



September 2025 Bulletin

Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471
A Member of the California Hawaii Elks Association - West Central District



Exalted Ruler's Message
By Amy Love

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 ongoing activities 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 **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00



Lodge Officers 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler.....Amy Love, PER
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5 Year Trustee.....John Harrington
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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

Upcoming Lodge Events

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.

BOOK

* Club *

Palo Alto Elks Lodge

SEPTEMBER
15

Jolly Corks Bar

7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER BOOK:
THE BOOK CLUB FOR TROUBLESOME WOMEN
(MARIE BOSTWICK)

paloaltoelks.org/events

Lindsay Lohan and Tina Fey

MEAN GIRLS



Mean Girls Day
MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, October 3 at 6:00 PM



Includes tasting of 4
different tequilas,
one paloma or
margarita and a plate
of 3 tacos of your
choice.

Friday, September 12 5:00 PM
\$22. per person



**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 Luis
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



BISTRO



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)



September

Dinner Specials

September 3 - 5

Grilled Tritip

Served with Paprika Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal
Sauteed Vegetables

Price: \$24.00 Plus Tax

September 10th & 11th Only

Chicken Piccata

Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes
& Green Bean Almondine

Price: \$23.00 Plus Tax

Friday September 12th

Special Event Tequila & Tacos!

Come join us for a tequila tasting
and your choice of 3 Tacos!

Price: \$22.00 Per Person

September 17 - 19

Grilled Salmon Primavera

Served over Capellini Pasta & Vegetables in a light
tomato cream sauce

Price: \$24.00 Plus Tax

September 23 - 25

Pork Carnitas Tostadas

Served with Queso Fresco & our house made, spicy
tomatillo salsa, Mexican Style Rice & Beans

Price: \$23.00 Plus Tax





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 <i>(non-competitive)</i>		2 - \$5,000 <i>(non-competitive)</i>	
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
<i>A table at the luncheon and signage in golf marketing and at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon and signage at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon and signage at conference</i>	<i>A table at the luncheon</i>
Other Sponsorships Available – Silent Auction items, in kind donations, customized sponsorships.			



CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America



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.



Warmly Welcoming New Faces



Bridge Night

Every 2nd Wednesday
4:00-7:00 PM

Whether you're a seasoned bridge player or just eager to learn, join us for a delightful evening of cards and camaraderie!



PALOALTOELKS.ORG

MAHJONG MADNESS Party

EVERY FRIDAY
IN THE CARD ROOM

3PM - 6PM

READY TO DIVE INTO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF MAHJONG OR ALREADY A SEASONED PRO? THIS NIGHT IS YOUR GOLDEN TICKET!



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>

- 1 Respect Eachother**
Members are required to treat other individuals (including members, staff, guests, and children) and the facilities with kindness and respect.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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 monitor 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
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57th Annual October 9-12, 2025

**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



September Lodge Meetings

Lodge Meetings 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 11th & 25th

House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, September 8th & 22nd

Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 9th & 23rd

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.....	34
Affiliated.....	0
Reinstated.....	7
Total Added.....	41
Non-Payment of Dues.....	35
Transfer Dimits.....	1
Absolute Dimits.....	0
Deaths.....	4
Total Lost.....	40
Members as of July 31, 2025.....	777
Gain.....	1

TEEN CARDS

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	6 Billiards Night 5-7:00
7	8 House Committee Meeting at 6:00	9 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	12 Mahjong 3-6:00 Special Event Tequila & Tacos Tequila Tasting 5-8:00	13 Billiards Night 5-7:00
14	15 BOOK CLUB  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	20 Billiards Night 5-7:00
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28	29	30	National Preparedness Month  			

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