



# GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

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## FATHERS' DAY Charity Breakfast

at

**THE GILROY ELKS LODGE ON THE HILL**

2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA

**SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024**

**Serving Breakfast from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**

**Cost: Adults \$30, Children 3 to 12, \$11, Under 3 Free**

Reservations for table of 6 or more requires payment by one party by Friday June 14th  
(All guests must be present to be seated. Tables are held 10 minutes from seating time)

**For Information and Reservations call (408) 842-9397**

### ★ MENU ★

Serving Made to Order Gilroy Elks Renowned Omelets, Pancakes,  
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage, Bacon, Fresh Fruit,  
Martinelli Sparkling Cider, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Coffee, and Milk.

*Proceeds from the breakfast go to support the Local Lodge Charities  
Open to Elks Members, their Guests, and the General Public*

★ 94 YEARS ★



## A Message from Your Exalted Ruler:

We are just wrapping up the month of May and taking a short break from the hustle and bustle of another successful Gilroy Elks Lodge Mother's Day Charity Breakfast and coming up on the heels of this event on Sunday, June 16 is our Fathers' Day Charity Fundraiser Breakfast. It bears repeating again, without our team of volunteers, we could not do these events and for the events to be a success. I cannot begin to thank our volunteers enough. "Volunteers do not get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

At CHEA convention held in Fresno this past May, Linda Diakova, the 5th grade student from Rucker Elementary School whose Americanism Essay contest submission through Gilroy Lodge on the theme "What does the Bill of Rights Mean to me?" was invited to read her essay to the over 1,900 Elks members from California and Hawaii Elks Lodges. All I can say is, "Wow!" What a captivating essay.

On Wednesday, June 19 will be our Flag Day, this is a mandatory Elk event. If any member or someone you know flies the US Flag at their home, please take a picture and send to the Garlic Press editor who also just happens to be our Lodge Americanism Chairperson know so he can request an official Elks Certificate for flying the colors and even put a picture in the Garlic Press.

Another fundraiser coming up that we will need volunteers to staff is the Fireworks Booth that is in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot on First Street in Gilroy, July 1st through July 4th. Please be aware of the City of Gilroy restrictions when you come to purchase fireworks.

I want to bring to everyone's attention something that is especially important that we all need to look at and that is succession planning. That is an important buzz word for many companies in the Silicon Valley as well as here at Gilroy Elks Lodge. Will you step up and take an officer or committee chair role that we can ensure our Lodge is here for many years to come? It would be a real shame to have our charter revoked, the Gilroy Lodge no longer exist, and our continued good work here in the community end because officer chairs could not be filled!

A thought here, what office would you like to consider taking? Our current officers and the PERs are willing to help guide and mentor you. See me as I am available to answer your questions and give you more information about what being an officer or committee chairperson entails.

Be Safe – Be Careful. Summer vacation is now upon us. See you at the Lodge on Wednesday Nights.

*Fraternally, Angela Moore ER/PER*

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

## PARKING LOT RESURFACING UPDATE

Depending on our ever-changing weather, global warming, alignment of the stars, etc., **the Lodge facility and parking lot will be closed starting July 3.** The parking lot closure on July 4 through 6 is for the paving contractor to prepare for the resurfacing. The parking lot resurfacing and restriping will take place on July 7 and 8. The Lodge office operations will reopen on Tuesday July 9.

The RV area will be closed from **Wednesday July 3 through Tuesday July 9** and **reopen on Wednesday July 10.** Notices will be posted at the RV area and registration, entry doors.

Please note, on **July 9 the Lodge office will be open.** **The RV Park area will reopen on Wednesday July 10th.**

Any vehicles left on the premises during this closure will be towed at the owner's expense.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.

*Fraternally, Board of Trustees*

**18TH HOLE  
Hole-In-One  
Prize!**



## GILROY ELKS LODGE THIRD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

GILROY GOLF COURSE - HECKER PASS HIGHWAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE | 8:30AM TEE TIME (*Arrive Between 7-8AM*)

FOLLOWING AT THE GILROY ELKS LODGE  
(*Pepper Steak Sandwich & Salads*)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT GILROY ELKS LODGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FEE is \$100.00 per person • Sign ups and payment due by June 1st

For information and to sign up call: Steve McGinnis (408) 710-9610 or Sam Bozzo (408) 825-3428

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July 4 Fireworks Fund Raiser



**Volunteers are needed to staff the Fireworks Booth on these days.**

If you need Fireworks to get your 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration off with a Bang!

Come Support Gilroy Elks Lodge

Safe and Sane TNT Fireworks

Where: CVS Parking Lot at corner of First and Wren Streets in Gilroy

Dates: Saturday July 1 through Tuesday July 4 Hours: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

To purchase fireworks, you must be a resident of Gilroy and over 18.  
Other restrictions by the City of Gilroy may apply.



## Flag Day

### Ceremony



The officers and members of

**Gilroy Elks Lodge #1567**

Cordially invite you to attend our

**Lodge Flag Day Observance Ceremony.**

Program will be held at the Elks Lodge

on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**2765 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy**



## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE GILROY ELKS LODGE #1567

Friday, September 13, 2024

Bar Opens 5:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

### FEATURING

CLAVE DE ORO

GRUPO FOLKLORICO M.A.N.O.S

MARIACHI MEXICO

DJ J&J John Diaz Jr

DINNER PREPARED BY CHEF Tony & Irene (Catering Angels)

Chicken Enchiladas, Salad, Rice, Beans, Guacamole, Salsa & Dessert

\$60 per person  
12 & under \$30  
Proceeds go to scholarships

Tickets go on sale July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Purchase Tickets by  
September 10<sup>th</sup>



Open to Elks Members and their guests  
Reservations are required for this event  
Please Call 408-842-9397

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prepayment of whole table must be done by one party.



## Happy FATHER'S Day



## DANIELLE VIOLA - WCD AVP

Danielle Viola was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia. She met her husband Chris there when he was stationed in the Navy. After the birth of their first child, Danielle and Chris moved to the Bay Area where they settled down to raise their family. Danielle attended Foothill College and after completing her education, she embarked on her career journey in the dental field. For the last 25 years she has worked at the office of Dr. Christopher Joy located in Palo Alto. Outside of her career and family life, Danielle is an active member of her community.

After the birth of their second child, Danielle joined the Palo Alto Elks Lodge in 2009, looking for a fun family environment. Danielle quickly got involved helping out in the opening of the new building and joined the Veterans Affairs committee. Growing up in a military family she was very excited to participate in monthly bingo at the Veterans Hospital and serving meals to the vets at the lodge. She went on to head the Youth Activities and Drug Awareness committee and took on the task of running the Hoop Shoot contest. After working on and leading various committees, Danielle was invited to become part of the Officer Corp as the Tiler. Danielle recognized the importance of volunteering at her lodge and decided to work her way through the chairs to become Exalted Ruler in 2018. GO RANGERS!! Through her commitment and dedication to the Elks, she seeks to make a positive impact and contribute to her community.

After her year as Exalted Ruler, Danielle continued to support her lodge acting as Lodge Esquire for a few years and eventually Lodge Treasurer. As a P.E.R. Danielle moved on to serve the West Central District as Business Practices Chairperson and worked on the District Deputy's staff as a Procedural Auditor. With her compassionate spirit, dedication, and commitment to service, Danielle strives to inspire those around her. Danielle's work is without a doubt making a difference in lives of others, both professionally and personally.

### *Do you know the CHEA mascot actually has a name?*

Following initiation into our Lodge, each new Member is presented with the beloved Purple Pig bank. By filling up the Purple Pig with your pocket change and turning it into the Lodge office, the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI) is able to provide important services for children with disabilities. This program is often referred to as the "Major Project" and it has raised over 116 million dollars since it began in 1950. When a coin is inserted, the Purple Pig tips his hat and this is what makes it possible for the Major Project to meet the unmet needs of these children. Having started in 1950, this program is certainly interesting from a historical perspective, but our focus here will be on the endearing little plastic piggy bank that has become the mascot of this great organization.

Invented by Wes-Ko Products of Los Angeles, these banks were advertised as "Action Piggy Banks" that made saving fun. Thanks to vintage packaging and advertising, we know that the pig's name is "Snooty" and he came in a variety of sizes and colors. Thanks to an article in the May/June 2018 issue of the California-Hawaii Elk Magazine, we have a historical timeline on the Elks' use of this bank. Initially, jars with special labels were sent to Lodges in the district for raising funds for Major Project, with the eventual goal of having custom banks provided to each lodge, and eventually each member in the California-Hawaii Elks Association. In 1954, the first order was placed for 110,000 "No. 50 Snooty Jr." banks which were then sent to Lodges for distribution to Members.

We look forward to future "Purple Pig Roundups," but you can always bring your full bank into the Lodge office at any time during office hours. Each Member is given credit for their donation to Major Project, and it counts towards our Lodge's per capita total. Another way to help is by using Amazon Smile for all of your Amazon purchases and selecting the California-Hawaii Elks Association as the recipient. Every little bit helps, and as Snooty says: "A Coin a Day, They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play!"



# MARTY J. MELLO

## CHEA PRESIDENT 2024-2025

### CALIFORNIA HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION



Marty Mello was born in Ceres, California, he was the youngest of 3. At the age of 4 the family moved to Woodland, California where Marty attended elementary and high school. Upon graduating high school, Marty went to work for the family trucking business where he held several positions over the years including driver, mechanic, dispatcher and bookkeeper. In 1998 Marty & Debra opened their own business warehousing and distributing finished forest products for several wholesalers.

Prior to joining the Elks, Marty served on the Woodland Little League board of directors for 8 years where he and Debra were in charge of concessions while coaching Double A, Major League and Big-League teams. Marty had the honor and pleasure of coaching 2 Big League teams in AllStar competition.

In November of 1978 Marty married his high school sweetheart Debra. Best move he ever made; it changed his life forever. They have two children including: Josh, his wife Shalynn and their four children Makinley, Cailey, Jacob and Lucas who live in Woodland, CA where Josh works for the family business and is going to take it over so Marty can commit more time to his year as CHEA President. Daughter Amy, her husband Hector and their two children Nathan and Zoe who live in Sacramento, CA. Both Josh and Amy are members of the Woodland Elks Lodge.

Marty joined the Woodland Elks Lodge #1299 in 1989 and immediately became involved with the Youth Activities program and served as chairman from 1990-1996. Marty also served as a Lodge

elected to Loyal Knight 2003-04 and appointed again in 2019-20, served as Exalted Ruler 2004-05, Chaplain 2007-08, received Elk of the Year in 2010-11 and Honorary Life Member in 2013.

Marty's service to the North Central District, included serving as Youth Activities Chairman 2005- 06, Calculated for the North Central District's ritual contest 1991-2002 and 2009-2011 and served as District ENF Chairman in 2010-11.

Marty's service to the California Hawaii Elks Association, included serving as Youth Activities Vice Chairman 2006-07, Youth Activities Chairman 2007-09, Association Vice President 2009-10 under President Lee Karjola and Cindy, Marty served as Business Practices Vice Chairman 2015-16, Business Practices Chairman 2016-18, appointed District Leader 2014 to present, CHEA Trustee 2018-23, served as Trustee Vice Chairman 2022-23 and CHEA pt Vice President 2023-24. Marty served on the Grand Lodge level as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2011-12.

Marty & Debra love spending time with their family camping, off roading, traveling in their motorhome and spending time with their grandchildren. Needless to say, their world revolves around their grandchildren and family. Marty and Debra are honored and are looking forward to the opportunity to serve as President and First Lady of the California Hawaii Elks Association this year and look forward to meeting and making friends as we travel our great association Promoting Elkdom.

***"Elkdom, Love It, Live It, Promote It"***



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.




Support the Elks National Foundation

For every dollar donated to ENF, \$2.54 is returned to the California-Hawaii Elks Association



(L to R) Jay Dupler State Americanism Chair, Linda Diakova, Viktor Diakova, Ted Talbot, President California Hawaii Elks Association, Angela Moore ER/PER.

## “What does the Bill of Rights Mean to me?”

Linda Diakova the fifth-grade student from Marlene Manzo class at Rucker Elementary School here in Gilroy whose Americanism Essay on the theme “What does the Bill of Rights Mean to me?” won first place for her grade. Linda was invited to read her Americanism Essay to the attendees at the 109th California Hawaii Elks Association convention that was held in Fresno. When Linda read her essay to the captivated the over 1,200 conference attendees you could have heard a pin drop in the conference center and after reading her essay to the assembly received a standing ovation.



## Veterans Corner - David Marano P.E.R. & US Navy Veteran

Here is something I found that might be of interest to Elk members who are also veterans and may want to visit our national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands for a variety of different recreational activities.

On Veterans Day in 2022 The National Park Service unveiled a lifetime pass providing free entrance into National Parks for Veterans and their families.

Veterans and their families have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than four hundred million acres of public land. The Military Pass was expanded to include a free lifetime pass that does not expire for Veterans and Gold Star Family members. In recent years they were eligible to receive an annual pass

Are you eligible? For purposes of this program a Veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the US Armed Forces including the National Guard and Reserve with unexpired identification, DOD Identification Card, Veterans Health Identified Card, Veteran ID Card or a Veteran designation on a state-issued US driver’s license or Identification card.

This program is also available to Gold Star families next of kin.

How to get the pass? Passes can be obtained in person while visiting a participating site or through the USGS Online Store for additional processing fees. There are some examples of fee-free days throughout the year, Examples, Veterans Day, National Public Lands Day, and the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act. Fee-Free and policies vary among agencies, so it is best to check the agency website before visiting.







THE GARLIC PRESS - JUNE CALENDAR

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 26	27	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1
2	3	4 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NATIONAL COGNAC DAY	5 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: HANBURGER STEAK SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS	6 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	7	8 WORLD GIN DAY
9 NATIONAL DONALD DUCK DAY 	10	11 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	12 LODGE MEETING MENU: ENCHILADAS WOMEN VETERANS DAY	13 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	14 GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND OFFICIAL FLAG DAY 	15 PREP FOR FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
16 FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 	17	18 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	19 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CALAMARI ELKS FLAG DAY NATIONAL MARTINI DAY	20 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM SUMMER SOLTICE	21	22 HAM RADIO FIELD DAY
23 HAM RADIO FIELD DAY	24	25 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	26 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: STEAK	27 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM RIB NIGHT RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	28 RIB NIGHT 	29
30 ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION AUSTIN, TX	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 6/3 TO 6/8 - ANGELA MOORE
- 6/9 TO 6/15 - MITCH MARINOVICH
- 6/16 TO 6/22 - STEVE MAYNE
- 6/23 TO 6/29 - ALEX HERNANDEZ
- 6/30 TO 7/6 - ANGELA MOORE

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**HIDDEN NUMBER**  
If you find your membership number hidden somewhere in this issue of the Garlic Press, you will receive one free dinner during the month. It is identified by the # sign. **Last month's hidden #2174 was Lynn Rowen.**






THE GARLIC PRESS - JULY CALENDAR

TENTATIVE

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JUNE 30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6
LODGE CLOSED FOR PARKING LOT RESURFACING - RV PARKING CLOSED						
ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION - AUSTIN, TX			INDEPENDENCE DAY			
FIREWORKS BOOTH – 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM			FIREWORKS BOOTH – 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM			
7 LODGE CLOSED PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR RESURFACING RV PARKING CLOSED	8 OFFICE OPEN PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR RESURFACING RV PARKING CLOSED	9 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICE OPEN RV PARKING CLOSED	10 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: CHICKEN MARSALA RV REOPENS	11 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	12	13
14	15	16 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM OFFICER, HOUSE & TRUSTEE MEETING	17 LODGE MEETING MENU: CALAMARI WRONG WAY CORRIGAN DAY	18 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	19 NATIONAL DAIQUIRI DAY	20 US ASTRONAUT LANDED ON THE MOON THIS DATE 1969
21	22	23 DINNER RESERVATION CUTOFF 2:00PM	24 SOCIAL NIGHT MENU: STEAK RIB NITE RESERVATIONS CUTOFF 2:00PM	25 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7PM	26 RIB NIGHT 	27
28	29	30 DINNER RESERVATION (OFFICE CLOSED) NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	31 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION (TUXEDO) MENU: GARLIC FESTIVAL MENU PEPPER STEAK	AUGUST 1 SCOUTS MEETING MT. MADONNA ROOM 7:00 PM	2	3

WEEKLY DUTY OFFICERS:

- 6/30 TO 7/6 – ANGELA MOORE
- 7/7 TO 7/13 – TBA
- 7/14 TO 7/20 – CARL REINHARDT
- 7/21 TO 7/27 – STEVE MAYNE
- 7/28 TO 8/3 – ALEX HERNANDEZ

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WELCOME New Members

Three new members were initiated into the Gilroy Elks Lodge on Wednesday April 24. When you see these new members at the Lodge, please take a moment to introduce yourself and give the new members a warm Gilroy Lodge welcome and encourage them to participate in the Lodge events.

Pictured (L to R) Gerry Goodwin, Alex Hernandez, PER/Lodge Treasurer, Patrick Psaila, Chaplain, Sue Goodwin, Angela Moore ER/PER, Cora Schmeer, Pam Marshall, Sponsor, David Marano, PER/Trustee Chairman, Cara Rivett-Teel.



# Announcement



- June 5 . . . . . Social Night & Lodge Scholarship Awards Family Night
- June 11 . . . . . Officer, House, and Trustee Meeting
- June 12 . . . . . Lodge Meeting
- June 14 . . . . . Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser
- June 16 . . . . . Father's Day Fundraiser Breakfast
- June 19 . . . . . Social Night & Elks Flag Day Ceremony
- June 25 . . . . . New Member Orientation
- June 26 . . . . . Lodge Meeting & Initiation (Tuxedo)
- June 28 . . . . . Rib Night

**REMINDER:**  
Reservations are requested: Call (408) 842-9397

**AD SPACE AVAILABLE**  
Contact Lodge Secretary

## Planning A Party, Reunion, Anniversary, Wedding or Special Event?

Our Lodge has so many possibilities. From weddings, to conferences, to luncheons, our facility can be perfect for you. Renting our venue will not only give you outstanding food and excellent service, but also memorable views for miles. We will make your event a lasting memory for everyone to treasure.

### PLANNING A PARTY...

**For more information call our Event Coordinator, Jenny Jud at (408) 842-9397, Monday through Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm. See you at your next event!!!**

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**BUSINESS OFFICE**  
*Monday - Friday*  
**Weekdays**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Calls after 3:00 PM will  
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