

Mission Valley Elks 1695
Newsletter
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The Antler

A late welcome to the month of August. This is getting out later than planned, but better late than never!

July was a busy month with representatives from Mission Valley Elks attending Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, Missouri and the state convention in Livingston. Daily meetings were held to learn how Elks help our communities and to make sure the daily workings of our lodge are managed appropriately. The off time was fun as well and Missouri proved to be a great host. Just ask the Speckerts if they had a good time! Mike and Gay Speckert, Fred and Bev Barrett and Nancy Anderson attended both conventions while Gail and Barb Nelson and Stephanie Hart came to Livingston. It was a great time to meet new Montana friends from other lodges and strengthen Elkdom across the state. Thank you for your time.



Thanks to Chip Kurzenbaum and Dean Berens who cooked burgers during the 4th of July parade, it was a great success!

And thanks to all of you who help make this lodge so successful. It's greatly appreciated.

Now on to August.

- ◆ Wednesday Burger Night is now \$7, continuing to be a great deal for a great meal! (Not to mention the best lemon bars in the valley thanks to Stephanie Hart!) If you haven't come by for a burger you really should consider it, you won't be sorry.
- ◆ There is a lodge meeting and initiation on Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ◆ There will be a DD Clinic on Saturday, August 24th at our lodge beginning at 10:00 am. **All officers and trustees are expected to attend.**
- ◆ The annual Elks picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th at the lodge and we need volunteers to help with organization. Look for more information on the website at <https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1695> . Please contact Jo Durand at 406-239-7389 or see Jeff Megahan at the bar.
- ◆ A Beautification Committee is hopefully being formed. Please consider volunteering to make our lodge and our community a little nicer. Giving just a few hours of your time will make a great difference! Once again, talk to Jo Durand or Jeff Megahan.

- ◆ Currently there is one person on the Scholarship Committee. Gay Speckert is looking for a volunteer or two to help with reviewing applications. Most of this work takes place in December, so if you would like to help the kids in our valley, please contact her at 883-0256.
- ◆ Looking forward to September, please mark your calendars and join us for the PER Dinner on the 13th. This Lucky Friday Dinner menu will be Surf N Turf for _\$18. Dinner beings promptly at 6:00 pm.

Last but not least, Mission Valley Elks 1695 is Hosting Mid Winter Convention January 23rd, 24th, and 25th! We will need our help with making it a successful event. Please consider volunteering to help. Contact Jo Durand at 406-239-7389 to be put on the list. This brings in many people and we want to let everyone know what a great community we live in. So, don't be surprised if you get a request asking you to lend your time and talent to help make sure this is a good time for our guests.

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