the day!

Golden Village Palms RV Resort • Hemet Net proceeds go to the Purple Pig



## Spangler Mortuary

Los Altos 399 San Antonio Rd. (650) 948-6619 License #927 Mountain View 799 Castro St. (650) 967-5546 License #579

Sunnyvale 174 N. Sunnyvale Avenue (408) 736-6294 License #910

#### **Membership Box Score**

Members as of April 1, 2025	776
Initiated	
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	7
Total Added	41
Non-Payment of Dues	
Transfer Dimits	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deaths	4
Total Lost	40
Members as of July 31, 2025	777
Gain	1



Teen cards are available free of charge for any child of a member between the ages of 16 - 21 years old. Swing by the pool shack (10:30 am - 6:30 pm) or main office (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm) for an application if your child is in need of their own access card! A gentle reminder that card sharing is not permitted.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



	1	2	3 Dinner Special Grilled Tri Tip Roasted Potatoes Sauteéd Vegetables 5-8:00	4 Dinner Special Grilled Tri Tip Roasted Potatoes Sauteéd Vegetables 5-8:00	5 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Grilled Tri Tip 5-8:00	Billiards Night 5-7:00
7	8 House Committee Meeting at 6:00	Trustee Meeting at 6:00	10 Dinner Special Chicken Piccata 5-8:00 Bridge Night 4-7:00 Investigation 6:00	11 Dinner Special Chicken Piccata 5-8:00 Lodge Meeting at 7:00	Mahjong 3-6:00 Special Event Tequila & Tacos Tequila Tasting 5-8:00	Billiards Night 5-7:00
14	7-8:30	16	17 Dinner Special Salmon Primavera Capellini Pasta Tomato Cream Sauce 5-8:00	18 Dinner Special Salmon Primavera Capellini Pasta Tomato Cream Sauce 5-8:00	19 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Salmon Primavera 5-8:00	Billiards Night 5-7:00
21	House Committee Meeting at 6:00	Trustee Meeting at 6:00	24Bridge Night 4-7  Dinner Special  Pork Carnitas  Tostadas  5-8:00  Orientation at 6:30	25 Dinner Special Pork Carnitas Tostadas 5-8:00 Lodge Meeting, Initiation at 7:00	26 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special Pork Carnitas Tostadas 5-8:00	Billiards Night 5-7:00
28	29	30	National Pr	reparedness Month	life <sub>is</sub> better	the

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