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EXALTED RULER AMY TORGERSEN AND FIRST LADY AMIE FERNANDEZ

Cordially invite you to the visitation of

# CHEA VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL GILLIGAN AND FIRST LADY CAROL GILLIGAN

on Thursday July 24th, 2025

Social Hour: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:00pm
Program to follow

Business Casual or Lodge Attire

\$20 includes tax

Baked Ziti, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

(a gluten/dairy free option will be provided)

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#### Riverside Elks Lodge #643

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# FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER



Greetings Fellow Elks,

We had a successful 1st quarter of our 2025 - 2026 Elk year. We have a strong Corp of Of-

ficers, Committee Chairs, and Membership participation. We have come together to successfully elevate our good work.

I am very proud of what we have been able to accomplish. Everyone has something to contribute to the success of our lodge. Together we are making great things happen. We have had some record setting events, Flag Day being the most recent. Everyone who participated in that event did an incredible job.

Our support in participating in the AVP dinners is tremendous. Other lodges have called us "show offs" at these dinners because we have so many in attendance to support them. It is a compliment I will accept any day of the week.

Any member, new or existing, if you would like to be more active in the lodge please see any of the officers, committee chairs, or attend a meeting. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Your continued participation and dedication is key to our success.

Warmest Regards,

Amy Torgersen Exalted Ruler, Riverside Lodge # 643



#### Officer's for 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler	Amy Torgersen
Leading Knight	Julie Greenberg
Loyal Knight	.Elizabeth Prince
Lecturing Knight	
Secretary	Rose Barr
Treasurer	Bonnie Wadley
Tiler	Logan Casem
Esquire	Pam Elias
Chaplain	
Inner Guard	Tina Sydow
Organist	

#### *Trustees for 2025—2026*

One Year	Jim Madison, COB
Two Year	
Three Year	
Four Year	James Skaggs
Five Year	Jacob Drake

#### Committee Chairpersons for 2025—2026

EXALTED RULER	Amy Torgersen
Auditing	Mona Perez, PER
	Liz Brown
	Frances Rojas
Bulletin	
Christmas Baskets	Gerrie Brewington
Lodge Activities	Amy Torgersen
Lodge Activities Members Memorial	Lodge Officers
Membership	Pose Borr
Old Timers Night	Tom Loglio DED
Safata Officer	Inmas Classes
Salety Officer	James Skaggs
LEADING KNIGHT	Julie Greenberg
Safety Officer LEADING KNIGHT Charity Kid's Christmas Party.	Julie Greenberg
Kid's Christmas Party	Gerrie Brewington
Purple Pig/Piggy Bank	Rose Barr
	Kristina Wendt
Scholarship	Susan Straight
Sickness & Distress	Julie Greenberg
Youth Activities/Awards	Evelyn Eckroth
LOYAL KNIGHT	
Drug Awareness	Rose Smith
Public Relations	Linda Herrera
Veteran's Committee	Erik Perry
	Kim Perry
LECTURING KNIGHT	Linda Herrera
Americanism	Joe Panganiban
Bingo	Josie White
ENF	Mona Perez, PER
Flag DayI	Erik & Kimberly Perry
Hoop Shoot	Saturday Prince
New Member Orientation	Larry Perez
Chip Chuckers	Tim Lowe
Dart League	Julie Greenberg
Elks of the Year	Carole DeLaOssa
Facebook Admin	Linda Herrera
	Pam Elias
Golf Club	Terri Russell
Grants	Mona Perez, PER
Kamper Klub	Chip Davies
P.E.R. Association	Lilly Allala, PER
Pistol Team	Pat Olagues
Web Master	James Skaggs
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#### Office Staff 2025—2026

Bookkeeper	Kristina Wendt
Club Manager	
Office Assistant	



#### FROM YOUR LEADING KNIGHT

Turning Pull Tabs into Hope: A Simple Way to Make a Big Impact

#### Greetings Elkdom

Did you know that something as small as a can pull tab can make a meaningful difference for families in need? The Riverside Elks Lodge is proud to support *Ronald McDonald House Charities* by collecting aluminum pull tabs — and we invite all members, families, and friends to take part in this small but mighty effort.

What Are We Collecting?

We're asking everyone to save the pull tabs from soda cans, soup cans, energy drinks, and more. These little pieces of aluminum may seem insignificant, but when collected in large quantities, they add up quickly — and they're clean, easy to store, and valuable for recycling.

Why Pull Tabs?

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children receiving medical treatment at Loma Linda. By collecting pull tabs, we help fund housing, meals, and emotional support — all at no cost to these families. Every pull tab we donate gets recycled, and the proceeds directly support this vital mission.

It's a simple act of kindness that demonstrates how small gestures can lead to big impacts.

#### How You Can Help:

- Start saving pull tabs from your beverages and canned goods at home.
- Spread the word to friends, neighbors, coworkers, and local schools.
- Drop off your tabs with your name and membership number in the lounge or office.

We'll ensure that your generous donations make their way to the Ronald McDonald House - a gift from our Lodge and community to families in need.

Let's Turn Trash Into Love.

One pull tab may not seem like much — but together, we can collect thousands. Not only does this effort support a worthy cause, it also reminds us that compassion often lives in the smallest of details.

Thank you for proving, once again, that Elks care — Elks share.

Fraternally,

Julie Greenberg

Esteemed Leading Knight

#### FROM YOUR LOYAL KNIGHT



#### Elks Members Get Prepared with Life-Saving AED and CPR Training!

Nineteen dedicated members of our lodge recently rolled up their sleeves and sharpened their skills at a vital **AED and CPR training** session. This comprehensive course equipped participants with crucial information and hands-on experience in life-saving procedures, ensuring they're better prepared to respond

in emergency situations.

Attendees received practical, **hands-on experience** with critical techniques, including effective methods to **stop bleeding** and proper procedures for performing **manual CPR** (**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation**). Learning these skills means our members are now more confident and capable of making a real difference when every second counts.

#### What's Next? More Emergency Preparedness in September!

Our next emergency preparedness training session is scheduled for **September**. We're looking into a range of valuable topics that will help all Elks be prepared for and even prevent emergencies.

Possible upcoming topics include:

- Stroke Signs and Symptoms
- Car Fit Program (helping seniors and others ensure their cars are a safe fit for them)
- Fall Prevention

More information on specific date and time will be announced soon. Let's all take advantage of these opportunities to enhance our readiness and contribute to a safer community.

Saturday Prince

Esteemed Loyal Knight



#### FROM YOUR LECTURING KNIGHT

Hello Elkdom

GRATITUDE

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude. Our Officer Corps is amazing to say the least, they are all hands on and willing to go the extra mile. And what can I say about our volunteers? They are all so amazing for all they do. We truly have a wonderful group of people who come together as one to help each other, regardless of how heavy their plate is, they are always ready to step in for the good of the lodge.

Our Father's Day luncheon was fantastic, with everyone stepping up, from the decorating, the preparation of the food, the wonderful hospitality, to the very end of clean up. Everyone stepped in.

Flag Day was one of the best ever. That is what I heard from many long time members. Thank you to Erik, Kim Perry and Mike Van Gorder who organized such a special event. The Boy Scouts really came together and did great job. Thank you to all that helped.

Let's keep this fire going and be the best Elks we can be.

Linda Herrera

Your Esteemed Lecturing Knight

# **Lodge Meetings**



Thursday July 3rd Meeting - 7:00pm Balloting

Thursday July 17th Meeting - 7:00pm Initiation







Please welcome our Newest Members!





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Redeemable During Birthday Month Only



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FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

7 PM TO 10 PM

Riverside Elks Lodge #643 6166 Brockton Ave.











# FAITHFUL TO THE FLAG HONORING SERVICE CELEBRATING FREEDOM

By: Tina Sydow

Photo Credit: Mike Van Gorder

**Veteran's Committee** 

As we move into July and prepare to celebrate Independence Day, it's the perfect time to reflect on what patriotism truly means. Here at the Riverside Elks Lodge, patriotism is more than a once-a-year celebration, it's a guiding principle that shapes our actions throughout the year.

We proudly observe Red Friday every week by wearing the color red to "Remember Everyone Deployed." It's a simple gesture, but a powerful reminder that freedom comes at a cost. It's a reminder of the sacrifices made by those in



uniform, a visible sign that we have not forgotten those men and women far from home, defending the freedoms we enjoy each day. It's a way of saying: you are not forgotten. No red in your closet, no worries, our Veterans Committee have plans to create a custom RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) shirt for our Lodge. This shirt will serve as a visible way to show our support and solidarity each Friday. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



The same spirit of gratitude and respect was on full display during our recent Flag Day Ceremony, held on June 14 where our community came together in a moving tribute to America's Historic Flags. We extend our sincere thanks to Riverside Scout Troop #5, whose presentation of the American flag's evolution brought history vividly to life. As they carried and

posted each flag while the history was

shared behind its design. These remarkable young Scouts demonstrated discipline, respect, and a deep sense of purpose, reminding us all that the next generation is ready to carry the torch of patriotism forward. A special thank you also goes to the American Legion Post #79 Honor Guard for their dignified presentation, and to all those whose hard work made the event so meaningful.



As Elks, we take pride in fostering American pride and civic responsibility. During this season of celebration, we're reminded that patriotism is more than fireworks and flags it's about service, action, and passing these values on to others. Let us carry that spirit into July and well beyond.

#### ENF LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations Bobbie Jean Leiman for receiving one of the 2024 ENF Legacy Scholarship Awards. Bobbie is the granddaughter of PER Leslie Fisher and Art Leiman.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members.







#### SPONSOR A VET FOR TUESDAY STEAK DINNER

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

Elks Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# **Veteran Dinner Donations**

Steve Borden, Hubie Shipley

THANK YOU!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



**LEFT** - Rob Maldonado is presented with the Elk of the Month for May







**LEFT** - Pam Elias presents Kimberly Perry, on behalf of the Vet's Committee, with artwork for the Vet's Corner

RIGHT - Rob Maldonado receives an achievement award for being the first non -officer performing the 11:00 Toast at ritual.



#### Recipe of the Month Cheese Cake

1 Box Nilla Wafers 1/4 lb Melted Butter 3 TBS Brown Sugar

Roll Nilla Wafers into crumbs and add butter and brown sugar. Place in spring form pan (bottom and up sides firmly). Refrigerate.

3 Eggs

3/4 C Sugar

1 1/2 tsp Vanilla

3 Pkgs (8 oz.) Cream Cheese (room temp)

Beat eggs, add sugar, vanilla and cream cheese until smooth. Pour into crust. Bake @ 375° for 5 minutes.

1 Pint Sour Cream

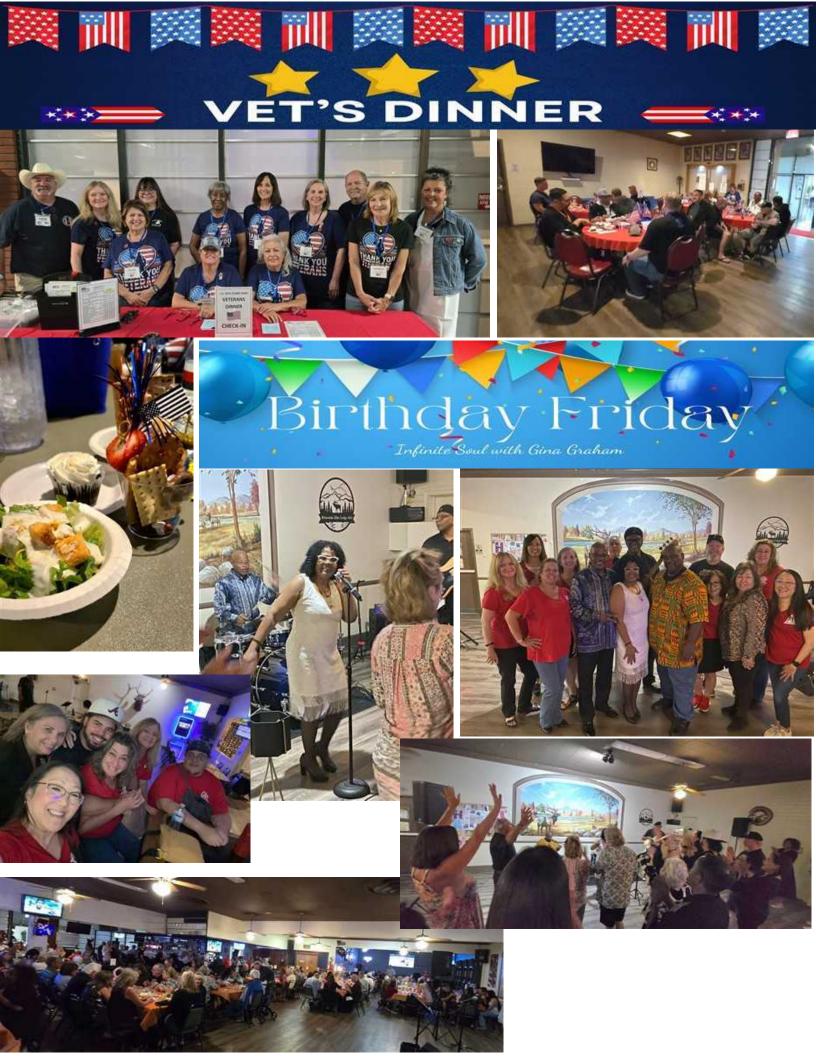
3 TBS Sugar

1 1/2 tsp Vanilla

Mix sour cream, sugar and vanilla with spoon. Pour over cheese mixture. Bake @ 475° for 5 minutes. Refrigerate over night.

## JUNE IN PICTURES









#### DRUG AWARENESS

Our Lodge Drug Awareness Program's Mission is to inspire, to educate, to support and to assist our schools and community.

#### Greetings,

Well, it's July, and Baby, it's hot outside! Since we are in the middle of Summer, there is not a lot of activity with the Drug Awareness Program. I would like to mention that while we are all having fun in the sun during our Summer vacations, it is essential to stay hydrated. Researchers show that summer substance use increases. Substance use increases in the summer among young adults, due to more free time and the prevalence of alcohol at summer get-togethers. As the Fourth of July approaches, let's enjoy our independence while also being responsible.

#### About DAP:

Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this noble cause. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

#### Our Mission:

To inspire, educate, support, and assist. What We Do: Dictionary Project; Promote School Attendance; National Night Out; Poster, Essay & Video Contest; Red Ribbon Week. What You Can Do: Ask questions; Get Involved; Join a DAP Committee. Future Projects include Red Ribbon Week Activities, Supporting our local schools, Student of the Month Programs and awards, and a Dictionary Giveaway Project. For more information and to join the DAP Committee, please contact Rose Smith @ 951-892-5373.

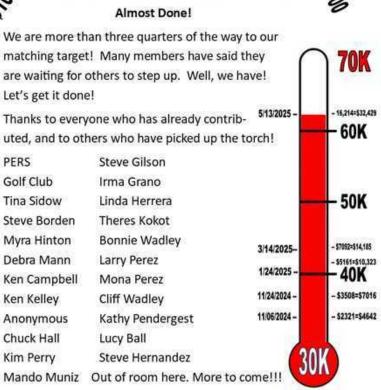
Did you know that Drug Awareness/Substance Abuse and Mental Health are closely related? Millions of Americans are touched by substance use and mental health issues daily. People in the throes of conditions like depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction, and many others are often in great pain and see no way out of their situation. Each month, I would like to share Drug Awareness, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Awareness tips that could provide useful information and tools so everyone can live a better life.

#### Monthly Activities

July is the time to Enjoy Summer. During July, it is my time to take inventory of what supplies we need to get the new year started. We want to kick off the 2025-2026 school year with a Big Bang. We are scheduling Drug Awareness assemblies at various schools, and we are also excited to visit elementary schools to give out dictionaries to third-grade students. Have a wonderful Summer, and I will have more updates with scheduled events in August.

Submitted By: Rose Smith, DAP Chair, rosemariesmith1960@gmail.com or 951-892-5373





# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Purple Pig money that is turned in to the office with less than \$52 will no longer be accrued at the Grand Lodge level. Of course you will still get credit, but they will not accrue towards any certificates.



## PURPLE PIG DONATIONS

Henry Tong, Barbara Jacobson, Teresa Whitton, Terry Williams, Phillip Emerson, Sandra Cook, Gary Mullen,
Micki Eckroth, Dick Haines and Bingo



## Recurring Donors:

Pam Elias, Julie Greenberg, Chuck Hall, Theresa Kokot, James Skaggs, Rose Smith, Cliff Wadley



57th Annual October 9-12, 2025

Hawaiian Theme



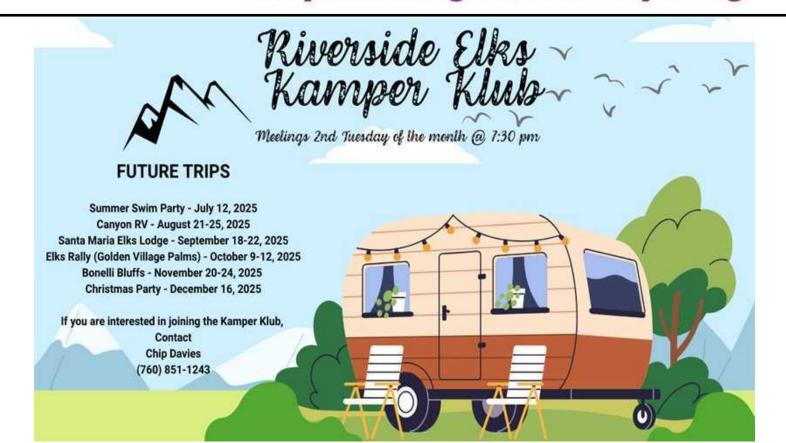
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Golden Village Palms RV Resort • Hemet Net proceeds go to the Purple Pig













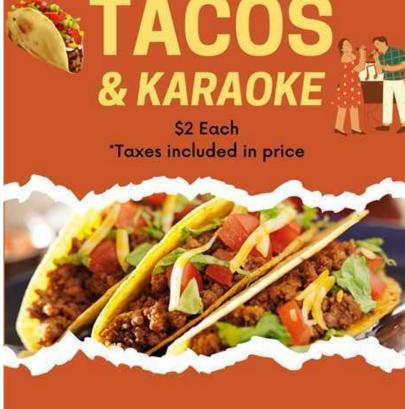
Games are very easy and a lot of fun, come on down and play with us. Most bring a snack or munchie to share Riverside Elks Lodge #643

#### DATES

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 19
- June 16
- July 21
- August 18 September 15
- October cancelled -Elks Rally
- November 17
- December 15







#### CALSO ELKS PISTOL CLUB

#### CalSo Elks Pistol Match Results for May, 2025:

Ed Weese Trophy	Chris Phelps	Riverside	287
Chuck Grano Trophy	Steve Arbelbide	Yucaipa	284
Judy Thomas Trophy	Shari Paisley	Riverside	281
Judy Thomas Trophy 2 <sup>nd</sup>	None		
Sharpshooter	None		
Marksman A	Larry Aveling	Riverside	248
Marksman A 2nd	Elsa Ingalls	Yucaipa	224
Marksman B	Millie Olagues	Riverside	225

#### May Team Scores and Cudy Human Trophy Team Points:

Redlands/Riverside Lodges	1183	5	10
Yucaipa Lodge	576	4	8
Ontario Lodge	0	0	0
Fontana-Rialto/San Bernardino Lodges	0	0	0

For the May matches, there were 7 Elks, spouses, and guests that participated at the West End Gun Club.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW CLUB MEMBERS, please call Pat Olagues at 909-997-1203. Please leave a message and phone number.

The May, 2025 monthly awards were presented at the June monthly meeting. The next meeting will be on July 12 at the Mi Cocina Restaurant in Highland.

Chris Phelps, Range Master: Riverside Lodge Shari Paisley, Club President: Riverside Lodge

Steve Arbelbide, SED Pistol Shoot Chairman and CEPC Publisher: Yucaipa Lodge



Thursday - 7/10 @ 6:00 (Chris & Rob)

Tuesday - 7/22 @ 6:00 (Lilly & Ray)

Golf Club Meeting First Wednesday of each month 6:00 PM in the lounge

Southern California Golf Assoc. Instructions to join the SCGA Sign on to SCGA.ORG Scroll down to: "Find a Golf Group that plays near you" Type in "Riverside" then click on the "Search button Scroll down to the names of the clubs Click on "Riverside Elks Golf Club" and join, easy.



Meeting Wednesday July 2, 2025





### ELKS LODGE #643

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS **DOORS OPEN @ 4PM** 

EARLY BIRD - 6:00 PM REGULAR - 6:30 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING - 951-683-0370



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An invitation to join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Riverside Lodge #643, has been extended to the following:

#### NAME

Nicole Drake Roman Gomez Carl Landry D Eric Lizza Austin Mathe

#### PROPOSED BY

Amanda Deniston Kelly Gonzales Rich Barr Mark Terry Raymond Mathe

Transfer Brian Harper Paul Moureaux Michael Santilli

Moreno Valley San Mateo Lake Elsinore/Wildomar

COME TO THE JULY 3RD MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE!!!









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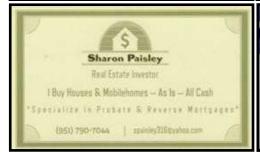
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#### **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

**Membership Monthly Report:** 

# We have 887 members We are NUMBER ONE in Membership in our District!



**Deadline for August Bulletin** is July 20th.

#### **ACTIVITIES MEETING**

Conducted the 1st Monday of the month in the member room at 6:00 pm

#### PER MEETING

Conducted the 1st Tuesday of the month in the member room at 6:00 p.m.

# **Upcoming Events**

Taco Thursday - 7/10/25
Birthday Friday - 7/11/25
Summer Nights Dinner - 7/18/25
Game Night - 7/21/25
Taco Tuesday - 7/22/25
AVP Dinner - 7/24/25
Fish and Shrimp Fry - 7/25/25

