



Elk-Ender News

January, 2012



The Prez Sez

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Feliz Navidad, mis amigos! Jo Ann and I truly wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

It is that time of year when we have to think of electing new officers. I realize it is impossible to replace me (Ha!) but let's try. Gary Fler and Bob Clatterbuck will be contacting you in the coming days and we hope you will all consider trying out for an officer's position. It can be a lot of fun and really rewarding.

Another item we will be bring up for vote at the next meeting is the location of our next Halloween Rally. You, as members, have to decide if you want to return to Lake Elsinore or try Newport Dunes. Remember we have to have facilities for approximately 100 people. Also don't expect Newport Dunes to be as helpful as Lake Elsinore has been to us. But whatever; we have to decide and the vote will come up at the next meeting. So think about it and make you decision.

Again I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

VIVA ZAPATA!!!

Coming Lodge Events.

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| 1/1 | New Years Day Patio Bar Open/Sports |
| 1/21 | Texas Holdum Tournament |
| 1/26 | Old-Timer's Night |
| 1/29 | Pizza Sunday |
| 1/30 | Dinner by PERs |



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Minutes of the Dec. 7, 2011 Meeting



Call to order: 7:30 P.M. by President Joe Zapata

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Jim Young

Guests Present: Loyal Knight – Bill O’Hearn.

Recognize – Please stand:

Past EE Presidents: Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Steve Pavich, Dave Skelton, Randy Eldridge, Mark Mahoney, Jack Hansen, and Duane Duncan.

Current EE’s of the Year: Mark Mahoney & Sherrie Larson.

Past EE’s of the Year: Twyla Bass, Martin Hoxworth, Larry Hoffman, Bill Catlin, Dave Lewis, Randy Eldridge, Jack Hansen, and Eileen Rasmussen.

Secretary’s report by Jim Young:

November minutes were announced as printed in the December newsletter Larry Hoffman sent out. No additions or corrections to the minutes were brought up. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report by Eileen Rasmussen:

Monthly report was read and approved as read. Our Elk-Enders total treasury at the end of November is \$15,197.30.

Vice President’s report by Sherrie Larson:

Sherrie handed out badges and new member packages for Gary and Gail Westmeyer. Sean Smorick sent some new Elk-Enders flags to the meeting via Trina. More flags to be coming, for those that didn’t receive theirs.

General Reports:

General Wagon Master report by Mark Mahoney:

Mark reported on the Do-It-In-The-Dirt in November. Although there was a little rain during the night, the days were dry but cool. There were 54 riders for the Poker Run that contributed \$100 to the Purple Pig. Mark reported that we had one visiting rig from Simi Valley that had found out about the campout from our website. Mark also mentioned that for the March Do-It-In-The-Dirt, Sean Smorick’s other group of 25 rigs will be joining us. Sounds like California City will be THE place to be in middle March.

John Zahn reported on the very successful December campout at Emerald Desert. John thanked all of his supportive assistants: the Browns, and O’Dey assisted by Nancy Saunders and everyone else too numerous to mention. John announced that the men out

scored the ladies in Bean Bag Baseball. The winners for Skru Thy Neighbor were Cornelia Tucker, Chuck O’Dey, and Sunshine Brown for third. John had a most excellent catered dinner for Saturday night and instead of a gift exchange everyone brought unwrapped toys for the Lodge children’s gift packages.

Steve Pavich and Randy Eldridge spoke of the campout at Woods Valley in January and passed around a signup sheet. Steve spoke of the menu and there would be a new game. Randy spoke of the trees and the club house ambiance. Randy also mentioned that for the Thursday arrivals, everyone usually goes to the Valley View Casino for a wonderful buffet and a little gambling. Steve mentioned that while we have 20 spaces reserved, the campground assured us we could have an additional 10 sites, if we needed them.

Mark announced that the signup sheet was also being passed around for the February campout at Lake Elsinore. The wagon masters for Lake Elsinore are the Hoxworth's, the Moody's, and Nancy Saunders.

Mark announced that the only campout needing a wagon master is the August campout at the Chula Vista Elks Lodge.

John Zahn brought up that he had reserved 2 weekends for Emerald Desert in 2012. November 30, December 1, & 2. Or December 7 thru 9th. The membership voted and approved the weekend of December 7th thru 9th at Emerald Desert for 2012. The wagon masters for December 2012 will be the Crews, Morrisey's, and Hartman's.

Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:

Larry reported progress.

By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

Martin reported progress.

Special Activities Reports:

Lodge members Christmas Party - Saturday, Dec. 10th.

Breakfast with Santa at the Lodge – Sunday, Dec. 11th 9 AM to Noon.

Needy Children's Christmas Party at the Lodge - Sunday, Dec. 11th, 1 PM to 5 PM.

Christmas Baskets for local families to be prepared and delivered – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 16, 17, and 18.

Elk-Enders Christmas Party at the Lodge – Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bring your gift for the HOPE Charity. See list at end of minutes.

New Years Eve Dinner and Dancing at the Lodge – Saturday, Dec. 31st.

Texas Hold-em Fund Raiser for Art Echternacht (CHEA 1st Vice President) at the Lodge – Saturday, Jan. 21st.

Communications Received / General Announcements:

Dave Skelton that the Orange Coast District of the CHEA has contributed over \$51,000 to the Major Projects Purple Pig during the last year. The largest contributing district in the CHEA.

Bill O'Hearn addressed the Elk-Enders about the need for about \$200.00 for batteries for the children's toys collected for the Children's Christmas party. The membership made a motion to give the Lodge the \$200.00 for the batteries. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Keep up the good work, Bill.

LuAnn Barrows announced that the 2nd Annual Breast Cancer Walk in November, brought in more than \$9,300.00.

Sickness and Distress by Corresponding Secretary Twyla Bass and the Membership:

None noted.

Sunshine: Report from general membership:

Randy Eldridge announced that their daughter, Tricia, is adopting another daughter. The papers were signed today!

Unfinished Business:

Make sure you call Linda Hansen for your reservations and dinner choices for the December 17th Christmas Dinner. Her number is in the Membership Roster Handbook and your choices are Beef, Chicken, or Fish. Dinner is \$17.00 per person.

New Business:

President Joe Zapata made a plea to the members to step up to volunteer, not only for Wagon Master duties, but for service as Elk-Enders officers.

Jokes:

Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman, Steve Pavich, and Jim Rauls.

Good of the order by Vice President Sherrie Larson:

Sherrie had the attendance pot of \$133.00. Ken Duke was not present to claim the 1st prize. Subsequent draws for \$33.00 finally resulted in Glenn Dobbs claiming the reduced prize. Glenn donated the entire \$33.00 to the Purple Pig. The remaining \$100.00 pot will roll over to the January 4th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by President Joe Zapata at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Young, Secretary.

**Helping Others Prepare for Eternity
Wish List**



- pull ups*
- Baby**
- Diapers- sizes size 4-5
 - Baby wipes
 - Baby Blankets
 - Baby shampoo and bath

- Personal Hygiene**
- Toilet paper
 - Women's hygiene products
 - Toothbrushes
 - Lotion
 - Deodorant
 - Hair Brushes
 - Toothpaste
 - Bar soap
 - Shampoo
 - Conditioner

- Household**
- Bath towels
 - Laundry detergent

- Household cleaning products
- Dish soap
- General all purpose cleaner
- Paper towels

- Children**
- Singing books
 - Musical toys
 - Jackets/sweaters size 4-12

- General**
- Children's nutritious snacks
 - Canned goods
 - White printing paper
 - Toner for printing children and family activities
 - Blankets
 - Gift cards (grocery store, Wal-Mart, Target, Costco)

Toys Teen 10 – 15, Sweaters, Board Games

Birthdays

1 Jan.	Chris Bakke
5 Jan.	Twyla Bass
8 Jan.	Sean Smorick
9 Jan.	James Duffy
11 Jan.	Ken Charity
11 Jan.	Carol Lawler
13 Jan.	Channing Tucker
17 Jan.	David Coombs
18 Jan.	Nelson Burke
19 Jan.	Judy Strecker
20 Jan.	Sharon Fridley
21 Jan.	Donna Scott
26 Jan.	Gail Westmyer
27 Jan.	Ron Pryor
28 Jan.	Keith Whitfield
30 Jan.	Pauline Hoffman



Anniversaries

5 Jan.	Bill & Joelyn Smith
15 Jan.	Ron & Bettie Pryor
16-Jan.	Irv & Twyla Bass
18 Jan.	Lance & Sherrie Larson
20 Jan	Ken & Glenda Duke
27-Jan.	Bill & Linda Canavier

Pearls of Wisdom



-The following is the 2010 winning entry from an annual contest at Oxford University, calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.

This year required a definition for the contemporary term, 'Political Correctness'.

**The winner wrote:
'Political Correctness is a doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rapidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end'.**

A **Lexiphile** is a lover of words....
who may say, E.G.
"A will is a "Dead Giveaway"

Coming Deadlines

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Jan. 13	Feb. Issue
Feb. 13	March Issue

My mother taught me...



**About receiving.....
you're going to get it when your father gets home!**



"ELK-ENDERS" ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



1952

ALL DUES MUST BE PAID BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012.

Please completely fill in the information requested below. This information will help us make corrections to the membership database before we print the 2012 Elk Ender Membership Roster. Also, we need this form to help us know who has paid their dues.

Attach your check of \$15.00, payable to the GARDEN GROVE ELK-ENDERS and mail to: Eileen Rasmussen, 5301 W. Lucky Way, Santa Ana, CA 92704, or bring it to the next meeting.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/Significant Other: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NOS: HOME () _____ ELK ENDER NO: _____

WORK: (Yours) () _____ (Spouse) () _____

CELL: (Yours) () _____ (Spouse) () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CB HANDLE (if any): HIS: _____ HERS: _____

BIRTHDAY: HIS: _____ HERS: _____

ANNIVERSARY DATE: _____

(Revised December 5, 2009)

New Members

Joe & Edy Rabon #424
6150 Baysore Walk #306 Long Beach, CA 90803
rabonjoe@earthlink.net 562-433-3425 cell his 562-728-3962

Elk-Ender's January 2012 Campout

Woods Valley Campground

15236 Woods Valley Rd., Valley Center, CA 92082
(760) 749-2905

Thursday – Sunday, January 26 -29

Wagon Masters:

Steve & Debbie Pavich

AND

Randy & Janice Eldridge

H - (714) 963-2633

C - (714) 322-7561

H - (951) 354-7733

C - (714) 501-0247

** All campsite reservations will be made through the wagon masters.

We have 20 camp sites reserved with an additional 10 available. Campsites have 30 amp electric and water. Dump station at the park. No extra charge for pets. Check-in time is 12:00 Noon. Our special rate for GG Elk Enders is \$29.00 per night. No TV hookup. Trees may prevent satellite TV reception.

Activities at or near Woods Valley Campground:

- Large Game room with beautiful fireplace reserved for all days. Free firewood provided for game room fireplace!
- Outdoor Fire pits provided, bring your own firewood for outdoor fire pits.
- Bates Nut Farm about 1 mile east. Excellent nuts, dates, craft items, etc.
- Lake Wolford just over the ridge to the south. About 4 miles by road. Good fishing.
- Four Casinos within 20 miles: Valley View, Rincon, Pauma, and Pala Casinos.
- Just 40 miles to San Diego or Temecula "Old Town" and antique shops.
- Sky Diving at Lake Otay!! "You gotta be nuts!"

Thursday, January 26th

Happy Hour 4:00 P.M.

All meals on your own.

Friday, January 27th

4:00 P.M. Happy Hour BYOB

Pot Luck Dinner - 5:30 P.M.

Bring your favorite dish

A-L Bring Dessert

Skrü Yer Neighbor Card Game

7:00 P.M.

Things to Bring

- Bring your own plates, silverware service, and beverages to each meal.
- Bring a Pot Luck Dish for Friday Dinner and Saturday Morning Breakfast.
- Friday A-L bring dessert
- Saturday M-Z bring dessert
- Bring Washer Boards.

Saturday, January 28th

Coffee & Juice 7:00 A.M.

Potluck Breakfast - 9:00 to 10:00

Bring your favorite dish

Special Event Game - 10:30 A.M.

Lunch - On your own

Washer Board Game – 2:00P.M.

Happy Hour 4:30 in lodge BYOB

Dinner - 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, and baked beans.

M-Z Bring Dessert

7:00 P.M.

Evening Meeting & Fireside Chat with Mr. President

* Special Guest – Sheriff Bart *

Sunday, January 29th

Coffee, Juice & Danish - 7:00A.M.

Enjoy the day with friends.

Drive home safely. Pizza Sunday.

Directions

- Take I-5 South to Oceanside
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- Take 78 Fwy East 'till it ends at Broadway in Escondido.
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- Turn right / south, go to the second light, which is Washington. Turn left on to Washington. Go about 2 miles to El Norte Pkwy.
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- Turn right and go about ¼ mile to Valley Parkway.
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- Turn left / north, go 4.2 miles. Up a grade then down into the valley. The first right is Woods Valley Rd.
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- Turn right / east, go 2.2 miles and look for the Woods Valley Camp sign camp on the left!

2012-2013 Campout Schedule

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
2012									
January	27-29	Woods Valley	30	Pavich & Eldridge	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	96
February	24-26	Lake Elsinore	30	Hoxworth-Moody-Saunders	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	8-11	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	23-25	Newport Dunes	50	McMillan & Hammons	\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
April	27-29	Sportsman Club-Joshua Tree	75	Doeringer	\$20.00	15 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	105
May	18-20	Oceanside RV Resort	25	Eldridge & Larson	\$41.00	15 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	22-24	Tucalota Springs	20	Barrows & Lawler	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	27-29	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Spychaj	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	9-12	Oceano	30	Skelton & Barrows	\$25.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	24-26	Chula Vista Elks Lodge	15		\$23.00	3 Days	W & 30A	\$100	90
September	21-23	Canyon RV Park @ Featherly	25	Young Jim Young & Caughlin	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	TBD	15
October	11-14	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	Eldridge-Mahoney-Spychaj	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
October	26-28	Lake Elsinore - Halloween	25	President & Others	\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
November	8-11	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	7-9	Emerald Desert	30	Crews-Morrissey-Hartman	\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
2013									
January	25-27	Woods Valley	30		\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	96
February	22-24	Lake Elsinore	30		\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	7-10	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	22-24	Newport Dunes	50		\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15

Please VOLUNTARILY sign up to be a Wagonmaster

By-Laws Article V, Section 3: "Each member is expected to VOLUNTARILY serve as Wagonmaster before anyone is required to serve a second time."

Anagrams

A DECIMAL POINT

when you re-arrange the letters

I'M A DOT IN PLACE

Quotable Quotes

A man calls 911 and says "I think my wife is dead." The operator asks, "how do you know?" He says, "the sex is the same but the laundry is piling up!"

Henny Youngman

Points to Ponder

In the 60's, people took Acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal. Go figure.....

Pearls of Wisdom

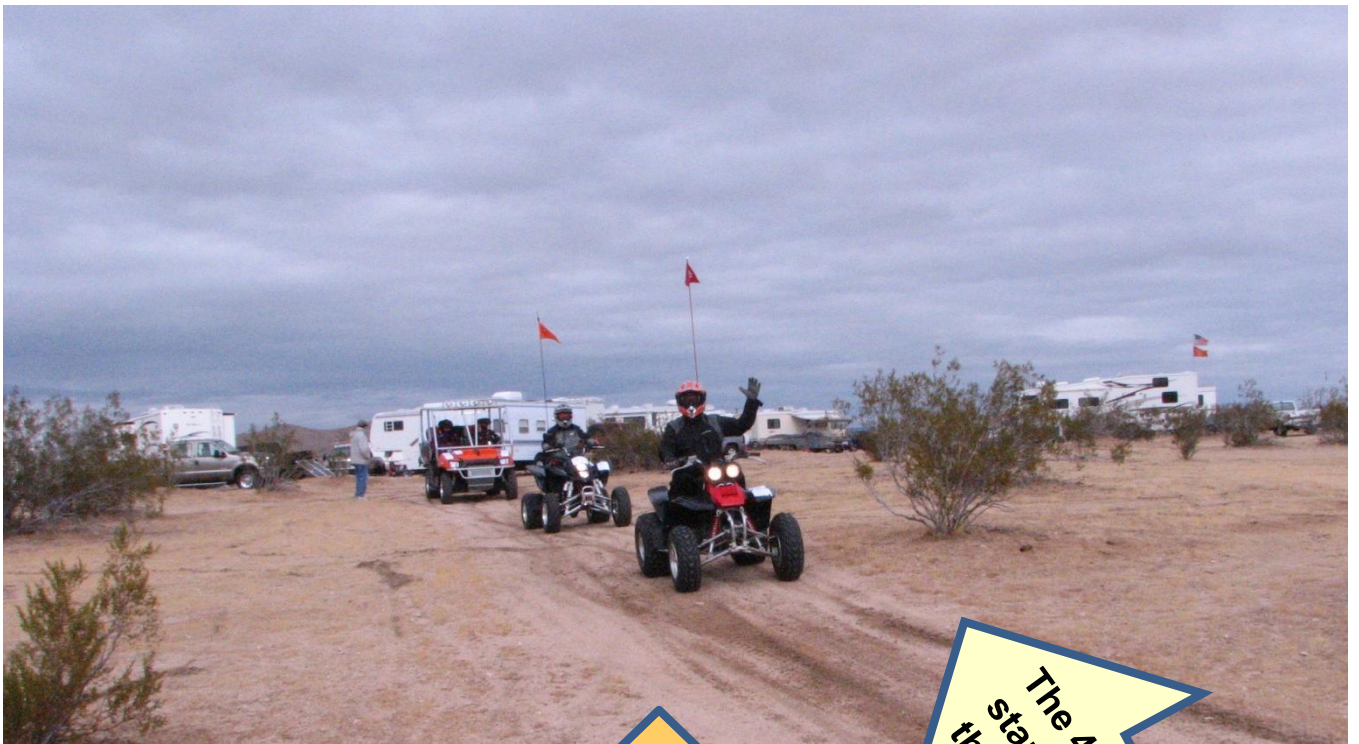


**Don't worry about
 avoiding temptation.
 As you grow older, it
 will avoid you!**

Winston Churchill

About Deadlines.....

Please note that deadlines are about 18 days prior to meeting day. However; because of Holidays, campouts, or weekends this varies a little. If it is past deadline and you have something that you feel should be printed, I will try to accommodate you if it is possible, but can't guarantee it will be able to be printed. *Larry*



Wagon
Master
Mark
Mahoney
Leads the
rider's
Mtg.

Nov., 2011
Do-It-In-
The-Dirt

The 4-wheelers
starting
the Poker Run





**Nancy
Saunders
showing
of her
wining
skill.**



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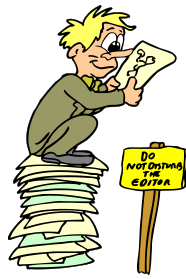
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Editorial

By Larry Hoffman



This is a reprint of an Editorial first published in the October 2010 issue.

Let me begin by making it clear that this is my personal opinion and is directed to the members of the Elk-Enders, but may also apply to many other organizations. It seems that we have too often in the past been practicing a method of electing our officers that I believe to be organizationally unhealthy. It is the practice of having only one candidate for any or all of the four primary officers.

It occurs to me that it would be best for every member of the Elk-Enders to have been the holder of at least two offices during their membership years. We need this variety of talent to preclude the possibility of long-term “group-think,” the practice of the officers constantly thinking alike. This incestuous governing practice can cause us to slide into being mentally comfortable, but in a downward, spiral over a period of few years.

New thinking often comes from newer members who have experienced belonging to other social organizations. The club needs these newer members to step-up and volunteer. Ideas that are fresh are always welcome. There probably is a prevalent feeling that “I haven’t a clue as to what I should be doing.” The newer members should be aware that the **outgoing and past officers** have the duty of counsel to help you be very successful. The probability of doing a less than a satisfactory job is nil.

It is apparent that too many of us refuse to run for office when asked. In a past election, we had to have two past presidents, who have already paid their administrative dues, run for president because we were lacking volunteers. This is not a good situation.

Every office should have at least two candidates running. I know, no one wants to lose an election, but we all know that there is only one opening per office and losing the election makes you **the second winner**, well above the bulk of the membership, not a loser. An election isn’t and shouldn’t be a popularity contest.

Some offices are appointed ones, such as the General Wagon Master, Newsletter Editor, Halloween Rally Chairperson, or the Telephone E-mail Coordinator. If you wish to be appointed to any one of those (listed in the front of your “Elk-Ender Roster”) let it be known to the candidates that you would like the appointment. It will be a great help to them and I can almost guarantee you won’t be turned down.

The president will be appointing an election committee in October to determine who our candidate nominations for office will be during the February election. Anyone may nominate themselves or another Elk-Ender, but if you nominate another person, be certain that he or she agrees. Please be aware of the fact that the President is a committee chairperson of the Lodge and therefore must be an Elk and a full member of the Garden Grove Lodge. Because of the possibility of succession, the Vice President must also be a Garden Grove Elk. Please don’t wait to be asked. When the president announces the names of the election committee, see one or more of them and volunteer to run. It’s more fun than work.



Above: Mark & Debbie Mahoney with Joe Spychaj present the Poker-Run bonus to the California City Desert Incident Response Team AKA DIRT.

Below: One of the 2-wheelers begins the 15 mile poker run.





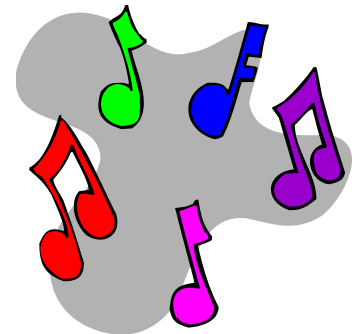
**Check-in & drawing
the last card.**

**The picture of the crew and some of the riders who made it
possible.**





The Christmas Party dinner in an elegant setting at Emerald Desert



The multi-talented Jim Young providing some of the evenings entertainment



John: If your wondering why you only have one quarter left; look to your left and maybe?????

Didn't I see this dealer on a Mississippi Riverboat being hauled off by the Sheriff?

Life is indeterminate; eat your dessert first !!!

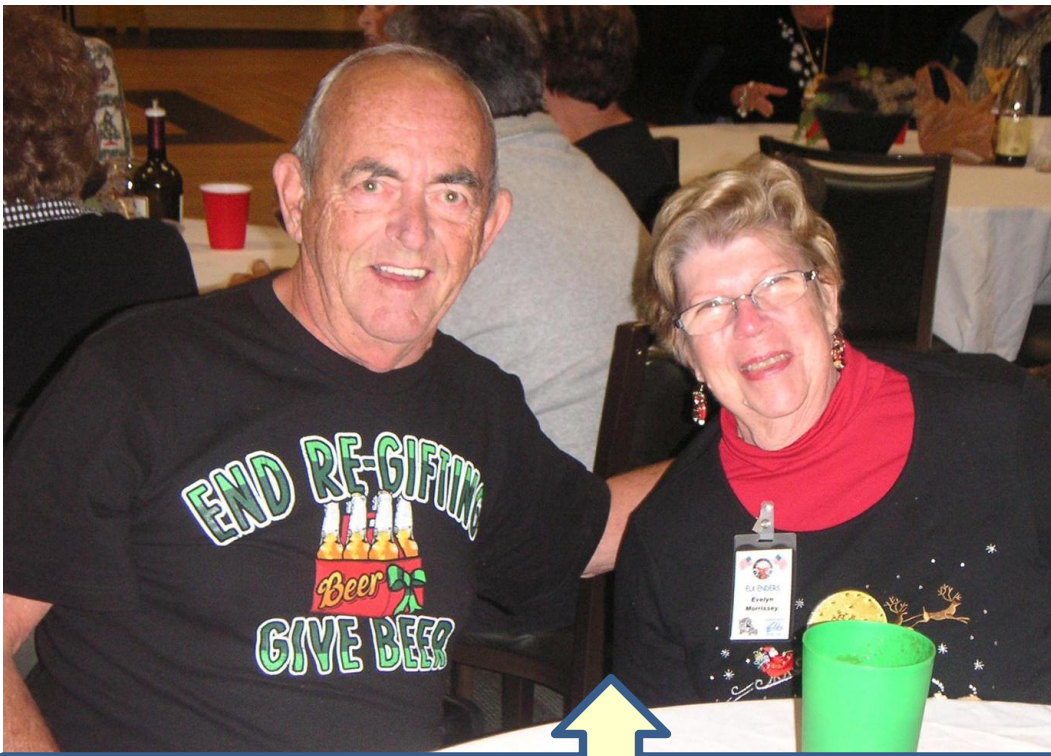


At last,
champion-
ship form
from Joe
DeFort.

The
Angels
and the
Dodgers
lost out.



**I am so
proud of
scoring
that
home-run**



XLNT advice from Jay & Evelyn. I'll drink to that!



Sharon; is that a goal post or a behavior report on Bob?