



THE CHIMES 2019

(209) 951-5026 8900 Thornton Rd, Ste. 1 Stockton, CA 95209 Stockton Lodge #218

Instituted: Nov. 8, 1891 Over 100 Years and Still Going Strong

As in the past, striving to give generously to those in need.

Our 128th Year

MAY 2019

Vol. 128 No.2



ELK'S MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE



**Sunday, May 12, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.,
in the Lodge Room**

**Please join Exalted Ruler Sue Dotson
and her officers in honoring our Mothers at this service**

**As is our Elk's tradition, we will be presenting our members
in attendance
a white or red carnation in honor of our mothers,
living or passed.**

**Please try to be at the Lodge fifteen minutes early,
so that we may have time to pin the carnations**



**Following the Mother's Day Service
will be our annual Scholarship Awards ceremony,
where the 6 local winners of the**



Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition will receive their awards.

**Please join us in this celebration of our mothers
and the students who will be the future of our nation.**

**The Service will start at
10:30 a.m., and then brunch
will be provided afterwards and is free to all who attend the Service**

**Please notify the Lodge Secretary's Office no later than Thursday, May 9, 2019,
to let us know you are coming, so we will know how much to provide.**

As always, the brunch is free only to those who attend and \$8.00 for everyone else.

Officers of Stockton Lodge

Exalted Ruler	Sue Dotson
Leading Knight	Rob Law
Loyal Knight	Melissa Griffith
Lecturing Knight	PER Valerie Edwards
Secretary	Frank Chicago, PDDGER
Treasurer	Don Sweeney
Tiler	Anita Garcia
Chaplain	Scott Onweiler
Esquire	PER Brett Nesin
Inner Guard	John Areola Jr.
Organist	Vacant

Trustees

1st year	Patti Griffin
2nd year	John Van Huystee
3rd year	PDDGER Fred Bianchini
4th year	Dave Farley
5th year	Marian Norris

Committees

Accident Prevention	Marian Norris
Auditing	PER Brett Nesin
Business Practices	Don Sweeney
Community Activities	Vacant
Chimes Newsletter	Deborah Soares
Elks National Foundation	PDDGER Frank Chicago
Elks Training	PDDGER Frank Chicago
Dictionary	PER Valerie Edwards
Lodge Activities	Barbara Tankersley
Scholarships	Marilyn Glaser/Virginia Hudson
Americanism	Linnea Olsen/Judy Columbro/Helen Click
Mothers Day	PER Brett Nesin
Flag Day	PER Brett Nesin/Patti Griffin
Major Project/BLT	Rob Law
Government Relations	PDDGER Frank Chicago
Memorial Day	PER Brett Nesin/Patti Griffin
PER Association President	PER Carla Van Huystee
Public Relations	Sally Law
Ritual Coach	PER Brett Nesin
Membership/Lapsation	PDDGER Frank Chicago
Orientation	PER Brett Nesin/PER Valerie Edwards
Jamboree Representative	PER Valerie Edwards
Youth Activities	Ellie Baumer
Veterans	Scott Onweiler
Drug Awareness	Connie Revay
Hoop Shoot	Bob Rathburn
Boy Scouts	Rob Law
Investigating	Rebecca Hammermann/ Anita Garcia

MEMBERSHIP SCORE BOX

Membership as of April 1, 2019.....	779
Initiated.....	0
Affiliated.....	0
Reinstated.....	0
Dropped for non- payment.....	0
Transfer Dimits.....	0
Absolute Dimits.....	0
Deaths.....	2
Current Membership.....	777

Exalted Ruler Message

Greetings to all my Elk Family,

As I begin this new year as your leader I think about the Elks as family. Just like any family there are some that agree and some that don't. I want you to know that if any of you have any ideas or concerns please come to me and I, along with my team, will discuss it and do the best we can to address everyone's concerns. For many of you the lodge is your home away from home, somewhere you can go to enjoy the company of family and friends. It is our wish as a team that all of you feel welcome.

By the time you read this we will have had three events. The first is the kid's Easter egg hunt. The RV group is in charge. Thank you Evelyn Hassler for your hard work in putting this together. It looks like everything is going well.

The second is the Sportsman Night. I have so many people to thank for your help and support in making this event successful. There is not enough room in this message to list all of you but I want you to know that I appreciate you. I believe we will have a good year as long as we work together as a team. I believe we all want the same thing, a successful and growing lodge.

The third is Easter. The breakfast team organized a Champagne Brunch on Easter Sunday. Don't forget, May is the first month for our membership Drive. Only \$1 to join. Lets get busy and bring in new friends and family.



**Fraternally,
Sue Dotson**

As a reminder, I would like to see more of you at Thursday Night Dinner. Where else can you get all you can eat for \$12 that includes coffee, tea, dessert, music and dancing. Sondra is now posting a full menu in the Chimes on page 12.

We have several events in May. Steak and Oyster, Mother's Day Brunch, Fish Fry, Car Show and last Wednesday Steak lunch. Please come out and enjoy. Check the Chimes for information.

Again, thank you everyone for your support. Here's to a successful Caring and Sharing new year.

**Fraternally yours,
Sue Dotson
Exalted Ruler**

Leading Knight Message

From the floor of your Esteem Leading Knight:

Yes, our new floor looks great and I hope we all can help in keeping it looking new. Thank you, Rick and Arlene, for starting the chart for donations. We will be starting new projects soon. Watch for signup sheets. Our member-at-large, Rod Pottichen, will be starting a maintenance crew of members.

As I am writing this our Sportsman Night is underway. Our kitchen crew of volunteers is busy and the event has sold over 150 tickets to date. We should have a great turnout for the raffles and silent auction to help our Exalted Ruler get a jump on her year.

I have noticed a lot more buzzing of the main door to enter our lodge. I am going to ask that you show your card to the bartender before being served and that you will pay a \$1.00 fee to the purple pig. The bartenders need to stop their duty of service to others to watch you enter. Pay your dues and use your 2019-2020 blue card. We are a non-profit organization and it is your active membership that supports our lodge. Members that are delinquent in dues are hurting our active members. They are using the same privileges as our paid members. Be proud - Use your card - Present your card - Sign in your guests.

Last, but not least, I will be collecting donations to the purple pig for any inappropriate language in the social hall. Beware any member can approach another with the pig and ask you to pay up. Become current on your Dues - "Help me, Help you."

**Fraternally yours
Rob Law
Esteemed Leading Knight**



**Fraternally,
Rob Law**

DONATIONS PURPLE PIG

KAYE MCELWEE	\$10.00
CHARLIE HAMILTON	\$10.00
DEANNA KASS	\$10.00
CATHERINE EILERS	\$10.00
JUDY COLUMBRO	\$11.34
BETH HUDSON	\$21.52
GARY WALTERS	\$60.14
RICHARD DEAL	\$29.83
BAR PIG	\$42.94
ROBERT LAW	\$10.00
SALLY LAW	\$10.00
CHRISTINE CONDEVILLAMAR	\$10.00
JUVEN CONDEVILLAMAR	\$10.00
JOVELYN ROGAN	\$10.00
PATTY WITTEN	\$34.02
TURNER BOYD	\$29.87
VICTOR CHAVEZ	\$10.00
JENNIFER GIBSON	\$10.00
JOHN AREOLA	\$10.00
ELISABETH CRONIN-AREOLA	\$10.00
NORMAN WITTEN	\$10.00
PATTY WITTEN	\$10.00
STEVE FRANZA	\$4.50
HARV BISLA	\$10.00
RUSSELL SOUSER	\$10.00
MIKE FERRIO	\$32.25
MARIAN LENCI	\$10.00
DAVID ZEVELY	\$10.00
TINA KEPLINGER	\$10.00
JUDY SCHOENNAUER	\$10.00
GRETCHEN SALVETTI	\$10.00
MAY LINK	\$10.00
DAVE FARLEY	\$20.00
MARK WILLEY	\$10.00
SHELLY MAFFEI	\$10.00
RAY TOUCHSTONE	\$10.00
ANNETTE MARIANI	\$10.00
MARIO FLORES	\$10.00
KENNETH PERKINS	\$10.00
KENNETH ACREMANT	\$24.50
MYLES GRIFFIN	\$10.00
AMY TRAVAILLE	\$10.00
DIANA FARANO	\$10.00
ROBERT BOOTH	\$10.00
MARIO ALONZO	\$10.00
DENISE MINNEMA	\$10.00
JOHN GUTIERREZ	\$10.00
ESTHER MEDINA	\$10.00
MATHEW SWOPE	\$10.00
IRIS CLUB	\$150.00
ROBERT FREEMAN	\$10.00
YNES RIOS	\$10.00
MAUREEN HEINLE	\$24.50
BOBBIE KING	\$15.00
BRIAN BERNIER	\$10.00

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DONATIONS ENF

KAYE MCELWEE	\$10.00
CHARLIE HAMILTON	\$10.00
LITA PANES	\$10.00
DEANNA KASS	\$10.00
ROBERT LAW	\$10.00
SALLY LAW	\$10.00
VICTOR CHAVEZ	\$10.00
JENNIFER GIBSON	\$10.00
JOHN AREOLA	\$10.00
ELISABETH CRONIN-AREOLA	\$10.00
NORMAN WITTEN	\$10.00
PATTY WITTEN	\$10.00
HARV BISLA	\$10.00
RUSSELL SOUSER	\$10.00
MIKE FERRIO	\$32.25
DAVID ZEVELY	\$10.00
MAY LINK	\$10.00
MARKE WILLEY	\$10.00
SHELLY MAFFEI	\$10.00
RAY TOUCHSTONE	\$10.00
MARIO FLORES	\$10.00
KENNETH PERKINS	\$10.00
AMY TRAVAILLE	\$10.00
DIANA FARANO	\$10.00
BRIAN BERNIER	\$10.00
GAYLE WENZEL	\$10.00
BOBBY KING	\$10.00
MARIO ALONZO	\$10.00

ART WYATT
\$100.00
IN MEMORY OF GORDON BETTENCOURT

LODGE BEAUTIFICATION

WESTERN NIGHT PINS CRAFTED
\$128.00
BY ANITA GARICA & BARBARA
TANKERSLEY & BERERLY CHAPA

DEATH OF A MEMBER Pg. 8

PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SHELLY ANN ALDRICH
PROPOSER
BOBBY CHANDLER

NORMAN ALDRICH
PROPOSER
BOBBY CHANDLER

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Baumer, Ellie Temple
01	Fulton, Ray
01	Hinson, Marlene
01	Jones, Fred
02	Garcia, Anita
02	Hake, Robert
02	Nesin, Brett
02	Praster, Mark
02	Ramirez, Geraldine
03	Bertolino, Michael
03	Jackson, Catherine
03	Santos, Richard
04	Gonzales, Andrew
06	Dicce, Domenick
06	Heinle, Phillip K
07	Alejandro, Jerald Louis
07	Anderson, Danuta
08	Knapp, Penelope
08	Tyler, Susan Marie
09	Hett, Roger
10	Canniff, Gary A
10	Fedi, Barbara
10	Fedi, John S
10	Vasquez, Tony
11	Iten, Donald
12	Marquez, John
12	Torlai, Paulie
12	Zaragoza, Zachary
13	Antonini, Rudolph
13	Burk, Robert
13	Duivenvoorde, Ria
13	Perkins, Kenneth Neil
14	Bisla, Harv
14	Franza, Steven Richard
14	Macias, Raymond
15	Bratcher, Scott
15	Dillon, Linda
15	Ryan, Sondra
15	Tankersley, Barbara
16	Allen, Don
16	Babel, Susan Marie
17	Noel-Tognoli, Betty
18	Foster, James
18	Lockhart, Margaret Lucille
18	West, Jessica
19	Carlson, Linda J
20	Garcia, Donato
20	Roberts, Stephen
20	Taylor, Brian Scott
21	Chapin, Glenn
21	Davenport, Pamela Sharon
21	Ferrio, Mike
21	Kinzey, Richard Stuart
21	Revay, Connie S
21	Rizzolo, Eugene
21	Tovar, Henry
22	Griffin, Patti
22	Haskell, Ladell
22	Licciardi, Sylvia
22	Morrow, Wendy Lynn
22	Panes, Lita
24	Keller, Bill
26	Gutierrez, Mark Peter
27	Billings, Glinn
28	Hutsell, Teresa
29	Arostigui, Elizabeth
29	Click, Helen
30	Zaragoza, Randy

CRYING CORNER YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN \$150.00 DRAWING!!

MEETING MARCH 19, 2019

SANDRA GUIDI	NOT PRESENT
ELTON BARTELL	NOT PRESENT
STEVE WILLIAMS	NOT PRESENT
JUDY NEWFIELD	NOT PRESENT
YOSH MATAGA	NOT PRESENT

MEETING APRIL 2, 2019

ERNEST JOHNSON	NOT PRESENT
JOHN SHUTZBAUGH	NOT PRESENT
DALE DRURY	NOT PRESENT
CHARLES PYLE	NOT PRESENT
EDWARD GLADYSZ	NOT PRESENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2019 Dinner \$12.00 See full caterer menu on pg. 12						
	FITNESS CLASS EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY 11am - 12pm EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS		1 IRIS CLUB Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	2 RV Meeting 7pm BUFFET	3 SINGLES Dance Club RITUAL WALNUT CREEK	4 RITUAL WALNUT CREEK Rental D/R
5 Jazz Group DD CLINIC WALNUT CREEK	6	7 LODGE MEETING	8 QUILTERS Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	9 BUFFET	10 SINGLES Dance Club	11 STEAK AND OYSTER
12 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH	13	14 Board Meeting	15 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30 convention	16 BUFFET Convention	17 SINGLES Dance Club CHEA CONVENTION FRESNO	18 RENTAL D/R RENTAL L/R Convention
19	20 Vets Fly Fishing	21 LODGE MEETING PER MEETING 6PM	22 QUILTERS Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	23 BUFFET	24 SINGLES Dance Club FISH FRY	25 CAR SHOW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
26 RENTAL L/R Waffler's Sunday Breakfast 9am - 11:30am	27	28 e 6pm Orientation 7pm	=29 Steak Sandwiches 11:30am - 1pm	30 BUFFET	31	
June 2019 Dinner \$12.00 See full caterer menu on pg. 12						1 GOLF TOURNEY
2 Jazz Group	3	4 Dinner 6pm <i>Initiation Meeting</i> 7pm	5 IRIS Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	6 RV Meeting 7pm BUFFET	7 Sincles	8
9 Original's Sunday Breakfast 9am - 11:30am	10	11 LODGE OPEN House, Hall & Trustee Meetings 6pm	12 QUILTERS Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	13 BUFFET	14 SINGLES Dance Club	15 RENTAL L/R
16 Fathers Day/Flag Day Ceremony	17 LODGE OPEN VETS FLY FISHING	18 Dinner 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm VP VISIT (T)	19 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs 12pm - 1:30pm	20 BUFFET	21 SINGLES Dance Club IRIS SUMMER PARTY	22 MERRY MAKERS
23 Waffler's Sunday Breakfast 9am - 11:30am	2	25	26 QUILTERS Steak Sandwiches 12pm - 1:30pm	27 BUFFET	28 SINGLES Dance Club Fish Fry	29 RENTAL D/R RENTAL L/R
30 GL Convention St Louis, MO						



Stockton Elks Lodge #218 presents

*** Car Show ***

Cars and Trucks from all years welcome

Cash raffle for the first 30 cars registered before May 11, 2019 !!

Free admission to the public

Date: May 25, 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Elks Lodge #218, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton

Entry Fee: \$30.00 (includes lunch)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas available for purchase

Music provided by Dallas

Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m.

- Best of Show
- People's Choice
- Elks Choice
- 15 outstanding vehicle awards



For more information, contact: **Richard Sabbatini (209) 992-0485 or Elks Lodge #218 (209) 951-5026**

Partial proceeds will benefit the Elks National Foundation and Veterans



Mail registration with payment to: **B.P.O.E. #218, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, CA 95209**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Release of Liability: In consideration of acceptance of the right to participate: Participants, entrants and spectators release and discharge B.P.O.E and their associates, representatives or anyone connected with the B.P.O.E., from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements, and claims or from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any conduct of participant to his person or property. Further, each participant expressly agrees to indemnify all foregoing entities and persons from any and all liability associated or resulting from conduct of participant, spectator, or other persons attending the event.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



You Can Be the Spark

Every pledge the Elks National Foundation makes is a promise. A promise to build stronger Elks communities led to the creation of the Community Investments Program. A promise to foster the next generation of leaders served as the foundation of the scholarships program.

Most recently, the ENF promised to help end veteran homelessness by pledging \$4 million in support of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission's Welcome Home initiative.

This promise has helped the Elks change thousands of veterans' lives—veterans like Rose.

Rose is the mother of twin daughters, an entrepreneur, and a Marine Corps veteran. When she found herself behind on rent, unable to pay the bills and put food on the table, she turned to the Elks' Emergency Assistance Fund, and they answered the call.

The emergency assistance paid Rose's rent. When asked what she would say to anyone considering donating in support of the Emergency Assistance Fund, Rose says, "I would say that you have a chance to be a catalyst in somebody's life. It's a butterfly effect. Why wouldn't you want to be that catalyst or that spark?"

Read Rose's entire story, along with several other veterans who have been featured in the Be the Spark series, at enf.elks.org/bethespark

The Elks National Foundation has pledged \$2.6 million over the next two years to continue the Elks' mission to end veteran homelessness. The money funds the Elks National Veterans Service Commission's Welcome Home initiative, which includes an Emergency Assistance Fund for veterans in eight metropolitan areas targeted by the V.A. for increased focus by the Elks. Learn more at enf.elks.org/welcomehome

Frank Chicago, PDDGER
Lodge ENF Chairman



Oakmoore Golf Course JUNE 1, 2019

Members, Guests, Men & Women are invited to join in the fun

**9 a.m.: Coffee Doughnuts
Screw Drivers Bloody Mary's & Sign In**

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Traveling Cocktail Cart all day.

**Lunch to include: Hot Dogs,
Hamburgers, and Taco Dogs**

**Cost \$100.00 per player
includes dinner for each player**



(Non player dinner only \$10.00 per person)

**DINNER will be served at 6:00 p.m.
At Stockton Elk's Lodge**

Tri-Tip, Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread

**4 Person Scramble
Plus Closest to the Pin & Longest
Drive Awards**

PLAYER ONE _____ PLAYER THREE _____

PLAYER TWO _____ PLAYER FOUR _____

**RETURN THIS LOWER PORTION TO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE WITH PAYMENT
WE ACCEPT, CASH, CHECKS, AND CREDIT CARDS**

8900 THORNTON ROAD SUITE 1, STOCKTON, CA 95209 (209)951-5026

DONATIONS PURPLE PIG cont. from pg. 3

GAYLE WENZEL	\$10.00
MICHAEL MCDANIEL	\$10.00
ANTHONY MARTINEZ	\$10.00
LARRY NORICK	\$10.00
JOHNNY BARAGNO	\$10.00
LAWRENCE WALLACE	\$25.00
JIM FISK	\$10.00
DONNA FILLION	\$10.00
ERIC MOLGAARD	\$24.50
BAR BIG	\$30.82
DENIS DEVOL	\$12.93
KAREN MORAN	\$16.50
DEANNA KASS	\$37.85
BAR PIG	\$20.37
LEWIS CANTRELL	\$49.17
GUY REYNOLDS	\$29.98

DEATH OF A MEMBER
from pg. 3

JOSEPH OHLINGER
BORN: NOVEMBER 18, 1925
INITIATED: MARCH 5, 2002
DIED: MARCH 18, 2019
NOTIFIED: APRIL 2, 2019

GORDON BETTENCOURT
BORN: DECEMBER 23, 1931
INITIATED: MAY 3, 1994
DIED: FEBRUARY 26, 2019
NOTIFIED: APRIL 3, 2019

*Gone But Not
Forgotten*

Children's Easter Party
Thank You

A great time was had by all for the Children's Easter program. Thank you for all the wonderful people At Stockton Elks Lodge #218 for donating so many eggs. Not one child left without a bucket full.

A special Thank you to the Tuleburg RV Travelers for doing a wonderful job hosting the event.

Evelyn Hassler

*Thank
You*

**Flag Day &
Father's Day Services**

Flag Day is a national day of remembrance of our flag and the ideals it stands for. It was made a national day of celebration through the influence of the Elk's and our Order continues to this tradition. The service will be supported by our own Troop 10 and our Cub Scout Pack 10.

Our Flag Day Service will be followed by a new service to honor our Fathers.

Our Flag Day and Father's Day Services will be held in the Lodge on Sunday, June 16, 2019, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Following the Service, the regular Sunday Brunch will be free only to those who attend. \$8 to those who don't attend.

Please come out and support us in this important day of remembrance of our Nation's Flag and the sacrifices which have been made under it and to commemorate our fathers.

Please make your reservation by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2015. Those in attendance will be given priority. We cannot guarantee space at the table unless you have made a timely reservation.



Easter Photos



Sportsman Night



STEAK & OYSTER
At The
Stockton Elks Lodge #218
May 11, 2019



**Rib-Eye Steak with BBQ Oysters, Caesar Salad,
Baked Potato and Garlic Bread.**

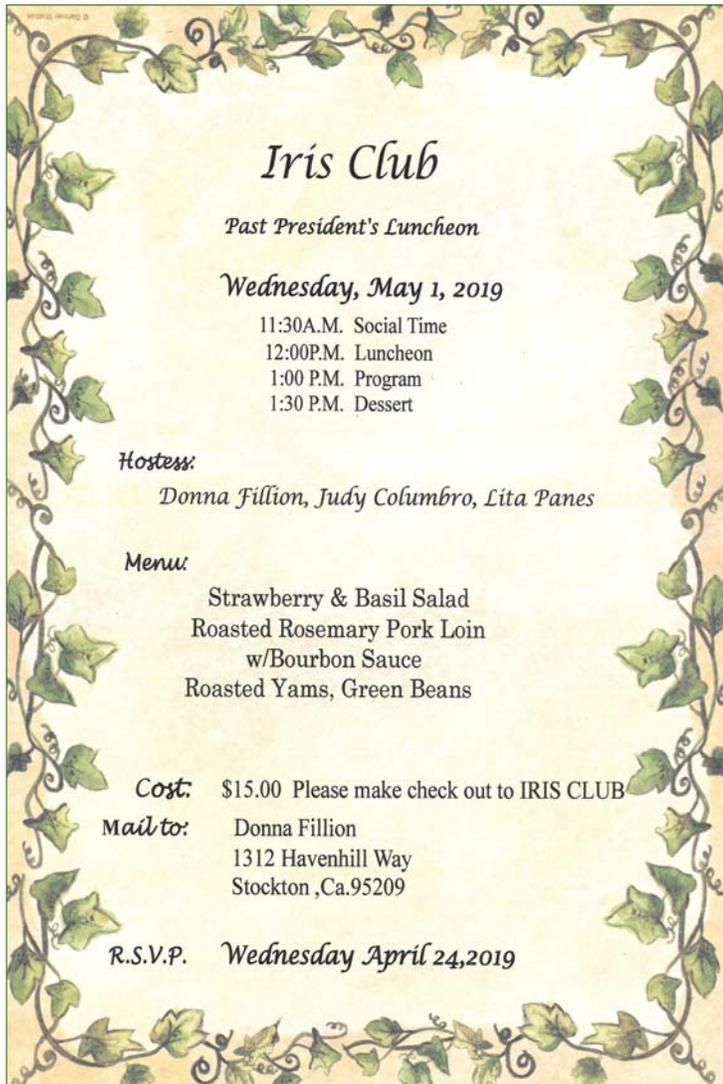
\$35.00 per person

6:30 p.m. dinner

**Please call the Secretary's office By May 6, 2019
209-951-5026 for reservations.**



**This is a pre-paid event so
please secure your reservation
open to the first 100 people.**



Iris Club

Past President's Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

11:30A.M. Social Time
12:00P.M. Luncheon
1:00 P.M. Program
1:30 P.M. Dessert

Hostess:
Donna Fillion, Judy Columbro, Lita Panes

Menu:
Strawberry & Basil Salad
Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin
w/Bourbon Sauce
Roasted Yams, Green Beans

Cost: \$15.00 Please make check out to IRIS CLUB

Mail to: Donna Fillion
1312 Havenhill Way
Stockton ,Ca.95209

R.S.V.P. Wednesday April 24,2019

Creative Catering
Menu



May Menu

May 2nd Chicken Fried Steak
May 9th Meat Loaf, Macaroni Salad
May 16th Chicken Marsala
May 23rd Hawaiian Dinner, Kahlua pork, fried rice ,
Hawaiian macaroni salad. Fresh Fruit and mango
chips and salsa

June Menu

June 6th Swiss Steak, and Baked Potato Bar
June 13th Chicken Cordon Blue, with Pasta Bar
June 20th Smoked Tri Tip and Pesto
June 27th Cajun Dinner

Please call in advance if you are having a special event and would like to celebrate your special day with your friends on a Thursday night , we will do our best to adjust our menu if we can, (note Thursday night menus are done 2 months in advance) and we can have a table ready for your group.

Thank you Sondra 209 986-3860

IRIS CLUB

May life be as beautiful as an Iris bloom

At the April 3, 2019 monthly meeting, former ER, Carla Van Huystee gave a fantastic presentation and demonstration of several services offered at her Hands on Healing Spa in Stockton.

Our members were happy to learn about the extensive list of health and wellness services available at Hands on Healing to help us feel better and go about life with a healthy glow.

On May 1, 2019 at 11:30a.m., we will have our Iris Club's Past Presidents Luncheon.

We would love for you to join us. Please see the flyer above on this page for all of the details.



**** Letter's in Response to Our R.E.D Packages ****

Stockton Elks,

I would like to say thank you both personally and as the senior enlisted for the Camp Buehring Detachment Soldiers. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and well received. We just got into Kuwait about a week ago and to already be receiving something like this is a great morale booster for all. This is a hard time, the first few weeks, for many who have never been deployed and even for some of the seasoned veterans. I can't say enough thanks to all who volunteered to do this for us.

Once again thank you very much to you all.

SGM Rob Pruitt

Stockton Elk Lodge #218

Thank you for the packages of goodies you have sent to me and my soldiers. I can speak for all of us that it really means a lot to us.

Your support is what motivates and keeps us doing what we do.

We appreciate all of you.

Respectfully,
SGT Huang, Benjamin
1106th TASMG TF-23

Red Shirt Box Night

I want to thank each and everyone of you that participated in pack the box night for our troops. We had 30 dinners paid for and some came only to work and did not have dinner but wanted to help, thanks.

Cub Scout Pack 10 came to help out. This is their community service. Thanks to them for the work they did that night. If we could only bottle and sell their energy, we would never again have to ask for donations.

This month we had our largest ever night. 56 boxes were packed. We sent them out to the troops with a total of \$1033.00 for postage alone.

The surplus of funds we had and your donations for this project have now been used up. We will again have to do fundraising to continue to send the boxes to the troops. Please bring in your bags of goodies for the troops they will get sent. Just not as many as this month. This was awesome.

Our Friday night dinner will continue, as anything above the cost of the food goes to the troops. Anyone wanting to host a Friday night dinner would be greatly appreciated. As ritual is coming up quickly and I will not be here for that Friday and a couple other Fridays, please talk to me and we will start a list for Friday night dinner hosts.

Again, thank you to Donna, Rebecca, and Deborah, for writing the box labels and declaration forms. Thank you to Melissa, Stacy for tapping the boxes so we could pack after dinner. Thanks Rob, for doing the dishes and Rob and Sally for doing the laundry. Many hands make the work easy.

The fact that members come from Far and near for this box night warms my heart.

Thanks again,
Fraternally yours,
Valerie Edwards, PER



R.E.D. Shirt Friday (Remember Everyone Deployed)

Some have asked what types of items they can buy for the boxes. No liquids and no chocolate candies.

Food items INDIVIDUAL servings

Beef jerky / Slim Jims / beef sticks
Cheese and pretzel or bread sticks
Granola bars & power bars
Trail mix / nut & fruit mix
Dried fruit / raisins
Salted nuts
Corn nuts
Sunflower seeds / pumpkin seeds
Peanut butter cups
Cup-o-soup
Gum / hard candy
Fruit snacks
Koolaid singles / Crystal Light
electrolyte plus
Cheez-wiz
Pretzel sticks

Toiletries

Hand sanitizer - wipes (No liquids)
Lol balm / chapstick
Nail clippers / emery boards
Lozenges / cough drops
Breath mints
Dental floss / picks
Hand-Aids
Tylenol / aspirin packets
Midol packets
Feminine items
Toothbrushes
Sunblock wipes
Bug wipes
Foot powder
Q-tips
Baby wipes

Extras

Playing cards
Mini Travel games
Crossword / puzzle books
Paperback books
Magazines
Domino games/ travel size
Dice games
Travel boardgames
Whiffle balls
Nerf footballs

If you would enjoy receiving it, it probably will work.

Hope this helps
PER, Valerie Edwards

GREETINGS EVERYONE,

What a great event Sportsman's Night was. Thanks to everyone that came out and supported our new Exalted Ruler. Good food by Myles, Patti, Ashley along with help from Vic, Teresa, Kim, Barbara, & Marian. Thanks to Donna & Connie for seating everyone & again to Connie & the Bear Creek boys for serving & clean up.

I'd like to thank everyone for coming out & supporting our Easter Sunday Champagne Brunch. A great turnout & some great food. A special thanks goes out to the ones who helped in the kitchen along with the servers. Sheila, Patti, Rick, Arlene, Kim, Vic, Teresa, Jerome, Tommy, Marian, & Irene. Hope I didn't forget anyone to thank..



Kentucky Derby is on May 4th. Come out to the lodge to watch the race & cheer for your favorite horse.

May 12th. Mother's Day Ritual & Breakfast.

Regular Sunday Breakfast will be on May 26th.

Our annual membership drive will also take place in May, with application fees only \$1.00.

May 24th, Friday Fish & Chips. We always try to get the food out hot and as fast as we can. Please be patient & be sure to thank your servers as we are all volunteers. We are thankful & grateful for all those who come out to make this event such a great evening. Please call the office for reservation: 951-5026.

Car show and BBQ Saturday May 25th.

Steak Sandwiches on Wednesday May 29th.

Our annual Golf Tournament is on June 1st. In case you haven't seen any fliers, it will be at Oakmoore Golf Course. Deadline to sign up will be Wednesday May 27th. \$100.00 per player. It includes: breakfast, lunch & dinner along with various kinds of refreshments etc, etc. If you want to bring a guest for dinner it will be another \$10.00.

**Vic Chavez,
Club Manager**



Save these Dates:

June 16; Flag day/Father's Day combined ceremony.

June 20-24; Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall, Weber Point

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