

THE GRAPEVINE

MARCH News from the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge #2801

Second Place Winner! - Grand Lodge Div. 1 Bulletin Contest

Station of the Exalted Ruler

Skip Wilkinson
Fidelity



Farewell to Elk year 2010-2011 and hello all, This will be my last article in the Grapevine for my year. Angela Stevanus will be your Exalted Ruler for the year 2011-2012. While I am relieved that I will no longer be burdened with the responsibilities of the ER position, I also have some regrets. I was, as most of you know, sick and unable to perform my duties as ER for a good part of the year. I wish that wasn't so, but it was reality. You will still see my shining face at most lodge functions and meetings as I am staying on as Lodge Esquire.

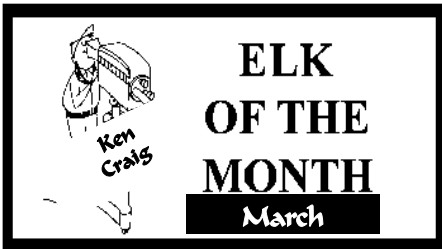
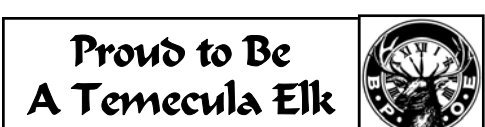
I regret that I wasn't able to help inspire more of you to become active members in our lodge. We need volunteers to make our lodge work. Be it officers, cooking, chairing events, committee chairs or just helping around the lodge. Without good, reliable volunteers our lodge will struggle. I hope the future brings more help for our present officers, committee chairs, and volunteers.

I try to stay upbeat about everything at the lodge so I won't toil any longer on the above subject. But be aware that the future brings change and while I hope it's good change, it could be its counterpart. I want to thank all of you who did volunteer, and continue to do so. You are what makes Elkdom work!

I enjoyed serving you this year as your ER. It was a struggle at times, but it had the good times too! I enjoyed running the show at all the events at our lodge. I enjoyed visiting the other lodges in our district when I was well enough to attend their DD and VP visits. I enjoyed it, when you all enjoyed the events at our lodge. I want to thank the Corps of Officers who served with me this year. You all supported me and the lodge with dignity, commitment and enthusiasm. I know that you had to do a little more than normal due to my illness. Thank you for all that you did for your lodge and me.



REMINDER!!!
The Lodge will be closed on Friday
March 18, 2011 due to the Wine Gala



It is my Honor to award Ken Craig Elk-of-the-Month for March 2011. Ken has shown dedication to his position at our front table. He shows up with certainty at almost every function we have. We can always count on him to do his job. Greeting everyone with a smile and a hand-

shake is very important to making this lodge successful. Ken's selflessness when donating raffle prizes is very much appreciated. His dedication to making the raffle prizes look good and appealing is a job well done.

Believe me when I say, not having to worry who is taking the money and doing the raffles is a very important part of making my job easier. Ken leads by quiet example. All in all, Ken is what "Elks" are all about. Thank you.

February Elk-of-the Month

ER Skip is seen here with February Elk-of-the-Month Lloyd Clough and Esquire Bill Van Meter. Lloyd has been at almost every function for the past year and even before that! He performs his duty as greeter/money taker with great dignity and grace. He makes tickets, flyers, table signs, and even business cards for all of our events and our personal use.

Lloyd has done a great job as Lodge Photographer All in all Lloyd makes it fun to be an Elk here at Temecula, and he makes this Lodge better just by being himself. Thank you Lloyd.



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OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	James "Skip" Wilkinson
Leading Knight	Angie Stevanus
Loyal Knight	Eugene Merenga
Lecturing Knight	Michele Benis
Secretary	Diane Farrens
Treasurer	Kim Orona
Tiler	Howard Adkins
Esquire	Bill Van Meter
Inner Guard	Steve Jones
Chaplain	Cindy Higl
Assistant Chaplain	Howard Cunningham



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention	Craig Stevanus
Americanism	Laurie Gonzalez
Auditing/Accounting	Marti Barraza
Blood Bank	Howard Cunningham
Building Committee	Paul Gonzalez
Cleaning Committee	Linda Jones
Community Activities	Skip Wilkinson
Dictionaries	Marti Barraza /Barbara Conner
Drug Awareness	Marti Barraza /Barbara Conner
Elks Memorial	
Elks/Officer Training	Bob Walker
Event Scheduling	
Flag Day	Ken Patric
Food Coordinator	Laurie Gonzalez
Golf Tournament	Jim Beall
Golf Club	Steve Jones
Government Relations	Ken Nordstrom
Greeters	Lloyd Clough / Ken Craig
Health /Sanitation	Angela Stevanus
Hoop Shoot	Steve Jones
House Committee	Skip Wilkinson
Indoctrination	Bob Walker
Investigation	Bob Walker
Lapsation	Eugene Marenga
Lodge Activities	Skip Wilkinson
Major Project	Linda Jones
Membership	
MMCT	Eugene Merenga
National Foundation	Diane Farrens
Newsletter	Paul Gonzalez
PER Association	Keith Meyer
Photographer	Lloyd Clough
Public Relations	Diane Farrens
Ritual Chairman	Bob Farrens
RV Camper Club	Ron Loomis
Scholarships	Bob & Diane Farrens
Soccer Shoot	Chuck Broddie
Standing Relief	Skip Wilkinson
Veterans Service	Steve Nunez /Laurie Gonzalez
Visiting	
Youth Activities	Diane Farrens
Wine Gala	Anais Spriggs

TRUSTEES

Chairman	Craig Stevanus
2 nd Trustee	Bob Farrens
3 rd Trustee	Jim Beall
4 th Trustee	Walt Wilson
5 th Trustee	Joni Christensen



The Grapevine and Staff

The Grapevine is the official newsletter of Temecula Valley Elks Lodge #2801. It is published on the fourth Tuesday of each month. *The Grapevine Staff* is:

- Paul Gonzalez - Editor and Webmaster
- Craig Stevanus - Calendar Editor
- Laurie Gonzalez - Proof Reading
- John Hammond - Mailing
- Sally Hammond - Mailing
- Lloyd Clough - Mailing Labels and Photographs

The deadline for submitting articles for the Grapevine is the **Third Tuesday of each month**. Articles should be typed and sent to Paul via E-mail at: **PJGonz1@Verizon.net**. Thank you to all the hard working staff!

TEMECULA VALLEY ELKS
PAST EXALTED RULERS

1998-1999	Bryan Barefield
1999-2000	Adam Barraza*
2000-2001	Chuck Broddie
2001-2002	Mike Caruso
2002-2003	Tom Kirkonnell*
2003-2004	Bob Walker, PSVP
2004-2005	Bob Herrera
2005-2006	Diane Farrens
2006-2007	Bob Farrens
2007-2008	Paul Gonzalez
2008-2009	Steve Jones
2009-2010	Keith Meyer

*Deceased



PERs BY ASSOCIATION—2009/10

Jim Andersen – Rancho Cordova
 Frank Almazan – San Bernardino
 Janice Almazan – San Bernardino
 Jim Beem – Riverside
 Jerome (Hutch) Brandau – Hemet
 Larry Hannon – Lake Elsinore
 Judith Paxton – Skyforest
 Jimmie Spezia – Moreno Valley
 Michael Tharp – Ontario
 Wayne Wren – Lake Elsinore

Grapevine Sponsors

Please be sure to thank our Grapevine sponsors. Individuals and businesses may become Grapevine sponsors for \$10/month or \$25/quarter. Contact Paul Gonzalez if you would like to join our list of sponsors.

PERs BY AFFILIATION-

Dave Miller

Officer News and Reports

Station of the Leading Knight

Angela Stevanus
Charity



Thanks for a Great Start!

Thanks to all who have come forward and volunteered to help operate our Lodge during 2011-12. Thanks especially to everyone who attended our "Here to Volunteer" planning luncheon and meeting on Saturday Feb 19th.

Elks Programs, Activities and Events were discussed, and a draft of an annual calendar was created. Building on Temecula traditions, and adding new ideas, will help assure our Lodge's continued success. Many of the Committees and Teams were established. Opportunities still exist. We have always known that our volunteers are what drive our lodge. By teaming up with friends, we can spread the opportunities within the Lodge. Expressing your support, sharing your ideas and volunteering your help, demonstrates Elks "higher and nobler charity of Thought, Word and Deed".

Please see me, or any of your Officers, or Committee Chairs to volunteer.

Together, Temecula Elks will continue to be "A Bright Spot in Elkdom".

Elks Care - Elks Share

**House
Committee Meeting**

WHEN: Thursday March 3, 2011
7:00 PM

WHERE: Temecula Elks Lodge

WHY: Club Management, Calendar and Event Planning is necessary to organize upcoming events and key dates

WHO: All Lodge Officers, Committee Chairpersons, Event Coordinators, Volunteers and those members wanting to get more involved in your Lodge activities and

Have Fun, Doing Good

Scholarship Committee

By Bob and Diane Farrrens, Scholarship Committee Chairpersons

We have taken the Middle School Student of the Year applications to the fifteen middle schools in Murrieta and Temecula. Applications will be given to a total of 90 students. We will pick up the completed applications during the month of April and judging will take place on Thursday, April 21st. If you are interested in helping judge the brochures, please let us know. You can call the Lodge or send us an e-mail at dianefarrrens@msn.com.

The CHEA Vocational Grant applications are now available at <http://www.chea-elks.org>. The grants are in the amount of \$1,000 with an option to renew for one more year. The program is open to any prospective applicant, residing in California or Hawaii who is an American Citizen, planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course, above and supplemental to high school or preparatory school level. While high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high school students. It is open to all prospective students who require training or retraining to compete in the workplace. Applications are due three months after receiving the application.

Note From The Secretary *Diane Farrrens, PER*

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY: I have sent out the membership dues notices for 2011-2012. The dues for the coming year are \$112.00, an increase of \$1.00. Please mark on the dues notice if your address has changed, if it is incorrect, or if there are any misspellings. Also write your e-mail address on the dues notice, so I will have your most current e-mail, in the event I need to contact you. As soon as I receive your dues payment, I will send you your 2011-12 membership card.

Yes We Can Be a Bright Spot in Elkdom

Elks, like all herding animals survive because they stay together in a pack and get their strength from numbers. Weaker or injured members are ushered into the center of the herd and protected by the healthy and fit. Those stronger members protect the group by providing leadership, drive, and guidance. When new stalwarts come forward, the past leaders retreat to the center of the pack and take a well deserved rest to re-coop their energies for future challenges.

The Temecula Valley Elks will be changing their leaders once again beginning the new 2011-12 Elk year. The current membership has been rallied to prepare for a new era of Having Fun, Doing Good for our community and for Elkdom. Our short past history speaks volumes of our accomplishments and it has been through commitment and perseverance that we have been a bright spot in our Southeast District. But just as solidarity has contributed to our success so has our creativity and innovation. Each Temecula member can become the life blood of our Lodge by getting involved and volunteering your energies.

Membership Update

From the Secretary, Diane Farrrens
(Period 4/01/09 through 1/31/11)

Number of members @ 4/01/10	260
Elks initiated @4/01/10-1/31/11	+14
Transfer Dimits into our Lodge	+6
Reinstatements into our Lodge	+6
Members dropped per request	-15
Transfer Dimits out of Lodge	-4
Members @ Absolute Dimit	-2
Elks deceased	-3
Number of members @ 1/31/11	262
Unpaid Members for 2010-11	5

Elks of the Month 2010-2011

April	Barbara Conner
May	Joni Christensen
June	Susan Portera
July	Carol Van Meter
August	Eugene Merenga
September	Jim Beall
October	Paul Gonzalez
November	Steve Jones
December	Marti Barraza
January	Laurie Gonzalez
February	Lloyd Clough
March	Ken Craig

Lodge News, Activities, Reports, and Events

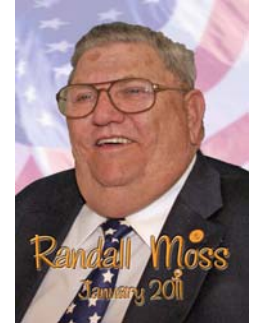
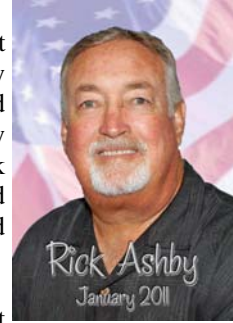


Happy March Birthdays

Mike Mitchell	1
Terry Weldon	2
Howard Gellinck	3
Susan Wilkinson	4
John Christie	5
Steve Creighton	5
Beatrice Waite	5
Donald Starr	8
George DeVry	9
Betty Schempp	11
Ray Balli	15
John Neeley	17
Otto Reichardt	17
John Gosser	18
James Hundley	19
Harold Hutchins	19
John M Papazian	22
Nick Mastrodicasa	25
Carol Moore	25
Walt Wilson	26
Kenneth Craig	27
Terol Lore	27
Ken Bodenhoefer	28
Jim Corliss	29
Jerlyn Herrera	30

Meet our Newest Members

If you haven't had the chance to meet our newest members, please meet them: Rich Ashby and Randy Moss. Make sure you personally give Rick and Randy that warm Temecula Elks smile and hug. Try to greet them in person and remember that each Elk provides an opportunity for us to pass along our good will and good works! We hope to see Rick and Randy and all of you at our many upcoming events.



Remember volunteerism is what made America great and continues to make the Temecula Valley Elks a strong force in Elkdom and in our local communities. So please help your Lodge, get involved and volunteer!

Birthdays and Steaks

On the fourth Friday of each month, the Temecula Valley Elks celebrate the monthly Birthday boys and girls. If your birthday lands in that month and you are a Temecula Elk in good standing you get a free steak dinner. If you are not a Birthday babe that month, then for \$10 advance paid ticket you get to BBQ your own steak with baked potatoes, dinner rolls, salad, and dessert. So bring your family and friends to celebrate your B-DAY. If you are not an Elk, you are always welcome as a guest and to get to know your local Lodge and maybe join our benevolent organization. If you do, you will see how we have fun doing good in our local community. Photo at left shows the January Birthday Bunch!



The January Birthday Bunch

Volunteering is good for the heart and the soul



Dictionary Project

By Marti Barraza & Barbara Conner, Co-Chairmen

Dictionary Deliveries Complete.... Dictionaries were delivered to the third grade students at Rancho Elementary on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. This will be the last school to receive dictionaries for the 2010-2011 school year. Other schools we visited are Pauba Valley Elementary, Temecula Elementary, Abbe Rinke Elementary and Nicholas Elementary.

Our lodge can be very proud of the fact that to these six schools a total of 800 + dictionaries have been provided. This is a small step in the ultimate goal of giving every third grade student in our valley a dictionary but it is a growing project.

We have received thank you letters from many of the recipients. These letters are available for you to see and read at the lodge. Believe me they will bring a smile to your face. Thank you to all those who support this very worthy project.

Drug Awareness

By Marti Barraza & Barbara Conner, Co-Chairmen

More Drug Awareness Winners! We are pleased to announce that three of our Lodge Drug Awareness Contest winners have been awarded prizes in the California-Hawaii Drug Awareness competition.

Elijah Fang is this year's 2nd place winner in the boy's poster contest. He will be awarded a \$400 check. Emma Nagel has received honorable mention in the girl's poster contest and will be awarded a check for \$100. Austin Lee has been awarded an honorable mention in the boy's essay contest and will receive a check in the amount of \$100.

Elijah Fang is no stranger to our lodge. Last year as a third grader he won 1st place for our lodge in the boy's poster contest and later was awarded an honorable mention at the state level. This year as a fourth grader he won 1st place at our lodge and now has been awarded 2nd place in the state! We wonder what might happen next year?

WE are very proud of all of these young people and will be presenting them their checks and certificates at our next Family Night on March 8, 2011. Please attend to help us congratulate them.

As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.



"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart."

Lodge News, Activities, Reports, and Events

Rambling Vines RV Camping Club *By Ron Loomis*

Who are the Rambling Vines?

The Rambling Vines RV Club is a committee of the Temecula Valley Elks. Our members are a venturesome group that enjoys travel, camaraderie, the great outdoors. There are a lot of beautiful campgrounds within 100 miles of Temecula, so we seldom travel great distances.



Our Wagonmaster coordinates and arranges the campsites, some of which are planned a year or more in advance. The Wagonmaster will then contact the membership to advise of the campout and the cost to attend. When the final count is made, a payment is made to the campground and we are ready to go.

During the day, we often play "Ladder Ball" or a bean bag toss game. Refreshments and socializing are make the day fun, with card games often played in the evening hours. Some will bring their "tow" vehicles which allow travel to local attractions. In the evening we typically have pot luck side dishes with each family preparing their own main dish.



During the year we also have various projects that raise money. For the past several years we have helped needy senior citizens at Christmas time through Temecula Valley People Helping People. At the end of our fiscal year, which is the same as that of the Lodge, we then donate our profits to our Lodge. Last year it was a donation to the Building Fund.

This is a thumbnail sketch of the Rambling Vines, I hope it helps to understand who we are and what we do. If you have any questions about the RV club and are interested in joining us some campout weekend, please give me a call at (951) 695-2221, or email me at rloomishome@verizon.net.

Temecula Elks Receive Grand Lodge and ENF Honors

ER, Skip Wilkinson honored key Temecula Elks for Grand Lodge / ENF awards at a regular meeting. Seen here is Steve Jones receiving Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program Commendation Award. Diane Farrens receiving the Elks National Foundation Pin Award. And Diane Farrens & Sue Wilkinson, receiving the Southeast District Protocol Champions Trophy. Congratulation to all for a great job!



Veterans Affairs

By Chairman I-SG Steven Nunez and Co-Chair Laurie Gonzalez



Thank you all for your continued support of our VA adopted ward at the Jerry Pettis Memorial Hospital. We still need items such as blankets, lap

robes, stump covers, and personal hygiene products. We also have patients specifically in need of sweat pants, sweat shirts and diabetic stockings. Mostly the sizes should be XL, 2XL, 3XL, and a few 4XL. Please help out if you can with these requests and thank you in advance for your donations.

Many of our members and friends of Elks have expressed the desire to come with us on visits to the hospital. We encourage and welcome your participation and you will be rewarded when see the cheer and smiles Elks bring to these American heroes. Feel free to contact Paul or Laurie Gonzalez at 951-693-2289.

Americanism *By Laurie Gonzalez*

At the March Family Night the Americanism Committee will be recognizing two of our Division II Lodge Essay Contest winners who advanced to District and State competition.

Remember Americanism is so much more that just our Essay Contest for school age children. We as Elks and adult role models should show our youth the importance of being a proud patriotic American. America was built on volunteerism, so please show your Pride as an American and participate with any or all Americanism activities. Thank you for your Loyalty!

2010 -11 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Contributors

Red Hearts

04/06/10 - Barbara Conner
 04/20/10 - Jim Beall
 04/27/10 - Greg Jones
 05/04/10 - Marti Barraza
 05/25/10 - Keith Meyer, Sr.
 06/01/10 - Joni Christensen
 06/15/10 - Barbara Conner
 06/22/10 - Ken Craig
 07/06/10 - Susan Wilkinson
 07/20/10 - Cindy Higl
 07/27/10 - Ken Craig
 08/03/10 - Lloyd Clough
 08/17/10 - John Merry
 08/24/10 - Keith Meyer, Sr.
 09/07/10 - Peter Recatto
 09/21/10 - Keith Meyer, Sr.
 09/28/10 - Jim Beall
 10/05/10 - Peter Fiori
 10/19/10 - Ron Loomis
 11/02/10 - Judy Hernandez
 11/16/10 - Ken Patric
 11/23/10 - Jim Beall
 12/07/10 - Bob Walker
 12/21/10 - Marti Barraza
 12/28/10 - Peter Fiori
 01/04/11 - Tom Jensen
 01/18/11 - Carolyn Van Meter
 01/25/11 - Lloyd Clough
 02/01/11 - Joe Hanover
 02/15/11 - Marti Barraza

Donations

Josef Amann	Paul Gonzalez	Kenneth Perez
Marti Barraza	Laurie Gonzalez	Jim Rodgers - Redlands
Renate Beall	Manny Gomez - Elsinore	Manny Rodriguez - Corona
Opal Bendikson	John Hammond	Anais Spriggs
Michele Benis	Sally Hammond	Angela Stevanus
Hutch Brandau - Hemet	Larry Hannon - Elsinore	Craig Stevanus
Errol Bratley	Cindy Higl	Bernie Timm - Moreno Valley
Joni Christensen	Richard Higl	Bobbie Trask - Yucaipa
Lloyd Clough	Linda Jones (2)	Patty Trask - Yucaipa
Mary Clough	Steve Jones	Carole Vogt
Barbara Conner	Ron Loomis	Martin Vogt
Robert Cruz - Fontana	Betty Loomis	Bob Walker
Burt Doster	Carlton "Spike" Lunn	James "Skip" Wilkinson
Sunni Doster	Kim Orona	Sue Wilkinson
Bob Farrens	Cathy Patric	Christy Williams
Diane Farrens	Ken Patric	Dick Williams
		Walt Wilson

Steak Night Update!



As most of you have noticed prices of almost everything, but especially food, are on the rise. For quite a while we have maintained the \$10 price for Steal Night and a \$3 for a "split" if two of you want to share a steak. We find we can still maintain the low price of \$10 for the complete steak dinner but must start charging \$5 for the "split."

For those who don't know about the "split" it is for the dinner *without* a steak. (i.e. a potato, salad rolls and a dessert.)

We also will be giving two different colored tickets. One will be for the complete dinner and another color for the "split." You will be required to have a ticket in order to get a steak and/or plate. We are in the hope that this is clear and will make Friday Steak Night easy and successful. WE ask for you continued support by *making sure to sign up prior to steak night and pre-paying.*

Elks to Start Member Shuttle Service

Many of our elderly Temecula Elks have indicated that they cannot attend meetings

or events because they cannot drive after dark. We are organizing a "shuttle service" to meet these members' needs. If you are interested in helping as a driver or need a ride to the Lodge, please contact Spike Lunn at 951-461-9879.

Valentines Party, a Real Sweetheart Success!

The Valentine's Party was a great success and a lot of fun. Thanks to Paul and Laurie Gonzalez for bartending, bringing food and cleaning up. Diana Walker for coordinating the food (we had a lot of food!), Judy Hernandez, Hallie Sebanc, Diane Farrens, Linda Jones, Sunnie Doster, Stella Lunn, Chuck Broddie, Cindy Higl, Mary Clough, Diana Walker, and Skip Wilkinson for bringing the food. Thanks to all that helped decorate and clean-up and thanks to Bob and Diane Farrens for checking people in at the front table and for getting the raffle prizes. Steve Jones



EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it!

We could use more people to help deliver Neighbors newspapers once a month. Some of the routes are delivered by women. It's an easy job and takes a couple of hours to deliver. We as volunteers get paid by Neighbors and they pay you 40 cents to the mile on gas. We pay half our monthly rent by delivering these papers, and we don't need to come up with new fund-raisers to find ways of paying our rent. A good money-maker is right here in these newspapers! So let's take advantage of it and step forth to help make it easy on everybody. We set-up the routes with a team of two, one driving and one taking the papers to assigned businesses. We again need more help. We have an opening in Temecula or Wildomar. Both are easy routes. Thank you in advance. Call or see Steve Jones if interested. 951-676-9711

Elks Care - Elks Share



Lodge #2801 Propositions for Membership

Candidate	Sponsor/Transfer/Reinstatement
Peter Giummo	Craig Stevanus
Ken Hauer	Howard Cunningham

No Act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.



2010-11 Major Projects Contributors

By Linda Jones Major Projects Committee Chairperson

The 2010-2011 Elk Major Project year has officially begun and thank you all for your generous donations. As new contributors donate, their names will appear on this list.



Purple Piggy Bank: (May 2010 thru April 2011)

Anna Mae Ackerman, Marti Barraza, Michele Benis, Bill Bright, Roger Chenault Rick Christensen, Marilyn Clark, Lloyd Clough, Barbara Conner, Thomas (Jay) Coyn, Ken Craig, Doug Doan, Bob Farrens, Jo Ann Grant, Jim Guisepppe, Bobbie Gutshall, Cynthia Jarvis, Diane Koirth, Cindy Higl, Rich Higl, Tom Jensen, Linda Jones, Linda Johnson(2), Carol Kump(2), Spike Lunn, Eugene Marenga, Robert McMichael, John Merry(2), Barbara Mitchell, David Mitchell, Herb Nehrling, Kim Orono, Kenneth Perez, Betty Schempp, Angela Stevanus, Dick Tracy (2), Diana Walker, Bertha Webb(2), Dan Wilker, Susan Wilkinson, Bud Williams, Mike Wisener.

52 Club: (Since May 18, 2010 at the V.P. visit)

Anna Mae Ackerman, Opal Bendickson, Michele Benis, Marilyn Clark, Ken Craig, Lloyd Clough, James Guisippe, Laurie Gonzalez, Paul Gonzalez, Bobbie Gutshall, John Hammond, Rich Higl, Spike Lunn, Steve Nunez, Betty Schempp, Angela Stevanus, Craig Stevanus, Bill Van Meter, Susan Wilkinson

Century Club: (Since May 18, 2010 at the V.P. visit)

Marti Barraza, Gary Benanti, Lyn Benanti, Ken Bodenhoefer, Chuck Broddie, Marilyn Broddie, Rick Christensen (2), Lloyd Clough, Barbara Conner, Robert Farrens, Diane Farrens, Peter Fiori (2), Laurie Gonzalez, Paul Gonzalez, Bobbie Gutshall, Robert Herrera, Betty Loomis, Ron Loomis, John Merry, Ken Nordstrom, Kim Orona, Vicki Puterbaugh, Cindy Rodgers, Jim Rodgers, Don Starr, Jerry Throckmorton, Robert Walker, Walt Wilson

60 Year Major Project Pins: (Available this year only)

Gloria Boe, William Bright, Rick Christensen, Barbara Conner, Thomas (Jay) Coyne, Kenneth Craig, Sunni Doster, Diane Farrens, Robert Farrens, Laurie Gonzalez, Paul Gonzalez, Bobbie Gutshall, Cindy Higl, Judy Hernandez(2), Tom Jensen, Linda Jones, Jack Keefer, Barbara Mitchell, Hallie Sebanc, Robert Walker, Susan Wilkinson, Dan Wilder, Bud Williams

Millennium Club: (Since our charter in 1998)

Adam Barraza, Marti Barraza, Opal Bendikson, Chuck Broddie, Diane Farrens, Bob Farrens, Paul Gonzalez, Bobbie Gutshall, Bob Herrera, Jerilyn Herrera, Linda Jones, Steve Jones, Dorothy Nehrling, Herb Nehrling, Ken Nordstrom, Craig Stevanus, Bob Walker (2), Guy Way, Bertha Webb.

Charter Members Appreciation Dinner!

Come eat **Prime Rib** on us!

All "Charter Members" will be served a
"FREE"

Prime Rib Dinner

Saturday, February 26th, 6pm

Other Members, Non-Members and Non-Member Spouses

Are Welcome but price of dinner is \$12

RSVP is Required!



Crying Towel

Crying Towel 2010-2011

Each week we draw a member's number and if that member is present, he or she wins the money in the box. If the member is not present, the money is added to the next drawing!! We have had some winners and losers.

- ✦ April 6, #577 - Lonnie Jenkins not present
- ✦ April 20, #510 - Michael Calagna not present
- ✦ April 27, #397 - Joel Farrens not present
- ✦ May 4, #366 - Art Marshesini not present
- ✦ May 25, #129 - Gerald Wright not present
- ✦ June 1, #55 - Robert Michaelson not present
- ✦ June 15, #345 - Darlene Oess not present
- ✦ June 22, #514 - Bernard Chung not present.
- ✦ July 6, #3 - Andrew Hudig not present.
- ✦ July 20, #526 - Marelle Dorsey not present.
- ✦ July 27, #345 Darlene Oess not present.
- ✦ August 3, #454 Terrel Barlow not present.
- ✦ August 17, #410, Lee Hodges not present.
- ✦ August 24, #573, Hallie Sebanc not present.
- ✦ September 7, #254, Eugene Reed not present.
- ✦ September 21, #385, Bob Herrera not present.
- ✦ September 28, #153, Louis Parker not present.
- ✦ October 5, #94, Donald Shaw not present.
- ✦ October 19, #585, Mary Lucchesi not present.
- ✦ October 26, #416, Terrell Finton not present.
- ✦ November 2, #607, Alice Donahue not present.
- ✦ November 16, #621, Arthur Fristad not present.
- ✦ November 23, #355, Terrell Lore not present.
- ✦ December 7, #48, **Howard Cunningham present!!**
- ✦ December 21, #478, Jack Van Wey not present.
- ✦ December 28, #486, Walter Gusky, not present.
- ✦ January 4, #362, Rick Schneider, not present.
- ✦ January 18, #139, **Howard Adkins was present!**
- ✦ January 25, #437, Jay Coyne not present.
- ✦ February 1, #618, Susan Portera not present.
- ✦ February 15, #618, Susan Portera not present.



CHEA Major Project

By Linda Jones, Major Projects Committee Chairperson

Linda Jones, Temecula Elks Major Project and Piggy Bank Chairperson, AKA First Major Pig, is seen here with Barbara Mitchell and Cindy Higl. Barbara and Cindy have continued donating to various Major Project fund raisers including the Purple Pig, 52 Club, and Century Club. They are on her way to the Millennium Club and 60 year Anniversary Club. Thanks to all for your generosity.



Temecula Valley Elks Wine Gala:
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Photo Caption: From left to right: Steve Jones, District Hoop Shoot Chairman; Madison Curl; Alanna Stein; and Trina Grindheim

**Temecula Valley Elks
 Hoop Shoot Winners
 at the District and State Levels**

The Temecula Valley #2801 Elks Hoop Shoot winners competed in the District Hoop Shoot contest in Fontana on Saturday, January 29, 2011. The six Lodge winners, three boys and three girls, in the three age groups competed with students from eleven other lodges. Madison Curl from Vail Ranch Elementary placed second in the 8-9 years old girls group; Alanna Stein from Temecula Luiseno placed second in the 10-11 years old girls group; And Trina Grindheim from Van Avery Prep came in first place in the 12-13 years old girls group.

The State Hoop Shoot Contest, held in Corona, took place in early February and Trinna Grindheim placed second for the state of California.

Dancing with the ELKS

Come join the Temecula Valley Elks for their ongoing Saturday Night Dance Parties. Upcoming dances will be held on the second Saturdays of each month and the dates for 2011 are March 12th, and April 9th. Doors open at 6:00. Dance to the sounds of "Listen Up". \$5 cover charge at the door. Attire is California casual.

Donations to the Building Fund

Thank you to the following people who donated their mileage to the Building Fund: Opal Bendikson, Paul Gonzalez, Spike Lunn, Craig Stevanus, Barbara Gutshall, Linda Jones, Dick Tracy, Jim Beall, David Mitchell, Chuck Broddie, and Steve Jones.

Sickness and Distress
By the Chaplain

Never underestimate the power of prayer. Please keep all members experiencing sickness or distress in your prayers. Do you know of someone who needs a prayer? If you know of anyone in our order that is ill, distress or has deceased, please contact: Chaplain Cindy Higl or Assistant Chaplain Howard Cunningham 951-699-1052.

Temecula Valley Elks #2801

Installation of 2011-12 Officers

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Lodge opens at 5:00 pm
 Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner
 at 6:00 pm - \$10.00 each
 Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm
 Dress: Business Casual
 RSVP by March 18, 2011



"Denim & Diamonds" Inaugural Dance

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 Dinner 6:00 pm - \$17.00 each
 Choice of smoked brisket or chicken
 Dancing to "Listen Up" Band
 Dress: "Dressy Western"
 RSVP by March 25, 2011



Elks Training Course Graduates

By Bob Walker, PER, SVP

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith recently issued Special Citations to the following members of our Lodge for completion of the Grand Lodge Training Course for Elk Year 2010-2011.

Skip Wilkinson	Laurie Gonzalez	Barbara Conner
Sue Wilkinson	Paul Gonzalez	Ken Patric
Marti Barraza	Steve Jones	Bob Walker
Bob Farrens	Linda Jones	Angela Stevanus
Diane Farrens	Anais Spriggs	Craig Stevanus
Chuck Broddie	Judy Hernandez	Hallie Sebanc

This is an annual training course that reviews Elk statutes and other publications, which are essential to the efficient operation of our Lodge. The course is open to all members and a new training course is given each year. Congratulations to all of you that took the time to complete the training.

Building Committee

By Paul Gonzalez, PER

The Building Committee will be having a meeting on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5:30 pm at the Lodge. The main topic of discussion will be to reexamine our overall position. Thank you to the many members who have made donations to the Building Fund with their 2011-12 membership and please feel free to continue to make pledges anytime.

All are welcome to come to the meetings or call with any questions, thoughts, or comments. My phones are: H-951-693-2289 C-951-538-4309 Emails: PJGonzol@verizon.net or PJGonzo@gmail.com.

Temecula Elks Honor Americanism Essay Contest Winners

At their February 8, 2011 Family Night, the Temecula Valley Elks honored the winners of this year's annual Americanism Essay Contest. This year's topic was "Why I am Proud to be an American" and the Elks received over 245 essays from Temecula and Murrieta Elementary and Middle schools. There was great participation and the judging committee found it challenging to narrow down the essays to the top three winners in Division I (5th and 6th graders) and Division II (7th and 8th graders). The winners were:



Division I

- 1st- Carsen Matlock—Rancho Christian School
- 2nd- Gracie Tucker—Rancho Christian School
- 3rd- Alicia Scull—Bella Vista Middle School

Division II

- 1st—Atticus McCoy— Rancho Christian School
- 2nd—Paige Vedra - Temecula Preparatory School
- 3rd—Johnny Sparkenbach—Rancho Christian School

All winners received an Elks framed awards certificate and first place winners received a \$100 savings bond, second places winners received a \$75 saving bond and third place winners received a \$50 saving bond. The Elks served a complimentary dinner for the students, their parents and families, and teachers. Gifts and raffle prizes also sparked the evening's festivities.

Front row (l-r): Gracie Tucker, Alicia Scull, Paige Vedra, Carsen Matlock, Atticus McCoy, Johnny Sparkenbach **Back row (l-r):** James "Skip" Wilkinson, ER; Paul Gonzalez PER, SE District Americanism Chairman, Laurie Gonzalez. Temecula Lodge Americanism Chairman

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 27	Feb 28 10am-2pm Office Hours 6:30 Ritual Practice	March 1 6pm Dinner \$5 7pm Lodge Meeting Officer-Craig Bartender-Angie Food-Kim	2 4:30 Cheer Lead Class Elk Rep-Paul	3 10am-2pm Office 5:30 Trustee Mtg 7pm House Mtg	4 RV's @ Tualota 5pm Open 6pm Dinner CornBeef Casserole \$6 Officer-Walt Wilson Bartender-Bob F Food-Hallic, Judy	5 RV's @ Tualota
6 RV's @ Tualota	7 10am-2pm Office Hours 5:30 PER mtg Wine Gala mtg 6:30 Ritual Practice	8 5pm Doors Open 6pm ER Recognition Night \$6 Officer-Bill Van Meter Bartender-Steve/Michele Food-Team 6, Jim Beall	9 4:30 Cheer Leader Class Elk Rep-Steve	10 10am-2pm Office 7:00 RV mtg	11 6pm Dinner Burger Night \$6 Officer-Skip Bartender-Spike Food-Skip	12 7pm Dance Night \$5 cover Paul/Laurie
13	14 10am-2pm Office Hours Wine Gala mtg 6:30 Ritual Practice	15 5pm Doors Open 6pm Dinner Irish Stew/Soda Bread \$5 Officer-Eugene Bartender-Angie Food-Laurie	16 4:30 Cheer Leader Class Elk Rep-Barbara	17 10am-2pm Office	18 LODGE CLOSED WINE GALA <i>at Long Shadow Winery</i>	19
20	21 10am-2pm Office Hours 6:30 Ritual Practice	22 5pm Doors Open 6pm Dinner Tacos \$5 7pm Lodge Meeting Officer-Steve Bartender-Ron Loomis Food-Laurie	23 4:30 Cheer Leader Class Elk Rep-Skip	24 10am-2pm Office	25 6pm Steak/B'day Night \$10 dinner (\$5 split) Please RSVP Officer-Bob F Bartender-Paul, Laurie Food-Team 7, Bob Walker	26
27	28 10am-2pm Office 5pm Building mtg 6:30 Ritual Practice	29 5pm Doors Open 6pm Dinner Chicken Cordon Bleu \$10 Please RSVP 7pm Officer Installation Officer-Jim Beall Bartender-Bob F Food-Angela	30 4:30 Cheer Leader Class Elk Rep-Jim Beall	30	As published 2/20/11	

Second Place Winner !- Div 1 Grand Lodge Bulletin Contest



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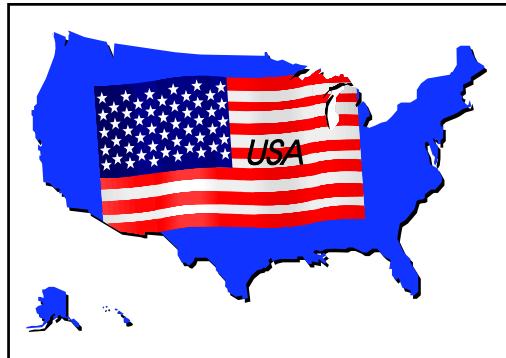
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