

February 2026 Bulletin



Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471

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

Exalted Ruler's Message

By Amy Love

As we have somehow already arrived in February, I find myself in a space of reflection as I look back on the nearly two years I've had the honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler. I am filled with a profound sense of humility. I knew I was stepping into a role of responsibility, but I didn't fully realize how much this Lodge and all of you would shape me in return.

We have navigated many broken things and celebrated some small triumphs together. Whether it was streamlining operations, working together on community outreach, or simply sharing time with members and friends around the Lodge, every experience has reinforced my belief in the Brotherly/Sisterly Love of our Lodge. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me.

February brings the arrival of Black History Month, a time to honor the resilience, brilliance, and enduring contributions of Black Americans. This year, the observance feels particularly poignant. We live in a world that often feels unsettling and increasingly divided. It can be easy to let the noise of the outside world create barriers between us. However, it is precisely during these uncertain times that our commitment to diversity becomes our greatest anchor. Let us use this month to listen more, to learn from one another, and to ensure that every person who walks through our doors feels welcomed and included.

We have a vibrant schedule of events ahead to keep our spirits high including more live music, the Super Bowl (even if it's not the Niners), and our annual celebration of our longtime members during Old Timers Night. There is something for everyone this month. Don't miss out on the fun, check out the details of all our upcoming events on our website and join us!

As we look toward the upcoming Lodge elections and a new chapter for our community, I do so with a heart full of pride and a firm confidence in our future.

See you all around the Lodge!



February Events

- 6th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 6th **Three Toed Sloth** - Free Concert 6:30-8:30
- 8th **Super Bowl Party** - Starts at 3:00
- 9th House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 10th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 11th **Bridge Night** 4-7:00
- 11th Investigation at 6:00
- 12th Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00
Lodge Meeting, Officers Nominations at 7:00
- 13th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 14th **Valentine Wine Dinner** at 6:00
- 16th **Book Club** at 7:00
- 19th **Old Timer's Night Dinner**
Cocktails at 5:30 & Dinner at 6:00
- 20th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00
- 20th **Jazz Night** 6:30-8:30
- 23rd House Committee Meeting at 6:00
- 24th Trustee Meeting at 6:00
- 25th **Bridge Night** 4-7:00
- 25th Orientation Meeting at 6:30
- 26th Lodge Meeting, Initiation & Election of Officers at 7:00
- 27th **Mahjong Madness** 3-6:00



Lodge Officers 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler.....Amy Love, PER
(amylove@paloaltoelks.org)
Leading Knight.....Phil Tomac
(phil.tomac@paloaltoelks.org)
Loyal Knight.....Krista Kobeski
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Lecturing Knight.....Geoff Williamson
(geoff.williamson@gmail.com)
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(secretary@paloaltoelks.org)
Treasurer.....Suresh Nair
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Tiler.....Sandra Barbieri
(sandiekhanson@gmail.com)
Esquire.....Paul Eisenman, PER
(eisenmanpaul@gmail.com)
Chaplain.....Bonnie Waters
(bonnie.waters@paloaltoelks.org)
Inner Guard.....Stephen Friedman
(stephenjfriedman@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

Upcoming Lodge Events

OLD TIMER'S NIGHT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

COCKTAILS AT 5:30
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00

This night is to recognize all who have been Members of this Lodge for over 25 years! They will receive a complimentary dinner and years of service pins. "Old-Timers" will receive a complimentary dinner.

Tickets for guests and other members will be available at the door for \$25.00 Plus Tax & Service Charge.

MENU

Arugula Salad

Chicken Marsala served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
Artisanal Bread & Butter

Lovely Lemon Cake with Coffee or Tea

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Valentine Wine Dinner
with DAOU Vineyards
February 14

Check-In: 6:30 PM
Dinner Service Begins: 7:00 PM
Price: \$150 per person

Hamachi Crudo Spoon
Lobster Biss
Crispy Pork Belly
Spiced Lamb Chop
Chocolate Lava Cake

Palo Alto Elks Lodge Presents

Three Toed Sloth

Music inspired by

Funk Reggae Jazz Pop Rock Latin



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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Open to Elks and Guests!

Free Concert

SUPER BOWL



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 3 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING DAY OF FOOTBALL, FOOD, AND FUN!

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BOOK CLUB

7:00 PM in Jolly Corks Bar

January 19: The Dictionary of Lost Words
– Pip Williams

Feb 16: Violin Conspiracy
– Brendan Slocumb

March 16: Jasmine
– Bharati Mukherjee

April 20: Here One Moment
– Liane Moriarty

May 18: The Autumn Ghost
– Hannah Wunsch

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MORE JAZZ AT THE ELKS!

LIVE MUSIC

FEBRUARY 20
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

FEATURING THE
JEREMY SAMOS
QUARTET



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February 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!

Chris Asing
Nassim Arsalane
Lori Ayres
Brendan Callahan
Jennifer Carlstrom
Ning Chan
Robert Cheung
Charles Christofilis
Katy Disney
Elizabeth Downing
Eric Englhardt
Stephen Friedman
Varun Gopalakrishna
Melissa Graney
Robert Gray
Manish Gupta

Frederick Kinsey Haffner
James Hayes
Jennifer Ann Hawks
Frank Ingle
Richard Keller
Jon Kiya
Kris Klovadahl
Wendy Kuhnen
Jenny Kwan
Miles Kotchevar
Gary Leong
Hugh March
Victor Marku
Rachaell Mondino
Joseph Morey
Anna Lee Mraz

Sean O'Malley
Mary Lou Pezzolo
Jerry Peters
Lyla Phelps
Lubna Qureshi
Reshma Thadani
Jeffrey Richards
Julaine Rosner
Nan Shen
Patrick Sullivan
Rupal Sutari
Barbara Weller
Geoffrey Williamson
Gregory Wolff
Peter Ziebelman



Dinner Specials
Wednesday - Friday
5pm - 8pm



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 (1-9pm)

Bistro Kitchen (inside)
Mon & Tue (Limited)

Soup & Sandwiches Available
Wed thru Fri (3pm-8pm)
Dinner Specials & Full Menu
Sat & Sun (1pm-8pm) Full Menu

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)



February

DINNER SPECIALS

Served Wed - Fri
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY 4 - 6

Grilled Skirt Steak with Chimichurri Sauce
served with Roasted Potatoes, and Garlicky Broccolini.
Price: \$28.00 Plus Tax
Vegetarian Option - Cauliflower Steak (Price \$22.00 Plus Tax)

FEBRUARY 11 - 13

Chicken Tinga Tostadas
served with Mexican Red Rice & Refried Black Beans.
Price: \$23.00 Plus Tax
Vegetarian Option - Mixed Veggie Tinga
(Price \$21.00 Plus Tax)

FEBRUARY 18 - 20

Fish & Chips
Served with Housemade Tartar Sauce & Coleslaw
Price \$20.00 Plus Tax
Vegetarian Option - Zucchini Fritter (Same Price)

FEBRUARY 25 - 27

Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Creamy Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Carrots.
Price \$24.00 Plus Tax
Vegetarian Option - Vegetable Roulade (Same Price)



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Troop 52



Sunday Football



Sunday Football



Jazz Night



GOT MERCH?



Show Your Lodge Pride!

Shop official Palo Alto Elks gear:

elks.printful.me/



Elks National Foundation Scholarship Programs



The Palo Alto Elks Lodge annually invites graduating seniors from local schools to participate in the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Contest. For the 2026 cycle, we received many applications, which were meticulously reviewed by our Scholarship Committee.

We are delighted to announce that the top three female and top three male applicants were each awarded a one-time \$1,000 scholarship and advanced to the District Level competition. Congratulations to:

- Mason Anderson
- Sarah Ibarra Garcia
- Peter Jiang
- Akemi Kwan (Advanced to State)
- Alan Sandoval
- Anika Rajaram (Advanced to State)

In January, the West Coast District evaluated these exceptional candidates, and we are thrilled to share that two of our six finalists moved on to the next stage. The top three finalists at the District level also received additional scholarships from CHEA.

We extend our sincerest congratulations to all our esteemed award winners!



2026-2027 Officer Nominations and Election

Becoming an Officer is a rewarding way to give back, grow your leadership skills, and make a direct impact on our Lodge. February is when we nominate and elect our new Officers to assume their roles April 1. Mark your calendars for these important dates held during our regular Lodge meetings:

Nominations Night: Thursday, February 12th
Election Night: Thursday, February 26th

All members interested in learning about or running for an Officer position are encouraged to contact Exalted Ruler amy.love@paloaltoelks.org for further information and to express their interest.

We look forward to your participation in the upcoming election process.



Elks National Foundation Scholarship Programs



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.





PALO ALTO ELKS

WINTER HOURS

BAR: MONDAY - FRIDAY - 3 TO 9 PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 9 PM

BISTRO: MONDAY & TUESDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
LIMITED (SOUP AND SANDWICHES)

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY - 3 TO 8 PM
(DINNER SPECIALS & FULL MENU)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 1 TO 8 PM
(FULL MENU)

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Proposed Members
Applications have been received from the following:

Name	Occupation	Proposer
Donnelly Kinne	N/A	Ted Simon #12543
Susan Meade	Retired	Gayle McDowell #14575
Miriam Milano	Physician	Joshua Bruce #15087
Zachary Rosner	Teacher	JulaineRosner #14147
Rebecca Sands	Physician	Gayle McDowell #14575
Danye Yang	Music Teacher	Gayle McDowell #14575

FEBRUARY Lodge Meetings

Lodge Meetings 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 12th & 26th

House Committee 6:00 pm
Monday, February 9th & 23rd

Board of Trustees 6:00 pm
Tuesday, February 10th & 24th

Spangler Mortuary

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

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

Membership Box Score

Members as of April 1, 2025.....	776
Initiated.....	48
Affiliated.....	1
Reinstated.....	10
Total Added.....	59
Non-Payment of Dues.....	97
Transfer Dimits.....	1
Absolute Dimits.....	0
Deaths.....	6
Total Lost.....	104
Members as of December 31, 2025.....	731
Loss.....	45



WINTER OLYMPIC WATCH PARTY

FRIDAY
FEB 6
11:00 AM

WHERE ICE
MEETS FIRE
AND DREAMS
TAKE FLIGHT.



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



American
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Month



1	2	3	4 Dinner Special Grilled Skirt Steak Chimichurri Sauce 5-8:00	5 Dinner Special Grilled Skirt Steak Chimichurri Sauce 5-8:00	6 Mahjong 3-6:00 Dinner Special 5-8:00 Three Toed Sloth Concert 6:30-8:30	7
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