

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge # 2640

BUGLE

September 2018

FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

We had quite the busy catering weekend in the middle of the month, with help from members of all kinds. That was rewarding to see! One of our charter members, TC Carricaburu, a relatively new member, Gregg Weitzman, and (at the time) a future member, Jeanette Skippon. Our youngest member, Claire DuVall, and some of our oldest (no offense, girls!), Sally Baldwinson and Sally Griswold. A VERY active member, Gary Skippon, and one we hadn't seen in awhile, Jim Whorley. Someone who's getting lots of cooking under his belt, David Oliveira, some who helped cleaning up back in the kitchen, Greg Packham, Bob Darby and Jeff Williams, and one who can fill in wherever needed, Bonnie Rees. Many brought friends or family, and they rocked it as well!

You can see that there are varying levels of involvement, abilities, skills and labor involved in making our events happen. We'll fit your talents and desires with our needs. We just need you to let us know you're available to help! We've developed a new member checklist that our latest class filled out at orientation, and will be making it available to all members so we can see more of what you're interested in doing. Not just assisting at events, but fun things too. Maybe there are enough interested in, say, bowling to start regular outings; now we can collect that information to make your Lodge a more active part of our lives.

Speaking of events: The car show is just around the corner! Meetings will be held almost every Sunday at 1PM until the show on Saturday, October 13th. Please come by and see what needs to be done. The blast and Facebook posts will detail the topics to be discussed each week, so keep an eye out for what interests you and swing by. Don't get the blast? Send an email to info@syvelks.com and we'll add you to the list!

On a completely different note: Have you ever noticed that the popcorn tastes better on Fridays? I'll tell you why! Sally Griswold and John Phelps have been getting the good stuff and bringing it in each week. I'd like to have it every day! It's a little more expensive, but I think it's worth it. How would you like to sponsor a month's worth of popcorn? \$40 would cover that, and we'd recognize you with a sign on the machine and a little note in the Bugle. Let's give it a try and see how it goes. Please contact me directly or leave a donation with the bartender. Thank you, and thanks to Sally and John for getting us hooked on the better snack!

Also remember that we ask for donations as you eat a bowl of popcorn, as it's a fundraiser for Major Project. A coin or a buck will help those kids walk, talk, see and play!

All my best, Beth DuVall 805/895.2212 bduvall@syvelks.com

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Exalted Ruler Beth DuVall



Leading Knight Claire DuVall



Bonnie Rees



Lecturing Knight David Oliveira



SYV Elk Awarded Legion of Honor Medal

In some old soldiers, the fighting spirit never dies. French government officials recently awarded their country's highest honor to local World War II veteran Rutledge "Putty" Mills, and he immediately threw up his hands and yelled, "If I am ever needed, I am ready to fight." The 95-year-old veteran received cheers and a standing ovation. Mills received a Legion of Honor medal at a private ceremony on July 18 at the Solvang Veterans Memorial Hall.

The Legion of Honor, established in 1802 by Napoleon, is France's highest honor for military or civilian service, and it is awarded to French citizens and to foreigners. Mills was honored for his wartime service in France.

"Freedom is a gift, and we honor those that fought for our democracy and human rights," said Christophe Lemoine, the Consul General of France stationed in Los Angeles. "The French people never forget your service to restore our freedom, and you are the best examples of the Greatest Generation," Lemoine added.

Putty served as an aircraft mechanic in Europe with the 331st Field Artillery Battalion in Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army. He saw action in central Europe and Northern France supporting the Battle of the Bugle. He was then deployed to the Philippines for cleanup until the Japanese surrendered.

*Article by Raiza Giorgi from The Santa Ynez Valley Star







Jen Mullins

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Janelle Willis



Sally Baldwinson



3-Year Trustee Gary Skippon COB



2-Year Trustee Stefan Ornelaz, PER



1-Year Trustee



Jerry Plowman, PER







New members initiated on August 16th.

L to R: Jeffrey Squires, Charlene Rossoll, Jeanette Skippon, Hans Birkhom, Erubay Nava

CRYING TOWEL

We had no winners present at our August meetings. Here's hoping we have some winners to print in October!

It pays to attend meetings!

*DECEASED

08/02/201808/16/2018Everett Pike\$80Tori GriggsNicole Zabala\$90Steve LarsonFloyd Keinath\$100Aaron Schwarzwalter



THOUGHT FROM THE COWBOY

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.





Our Lodge presented Santa Ynez Valley We Support the Troops with a check for \$2,500.00 from the Gratitude Grant. The group will use the funds for supplies like beef jerky and hygiene items to send to our active military. Pictured during the last packing day are member Steve Larsen, Pat Sullivan, the director of SYV We Support The Troops, Pastor Chris from Bethania Church, hosts of the site, Lecturing Knight David Oliveira and Exalted Ruler Beth DuVall.





During the 2017-18 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$1,018,979.87 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

These grants support CHEA's Major Project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support CHEA's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

State Charities Grant: \$742,650.00 Special Projects Grant: \$558,830.00

Bonus Grant: \$150,920.00

ENF will award a total of 76 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors from California and Hawaii. In addition, they will award up to 25 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.

Most Valuable Student: \$304,000.00

Legacy Award: \$100,000.00

These funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

National Veterans Service Commission: \$42,300.00

Grand Total: \$1,898,700.00

That's a ratio of 1.863 for every dollar the Foundation received from CHEA last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our Community Investments Program. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, for example, ENF awarded a total of \$794,956.17 to 143 California-Hawaii Lodges.

Since inception in 1928 through March 31, 2018, the Foundation has granted a total of \$43,959,192.10 to California and Hawaii, compared with CHEA's total donations of \$39,183,856.08. That's a ratio of 1.122 for every dollar the Foundation has received from California and Hawaii.

Our Lodge is currently ranked #144 in the state with a per capita donation of \$0.33. The Grand Exalted Ruler has set a per capita goal of \$4.75—we have a ways to go to get there! An easy way to contribute is to set up a recurring donation through elks.org. Choose the Support ENF option on the Elks National Foundation tab, and click on the Monthly Donation button. Learn about the program and set up your donation. Thanks for considering it to help us move up the ranks!



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Subject to Change. Items marked with * require staffing (please call the Lodge at 688.3448 for information, or email info@syvelks.com)
Lounge Hours: Mon 3-5:45PM, Tues-Thurs 3-7PM, Fri 3-9PM, Sat-Sun 2-7PM

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| September 2 | 3 Labor Day | 4 | 5 | 6 7 PM– Lodge Meeting | 7 6:30 PM- *Gary's Chicken \$13 | 8 |
| 9. 8:30AM- 3:30PM *Catering at SYV Equestrian Center 1PM- Car Show Mtg | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 6:30PM- *Tri Tip \$15 | 15 |
| 16 1PM– Car Show Mtg | 17 5:45PM Trustees Mtg 6:45PM House Mtg | 18 | 19 | 20 7 PM– Lodge Meeting | 21 6:30PM- *David's Pork Loin \$13 | 22 12PM- *Offsite catering |
| 23 1PM– Car Show Mtg | 24 | 25 | 26 9AM Support the Troops Bethania Church | 27 | 28 6:30PM- *Bonnie's Beef Enchiladas \$12 | 29 |
| 30 1PM– Car Show Mtg | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| October | 1 5:45PM Trustees Mtg 6:45PM House Mtg | 2 | 3 | 4 DDGER Visitation 5PM Reports Dinner & Open Meeting to follow | 5 6:30PM- *Lasagna \$12 | 6 |
| 7 1PM– Car Show Mtg | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 6:30PM- *Tri Tip \$15 | 13 Car Show 10AM-2PM |
| 14 | 15 5:45PM Trustees Mtg 6:45PM House Mtg | 16 | 17 | 18 7 PM– Lodge Meeting | 19 6:30PM- *Tacos \$12 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 9AM Support the Troops Bethania Church | 25 | 26 6:30PM- *TBD | 27 |
| 28 | 29 5:45PM Trustees Mtg 6:45PM House Mtg | 30 | 31 happy Halloweln | | | |

ELK OF THE MONTH

There are a number of deserving people to consider for August's Elk of the Month, but one who has been contributing steadily all year stands out: Melissa Galloway. In addition to sharing so many ideas for our Lodge, and all the prep she's been doing for the upcoming Car, Truck & Jeep Show, she's been putting up with me and my schedule (or lack thereof!). If you need someone with attention to detail, she's your gal. Thank you, Melissa, for keeping me on track.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If you have a September birthday and are a member in good standing of our Lodge (you've paid your 2018-19 dues), please let us treat you to one of our Friday Lodge dinners this month.

Have a wonderful month celebrating YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

| Cheryl Mudica | 03 | Everett Pike | 16 |
|-------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Jim Nolan | 04 | James Yabsley | 16 |
| Bill Brown | 05 | Sharon Campbell | 17 |
| Richard Lee | 06 | Carla Miranda | 17 |
| Elise Tripp | 06 | Tamera Jewell | 18 |
| Robert Hargreaves | 07 | Mary Stoltz | 19 |
| Larry Reece | 07 | Steve Larson | 21 |
| Scott Flores | 08 | Cindy Giannico | 22 |
| Robert Wait | 08 | Jeff Shively | 22 |
| Carolyn Hanly | 10 | Monte Larsen | 23 |
| Chad Edie | 11 | Dana Smith | 23 |
| Robert Parson | 11 | Lyle Bolte | 24 |
| Elliott Barnard | 13 | Troy Jewell | 24 |
| William Reeds | 13 | Robert Gutierrez | 25 |
| Kenneth Olson | 15 | Billy Hale | 28 |
| Jeffrey Squires | 15 | Randy Tripp | 30 |

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