



Elk-Ender News

October, 2010



The Prez Sez

On August 12th – 15th the Garden Grove Elk-Enders had another wonderful month of camping on one of our “unofficial” outings to beautiful Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge #2504 near Pismo Beach. There was a huge turnout of campers and motor homes. This camp out is so popular that the sign-up sheet is full months in advance. Our Wagon Masters for this annual event for the 10th year in a row was our very own David Skelton, P.E.R. and former First Lady Janice Skelton. They have made this outing into a spectacular event with their organizational skills.

On Thursday evening we all went to San Luis Obispo to enjoy their Street Fair Festival which included all kinds of wonderful food dishes, music, and street vendors.

On Friday we traveled to visit several local wineries for wine tasting which included a wonderful special social hour with crackers, cheeses, fruits, and various other delicious snacks. Being good Elks, we of course, rented three large passenger vans and had our three designated drivers Martin Hoxworth, Ken Moody, and Chuck O'Dey. After riding in Chuck O'Dey's van, we have voted for him to be the lead driver next year. This is because we wanted to get to the wineries in a hurry and Chuck had two speeds....speed up.....and all the way to the floor. We could have been there sooner, if only those two pokey vans in front of us would have gotten the heck out of our way.

On Saturday we went to the Great American Melodrama for an evening of entertainment and food. It was a spectacular show, especially when our very own Elk-Ender, Eileen Rasmussen attempted to entertain the audience before the show

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Coming Lodge Events.

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| 10/9 | 1 st . Annual October Beer Fest |
| 10/17 | Emblem Fashion Show |
| 10/22–10/24 | Elk-Ender Halloween Rally |
| 10/31 | Pizza Sunday |

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“The Prez Sez”

Minutes of the September Meeting

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance was led by:** **Lance Larsen**

3. **Guests Present:** Steve Pavich introduced his neighbor Pete Haak of Fountain Valley.

4. **Recognize – Please stand:**

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

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

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

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

August minutes were announced as printed in the September newsletter. No corrections were noted and minutes were approved.

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

Monthly report was read and approved as read or corrected

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

a. Jack Hansen reported that the Happy Wagon is still missing some metal spatulas. Jack also said that there are still a couple of shelves to be set up in the storage shed..

b. Steve Pavich reported that he took the Happy Wagon to John Zahn's shop to check out our reportedly sick refrigerator. John reported that the refrigerator works fine. It must be the electrical connection by the storage shed – not enough amps.

6. **General Reports:**

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

1. Mark thanked the Kellogg's for their planning for the Pechanga campout even though it was cancelled. Other campouts the Kellogg's have hosted have been great fun. Next time.

1. Trina Smorick reported that the Oceano Campout was full of fun and great times.

Mark reported that overall, so far there are 153 rigs signed up for the California-Hawaii Elks Rally on September 23rd-26th. Mark noted that there are about 11 rigs

1. from our lodge signed up. Martin spoke about needing help for the lunches and breakfast our lodge puts on at the rally. Martin announced there would be a planning meeting on Saturday, September 11th at the lodge.

1. Mark reminded everyone that Do-It-In-The-Dirt campout is coming the 2nd weekend in November. So go dust off your desert toys so you can get them dirty again!! Remember there are only 5000 spaces, so plan early.

a. **Elk-Ender Newsletter report by Larry Hoffman:**

1. Larry reported progress, but that no one so far is taking advantage of free advertising of For Sale items in the bulletin or on the web site.

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a. By-laws Committee report by Martin Hoxworth:

1. Martin reported progress.

a. Special Activities Reports:

1. Rudy Kaul's NITE AT THE RACES – September 4th.
2. DDGER Ed Repic visit - September 9th.
3. Orientation – September 18th.
4. Initiation – September 23rd.
5. Pizza Sunday – September 26th.
6. Fun Night – September 30th.

6. Communications Received / General Announcements:

- a. None reported.

7. Sickness and Distress by Corresponding Secretary Judy Stretcher and the Membership:

1. Judy reported we sent flowers to the Memorial service for Former First Lady Jeanne Miller will be Saturday August 7th.
2. It was reported that Fran Struthers has lymphoma.

11. Sunshine: Report from general membership:

- a. None reported.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Randy Eldridge passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for the Halloween Rally. We will have a planning and organization meeting and pot luck lunch at the lodge on October 9th starting at 11:00 A.M.. It is not too early to start preparing. Randy also solicited for entertainment ideas for the Friday and Saturday night dinners.
- b. Randy announced that we need some help for the Rally Craft Booth. Also John Grossman stepped up to chair and organize the Booze Barrel collections and raffle. Start bringing those bottles of FINE spirits in to the next meeting. Randy also announced that we have Borderline signed up for Friday night at the rally and a stand up comic for Saturday night. We also need some skits. So put your thinking caps on.

Randy also passed around sign up sheets for Labor Day Corn Shucking on Sunday morning and Corn Cooking, Brea

11. kfast Cooking and Breakfast Serving on Monday

12. New Business:

- a. Jack Hansen reminded us that many of our campouts are on the last weekend of the month which coincides with Pizza Sunday. We all should make it a point to enjoy the Pizza and Music when we return from the campouts.
- b. Jim Young announced that he put a new section on the web site called "Road Trips". This is for the members to share their trips other than Elk-Ender campouts.

11. Jokes:

- a. Jokes were told by Larry Hoffman, Randy Eldridge, Janice Eldridge, and Linda Mosbrook.. Steve Pavich announced that he had a coupon for 2 nights at Pismo Coast Village that he would give away for the price of a beer.

11. Good of the order by Vice President Reggie Brown:

- a. Reggie had Norm Nolte draw tile for the membership drawing. Dutch Schultz was not present. \$64.50 will be rolled over to the September meeting.

11. Meeting was adjourned by President Randy Eldridge at 8:15 P.M.

12. Respectfully submitted: Jim Young, Secretary.

Birthdays

Janice demonstrating the gentle art of buttering-up a customer or least their corn.



- 1-Oct. Dan Rowlett
- 4-Oct. Linda Canavier
- 4-Oct. Vera Jones
- 4-Oct. Barbara Zuhlke
- 5-Oct. Dave Fridley
- 10 Oct. Mary R. McGee
- 12-Oct. Nancy Pollard
- 13 Oct. Dan Johnson
- 18-Oct. Dave Lewis
- 20 Oct. Sherrie Larson
- 22 Oct. Bernie Caughlin
- 22-Oct. Lois Whitfield
- 23 Oct. Virginia Maudsley
- 27-Oct. Randy Barrows
- 27 Oct. Joy Johnson
- 28-Oct. Skook Houston
- 31-Oct. Midge Dissmore



Points to Ponder ??????

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once!

Pearls of Wisdom

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Anniversaries

- 1 Oct. Larry & Pam Wehrer
- 3 Oct. Joe & Pat Spychaj
- 19 Oct. Don & Bridget Hunter
- 21 Oct. Joseph & Zelma Beauchamp
- 21 Oct. Jim & Nancy Young (#356)

Coming Deadlines

| <i>Issue</i> | |
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| Oct. 13 | Nov. Issue |
| Nov. 16 | Dec. Issue |
| Dec. 14 | Jan. Issue |



**OFFICIAL 2010 REGISTRATION FORM
42nd ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ELKS RALLY
GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS RV RESORT
3600 W. FLORIDA AVENUE, HEMET, CA 92211
SEPTEMBER 23rd TO SEPTEMBER 26th 2010**

Name (s): _____ Lodge: _____ # _____
 Phone#: () _____ Are you the Wagon Master? Yes [] No []
 E-mail: _____ Lodge to camp with, if different from above: _____
 Lodge Name: _____

*****ALL EVENTS WILL BE IN-DOORS*****

RIG DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION: Type of Rig: _____ Length: _____
SLIDE INFORMATION: Number of slides: _____ are they on the—Left () Right () Both ()

Rally Registration Donation: _____ = \$ **105.00**
 Pet Registration (TWO Animals Maximum): \$3.00 X _____ = \$ _____
Rally Menu:
 Thursday Night Dinner (Italian): \$8.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Friday Night Dinner (Mexican): \$9.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Saturday Night Dinner (Bar-B-Que): \$12.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Friday Morning Breakfast: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Saturday Morning Breakfast: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 Sunday Morning Breakfast: \$6.00 X _____ = \$ _____



Condo Raffle, 6 Nights in beautiful Big Bear
 Raffle tickets: 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 Donation Amount = \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: CALIFORNIA ELKS RALLY. **NOT TO GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS**
 Return form with proper fees & self addressed **STAMPED** Envelope to Rally Wagon Master, **NOT TO GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS**
 Rally Wagon Master: Paul Pantages, PER, 3942 Green Avenue #1, Los Alamitos, Ca 90720-3326
 WK Phone: (562) 797-6748 or Cell # (714) 474-8256 E-mail: pcphantages@me.com

California Elks Camper Rally
at the

Sunland Golden Village Palms RV Resort

For those planning to attend the Rally this year and would like more information on Golden Village Palms RV Resort, the Resort does have a web site. Click on this link, [Golden Village Palms RV Resort](#) to go to their web page.

NOTE: As with Emerald Desert, the following rules will be observed at Golden Village Palms.

- 1.Children will be permitted.
- 2.Campers will be allowed but they CANNOT be taken off the vehicle they are mounted on.
- 3.Van conversions will be allowed.
- 4.Tent trailers will be allowed.
- 5.NO TENTS ARE ALLOWED.**

If there are any questions please contact the Rally Chairman, Ron Dickinson or Rally Wagonmaster, Paul Pantages, PER, DO NOT CONTACT GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS.

**36th
Annual**



**Cost: \$120.00 per couple
\$ 70.00 per single
(1/2packet)**

Garden Grove Elk Enders

Oct. 22-24, 2010

Halloween Rally

Cost of the packet includes the following:

- ◆ 2 Elk Ender Rally Pins.
- ◆ 2 Friday Night Dinner & Costume Party Tickets
- ◆ 2 Saturday Night Dinner Tickets.
- ◆ 2 Sunday AM Continental Breakfast Tickets.
- ◆ 2 Nights (3 Days) Parking (Fri, Sat, Sun.)
- ◆ 2 Champagne Brunch Tickets (Sat. morning)
- ◆ 2 Sunday Morning Bloody (or Virgin) Marys
- ◆ Great Entertainment Both Nights.



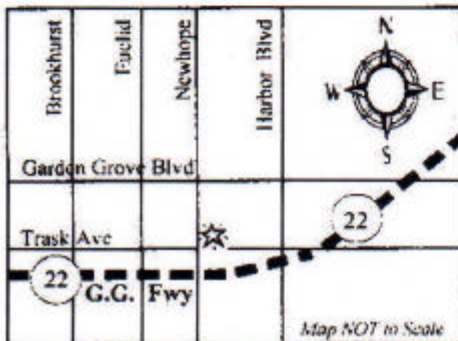
Prepaid Reservations Only

(Registration & Information Form Attached)



**Single Dinner Tickets
\$25 per dinner.**

- 👉 **Additional Nights Parking:** Prices vary-See prepay Registration Form enclosed
- 👉 **Friday Night Costume Party:** Be creative Big Prizes are at stake. **GO BEYOND** your comfort zone!
You'll laugh till you cry!
- 👉 **Activities, Games & Entertainment:**
Washers, Skru Your Neighbor Game, Country Store (crafts), Silent Auction, Horse Races, Ice Cream in the Park, Horseshoes, Great Lunches Available and so on, too many to mention.
- 👉 **Raffles** – Booze Barrel, Gift Certificates, 50/50s, plus many others



RALLY SITE:

Garden Grove Elks
Lodge #1952
11551 Trask Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Located between Euclid and
Harbor Blvd off the 22 FWY.

Contacts:

Wagonmaster: Randy Eldridge
Hm. 951-3544-7722

Cell 714-501-0247

Registration: Jim Young

Cell 714-926-5386

Please do not call the Lodge office
with questions.

Halloween Rally



We look forward to your participation in our upcoming Halloween Rally. This information will help you prepare for a great time. Additional info at: www.elk-enders.org.

Early Arrivals:

The "official" start of the Rally is Friday, October 22nd at 11:30 AM. We are kicking it off with lunch available in the Lodge Club Room; but, there are activities planned as early as Thursday for those of you arriving early! Our Lodge meeting is held on Thursday evening at 8PM and the Club Room will be open to spouses for dinner prior to the start of the meeting.

If you arrive before Friday, you will be charged separately by the lodge at the following rates per night:
 30 Amp svc w/water = \$20.00. 20 Amp svc Only = \$15.00. No hook-ups = \$10.00.

DO NOT INCLUDE THE EXTRA NIGHTS FEE IN YOUR PRE-PAYMENT TODAY!

Planning Ahead:

- * Halloween Costumes- One of the highlights of the Rally will be our Friday night Costume Party. Everyone is encouraged to participate by coming to dinner in costume! **BIG PRIZES!** A panel of impartial judges will decide on the winners. Categories include: best group theme (min. 4 persons), best couple, most ridiculous, funniest, & scariest.
- * Silent Auction Donations- Please bring them with you to the Rally. All proceeds go to the Purple Pig.
- * Craft and baked goods donations- Please bring them with you to the Rally. All proceeds go to the Purple Pig.

Parking Lot Issues:

- ◆ Upon Arrival- Look for guys cruising in either a golf cart or scooter to assist you in parking your rig.
- ◆ Handicapped- If you request handicapped parking, we will do our best to accommodate you, (a lot has to do with your arrival date). You **MUST** have a handicapped placard.
- ◆ Hook-ups- First come, first served when it comes to 30 amp + water service. We believe we can set everyone up with electricity, provided each rig bring along a heavy duty 50 – 100 ft. extension cord and "Y" coupler if you have one. A water hose also helps. **NO SEWER HOOK-UPS.** The dump station will be available at the close of the Rally. Our lodge has laundry and shower facilities available to campers.

Check-In:

1. A Registration table will be set-up at a convenient location outside, behind the Lodge, weather permitting. After you have been guided to your parking space, head over there and get your packet, tickets, & schedule.
2. Questions should be directed to: **Jim Young-Registrar Phone (714) 926-5386**

Please *detach* this portion and remit with payment to: **GARDEN GROVE ELK-ENDERS**

Mail to: Jim Young, 6711 Sutton St. Westminster, CA 92683. Tel Contact: 714-926-5386 graybeardy@AOL.com

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| Name: | | Home Lodge: | |
| Street: | | Lodge Number: | |
| City: | Zip: | Primary Phone: | |
| E-Mail: | | Cell Phone: | |
| Arrival Date: | No. Of Persons: | Rig Length: | Width w/ Slides Out: |
| Handicapped Y N | For ALL festivities: | \$120 per couple | \$70 per single |
| Only want to join us for Friday or Saturday Dinner Only: \$25 per person | How Many | Amount Enclosed: | \$ |

You can request to be parked by a specific other rig, but we cannot guarantee that parking placement.

August 27 – 29 at Pechanga Cancelled

| MONTH | DATES | CAMPGROUND | # SITES | WM & ASST. WM | \$ SITE | CONFIRM | FACILITIES | DEPOSIT | DISTANCE |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| April | 16-18 | Lancaster Elks Lodge | 30 | Zapata & Hoffman | \$17.00 | 30 Days | W & 30A | \$100 | 106 |
| May | 21-23 | Oceanside RV Resort | 20 | Larson & Eldridge | \$31.00 | 30 Days | FH & 30A | \$100 | 55 |
| June | 18-20 | Tucalota Springs | 20 | Jim & Nancy Young | \$30.00 | 30 Days | FH & 30A | \$100 | 81 |
| July | 30-08/01 | Vista Elks Lodge | 20 | Eileen Rasmussen | \$18.00 | 30 Days | W & 30A | None | 57 |
| August | 12-15 | Oceano Elks Lodge | 30 | David & Janice Skelton | \$20.00 | | W & 30A | | 200 |
| August | 27-29 | Pechanga RV Resort | 30 | Carl & Charlene Kellogg | \$42.00 | 30 Days | FH & 30/50A | \$100 | 69 |
| September | 23-26 | CA Rally - Hemet | Open | Mark & Debbie Mahoney | TBD | Individually | FH & 30/50A | None | 67 |
| October | 21-24 | Halloween Rally | Open | Randy & Janice Eldridge | TBD | None | W,30A/Dry | None | |
| November | 11-14 | Do It In The Dirt - CA City | 5,000 | Mahoney & Spychaj | Free | None | Dry C/O | None | 150 |
| December | 03-05 | Emerald Desert | 25 | | \$36.00 | 30 Days | FH & 30/50A | TBD | 105 |
| January | 28-30 | Woods Valley | 20 | Pavich & Eldridge | \$29.00 | 30 Days | W & 30A | \$150 | 96 |
| February | 25-27 | Lake Elsinore | 30 | Reggie & Sunshine Brown | \$30.00 | 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 | 35 | Zahn & McMillan | \$35.00 | 10 Days | FH & 30/50A | \$100 | 15 |

Please VOLUNTARILY sign up to be a Wagonmaster

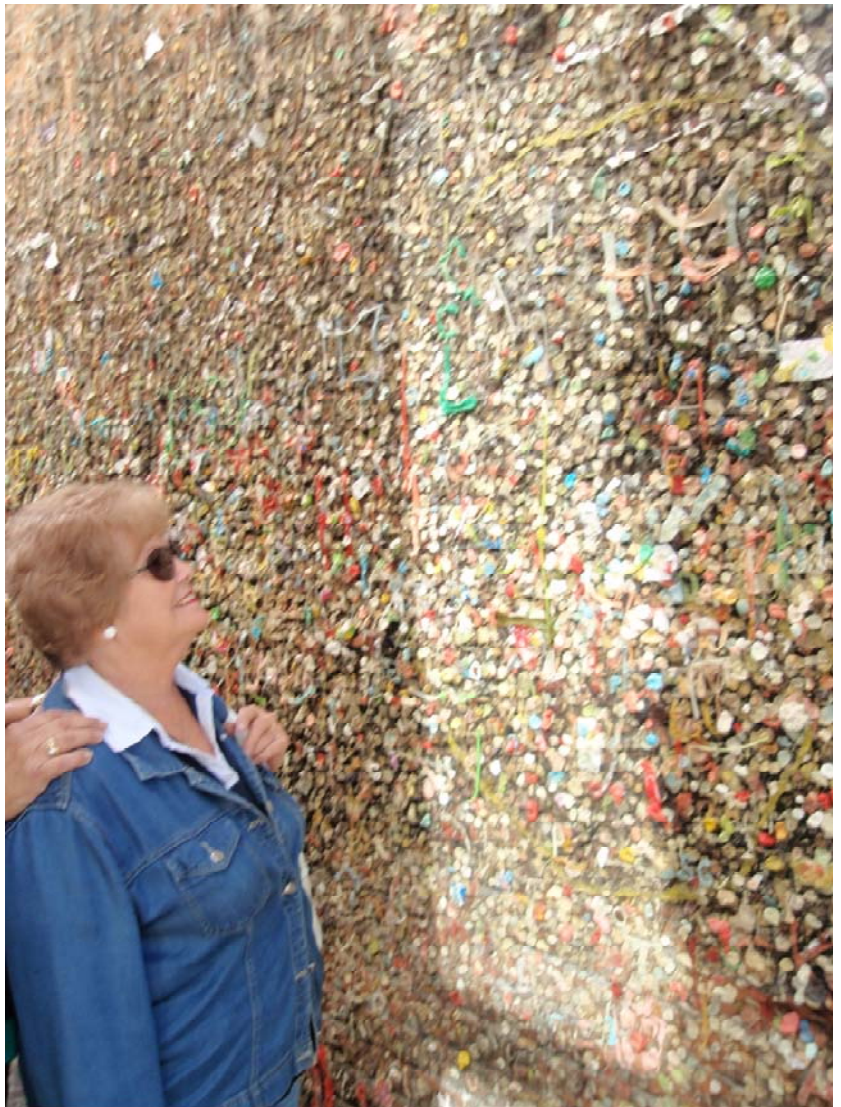
By-Laws Article V, Section 3: "Each member is expected to VOLUNTARILY serve as Wagonmaster before anyone is required to serve a second time."

About Deadlines.....

Please note that deadlines are about 14 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.



1999 34' Pace Arrow
 Asking Price \$36K OBO
 Original Owner
 57,500 miles
 Ford V10 w/Banks System
 Kitchen Slide
 Satellite Antenna
 Please call Duane Duncan
 at 714-897-2783 or 714-
 299-4803



"Bubble Gum Alley" in San Luis Obispo.

Pre-Halloween Rally Potluck Get Together

All those who have signed-on to participate in the Rally and those who would like to be part of the fun and sign on, please come. We will go over the assignments and fill-in those areas without a volunteer.

October 9th

11 AM Social Hour
Noon to 3:00 PM
Potluck Lunch



Please bring to share:
Last Names beginning with...
A – G Side Dish
H – Q Dessert
R – Z Salad



Don't forget to bring your donation to the booze barrels!



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started. She was like a football cheerleader, minus the pompoms, as she attempted to excite the crowd. Lean to the left, lean to the right, stand up, sit down, fight, fight, fight! Goooooo Eileen!

One of the things that our Elk-Enders are most famous for is our dedication to volunteerism. The Lodge can always depend on the Elk-Enders to pitch in and help whenever they are call upon. The Elk-Enders volunteered to help at the Lodge's Labor Day Picnic by cooking over 250 breakfasts and shucking, cooking and serving over 700 cobs of corn for lunch and dinner. The Elk-Enders have also volunteered to cook breakfasts and lunches on Friday and Saturday at the California Elks Rally in Hemet on September 23-26th.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Halloween Rally at the Lodge this October 22 -24th. You can join us by camping or you can come just for the daily activities such as a silent auction, craft tables, games, and horse races. You can also come to spend the evening at our Friday Night Dinner, Dancing, raffles, and Costume Party and/or the Saturday Night Dinner Dancing, raffles, and Comedy Floor Show. These will be nights to remember. Hope to see you there.

Randy Eldridge



**It's time to step-up to the plate and
VOLUNTEER!**

**Take a Swing at it and help your Elk-
Ender friends make Halloween a
huge success!**

Whatever you do will be a great help.

**Call President Randy Eldridge and/or
General Wagon Master Mark Mahoney
and ASK what you can do to help make
the event a great success!**



Elk-Enders

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Editorial

By Larry Hoffman



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 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 this 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.

Oceano-5 Cities
Lodge



The end of the line. A very cozy line-up of our coaches.. The fire-pit was near the end.

It took the ladies hours to get Jim out of the chair.





**The Thursday evening
Street Market was a
popular attraction**





**Our Blue
Ribbon
Campfire**

**Loading-up to go to the Wineries
and.....
Get Loaded!**





Our unsung heroes of the Labor Day Corn Tradition
Above cooker Don Quijada, below server-cookers:
Sherrie Larson, Pres. Randy Eldridge and his First
Lady Janice.

