



# Elk-Enders News

**The Prez Sez**

**April, 2011**



## ***The Prez Sez***

Being elected President of Garden Grove Elk-Enders is truly an honor. After being a member for more years than I care to count, it feels great to step up and accept the challenge.

The outgoing President, Randy Eldridge, will be a huge help and I've also been promised the help and knowledge of Jack Hansen, Larry Hoffman, Steve Pavich, Dave Skelton, Martin Hoxworth; all past presidents. There are many people I will call upon for help and information in the year ahead and I will truly appreciate the total co-operation of all.

My first official meeting will be held on April 6, 2011. I look forward to stepping up and hope everyone will bear with me.

The next campout will be Newport Dunes with John & Annette Zahn. We all know what an out-standing job they'll do and look forward to a terrific outing.

Again let me say, thanks for the honor and I'll try to be a good President.

**VIVA ZAPATA!!**

## **Coming Lodge Events.**

<b>4/2</b>	<b>Garden Grove Inaugural Ball</b>
<b>4/23</b>	<b>Comedy Night 5 PM</b>
<b>4/24</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Brunch</b>
<b>4/24</b>	<b>Pizza Sunday</b>
<b>4/30</b>	<b>District Ritual Contest</b>

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## ***The Outgoing Prez Sez***

Wow....I can't believe how quickly my second term as President flew by! I have been so proud to have been elected to this office for a second time and I sincerely hope that I have served you well during this past Elk year. I know that you elected me to show everyone you had a sense of humor. Hopefully I made you laugh. I want to thank all you that have stepped up this year to be campout wagon masters, Halloween Rally volunteers, and helpers throughout my year. Your help and friendship was duly noted and has been greatly appreciated

Congratulations to **Joe Zapata** as our incoming President for 2011-2012. Oh and.....Viva Zapata! I am confident that he will do a great job as your President. As your new Junior Past President, I will do all I can to help him throughout his year. In addition, he has asked me to continue on as your "Elk Call Reporter" during his year.

Two of our members were most helpful to me and very supportive to our Elk-Ender group. **Mark Mahoney** and **Sherrie Larson** are the 2010-2011 Elk-Enders-of-the-Year. I cannot thank them enough for all they did for our organization throughout the year. I am very appreciative of the support I received from my Corps of Officers: **Reggie Brown** - VP, **Eileen Rasmussen** – Treasurer, **Jim Young** – Recording Secretary, and **Judy Strecker** – Corresponding Secretary. A special thanks to the following Committee Chairpersons: **Mark Mahoney** – General Wagon Master, **Larry Hoffman** – Newsletter Editor, **Debbie Pavich** – Historian and Photographer, **Jo Darrow** – Membership Roster Chairperson, **Martin Hoxworth** – By-Laws Committee Chairman, , and **Debbie Mahoney** – Telephone and E-Mail Coordinator. And a special thanks to **Dave Lewis & Steve Pavich** for taking so many pictures for my Historian.

As you are aware, the President has a fund that he is required to designate to a worthy cause during his term. Last year Junior Past President Steve Pavich rolled over \$450.00 into my President's Account so that we could buy wireless microphones for our Elks Lodge; however the Lodge had already replaced them. With Steve's balance combined with my balance he and I decided to put the remaining funds totaling \$1,532.03 into a special account to help balance our upcoming year's budget. This fund is being created because there will not be a 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Rally in 2011. We have had to cancel our annual rally because of scheduling issues with the Lodge. The placement of the President's Funds into a special account is because in all of the past 36 years, the rally was our major fund raiser for monies that we used for charitable donations, Lodge improvements, and committee expenses. Hopefully this special account will help us continue through this upcoming year while the Elk-Enders come up with new and innovative ideas on how to raise money in the future.

Also in this month's Elk-Ender Newsletter is an article written by me on our latest campout at Lake Elsinore. Make sure you read it. It is titled "Singing in the Rain at Lake Elsinore". Also make sure you read our "The Incoming Prez Sez" article written by Joe Zapata.

Once again, thanks again for all the help and fun you have provided to me as President and to my wife Janice as your Elk-Ender First Lady. We have such fond feelings for all the Elk-Enders.

***Randy Eldridge***

## Singing in the Rain at Elsinore (Continued) from page 8



nice new colored boxer jockey underwear outside in the pouring rain with a power awning that refused to roll back in. Emptying that huge pool of water was a freezing and extremely wet fifteen minutes of my life that I will never get back. Cold, soaked, and shivering I was dripping my way backed into my RV only to find my wife Janice sleeping peacefully in the comfort of our bed. In other words, not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.

On Saturday we enjoyed an exciting bean bag baseball game which included the traditional seventh inning stretch. It was the women against the men, also become a tradition. The women called the "Ball Busters" played the men called the "Wife Beaters". The men's terrible name took on a whole new meaning when the men "beat the wives" 8 to 4. Sorry ladies !

The Saturday dinner was an epicurean's delight with pot luck a-plenty. There were so many wonderful home-made dishes and lots of wonderful desserts. Following our dinner, President Randy Eldridge opened the meeting with the flag salute and introductions of our wonderful wagon masters. Reggie Brown took over the meeting and later advised all of the members that there had been several warrants issued to several of the campers by our local Sheriff. Suddenly the Sheriff appeared in the form of our very own Nelson Burke, P.E.R. He was so funny and his investigations discovered many camper violations which helped to collect \$42.00 for the Purple Pig Special Project. When I was a police detective I would have loved to have such a great investigator as my partner. Thanks Nelson that was a lot of fun. Oh and let's not forget that following the meeting we enjoyed Karaoke in the club room. Some of our singers had very beautiful voices and some of them had.....well let's just stick with some of our singers had very beautiful voices. Jim Young did take us all back to the 60's with the groovy songs he sang minus the long hair and smoke filled room of smoldering doobies.

It was a wonderful weekend campout and, oh by the way, I missed that tree branch on the way out of the RV Park, in case you were wondering.

## Elk-Ender Meeting Minutes – 3/2/2011

The minutes are delayed due to illnesses in the Young family.  
Thank you for your indulgence.

I will post the minutes on the web site as soon as I get them done. I also will bring hard copies to the meeting for distribution.

Again, sorry for the delay.

*Jim*

# Elk-Ender Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 03/02/11

**Call to order:** 7:30 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by:** Larry Dinsmore

**Guests Present:** Jack & Barb Wells from Buena Park Lodge and Larry & Cheryl Mattingly from our own Garden Grove Lodge.

**Recognize – Please stand:**

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

**Current EE's of the Year:** Randy Eldridge, Larry Hoffman

**Past EE's of the Year:** Larry Hoffman, Randy Eldridge, Eileen Rasmussen. Jack Hansen, Twyla Bass, Bill Catlin, Dave Lewis, Pete Doeringer, Alex Gonzalez, and Martin Hoxworth.

**Secretary's report by Jim Young:**

February minutes were announced as printed in the March newsletter. The minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's report by Eileen Rasmussen:**

Monthly report was read and approved as read.

**Vice President's report by Reggie Brown:**

Reggie announced he had new member packages available for new members.

Reggie reported there was no new graffiti on the storage shed for a whole week.

**General Reports:**

**General Wagon Master report by Mark Mahoney:**

Wagonmasters Reggie and Sunshine Brown reported that everyone had a good time at Lake Elsinore in spite of the rain. Reggie thanked everyone for their help and reported we had 29 rigs present.

Mark reminded everyone that the Do-It-In-The-Dirt at California City is coming up again March 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Start getting your dirt toys cleaned and gassed up.

John Zahn spoke about the March campout at Newport Dunes and passed around a flyer with directions and list of activities for the weekend.signup sheet. John said they have 50 sites reserved and could get more if need be. John has chartered the private yacht

“ICON” (not the “SS Minnow”) for a 3 hour harbor dinner cruise. The cost should be about the same as was for the Duffy boats plus dinner last year. Assistant Wagon masters Curt and Anita McMillan told of the Spud-Bar and fixin’s for the Friday night dinner. Sounds interesting!

Pete and Gretchen Doeringer are Wagonmasters for the April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> campout at the Joshua Tree Sportsman Club where we will have a 200 person capacity clubhouse all to ourselves. Pete passed around a signup sheet and said he had a great catered dinner lined up for Saturday night. Pete also enticed everyone with the fact that camping was only \$20.00 a night.

Randy & Janice Eldridge with Lance & Sherrie Larson announced that they will be wagon masters for the May 20-22 Campout at Oceanside RV Park.

**Elk-Enders Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:**

Larry reported Progress.

**By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:**

Martin reported that in April there will be a card-key box for the key to the RV dump.

**Special Activities Reports:**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Lodge Initiations – Candidates include Eileen Rassmussen and Sherrie Larson.

March 31st, Thursday – Lodge Officers Installation.

April 2nd, Saturday – Lodge Officers Inaugural Ball

**Communications Received / General Announcements:**

It was announced that our website name [www.elk-enders.org](http://www.elk-enders.org) has been renewed for the next 9 years.

Randy Eldridge discussed and reminded everyone about the rule in our By-Laws that allows a guest riq to only come out one time before the individual must join the Elk-Enders association of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge.

**Sickness and Distress by Corresponding Secretary Judy Stretcher and the Membership:**

Jackie Rice reported Dave Hudock is now living in an assisted living facility in Anaheim. The address is: Summerville at Fairwood Manor, 200 N. Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801. He can be reached on his cell phone as listed in the Elk-Enders Roster Book.

Larry Hoffman’s son Russ had an emergency quintuple bypass operation. He came through the surgery okay, but is back in the hospital with an infection.

Jack and Linda Hansen thanked everyone for their kind thoughts, support, and prayers offered at the passing of their daughter Christina.

**Sunshine: Report from general membership:**

Dave Lewis's grandson soloed yesterday, March 1st. Congratulations!

**Unfinished Business:**

Randy E. reported he had appointed a committee to decide what to do now that the Lodge has scheduled over our Halloween Rally. The committee will plan something the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> weekend in October, and are searching for venues. The committee decided to keep the weekend as originally scheduled in October, and will come up with more information at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

PER Dave Skelton Installed the following Elk-Enders Officers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

President - Joe Zapata  
Treasurer – Eileen Rasmussen  
Recording Secretary – Jim Young  
Corresponding Secretary – Sherrie Larson

The traveling Vice President – Carl Kellogg, will be installed when he returns next month.

Randy then commented on his outgoing year as President and thanked everyone for their help and support over the past year. He then, along with 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Janice, handed out special gifts to his officers and committee members, beautiful personalized throws along with hand-crafted thank you cards, all done by our own crafty Sherrie Larson. Randy then announced Mark Mahoney and Sherrie Larson are the Co-Elk-Enders Of The Year for the next year.

Randy at this time presented incoming President, Joe Zapata, with a new President's Badge and passed on the Perpetual Presidential Gavel.

**Jokes:**

Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman, and Linda Mossbrook.

**Good of the order by Vice President Reggie Brown:**

Reggie had incoming President Joe Zapata draw the tile for the membership drawing. Chris Bakke was not present to win the \$39.00 pot. The pot will roll over to the April 6th meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned by President Randy Eldridge at 8:38 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted: Jim Young, Secretary.**

## Birthdays

- 4 Apr. Paul Hartman
- 4 Apr. Beverly Howe
- 4 Apr. Jacque Rice
- 5 Apr. Rachel Hines
- 7 Apr. Terry Woodard
- 12 Apr. Jo Darrow
- 13 Apr. Carl Kellogg
- 13 Apr. Cecile Young
- 14 Apr. Paul Rich
- 14 Apr. Marsha Stamper
- 16 Apr. Steve Pavich
- 24 Apr. Ben Diaz
- 27 Apr. Ken Duke
- 28 Apr. Allen Quinn
- 29 Apr. Tony Gualtieri



### Points to Ponder ??????

How important must a person be; to be considered assassinated instead of just plain murdered?

## Anniversaries

- 2 Apr. Allen & Rose Marie Quinn
- 4 Apr. Jay & Evelyn Morrissey
- 4 Apr. Sean & Trina Smorick
- 7 Apr. Dave & Sharon Fridley
- 7 Apr. Corky & Phyllis Maywhort
- 19 Apr. Carl & Charlene Kellogg
- 28 Apr. Carl & Nita Brewner

### Only in America....



Do drug stores make the sick walk to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

### Pearls of Wisdom



Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

*Spike Milligan*

## Coming Deadlines

Deadline	Issue
April 12	May Issue
May 10	June Issue



# ELK ENDERS AT Oceanside RV RESORT

1510 South Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
760-722-4404

## Wagon Masters

Lance & Sherrie Larson  
714-730-2546 C: 714-315-4598  
Randy & Janice Eldridge  
951-354-7733 C714-501-0247

**May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

Park has Wi-Fi service, Cable TV, Pool and Spa, Game Room, 4 showers, and a TV Lounge. Visit the nearby Farmer's Market on Thursday 9am to 1pm and 5pm till dark or the Surf Museum.

### DIRECTIONS:

Take I-5 south to Oceanside  
Exit Oceanside Blvd., continue South to  
Coast Highway then left to address on  
left. Look carefully for the entrance.



### THINGS TO BRING:

All utensils for each meal  
Beverages and wear your  
Favorite Pajamas  
For Saturday  
Morning's Breakfast !



### AVTIVITIES:

Bean-Bag Baseball  
Card games



### FRIDAY MENU:

**Lunch: 1:00p.m.** - Hearty Hors d'oeuvres

**Dinner: 6:00p.m.** - Cheese and Chicken Enchiladas,  
Refried Beans, Mexican Rice & Tortilla Chips/Salsa & Salad.

**A-M** – Please bring desert



### SATURDAY MENU:

**Breakfast: 10:00 a.m.** – Please bring potluck to share,  
coffee and juice will be provided. This is a Pajama Party, so  
wear your favorite PJ's.

**Lunch:** On your own.

**Dinner: 6:00p.m.** - Please bring your favorite potluck dish  
to share and your cocktail.

**N-Z** – Please bring dessert



Elk Enders who wish to arrive early or stay longer must make their own reservations and pay fee at office for extra days (charges will be at Club rate: \$41 per extra night.)

**NOTE:** Pets are \$1.00 extra per day per pet.





# DUES ARE NOW LATE

YOU MUST SEND THEM IN ASAP OR YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE PRINTED IN THE ROSTER



## "ELK-ENDERS" ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



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*Please completely fill in the information requested below and return before March 1 or your name will not be printed in the Roster. This information will help us make corrections to the membership database before we print the 2011 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.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete **ALL** information that has any changes otherwise the Roster cannot be updated.

## 2011-2012 Campout Schedule

MONTH	DATES	CAMPGROUND	# SITES	WM & ASST. WM	\$ SITE	CONFIRM	FACILITIES	DEPOSIT	DISTANCE
<b>2011</b>									
January	28-30	Woods Valley	35	Pavich & Eldridge	\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	96
February	25-27	Lake Elsinore	30	Brown & Grant	\$35.00	14 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	51
March	10-13	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
March	25-27	Newport Dunes	50	Zahn & McMillan	\$36.30	10 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$100	15
April	15-17	Sportsman Club-Joshua Tree	35	Doeringer	\$20.00		FH & 30/50A	\$100	105
May	20-22	Oceanside RV Resort	20	Lawler & Barrows	\$41.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	55
June	17-19	Tucalota Springs	20	Young Jim Young	\$30.00	30 Days	FH & 30A	\$100	81
July	29-31	Vista Elks Lodge	24	Austin	\$18.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$100	60
August	11-14	Oceano	30	Rasmussen	\$20.00	30 Days	W & 30A		220
August	26-28	TBD							
September	23-25	Canyon RV Park @ Featherly	20		\$35.00	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	TBD	15
October	6-9	CA Rally - Hemet	Open	Mahoney & Spychaj	TBD	Individually	FH & 30/50A	None	75
November	4-6	Fall Festival? (Ex-Halloween)	Open	President Zapata	TBD	None	W,30A/Dry	None	
November	10-13	Do It In The Dirt - CA City	5,000	Mahoney & Spychaj	Free	None	Dry C/O	None	150
December	2-4	Emerald Desert	30		\$43.60	30 Days	FH & 30/50A	\$300	105
<b>2012</b>									
January	27-29	Woods Valley	35		\$29.00	30 Days	W & 30A	\$150	96
February	24-26	Lake Elsinore	30		\$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		\$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."

**The sharks (card sharks that is) are circling their prey. Lookout Bob!**



## *Singing in the Rain at Lake Elsinore* by Randy Eldridge



On February 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, the Garden Grove Elk-Enders descended upon the Lake Elsinore Marina & RV Park. This is a very popular place to camp because of the beautiful trees, great view of the lake, and a cozy club house. Speaking of beautiful trees, watch out for the low hanging immovable branches because I learned that the hard way. Well at least only very tall people and helicopter pilots will notice my new body style.

On Thursday the ladies invaded the local factory outlet with credit cards slipping and sliding through the card readers while the men stayed behind for a friendly game of cards. As the evening approached my motor home was filled with friends that came to help me celebrate my birthday. There were lots of snacks and libations along with merriment and funny stories. At the end of the evening some of the campers witnessed a wonderful tumbling class going on outside the Hoffman's motor home as Pauline Hoffman & Sherrie Larson did a two and a half gainer on the grass. Not to be outdone, Larry Hoffman and his dog Max exited their coach to join in the acrobatic fun. I did not know that Larry could fly through the air and land on his hinny with such precision. Watching the three of them doing their tumbling act and all of us allowed free admission to the show, was quite a special treat. I looked at our camping schedule and did not see the tumbling class listed so I am assuming that they prepared the show as a very special treat to all who decided to come to the campout a day early. A special thanks to them for working so hard to entertain us.

As the rain arrived on Friday, many of us sought the comfort of the beautiful new Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge for lunch. What a wonderful lodge. The food was excellent, the price was right, and the staff /members were so friendly. As the evening approached we had a wonderful Italian dinner of Lasagna, salad, and garlic bread that was served by our wagon masters, Sunshine & Vice –Prez Reggie Brown and Tom & Mickie Grant. Then we all played a fun card game called Skru-Ur-Neighbor. Congratulations to Pat Spychaj who won “First Place”. And a special thanks to everyone for the birthday cards and birthday cakes you gave to Lydia Hartman and me while we both shared a birthday celebration together.

As the rain poured down Friday night and Saturday morning our Junior Past President, Steve Pavich retrieved his snorkel and mask from his closet and went for an ice cold swim in the master bedroom of his motor home. Apparently whoever installed his new satellite dish on the roof failed to fill in the holes in the roof where his old dish used to sit. Hopefully Steve was not wearing a pair of Speedo trunks like the ones made famous by our very own Lance Larson, Gold Medalist. We could all hear him singing in the rain that beautiful song “Awe Ha Oh No, Don't the Rain Come Down, My Roof's Got a Hole in It and I Might Drown”.

Then, there was me at 4 AM in the morning suddenly awakened by an eerie and unusual sound. Knowing that it was not Santa's Sleigh landing on my roof, I decided to investigate. Yikes, my awning had filled to the brim like a child's pool and tilted like the Tower of Pizza. There I was in my

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**Joe..... What're ya doing to Gary?**

*NOTES*

*Elk-Enders and Friends*

Thank you so much for all your love and support we received in the passing of my daughter, Christine.

Christine always would tell us how lucky we are to have our camping friends. You're always on the go and having so much fun. She wished that she would be as busy and on the go as we are.

Thank you Elk-Ender Friends for all your cards and flowers.

WE LOVE YOU!!!!

Jack and Linda



Thanks to, Dave Lewis, the Pavichs', the Mahoneys and all of our other photogs.... we can view all of the pictures taken at each outing and event by going to our website at [www.elk-enders.org](http://www.elk-enders.org)

**My mother taught me time travel.... "If you don't straighten-up, I'm going to knock you into next week!"**



**Our new 2011-2012 slate of officers: (L-R) President Joe (Viva) Zapata, Treasurer, Count de money, Eileen Rasmussen, Recording Secretary, Jim Young, and Corresponding Secretary Sherrie Larson. Vice President Carl Kellogg was on vacation and is not pictured.**

## **Elk-Enders**

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[Photos: Dave Lewis.](#)



The great Square Dance team of Don and Irv show off their dozee do's.



Who else but Jim Young would try to BBQ flowers. Taste, hmmm??





**Two-fisted eaters who apparently like their own cooking.**

