

# Banning Beaumont Elks Lodge 1839 *Newsletter*



Delene  
Gonzales  
Exalted Ruler



I can't believe it's fall, I love the cooler weather with the fall leaves it's so beautiful! Just because fall and cooler temps are approaching does not mean that we are slowing down. Many great events are coming in the future months and with the help of all our great members they will be just as successful as ever. I want to personally thank you all for coming into the lodge to enjoy our great meals and beverages. Please invite your family and friends down and show them what our lodge does maybe they will want to join our great Elks Lodge. Thank you all for the support so far this year! I am honored to be your Exalted Ruler.

This month is the start of the holiday season. It is when we enjoy time off with family and friends or just solitude. We extend honors to our Veterans for their courage, bravery, and service in protecting our country's freedom. To recap, August September, October were very busy months for the Lodge. August 27th we hosted the DDGER Clinic for the South District Officers. It was very informative and it was great to meet our fellow Elk Members from other Lodges. We were busy getting ready for our Pit BBQ in September, and our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Visit on Wednesday October 11th.

I am so grateful this year for the lodge. We have an excellent house committee, a dedicated board of officers, and motivated members and volunteers who support our club. I want to continue this trend by asking and encouraging all members to step up and be part of the lodge administration. Most of us come to enjoy the social aspect of the lodge, but to understand what our order is about is to be part of a committee or become an officer. Please inquire at the office if you are up for the challenge!

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## Liberty Village, Veterans Housing, Beaumont

Over the past few months, the Weekly Blast had been asking for donations of clothing, etc. from our Members for the Veterans and their families at Liberty Village. Your response was overwhelming! We finally ran out of room to store all the bags and boxes of items and made arrangements to deliver them on Tuesday, September 12th.



Our Esquire, Greg Gonzales, who is the Americanism and Veterans chairman, filled up the cab and bed of his truck, plus what Dee Wilkie and our Treasurer- Joyce Bryant, donated and loaded up their cars and dropped off needed clothes, shoes and furniture to the Liberty Village for Veterans and their families. Big Thank you to Lodge Members who donated!



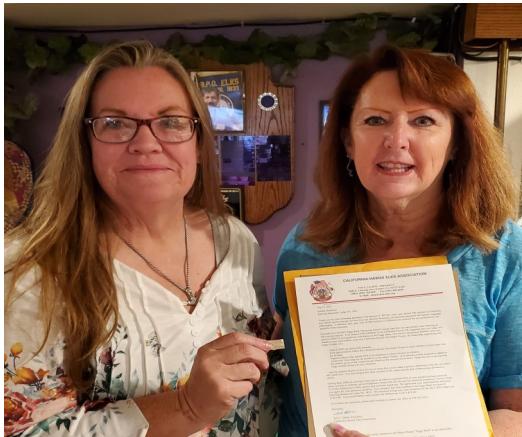
## Grant News:

We received a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude grant for Drug awareness. We distributed \$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Gorgonio Pass. Our Drug Awareness Chairmen Rodney Sossman held a pop-up in the Park distributing flyers and pamphlets to families in Banning. A drawing was held for skate boards and safety gear. Free hotdogs and drinks were enjoyed by all who attended!

We received the Spotlight Grant that will go to H.E.L.P. in the amount of \$2,000.

The Beacon Grant will help out Habitat for Humanity for \$4,000.

**Thank you so much to Kelliey Matthews for applying for these grants.**



**Thank you Kelliey Mathews for contributing to our Major Project's Recurring Donor**

**Program.** Kelliey was presented with her recurring pin. If you would like to join the Recurring Donor Program login in to Elks.org.



## RV Park Improvement

We have WIFI for our Elk's camping members!

Soon to come security Cameras.

On November 1st. the camping fee was raised by \$5.00. On January 1st. The storage fee will be 65.00 a month.

Looking good back there!



## **Spark of Love TOY Drive**

Keep those toys coming in . Drop off a new, unwrapped toy . The Deadline is December 14th. Thank you to all the members who already contributed.



# Pit BBQ





## Great fun was had by all.

Thank you to all our Volunteers and Sponsors for a successful BBQ!

Century 21

Jessica Venn Realty

Pass

MD Construction

Oswald Zebra Farms

Queso Gringo

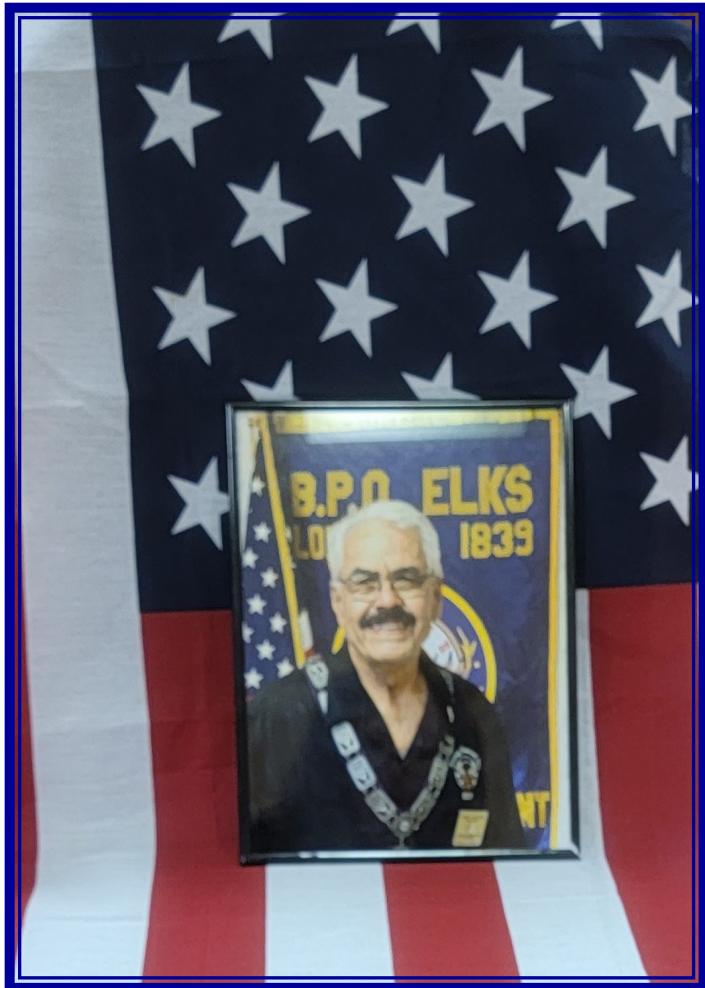
Record Gazette

Shawn Wade

Beaumont Party

Elks Riders





# *Robert L. Contreras Esteemed Loyal Knight*

*The Clock of his day has  
stopped and across its dial  
the motionless shadows  
mark the hour of eleven.*

*Robert L. Contreras*

*Born: 3/16/1944  
Initiated: 1/22/2003  
Died: 9/3/2023  
To our Absent  
Member*





# JOIN US FOR OUR Elks Christmas Party

\$25



Dancing to  
James Town

Thursday, December 14th

5:00 PM for cocktails  
6:00 Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner

All proceeds to Benefit our  
Scholarship Program  
\$25.00

Tickets on sale at the Bar  
Call the Elks Office at 951-845-6379  
for Reservations

## Please Welcome Members in August

(Pictured from left to right)

Bob Messier,  
Dennis Vouljacohl  
Anthony Mistrelle



B.P.O.E. stands for **The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** (or as they are affectionately known, the *Best People On Earth*).

Elks are American Citizens who want to save its great values; who love others and want to make sure they are healthy and happy; and who love life and want to contribute to it, as well as to share it.

As a member, we find there is nothing better than **serving our community** through the various activities and charities supported by our local Elks Lodge.

## For September Please Welcome:

(pictured from left to right)

Carla Sanchez  
Debi Vaught  
Beth Sanchez  
Dana McLaughlin  
Joesph LeBeau  
Shane Wade  
Daniel Noah



## For November Please Welcome:

(pictures from left to right)

Judy Barajas  
Teri Michel  
Gloria Pena  
Sera Boles  
Kris Terrell  
James Gilberto  
John Cattaneo  
Brenda Walker  
Melanie Summers  
Kevin Stonestreet  
Frank Ashe  
Steven Ray  
Cathy Edmondson  
Brian O'Grady



## **A Message from the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:**

The Elks, who are we? We are an organization that has been serving our communities since 1868! We are a community that provides charitable services that help build stronger communities with more than 700,000 Members and nearly 1,800 Lodges nationwide.

We are NOT a Country Club, Sports Bar, or just a neighborhood bar. We are a charitable organization dedicated to the service of our communities for the good of our country.

We are dedicated to our youth through the Elks National Foundation by awarding more than \$4.5 million in collage scholarships. We are dedicated to the elimination of illicit substances through our Drug Awareness Programs. We promote the National Hoop Shoot encouraging children to set goals and push themselves to practice, persist, and to develop grit in their younger years. We sponsor Little League baseball teams to Scouting reaching more than 6 million youths each year.

We are dedicated to our nation's Veterans through the National Veterans Service Commission and partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs. We use hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in grants to serve veterans and military members in our communities.

Each Elks State Association has its own charitable project. California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) has the "Purple Pig" or Major Project dedicated to providing much needed treatment and therapy for those families with children with disabilities. CHEA employes physical and occupational therapists along with providing vision screening specialists. In addition, CHEA provides vans for these individuals to travel, sometimes many miles to reach out to these families to provide treatment for the children.

So, as you can see, we believe in helping others, but we also believe in having fun. Some of our Lodges have swimming pools, golf courses, play-rooms, and ballrooms. Most have dining rooms, and all offer family activities. In closing, when you come to your Lodge remember, your Lodge is just not a local place to have a drink, but it is a place that is part of the largest charitable organization in the United States of America, an American Tradition!

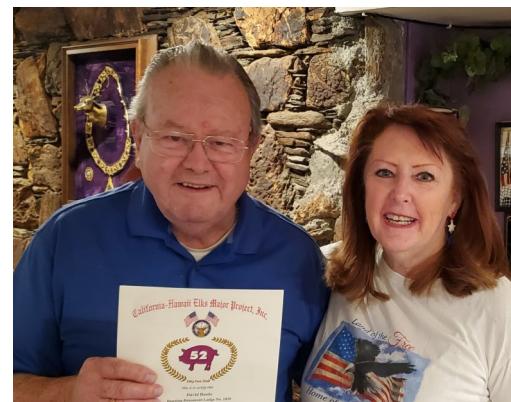
***Elks Care ~ Elks Share  
"We are THE Elks"***

## Joining the Century Club:

Eva Alvarado  
Sean McLaughlin  
Ronny Underwood  
Carl Wolfram  
Greg Gonzales  
Delene Gonzales

## Joining the 52 Club:

Dave Bostic  
Chuck Massey  
Ron Weyant  
Terrance Phelps  
Joyce Bryant



## Upcoming Events

- Christmas Dinner & Dance Thursday, Dec. 14th.

## Events in the Works

- Presidents Visit, Friday, January 12th  
Western Hoedown
- First responders Luncheon TBD

## Delinquent Members

Paul Casas proposed by Jackie Solomon

Marianne Connor proposed by E. David Connor

Patricia Corrall proposed by Richard Jordahl

Edward Fawcett proposed by Unknown

Vicki Grunwald proposed by Gilbert Martinez, Sr.

Walter Haberman proposed by Gilbert Martinez, Sr.

Rick Langford proposed by Gary Shupe

Lee Peterson proposed by Unknown

Garry Zacharias proposed by Joe Mc Endree

## Your Membership Matters!!

Your membership in the Elks matters to our Veterans and our youth. Even if you are not as active as you would like, your Membership is making a difference in many lives in our community.

## MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG

The California Hawaii Elks Major Project is committed to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by providing supporting services to aid children at no cost and without discrimination. Please fill your Purple Pig with A Coin A Day so They can Walk, Talk See and Play. A Big Thank You to all of you that bring your Purple Pigs and bring it into the Lodge office. It really makes a difference in so many lives.

Mardi Gilkey  
Project Chairman

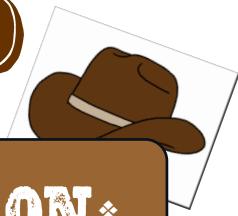


## Coin a Day and They will Walk, Talk, See and Play."

Please remember to turn your Purple Pigs into the office, even better come to a Lodge meeting!

# SADDLE UP

•AND PUT YOUR BOOTS ON•



WITH THE BANNING BEAUMONT  
ELKS LODGE

Let's Give a Big Western Hoedown  
WELCOME  
To Our State President  
TED TALBOT

SAVE THE DATE  
**FRIDAY 12TH**  
**JANUARY**

COCKTAILS AT 5:00

BUFFET AT 6:00

SERVING STEAK, POTATOES,  
CORN, RANCH BEANS,  
CORNBREAD

\$30.00



RSVP BY: JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

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TICKETS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 19TH

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