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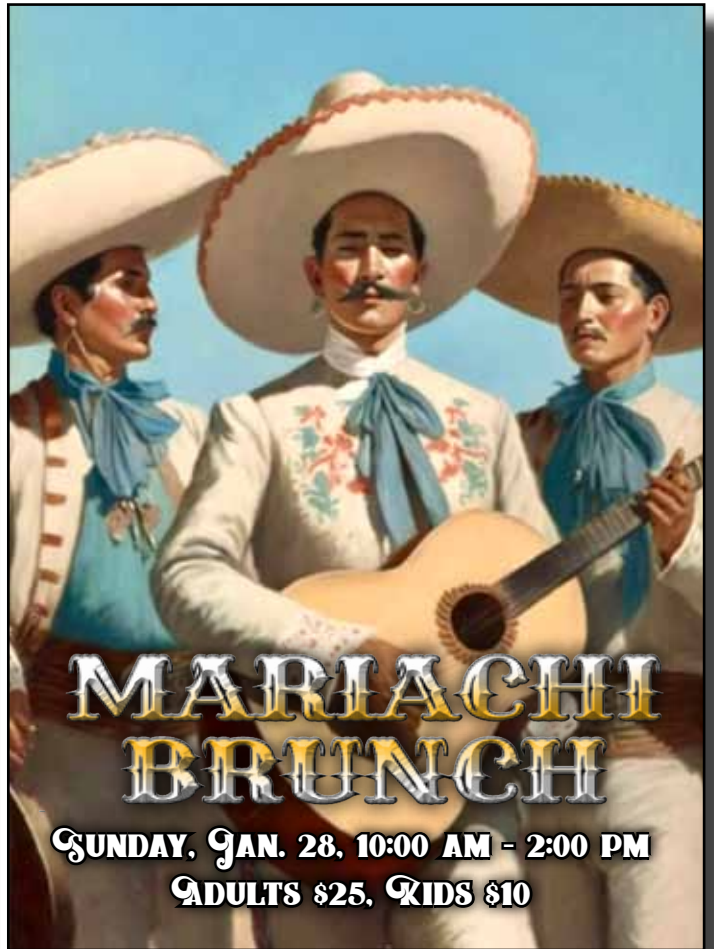
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January 20, 6:00 pm



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Costume Contest • Games
Live & Silent Auctions
Signature Cocktail

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MARIACHI BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12



*Valentine's Day
Dinner Dance*

Friday, February 9, 6:00 pm



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Exalted Ruler Jeffrey Brumett



When I look back at this December I am always so proud of the heart of the Santa Ana Elks. The joy that the individual mem-

bers and committees put forth to support Santa Ana and Tustin is tremendous.

We kicked off the month with the biggest single event called Candy Cane Lane. The leading knight Joe Rodriguez and his wife Sheila did a very special event and raised thousands of dollars for the next year.

Garlin Flynn headed up two events. The Elks memorial service, which was absolutely beautifully done honoring our fallen members, and the hugely successful Santa breakfast with over 300 in attendance. The joy on the kids' and their families' faces truly made every moment that much more special.

The exceptional children's Christmas party warmed my heart as we invited the Grupo de Autismo Angeles children and adults to come in and visit Mr. And Mrs. Claus. Toys were given and smiles for miles were received.

The first annual purple pig ugly sweater party was so big we had to move it in to the ballroom.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all New Years Eve at the Glitter Ball. We'll have the amazing crooner Gavin Braun and DJ Ronnie there to ring in the new year...and plenty of coffee to get you over the finish line.

Happy New Year my family of Elks and I will see you in 2024 at the lodge.

Esteemed Leading Knight Joe Rodriguez



Greetings Elks brothers and sisters!

This year has come and gone, but it was filled with great surprises and ac-

tivities at our lodge.

We are so thankful for all our volunteers who assisted my wife Sheila and I in organizing our Candy Cane Lane celebration. This event was a great success because of the dedication, generosity and commitment of the selfless volunteers who participated. Special thanks to:

- DJ Ronnie Harrell and the New Beginnings Band for the exciting

Upcoming Santa Ana Elk Events

**THE MANGO BAND
January 5**

**LARRY FRESCH TRIO
January 13**

**JEROME DEAN
January 19**

**GIGAR & WINE DINNER
January 30**

For the full calendar of events, go to page 12 or SAElks.org

entertainment.

- Lisa Darmousseh, Linda Fernandez, Connie Foley, and Maria Paulin who did our awesome decorations.
- Colleen Daddario and Isabelle Kaminsky for the beautiful lobby decorations.
- Maria Bisbee and Sue McKee for their administrative work.
- Sharon Breece, Gina Galvan, Yvonne Salazar, and Brian Yendall who were in charge of ticket sales.
- And of course, our general manager, John Moore, and his staff.

I also want to thank all my Monday Night Football committee members for an incredible year! The dedication and hard work this committee demonstrates is the epitome of a true Elk! As we wind down the football season, I would like to thank everyone who supported and contributed to our Monday Night Football meals. It has been an honor and a privilege to prepare and cook these meals along side Roy Ancira, Connie Foley, Alma Landini and Maria Paulin. Stay tuned for the Monday Night Football committee Super Bowl Sunday Extravaganza in February. I wish everyone a very happy new year!

Esteemed Loyal Knight Lou Carlson



Belated happy new year! I trust your celebrations were fulsome and joyous. Now to the business of your Santa Ana Elks Lodge and my proposal for a new years resolution. Have you ever noticed how well

dressed and dignified all your lodge officers look at lodge meetings and at all special events? Have you considered why they dress so nicely? It is because their appearance reflects on members and guests in attendance at these events. I submit that your appearance at the lodge has a similar effect.

In re-reading the booklet *What It Means To Be An Elk*, the beauty and dignity of our lodge and its meetings and events are emphasized most beautifully. That's why all officers are required to wear certain apparel accessorized with matching ties and ER pins.

Similarly, all lodge members should be appropriately attired when attending special ticketed events, dances and banquets. It reminds us that we are all members of a famous and respected organization dedicated to patriotism, benevolence and fellowship.

For the new year, let's resolve to let our attire make a good impression when we come to the lodge. And have a great new year!

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Mark Chauwecker



Dear Elk family, these past several weeks have reminded me of how blessed I am for the privilege of being an Elk and serving our lodge, community and youth. Our lodge calendar has been packed with special events and it was fantastic to see so many members enjoying all that the lodge has to offer and creating memories together.

The New Year is upon us and it is a natural time to think about goals for the coming year. I'd like to share one of mine: to invite more

friends and colleagues to join in the fun and fellowship at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794. Won't you join me in growing our Elk family, which is truly made up of the *Best People On Earth*? Happy New Year.

General Manager John Moore



In the blink of an eye, we are in a brand-new year 2024! I would like to wish all our members a very Happy New

Year's and hope everyone's resolution lasts at least until January 15! The holidays are in the past and I am happy to report we had many memorable events orchestrated by our ER Jeff, the officer corps and our many committees who put the time and effort to create lifetime memories for our members and their friends and families. On a personal note, I would like to thank our entire team of cooks, and service staff for helping to make December a great month for the members and our many outside events.

In case you are unaware Orange Counties largest Super Bowl party is on Sunday, February 11, where 500 of our members and guests fill the lodge for a fantastic day of football and fellowship. The Monday night football committee pulls out all the stops for this great day. All your favorite Super Bowl foods and raffles along with drink specials and viewing on all 32 TV monitors and two large theater screens you won't miss a commercial or the game. We cut off reservations at 550 so call today as this is a ticketed item.

As the Super Bowl closes out

the football season, “Now what do we do on Sunday” is a question I am often asked. One of the answers is that we will be starting up a monthly mariachi brunch on Sunday, January 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm featuring such items as barbacoa, menudo, chicken pastor as well as the traditional brunch items you have all come to enjoy for \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 for kids ages five to twelve. The mariachi brunches will continue monthly with the exception of March 31, which is our Easter brunch and May 12, which is the greatest holiday of all, Mother’s Day. Check your calendar and Elk Mail for the date of the mariachi brunch as each month the Sunday varies.

Make sure to take special notice of our Friday concert series fundraisers to start the year. January 12 is a 9-piece Chicago tribute band followed by Steely Dan on February 23 and for Saint Patrick’s Day event on Saturday, March 16 our ER pulled off a miracle by booking the top Irish band in Southern California, the Finian’s. All are ticketed events for the first 275 and, as they say, “operators are standing by!”

See’s Candy for Valentines

Did you know that the lodge has a See’s website where you can order candy all year long? It’s called Elks Sweet Shop and you can purchase all types of items, including Valentine’s candy. If your order is \$70 or more, the shipping is free. You can access the site with the QR code below. If you have any questions, contact Isabelle Kaminsky at Isabelle.kam@cox.net or 714-290-4569.



January Was Not First Choice

by Dan Breece



Janus is portrayed as having two faces that gaze at both the future and the past.

Did you know that January wasn’t the original choice for the first month of the year? Can you imagine ringing in the new year on March 25 or December 25? Just doesn’t sound right at all, huh?

I’ll give a disclaimer up front, not all countries celebrate the new year on January 1. Although we do here in the United States, there are several different takes on when the new year begins. For instance, the Jewish new year is celebrated in September with Rosh Hashana, in Ethiopia it’s called Enkutatash and is also in September. Our timing is

based on the Gregorian calendar as is most of the countries around the world today.

It all started when March 25 was the new year and there was no January or February. A change was made because Easter, along with other important events or dates, didn’t fall on the calendar at the right time. Leap year also wasn’t factored in initially and eventually had to be included. Give thanks to Roman King Numa Pompilius back in 715-673 BCE for revising the Roman republican calendar replacing March with January.

The month of January is named after a guy by the name of Janus. He was and is often depicted as having two faces, one looking back and one looking forward. Janus frequently symbolized change and transition in several varieties. Progress of past to future, one vision to another and young people's growth to adulthood are just a few. He represented time because he could look into the past with one face and into the future with the other. He also represented the middle ground between barbarism and civilization and rural and urban space. Basically, any beginning could have included a nod to the god of change. Weddings, funerals, planting and harvesting of crops, any new beginning was sure to include Janus.

The month of January also has vast number of historical notes here in the U.S. Four of our presidents were born in January: Millard Fillmore, William McKinley, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Richard Nixon. Other notable birthdays in our January past include Elvis Presley, Martin Luther King, Benjamin Franklin, Muhammad Ali, Betsy Ross, John Hancock, Benedict Arnold (traitor!) and Jackie Robinson.

Let's take a walk back through time with some other notable occurrences in the month of January.

On January 1, 1776, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America, and in 1790 gave the first ever State of the Union address. Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

An amendment in 1878 was made granting women the right to vote, by California Senator A.A. Argent. Unfortunately, it didn't pass until forty-two years later in 1920.

In 1848 the California Gold Rush began with the accidental dis-

covery of the precious metal near Coloma during construction of Sutter's sawmill. President Polk made a public announcement about it, which caused a national sensation resulting in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking their fortunes.

In 1964 the U.S. Surgeon General declared cigarettes were hazardous to our health.

In 1966 Indira Ghandi was elected prime minister of India. She served until 1975 and again from 1980 to 1984 when she was assassinated by her own bodyguards.

Ronald Reagan became the oldest president at the time, at the age of 69 on January 20, 1981.

In 1895 Queen Liliuokalani's monarchy ended as she was forced to abdicate her throne. Hawaii was then annexed by the U.S. as a territory until it became our 50th state in 1959.

On January 25, 1961, President Kennedy held the first ever, live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

Around the world, in 1972, Japanese soldier Shichi Yokoi was discovered on Guam after he spent 28 years hiding out in the jungle not knowing World War II had long since ended.

On January 19, 1966, Indira Ghandi was elected as India's Prime Minister and held that title until 1975 and again from 1980 to 1984.

With the signing of the Paris Peace accords on January 27, 1973, the Vietnam war came to an end for U.S. involvement.

Finally, what would January 1, New Year's Day be without a resolution? Don't forget to make yours and see how long it lasts! If you're like me and most of us, it likely won't see the end of January.

Happy New Year and here's to wishing a healthy and prosperous 2024.



Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season no matter how it was celebrated; being with family, friends, and/or helping others.

The Veterans Committee is very thankful for the work we've been allowed to do. Whether it was cooking and serving veterans at the VA Long Beach for Thanksgiving, helping Tierney Center with their holiday party (loved Santa and the games with the kids!), helping to host the Veterans Day open meeting, getting together for the Army/Navy game or standing together Dec. 16 at the Santa Ana Cemetery to lay wreaths for the veterans. (Wreaths Across America)

We want to thank everyone for their help and support in 2023 and as we continue to grow in 2024 we are looking forward to partnering and becoming more of a resource to those around us.

We wish everyone a wonderful 2024 and that during this year (and all years to follow) that we learn to have more compassion, more patience and more understanding towards each other. No matter our lot in life.



Elks Lodge Names Pig Of the Year

Every year since 1927, Time Magazine has named a person of the year. This year it happens to be Taylor Swift. Their choice comes from the belief that individuals have the power to transform society.

So we got to thinking, who at the lodge has a similar impact on people's lives? We are proud to announce our choice for 2023... the Purple Pig!

He greets every new member with a cheery smile. He accepts any charitable donation with a tip of his hat. And he literally transforms the lives of countless children with disabilities!

The California-Hawaii Elks Association created the Purple Pig project in 1950 to help children and families struggling with disabilities. Currently, Mr. Pig funds 32 therapists and preschool vision screeners who help children when no other organization can or will. These professional therapists and vision screeners travel countless miles to help children get the care that they need.

How many miles, you ask? Well, the occupational therapists funded by Mr. Pig traveled 87,685 miles to make 4,445 visits with 150 patients. The physical therapists that Mr. Pig funds visited 98 different children and completed 3,227 visits over 1,569 miles. Likewise speech pathologists had a case load of 90 and made 1,982 visits over 71,569 miles. Vision screeners traveled 111,729 miles to visit 43,830 children, referring 2,226 of them to doctors for further treatment. It's safe to say that he Purple Pig definitely makes a hug contribution to the lives of many children and their families!

In accepting his honor, Mr. Pig wanted to make it clear that he



couldn't do it alone. The honor is made possible by the many members of the lodge who daily contribute their pennies and dimes that fund these supportive services that aid children and families without discrimination.

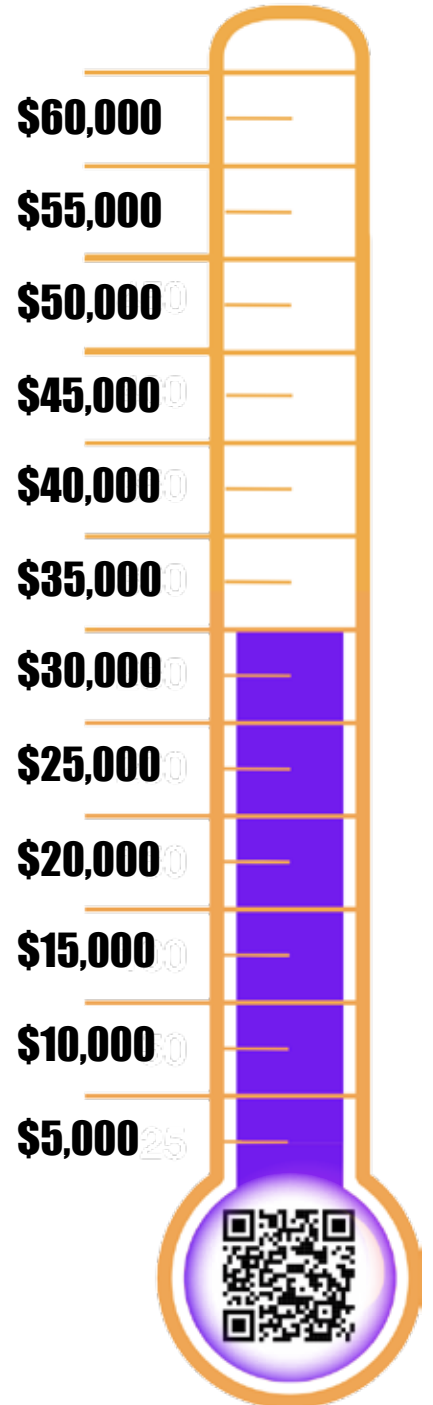
The Orange Coast District is the #1 district in all of California and Hawaii in Purple Pig donations, having raised \$403,669 last year. The Santa Ana Lodge raised \$45,000 last year, and this year our goal is \$60,000. "We have five months to go. I know we can do it," said Leading Knight Joe Rodriguez who oversees the Purple Pig effort for the lodge.

Every member should have a Purple Pig bank of their own. At the end of the day, drop your spare coins into it and you'll be amazed how it adds up. "A coin a day helps kids walk, talk, see and play," said Ronnie Harrell, chairman of the Purple Pig committee, "but you know, he takes dollar bills too." Then on Purple Pig Day, which is the third Tuesday of every month, come to the lodge meeting and exchange your stuffed pig for a new, empty one.

You can also donate online by going to the Santa Ana Elks app

on your smart phone and selecting "donations." You can also donate using the QR code below and asking the lodge to be credited. Or, just ask the front desk, they'd be glad to help you.

With all the good that he does, helping children and families throughout the state, it's no wonder he's our Pig of the Year!



Scholarship Fundraiser to Revive Disco at Back to the '70s Dance & Auction, January 20

by Linda Barcelona

The holiday decorations have been put away and life has slowed down again for most folks... but not so much for your Elks scholarship committee!

We have been busy throughout the holiday season not only gathering scholarship applications in preparation for judging this year's scholarship winners, but we have also been preparing for our annual "fun raising" dance.

Our Elks scholarship committee hopes you all will be able to join us on January 20 for our Back to the '70s dance and scholarship fundraiser featuring our own DJ Ronnie Harrell spinning the grooviest tunes of the era.

There'll also be an amazing silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, gift baskets and other prizes. But the big feature of the night will be the live auction which will include a trip to New York to see a taping of Saturday Night Live! Also up for auction will be a trip to see Jerry Seinfeld and friends at the Hollywood Bowl with your very own driver. You'll also be bidding on VIP tickets to see David Spade & Nikki Glaser at the Brea Improv. But that's not all!

The evening will be filled with music that'll make you want to get up and boogie. So, naturally, there'll be a disco dance contest, '70s music trivia contest, games and, of course, a costume contest!

You'll dine '70s-style on Chicken Kiev a la Studio 54, Noel's Hungarian

Goulash, twice baked potatoes, and Ambrosia topped off with a chocolate fondue for desert all while sipping an "It's Another Tequila Sunrise" signature cocktail! It's the perfect fun event to chase away the post-holiday doldrums while raising money for scholarships for worthy students. Of course, if you cannot make the event, we would gladly take your tax-deductible donations of live or silent auction items or checks.

So, get out your best bell bottoms, puka shells, wallaby's and disco shoes and join us for a great time on January 20 starting at 6:00 pm as we go Back to the '70s. Tickets are only \$40, but they are limited, so make your reservations now by calling 714-547-7794.



Scholarship Committee Seeks Sponsors and Donors for BACK TO THE '70s Fundraising Event

The Santa Ana scholarship committee is delighted to announce its annual fundraising event, Saturday, January 20, 2024. The theme of this year's dinner/dance is the '70s. This event is a gathering of Elks, their families, supporters, and community members in a fun-filled celebration to support the various Elks scholarships awarded each year.

To do this, we rely on the support and donations of generous individuals and organizations. We would like to invite you and/or your organization to sponsor/donate an item for the live or silent auction to be held that evening,

The Santa Ana Elks is a non-profit, charitable organization with members committed to investing in our community through programs that assist children, honor our military and veterans, and award scholarships to students living in Santa Ana, Tustin, and Irvine. Your generous donation will not only help the scholarship committee sponsor an event that will take us back to the '70s, but also will provide funds for scholarships awarded each year to outstanding students.

In addition to helping provide scholarships, as a sponsor/donor you will receive recognition in the program and on the placard by the auction item. Your sponsorship/donation benefits the Santa Ana Elks, a 501 (c)(8) non-profit organization (Tax ID #95-0541115). It is completely tax deductible.

To become a sponsor/donor, please make your check payable to *Santa Ana Elks #794* noting *scholarship committee '70s dance* in the

memo. You can drop it off at the lodge or mail it to:

*Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794
ATTN: Sue McKee
Scholarship Committee
1751 Elk Lane
Santa Ana, CA 92705*

Donations should be received by January 12, 2024.

If you wish to donate an item for the silent auction, email Sue at suemckee@cox.net or pick up an auction item donation form at the lodge. All auction items should be received at the Lodge by Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of your local Elks Lodge. We hope to see you at the '70s scholarship fundraiser.



What Goes Up, Must Come Down

It's time to put Christmas to bed. Come and help us remove our trees, wreaths, and all holiday décor on January 3, 2024 at 9:00 am. For more information contact Isabelle Kaminsky at 714-290-4569 or Isabelle.kam@cox.net.

Elks of the Month



April

Maria Paulin

May

Kellie Miller

June

**Johnny Verduzco
Karla Vigil
Sandy Marquez**

July

George Will

August

Marc LaFont

September

Patrick Newell

October

**Connie Davis Foley
Tracy Smith**

November

**Lisa Darmousseh
Colleen Daddario
Linda Fernandez
Sue McKee**

SANTA ANA ELKS #794 SCHOLARSHIPS, 2024-2025

This chart summarizes the many scholarships available through the ELKS national, state, and local levels. The websites are valuable tools for learning more about each scholarship. Review the chart and read the applications carefully to determine eligibility of potential applicants. For questions, please contact Linda Barcelona, Scholarship Chair at (714)651-9596 or lindabarcelona1@yahoo.com

CHEA Vocational Grant	California or Hawaii resident planning to pursue vocational tech course training.	\$500- \$2,000 <i>Renewable for 1 year</i>	58	3 months after downloading	<i>No age restriction. No high school diploma required. Applications available online at chea-elks.org/youth/activities/scholarships</i>	
CHEA Students w/ Disabilities	High school senior or high school graduate with a disability who is a California or Hawaii resident.	\$1,000- \$2,000 <i>Renewable</i>	20 30	3/15/24	<i>Applications available online at chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships</i>	
Bob McCalla Scholarship	High school senior, college student or planning to enroll in college (2 or 4-year) or vocational school who is a Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine resident.	\$1,000	5	1/12/24	<i>Applications available online at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
MNF Athletic Scholarship	High school senior, in Santa Ana, Tustin or Irvine with a 3.0 GPA and a CIF participant.	\$2,000 \$1,000 \$500	2 2 2	2/9/24	<i>Applications available online at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
Santa Ana Elks #792 Scholarship	High school senior and member, child or grandchild of a SA Elks #794 member.	\$2,000 \$5,000	5 3	11/19/24	<i>Application available online at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
SA Elks Lenz Scholarship	High school senior who is a child or grandchild of a SA Elks #794 member.	\$1,500 \$2,000 \$2,500	1 1 1	2/2/24	<i>Applications available on at saelks.com/scholarships</i>	
Legacy Award	High school senior who is a child or grandchild of an Elk in good standing for two years with SAT or ACT test.	\$1,000 per year for 4 years	22 for CA & HI	2/5/25	<i>Students must apply online at elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm</i>	



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Elks 794 Hoop Shoot Winners To Proceed to District Level

Our youth have grit! Thirty-two kids came out to Century High School on Saturday, December 9 to the annual Hoop Shoot to strut their stuff. The gym was filled with excitement as the signups started and continued all the way through the awards ceremony. To complement the event, Tracy Smith, PER was on hand to share and distribute drug awareness materials to the youth and families who came out for the Hoop Shoot.

Special thanks to the twelve Elk members who came out to support the event, too. We couldn't have done it without you. We look forward to next year's event and will continually work to get more participation from the youth in the community.

The Elks National Foundation has funded the Hoop Shoot program since 1973. For over 50 years, it

has helped participants develop grit by setting goals, working hard to achieve them, failing and bouncing back to try again and work even harder the next year.

The following youth had the highest number of free throws from 25 attempts. Each will advance to the next round of Hoop Shoot, our district event held on January 6. Congratulations and good luck to all the players!

Ages 8-9

Girls - Arianna Torres, 16

Boys - Diego Ortega, 20

Ages 10-11

Girls - Lucy Sanchez, 16

Boys - Andrew Ramirez, 16

Ages 12-13

Girls - Marilyn Manzo, 15

Boys - Cesar Trujillo, 15



Membership/Lapsation Report Santa Ana Lodge #794

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/23 1494

INCREASES

Initiated.....	203
Affiliated.....	13
Reinstated	6
Subtotal	222

DECREASES

Dropped.....	2
Transferred Out	11
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	32
Expelled.....	0
Subtotal	45
Calculated Membership Total	1671
CLMS Active Members.....	1691

(Membership out of balance)

Average Age	62.95
Gain/Loss	177

DELINQUENCY

Six Months.....	1
One Year	153
Over One Year	0
Total	154
Lapsation Rate.....	10.31%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next lodge meeting	9
In the hands of the investigating committee ..	30
Ready for balloting.....	0
Ready for orientation	10
Ready for Initiation.....	7
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement.....	0
Other.....	0
Total	56

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members.....	90
Honorary Life Members	3
Total	93
Life Percentage	6.22%

JANUARY

CALENDAR CONTENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK WWW.SAELKS.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE FACEBOOK PAGE AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANTAANAELKS AND THE SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE 794 MEMBERS PAGE.

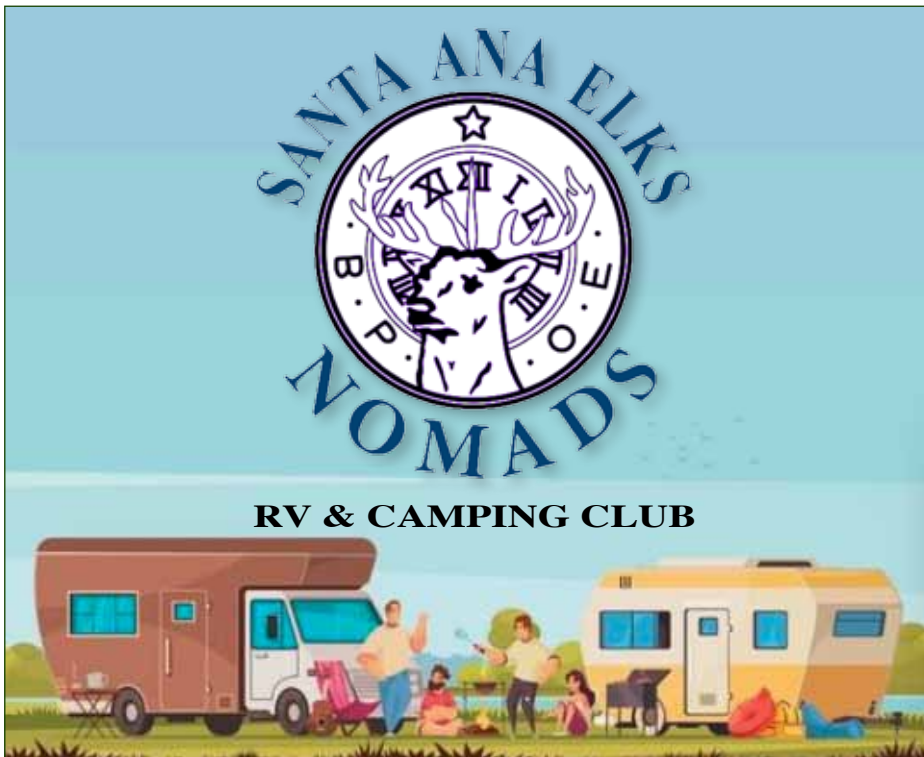
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>New Year's Eve Glitter Ball</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm PER Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Birthdays Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:15-10pm</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Travel Club 1:00 pm Mango Band 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon DJ Ronnie 630 - 9:30 pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 pm HC Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:30-10 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Concert Series: Chicago Tribute Experience</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon Larry Fresch Quartet 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm Charity Committee 2:00 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Open Lodge Mtg 7:30 pm Taco Night Veterans CMTE 6:00 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Jerome Dean 7:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Back to the '70s Dance 6:00 pm</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon Sunday Football</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm Taco Night HC Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Five Star Band 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon The Grumps 6:30 - 9:30 pm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Sunday Football Mariachi Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No Lodge Mtg Taco Night Cigar & Wine Dinner 6:00 pm</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm</p>			

FEBRUARY

LODGE HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS; TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS 9-6PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-11PM, SUNDAYS 9AM-3PM

FOOD SERVICE HOURS: TUESDAYS 11AM-7PM; WEDNESDAYS—FRIDAYS 11AM-8PM, SATURDAYS 9AM-8PM; SUNDAYS 9AM-2PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm 	2 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Larry Fresch Quartet 6:30 - 9:30 pm	3 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 
4 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon	5 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm 	6 Lodge Meeting First Nominations 7:30 pm Taco Night PER Meeting	7 Investigation 3:30-6:30 pm Birthday Club Pasta Night 4:30-7:30 pm Trivia Night 6:30 pm	8 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8 pm Karaoke 7:30-10 pm	9 Valentine's Day Dance featuring The Grumps 	10 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon
11 Superbowl Party Doors open at 1:30 pm 	12 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	13 Lodge Meeting 2nd Nominations and Ballotting 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm Taco Night	14 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	15 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Emblem Club 6:30 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm	16 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm The Fabulous Belairs 7:00 - 10:00 pm	17 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon Orientation 12 Noon
18 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	19 Lodge closed Charity Cmte 2:00 pm Bingo 6:15 pm	20 Lodge Meeting Election 7:30 pm BOT Meeting 5:00 pm Veterans Cmte 6:00 pm Taco Night	21 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm 	22 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Nomads 6:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm	23 Regular Menu Dinner Special 4:30-8:00 pm Steely Dan Tribute 6:00-10:00 pm 	24 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am - 12 noon 5 Star Band 6:30-9:30 pm 
25 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am - 12 noon 	26 Lodge closed Bingo 6:15 pm	27 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 pm House Meeting 5:00 pm 	28 Pasta Night Trivia Night 6:30 pm	29 Regular Menu Prime Rib Night 4:30-8:00 pm Karaoke 7:15-10:00 pm		



Elks Motto An Apt New Year's Resolution

*"The faults of our brothers,
we write upon the sands,
their virtues on tablets
of love and memory."*

Before we were the Elks, we were known as the Jolly Corks — a name that is not only cause to smile but a reminder that the "Benevolent and Protective Order," as it is called, was organized in a different time.

It was 1867, two years after a Civil War in which North and South had sought to dispatch with the faults of brothers using Minie balls and cannon shot.

In that context, a jolly cork represented a kinder, gentler projectile. So did the Elks' motto in its approach to getting along with others.

Days before his assassination, Abraham Lincoln, who at his first inaugural had hoped that the nation's "better angels" would prevail, tried to summon a more forgiving spirit in the nation after four years of unprecedented slaughter.

He implored the country to move forward "with malice toward none and charity for all" and to rally its spirit "to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

It seems more than circumstance that the Elks motto is from the same era.

As we start a new year when many of us think about resolutions regarding weight loss, exercise programs, quitting cigarettes

Our Annual Christmas Party at the lodge was on December 15, and it was "Wow". The food was fabulous, the company superior, and our childrens' gifts to donate to the charity committee for distribution at Christmas was a great success.

Let's not forget our first ever lodge event on March 23: a real life spaghetti western, ticketed dinner dance at our lodge. This is not our first rodeo, so lookout partner, you

dinner and 7:30 pm for the meeting. When you come, check in with the host/hostess in the lobby and they'll let you know where to find us. 2024

OUTINGS

February 8-11

Vail Lake KOA, Temecula hosted by Wyatts

May/June

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

"Camping: Where you spend a small fortune to live like you're homeless."

might be arrested and have to pay a fine to get out of jail, learn some line dancing, take a photo, or buy a fancy Western hat or drinkin' cup. Look for the fliers out soon and buy your tickets early so you don't miss out on this event.

Our regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month will resume January 25 at 6:00 pm for

October

Rally for the Purple Pig at Golden Village Palms Resort in Hemet

We welcome all Elks in any type of rig, singles, couples and families. Call Chuck Goetz, president, at 562-619-5656 or cgoetz10941@aol.com, and he will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

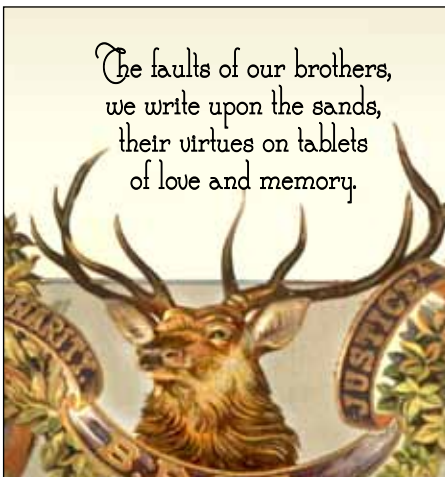
and other details of our own lives, it seems also a good time to consider our attitudes toward one another and, perhaps, human nature.

Founded on what our early texts call “faithful brotherhood,” our order claims these benefits for its members: It “strips them of selfishness, narrowness and exclusiveness; develops their latent fraternity and companionability; shames them out of ignoble animosities, petty prejudices and personal bitterness; stamps out bickering rancor and resentment; teaches them and strives to make them emulate all the admirable and lovable traits of humanity.”

Our order wisely admits that it “cannot change human nature” and claims only that “it seeks to so mold and influence it as to make men rightly appreciate and esteem one another.”

Which brings us back, as we start 2024, to the motto: The faults of our brothers, we write upon the sands, their virtues on tablets of love and memory.

The motto assumes that we and our brothers and sisters have both faults and virtues and always will. It behooves us to move a bit in that direction in the year to come. It seems a more promising path toward “a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”



MNF: Playoffs Are Here!

by Dan Breece

The Monday night football committee turns the page from the regular season to the playoffs this month. It’s been another great run for 2023 with so much support from you the football fans, as well as our committee volunteers! There isn’t a big enough thank you for you all, but thank you for your support, your generosity and your fun-loving attitude when you hung out with us! Your donations and support have impacted so many in need in our community and we, as a committee and lodge, are blessed to call you members and friends. Again, thank you for your support!

Speaking of giving, December is always a big month for our giving to the community. We made donations to several organizations including La Semilla Learning Center, an after-school learning center for kids; Hope Center for Art, which helps provide artistic opportunities for disabled adults; The Art Spread, helping them to provide local artists with adversity, to be successful; the Santa Ana Emblem club for their orangewood children’s blanket project; and the

R.A.Y.A. Foundation They host programs that develop our youth. They provide basketball, programs, leagues and a high school all-star game for boys and girls. They also have track and field and soccer programs as well. We also coordinated the adoption of a migrant family with the Santa Ana Unified School District for Christmas. A combination of committee donations and opportunity drawings raised enough money to provide a \$500 gift card and gifts so the family could have a nice Christmas.

Our last Monday night was on December 18, but not to worry, we will be hosting the playoff games and of course the Super Bowl! Mark your calendar and get your tickets for the big game, which is on February 11. Tickets are on sale now. The cost will again be \$25 per ticket. Keep an eye out for our flyer as well as Elk Mail and other outlets for more information.

After the Super Bowl, you can look forward to another MNF golf tournament and the MNF car show. Both will be held around May and/or June of this year. Don’t miss out on all the fun and see you soon!

Santa Ana Elks 794 Travel Club



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The Santa Ana Elks Travel Club is kicking off 2024 with an all new roster of amazing travel opportunities. We hope you'll join us on any or all of these great excursions!

The Santa Ana Elks Travel Club coordinates a variety of day and extended tours to meet the needs of our members, their families and friends. When you travel with the Santa Ana Elks Travel Club, you pack and we handle the rest! Membership in the club is free and is not required for traveling. All trips and tours leave from the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

Monthly travel club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Emerald Room at the lodge. Here are just some of the great trips we have planned. To make a reservation for any of these trips, contact Jim Tobin at 949-533-4959. And be sure to check out our web site at www.elks-travelclub.com for more detailed information on all of the trips.



Rome & The Country Roads of Tuscany March 19, 2024 - 9 Days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Five nights in Tuscany, two nights in Rome, Siena Walking tour, San Gimignano

no visit, Florence city tour, Academy Gallery, statue of David, leaning tower of Pisa, Pisa's piazza Dei Miracoli, Lucca visit, Assisi tour, Rome city tour, St Peter's Basilica, Tuscany winery visit & tasting, Roaman farewell dinner. Includes roundtrip airfare from LAX

Tour Rates: \$3,999/per person, \$4,625 Single. Deposit: \$600/person, travel protection \$399/pp



Highlights of England, Scotland & Wales April 17, 2024

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Edinburgh city tour, London city tour, Buckingham Palace changing of the guard, Cardiff Wales, Edinburgh castle, Scotch whiskey tour, York & York minster, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Salisbury Castle, Stonehenge, Bristol & Bath, Roman baths museum. Includes roundtrip airfare from SNA

Tour Rates \$4099/per person, \$5024 Single. Deposit \$600/per-



Black Hills, Badlands & Mount Rushmore June 12, 2024 - 7 days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Mount Rushmore day & night, Devil's Tower National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial, Fort Hays, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug Store, Custer State Park, Buffalo Jeep Safari, State Game Lodge Dinner, 1880 train, Deadwood, The Mammoth site, The Journey Museum, K-Bar S Lodge dinner, Chuckwagon supper & cowboy show. Includes roundtrip airfare from SNA. *Tour Rates \$3,049/per person, \$3,849 Single Deposit \$400 per person, Travel Protection \$325/pp*

Colorado Rockies, Rails and Western National Parks June 19, 2024, 9 days

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Three train Experiences, a lot of amazing national parks and so much more! Includes roundtrip Airfare from SNA

Celebrating January Birthdays With Pasta Dinner on January 3

The first Wednesday of each month, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge celebrates those with birthdays that month. So, if your name is listed below, join us for a FREE pasta dinner and a slice of cake in the McCalla Lounge on Wednesday, January 3 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

1/1..... Leonard C. Alvarado	1/10..... Arthur H. Echternacht, PSP	1/19..... Michael L. Olsen
1/1..... Lloyd Boucher	1/10..... Teresa Jimenez	1/19..... John Sandoval
1/1..... Ryan Henry Callaghan	1/10..... Debra Lakin-Peters	1/19..... Allan Topham
1/1..... Daniel Fernandez, Sr., PER	1/11..... Melinda Brawner	1/20..... Kathleen Clark
1/1..... Frank .A Jimenez	1/11..... Evelyn Godinez	1/20..... Desiderio Gonzalez
1/1..... Francis. P Karmelich	1/11..... Richard Kociela	1/20..... Thomas J. Lorenz
1/1..... Douglas P. Minery	1/11..... Jose A. Luna	1/20..... Dale M. Teague
1/1..... David Orellana	1/11..... Eduardo C. Perez	1/21..... Terry C. Herwehe
1/1..... David Penaloza	1/11..... Robert Daniel Walker	1/21..... Shannon Goebel Kennedy
1/1..... Jose Talavera	1/12..... Arnaud Dufour	1/22..... William Mac Sweeney
1/2..... Christopher Ahlswede	1/12..... Moses Jimenez	1/22..... Christine K. Sharry
1/2..... Sarah Elizabeth Bender	1/12..... Heidi Maturino	1/22..... Caroline Yacoub
1/2..... Ian Ray Fountain	1/12..... Joe F. Ramirez III	1/23..... Samuel Arechiga
1/2..... Conda Takanabe	1/12..... Mark Sequeira	1/23..... Andrew Matthews
1/3..... John F. Day	1/12..... Myrna Shields	1/23..... Edward C. Roberts
1/3..... Steve Doughty	1/12..... Marianela A. Silva	1/23..... Erik Zavala
1/3..... Oscar Fresquez	1/13..... Linda S. Zwier	1/24..... Kurt M. Bensworth
1/3..... Jonathan Hernandez	1/14..... Jessica M. Brys Brownsell	1/24..... Melissa Martinez
1/3..... Mary M. Jimenez	1/14..... Merle Craig	1/25..... Alfonso Gonzales
1/3..... Robert W. Titus II	1/14..... Shirley Echternacht	1/25..... Kevin Jones
1/4..... Alex Gomez	1/14..... Stephen Madoni	1/25..... Richard L. Reger
1/4..... Shea Trettewick	1/15..... Jaime Colchado	1/25..... Ricardo Rodriguez
1/5..... Alma Landini	1/15..... F. Maxcy Collins	1/25..... Benjamin Vazquez
1/5..... Brett Olivier	1/15..... Bob Fiorentino	1/25..... Michael Alan Wykoff
1/5..... Catherine Pouchie	1/15..... Paul Garcia	1/26..... Judith Belman
1/5..... Ernest Salgado	1/15..... Salvi Panzarella	1/26..... Ernest L. Eady
1/6..... Reef Bensworth	1/15..... Denise Silva	1/26..... Elizabeth Guerrero
1/6..... Jose L. Castro, Jr.	1/15..... Cynthia J. Soruco	1/26..... Maggie Hart
1/6..... Norman Fisher	1/16..... Enrique M. Adame, Jr	1/26..... Larry J. Hausner
1/6..... Vincent P. Gomez	1/16..... Jesse J. Araujo, Jr.	1/26..... Lydia Herrera
1/6..... Patricia Jennings	1/16..... Timothy Ryan Gardner	1/26..... Jeanette Denise Kelly
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1/7..... Geraldine Rietdyk	1/16..... Thomas Randall	1/26..... Michael J. Mitchell
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1/10..... Rhonda Cota	1/19..... Maria L. Licon	1/30..... Robert Gandara
		1/30..... Charles W. Litzen
		1/30..... Brian Plovanch
		1/30..... Adrian Joseph Rodriguez
		1/30..... Stanton J. Skallerud
		1/30..... Janet Woolford
		1/31..... Anna Bryson
		1/31..... Charlene DeLange
		1/31..... Julia Marie Garcia
		1/31..... Bryan F. Phillips


Exceptional Children Hosted at Holiday Event



On Thursday, December 14, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge hosted a holiday celebration for the exceptional children at Grupo de Autismo Angeles and their families. The organization is a latino support and educational group in Southern California for families with children within the autism spectrum. The program provides support groups, health education and a support network and serves all ages of autism. Santa and Mrs Claus were there to greet the children and hand out toys with the help of volunteers from Santa Ana's HIVE youth program.



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The Chicago Experience Is A Blast From The Past

The Chicago Experience is a group of musicians from the Chicago area playing the music of Chicago, the self-described “rock and roll band with horns.”

The Chicago Experience, which formed about fourteen years ago, performs their tribute to Chicago on Friday, January 12 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

The band features three lead vocalists – Brian Hemstock, Adam Briel and Ron Brandt, who also plays guitar – bassist Tim Rutter, keyboardist/guitarist Paul Wood, drummer Adam Cowger and the three-piece horn section of Steve Frost trombonist Terry Viano and saxophonist/flutist Jim Massoth.

The Chicago Experience focuses a good portion of their setlist on the early years, especially Chicago’s first two records, 1969’s “Chicago Transit Authority” and the 1970 self-titled album, which features songs like “Beginnings,” “Questions 67 and 68” and “Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?”

“Those songs meant a lot to a lot of folks,” Frost says. “Some people like the original rocking group, which we do, too. They are still great songs. I think the one thing we can all appreciate about Chicago is the songs.”

Frost considers it an honor to pay tribute to one of



his earliest musical influences. “Being one of the most iconic rock and roll bands of our time, it gives us a chance to reach generations of fans,” he says. “It is such a wide demographic that their songs touched. We just have a blast doing it.”

In addition to the concert, the evening fundraiser includes a buffet meal. The event is expected to sell out, so it is advised that tickets be purchase in advance at the lodge or by calling 714-547 7794.

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First Four Tuesdays of the Month, 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Every Third Tuesday, 5:00 pm

House Committee Meeting

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Charity Committee Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month, 2:00 pm

Travel Club Meeting

1st Friday of the Month, 1:30 pm

Nomads Meeting

4th Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm

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