



Reno Elks Call

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Dear Members and Friends,

Summer is officially in full swing at the Reno Elks Lodge. The pool is open, families are enjoying the facilities, and we have a great season ahead of us. As a reminder, we have transitioned to our summer schedule of two Lodge meetings each month. While the pace may slow down a bit during the summer, our work as a Lodge does not. I encourage everyone to stay involved, attend meetings when you can, and continue supporting the activities and programs that help make our Lodge successful. Remember it PAYS to attend meetings, just ask Gina Nolte.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone, especially Linda Lannon who helped make our Father's Day celebration such a success. From the volunteers who planned, prepared, served, and cleaned up to the members and guests who came out to support the event, thank you. The strong turnout and positive feedback are a direct reflection of the commitment and dedication of our members. Events like these remind us that the strength of our Lodge comes from the people who are willing to step up and contribute.

As many of you know, the Ritual Team will soon be traveling to Chicago to compete at the national level. If you see them around the Lodge, please wish them and the coaches good luck. Our commitment, discipline, and countless hours of practice have brought us to this point, and we have represented Reno Lodge with professionalism and pride every step of the way. I am proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to the support of the Lodge we represent our Lodge on the national stage.

As we enjoy everything summer has to offer, I want to ask for everyone's help in taking care of our Lodge. The pool and surrounding areas are among the finest amenities we have, and keeping them clean and enjoyable is the responsibility of every member. Please clean up after yourselves, follow the posted pool rules, and make sure your guests do the same. Our Lodge has always been built on volunteerism, personal responsibility, and members helping members. We are not a country club—we are a Lodge! The difference is that this place belongs to all of us. If each member does their part, we can keep our facilities looking great and ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you around the Lodge and hope you and your families have a fantastic July.

Antonio Ricci, Exalted Ruler, 2026-2027, Reno Elks Lodge #597



A FEW EVENT PREVIEWS



AC Breakfast
9am - 11am Just \$10
Sunday, July 19th



Volunteers
Needed
See page 16

Reno Elks Lodge #597
Open Hours:
Mon-Thurs 11am-7:30pm
Friday 11am-9pm
Sat/Sun 11:00am-7:30pm

ELKS LODGE 597•JULY 2026

Dinners & events are often changed after publication of The Call.

Please listen to the weekly robocalls or go to the website for the most current information.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
LODGE MEETINGS July 9th, and 16th for New Member Initiation			1	2	3	4
			NEW EVENT: Liar's Dice p.11 Circle of Elks Mtg 3p VSC Mtg 5:30p		Social Hour 4p to 6p	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Senior Stretch 1p to 2p Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	Lodge Home Co. BOD Mtg 7p	Lifeline Screening 8:30 a - 5p Women's AC Mtg 4p Treble Makers Mtg 6p	Italian Buffet 5:30p \$14 Lodge Mtg 7p	Cutco Knife 10:30a to 5p State President's Basque Binner Cocktails 5p Dinner 6p \$45 Social Hour 4-6p	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bar Committee Mtg 9-10a Kitchen Orientation 9-11a	Charitable Fund BOD Mtg 4:40p Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	Technology Mtg 4p PER Assoc. Meet 5:30p Wing Buffet 5:30p \$9/\$16 New Member Orientation 6:30p	ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR CALL ARTICLES Senior Cooking Class 11a - 1p Women's AC Bingo Dinner 5:30p \$10	Steak Dinner 5:30p \$18 New Member Initiation Lodge Mtg 7p	Communication Mtg 12:30p Social Hour 4-6p KARAOKE 7p	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AC Breakfast 9a to 11a \$10 Senior Stretch 1p to 2p Tom Payne's Sunday Dance 5p - 8p \$10	Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	Committee Chairs Mtg 10a Trustees Mtg 11a ENF Meet 5pm Baked Potato Bar 5:30p \$8	Treble Makers Mtg 6p		Social Bingo 3p to 5p \$20 Social Hour 4p to 6p	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Social Hour 4p to 6p Hot Dogs and chips \$7	Gourmet Burger 5:30p \$15 RV Meet 6p			Social Hour 4p to 6p	SUPPORT OUR TROOPS by wearing RED every Friday until they come home.

JULY ENF DRINK OF THE MONTH
"The Ajito"
Vodka, lime, ginger ale and Cointreau
\$7 - \$2 goes to the ENF fund.

SUMMER BAR HOURS
Sunday - Thursday 11am - 7:30pm • Friday 11am to 9pm
Saturday 11am to 7:30pm
ALWAYS CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS

May Propositions for Membership

MAY 7TH

CAROL BELL

By Initiation

Proposed by Toni Taylor

GLENN CAMINITI

By Initiation

Proposed by Janeene Morgan

DANIEL COSTELLO

By Transfer

Proposed by Secy Kellianne Turner

MONICA COSTELLO

By Transfer

Proposed by Secy Kellianne Turner

JOHN EWALD

By Initiation

Proposed by Tim Heydon

CARL DEBENEDETT

By Transfer

Proposed by Secy Kellianne Turner

JODI KRUSE

By Initiation

Proposed by Glenn Van Valkenburg

LESLIE LOW

By Initiation

Proposed by Diane Edwards

CATHERINE MONDAY

By Initiation

Proposed by David Jantz

JACOB SNOW

By Initiation

Proposed by John Snow

DAVID SPENCER

By Initiation

Proposed by Valerie Longballa

KATHERINE TUTTLE

By Initiation

Proposed by Christine Rossi

ROBIN YANCEY

By Initiation

Proposed by Sandi Whitaker

MAY 14TH

PATRICK DUNN

By Initiation

Proposed by Greg Weinbender

EDWARD GREENE

By Initiation

Proposed by Dale Lazzarone

MARY PITTS

By Initiation

Proposed by Horace Pitts

ADELE SENFT

By Initiation

Proposed by Amy Nesler

NATHAN STARR

By Initiation

Proposed by David Lynn

MAY 21ST

ABIGAIL HARPER

By Initiation

Proposed by Katie Lewis

STEVEN KAVERMAN

By Initiation

Proposed by Toni Taylor

CAROL KERN

By Initiation

Proposed by Ann Atwater

KIMBERLY MATARAZZO

By Initiation

Proposed by Ann Atwater

MICHELLE SANTO

By Initiation

Proposed by Randi Thompson



Notes From the Secretary's Desk

Kellianne Turner

Our membership total today, 06/16/26, stands at 2656 active members, 83 candidates, and 310 unpaid dues.

Be sure to register online at elksreno.org (new website). Our Lodge meetings will now be held permanently on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Crying Towel

MAY 7TH

JENNIFER NARANJO - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

ARTHUR ANDERSON - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

MARY FENTON - \$122.15

NOT PRESENT

MAY 14TH

DONALD PLANTE - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

BRIAN THAYER - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

ROBERT BRAUN - \$131.15

NOT PRESENT

MAY 21ST

GAIL KARPPINEN - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

GERALD STEWART - \$500.00

NOT PRESENT

GINA NOLTE - \$143.15

NOT PRESENT

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule Open to all Members

Lodge Meetings 1st, and 3rd Thursday @ 7pm
 Americanism Meeting 1st Tuesday @ 4pm (Even Months)
 Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 6pm
 Home Company Board of Directors 1st Tuesday @ 7pm
 Circle of Elks 1st Wednesday @ 3pm
 Veterans Service 1st Wednesday @ 5:30pm
 Technology 2nd Tuesday @ 4pm
 PER Association 2nd Tuesday @ 5:30pm
 Women's Athletic Center 2nd Wednesday @ 4pm
 Bar Meeting 2nd Sunday @ 9am
 Kitchen Orientation 2nd Sunday @ 9am
 Committee Chairs 3rd Tuesday @ 10am
 Trustees Meeting 3rd Tuesday @ 11am
 ENF Community Involvement 3rd Tuesday @ 5pm
 Department Heads 3rd Tuesday/Board Rm @ 10am
 Communications 3rd Friday @ 12:30pm
 Reno Roll'n Elks RV group 4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm
 Treble Makers (Elks Chorus) 2nd and 4th Wed @ 6pm

Committee Recruitment

If you would like to join one of our Lodge committees or participate in upcoming events, we encourage you to reach out to a Committee Chair.

Last month on the 16th, the Lodge hosted a membership recruitment event from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with special thanks to Linda Lannon for her efforts in organizing and supporting the event.

The event was a success, and several committees welcomed new volunteers.

While the event was very productive, many of our committees could still benefit from additional support. Please see page 31 for a list of committees and consider joining one that matches your interests and talents.



Lodge News - Be in the know

Members ask what's happening at the Lodge

Here are the ways to find out:

- The Website www.elksreno.org
- E-blasts that are sent to your email
- Robocalls and this newsletter

Not getting the Robocall or Email?

Make sure you alert the office with your information if it has changed or provide your info to start receiving it to: Robin Brooke: rtbrooke@yahoo.com 775-846-0167.

Lodge Maintenance

To my fellow Elks; if you see a maintenance issue, please contact **Robb Smith** 775-750-1530 or email him at: renoelksvets@gmail.com.

To send info for the robocall

Send your information to be read on the robocall to Justin Hoch by 9am on Monday to be included. justinhochoch@msn.com 775-335-5473.

WE NEED KITCHEN HELP

We still need kitchen help; cooking, cleaning, food prep, and dish washing. For more info email Tony at: armartin47@charter.net

Landscaping

Thank you Al Babb for all you do. If you would like to volunteer to help Al, please reach out to him. 775-846-2811.

PLEASE NOTE: NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT ALL TIMES.

Button button, who's got the button? Oh wait it's Tools tools, who's got the tools! Volunteers who borrow equipment to use in helping around the Lodge please return it to the proper place so the next person who needs it may find it. Such as ladders, brooms, BBQ equipment, Smoker, please clean as well.

Committee chairs are reminded that if you have an event you must have a door monitor to check in guests.



Veterans Service Committee (VSC)

By Robb Smith VSC Chairman

Vets Nerf Gun Tournament

Seven Elks from the VSC held a NERF Gun tournament at the State Veterans Home on Battle Born Way. Trophies and gift certificates were awarded for the best scores.



L-R. Courtney Welch, Sean Laycox, Carol Hawkins, Chuck Johnson, Eric Cale, Dennis George



Back Row - Elks L-R Courtney Welch, Sean Laycox, Organizer, Dennis George, Eric Cale, Chuck Johnson, Jim Mort Carol Hawkins (not shown)



Chuck Johnson, lending a helping hand



Did you notice - a new flag was added to the pole. Purchased by the Veterans Service Comm. If you would like support the VSC and help to reimburse the Committee for the \$400 investment, please make a donation to the VSC at the office - check or credit card.

Clear Your Clutter, Change Lives: Support Northern Nevada Wheelchair Program

Daniel Walker, a proud member of our Elks Lodge and Director of the Northern Nevada Wheelchair Program, collects and reconditions gently used mobility equipment to help local veterans.

He accepts the following items:

- Wheelchairs
- Wheeled walkers
- Bedside commodes
- Toilet seat risers / boosters
- Shower chairs
- Mobility scooters
- Canes



Daniel inspects, repairs, and distributes this equipment at no cost to deserving veterans throughout northern Nevada.

If you have any of these items sitting unused in your home, garage, or storage, please consider donating them! Daniel will gladly arrange a free pickup. Simply call or text him at 760-500-0857.

Last month, he picked up two wheelchairs and a raised toilet seat from our warehouse that are now being put back into service for veterans.



1st
Jeff Blood
Emily Bray
Candace Greene
Rollin Lazzarone
Molly Morris
Lorie Roberts
Tim Salyer
John Shorter III
Bernard Smith

2nd
Michelle Cagle
Bob Costello III
Alex Crosby
Tammy Fritsen
Jenny Hunt
Edward Killian
Kevin Quilici
Henry Shafer

3rd
Mitch Bradley
J. Michael Brady
Delores Clowers
Kris DeRose
Stephanie Edmonds
Stephanie Hix
Christina Lafoon
Holly Parker
Adrian Valle
Jeffrey Vanatta

4th
Lori Carpenter
Mary Edwards
William Gehlen
Sandi Whitaker

5th
Gerald DeVore
Daniel Gunderson
Dirk Hodges
Timothy Robb

6th
Brian Chapman
Malcolm Hunt
Melody Parker

8th
David Garcia
Laura Henry
Alejandro Ibanez
Robert Stuhr
John Von Nolde
Charles Walsh
Jake Wiskerchen

9th
Rick Barba
Karen Cirac
Stephen Crowder
Tyler Smith

10th
Barbara Borgerding
Ron Frediani
Rajeev Mishra
Marcia Murray
Jacob Ritter

11th
Scott Blomquist
Ryan Branch
Ronald Castro
Christopher Cefalu
Michael Edwards
Barbara Glueck
Jenny Hubach
Mark Jewell Jr.
Heather Lucchesi
Roderick Strangio

12th
Kenneth Berry
Benjamin Brant
Sheri Coleman
Greg Cuadra
John Grecu
Tyler Hall
Rita Henderson
Deborah Johnson
Greg Leach
Lonny Parsons

13th
Melanie Baillie
Paul Barton

Deborah Coffman
Daniel Henriksen
Tomas Madrigal
Ron Mattioli
Stephanie Voght

14th
Edward Carson
Bill Griener
Noreen Leary
Jackelin Meza
William Winchester

15th
Georgette Riccabona

16th
Steven Arndt
Tabitha Carlisle
Richard Frewert
Michael Gay
Ronald Haslem
Annette Luckow
Paul Miller
Ray Piazza
Frank Reynolds III

17th
Heidi Deal
Timi Fisher
Gregory Garman
Brian Moore
Betty Vandeman

18th
Roger Bahten
Shawn Derifield
Lynette Gardner
Roger Holliday
Henry Ingwersen
Nerissa Ridge
Jeremy Roth
David Wilkins

19th
Micheal Elliott
John Graham
Cameon Ravera
Phillip Salerno
Karyn Taylor
Cynthia Welch
Wayne Wooten

20th
Daniel Boone
Kenneth Gingras
Gregory Herrera
Nicol Herris
Molly Hofmann

Douglas Nummer
Andrew Perwein
Cameron Pieters
Richard Pillon
Kimberly Ramirez

21st
Marcus Casey
Kyle Cirac
Geno Ferretto
Ryan Gerchman
Curt Johnson
Othmar Klay
Katie Lewis
Robyn Murray

22nd
John Aramini
Mike Efford
Paul Enos
Jeannine Lesieutre
Vicki Martinez
Roger Mostar
Cheri Pappas
Louis Schiavone
Aaron Schiff
Robert Voorhees

23rd
Breck Dolan
Kathleen Miller
Kevin Monaco
Devlon Moore
Brandon Palmer
Matthew Pincolini
Garland Sharp III
Rodger Stone

24th
Judith Crosse
Matthew Doyle
Cynthia Ellison
Martha Erickson
Chris Fourgis
Trinidad Guillen IV
Nathan Hastings
Baker Krukow
Thomas Ludwig
Michael Marchese
Jennifer Norman
Joshua Porter
Timothy Richter
Brynda Searing
Kermit Sharenbrock
Dinitia Weiss

25th
Sean Brennan
Peter Durney
Brian Soloski
Sidney Turner
Blake Vanderwell

26th
David Chamberlain
Carol Collier
Allen Farley
Phil Hudkins
James McKernan
Paul Patton
Lawrence Romero

27th
Richard Barbey
Susan Easterbrook
Karen Marwin
Timothy McCartin
Jennifer Shryock
David Wheeler

28th
Ronald Lenon
Christopher McCarthy
Christopher Mc-
Cullough
Coleman Smith
Elizabeth White

29th
Tim Caldwell
Eaton Dunkelberger
Andrew Johnston
Liana McGill
Dennis Williams
Foster Wilson

30th
Julie Atlas
Jaron Hildebrand
Janice Hoquette
Edward Jones
Patricia Kirsch
John Walmsley

31st
Michael Herrera DDS
John Hurley
Martha Van Duyne

JULY DRINK COUPON

Present this coupon along with your driver's license and your Reno Elks Lodge #597 Membership Card, and receive a FREE DRINK on the Exalted Ruler. Valid only during your birth month. Limit 1 (one) per person. Non-transferable.

Name: _____ #597 Membership No. _____

Verified: _____



Elks National Foundation (ENF)

*By Gale Bowen
- Grants Coordinator*

ENF Has a Busy Month Ahead!

Grant season has started! We will be working with all our selected community organizations to help them build stronger communities.

Our grant work starts with the Beacon grant for Step2, an important organization that supports women and children. The grant will fund the purchase of essential items for the cottages that house women who have successfully progressed through the program. This will enable those with children to reunite with their families. The ENF committee will also help by joining Step2 staff to help set up the cottages. It's a great program that promotes personal growth and healthy independence.

Additional grant activity will increase closer to the start of the school year and again in early fall.

Congratulations: One of our brother Elks just became a Bronze Pin recipient for cumulative donations of \$5000.00 or more! Thank You for helping ENF to build stronger community programs with your donations.

Queen of Hearts Update!

An all-new, more exciting Queen of Hearts game with more prize opportunities is launching as soon as it receives final approval from the committee and the Board of Directors this month.

The new queen will feature fresh weekly drawings. Instead of only winning if the Queen of Hearts is drawn, there will now be more ways to win. If the winning ticket holder selects a Joker envelope, the prize is \$50. Cards 10, J, Q, K, and Ace pay \$30, while any numbered card pays \$20. The winner drawing the queen receives the jackpot.

Tickets for the next week's game will go on sale immediately after each drawing. Tickets are \$1 each with no limit on how many you can purchase. If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the jackpot will continue to roll over and grow each week until it is selected. The current jackpot amount, based on ticket sales, will be updated weekly and prominently displayed near the game board.

Help us grow the jackpot!

Finally, don't forget to purchase Ellie the 250th Elk, along with hats, shirts, scarves, and jewelry to celebrate our 250th anniversary in style!

Coming Up! August will mark the first-ever Fidelity Club Month. More details will be shared next month.

COMING SOON! *The ALL NEW Queen of Hearts*

Drawings every week, your chance to win better than ever!

- More ways to win!***
- More buy-in opportunities!***
- Way more fun than before—the most exciting Queen of Hearts experience yet!***

GET READY....

The Queen is returning and she is more rewarding than ever!



Summer Fun Begins Here!

2026 Elks Family Pool Pass
now available in the Office.
Get yours today!

- Family Pass \$100 - Includes member, spouse and the kids
- Cabana Rentals \$100 Saturday or Sunday.
\$50 mid-week Monday-Friday

Important Rules

- No one under 21 allowed without an adult
- Keep an eye on children at all times
- No outside food or beverages allowed
- No diving or rough play



Senior Cooking Class

Please join us July 15th,
11 am to 1 pm

Presented by Papa What You Cooking.
Creating Soul Food and Southern
Desserts for you and your guests.
At the Reno Lodge. Questions?
Please call 775-848-6556

Sign up by
scanning this
QR code.



The Events and Rental Office is going through some changes and requests your help during this process.

The recurring monthly events that are being created and run by Lodge members need to follow the new procedures.

Request an event packet or obtain a packet on the outside wall of the Events Office behind the bar. Prepare an estimate of your costs and desired dates then submit electronically to "eventsrenoelks@gmail.com" or drop off with Sharon Wolinski on Tuesday or Thursdays. Events will have to obtain Board of Trustees approval before being allowed to proceed further.

Outside rental events are on hold for a few months, however, existing contracts with deposits will be honored.

For further information, contact:
Christi Spiker 775-742-9833
elksrenolodge@gmail.com.

RENO ELKS LODGE #597 "Nevada's Mother Lodge"

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For membership dues:
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Facebook: renoelkslodge

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★ RENO ELKS LODGE #597 ★

VETERANS CAR SHOW

★ *Supporting Northern Nevada Veterans* ★



— ALL YEARS ★ ALL MAKES ★ ALL MODELS WELCOME —



JULY 25, 2026



9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



RENO ELKS LODGE

597 KUMLE LN, RENO, NV 89509



\$40 ENTRY

\$30 VETERANS



FIRST 100 CARS

RECEIVE DASH PLAQUE



FOOD



DRINKS



MUSIC



RAFFLE PRIZES



*Fine Cars. Good Times.
For a Great Cause.*

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
ELKS VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

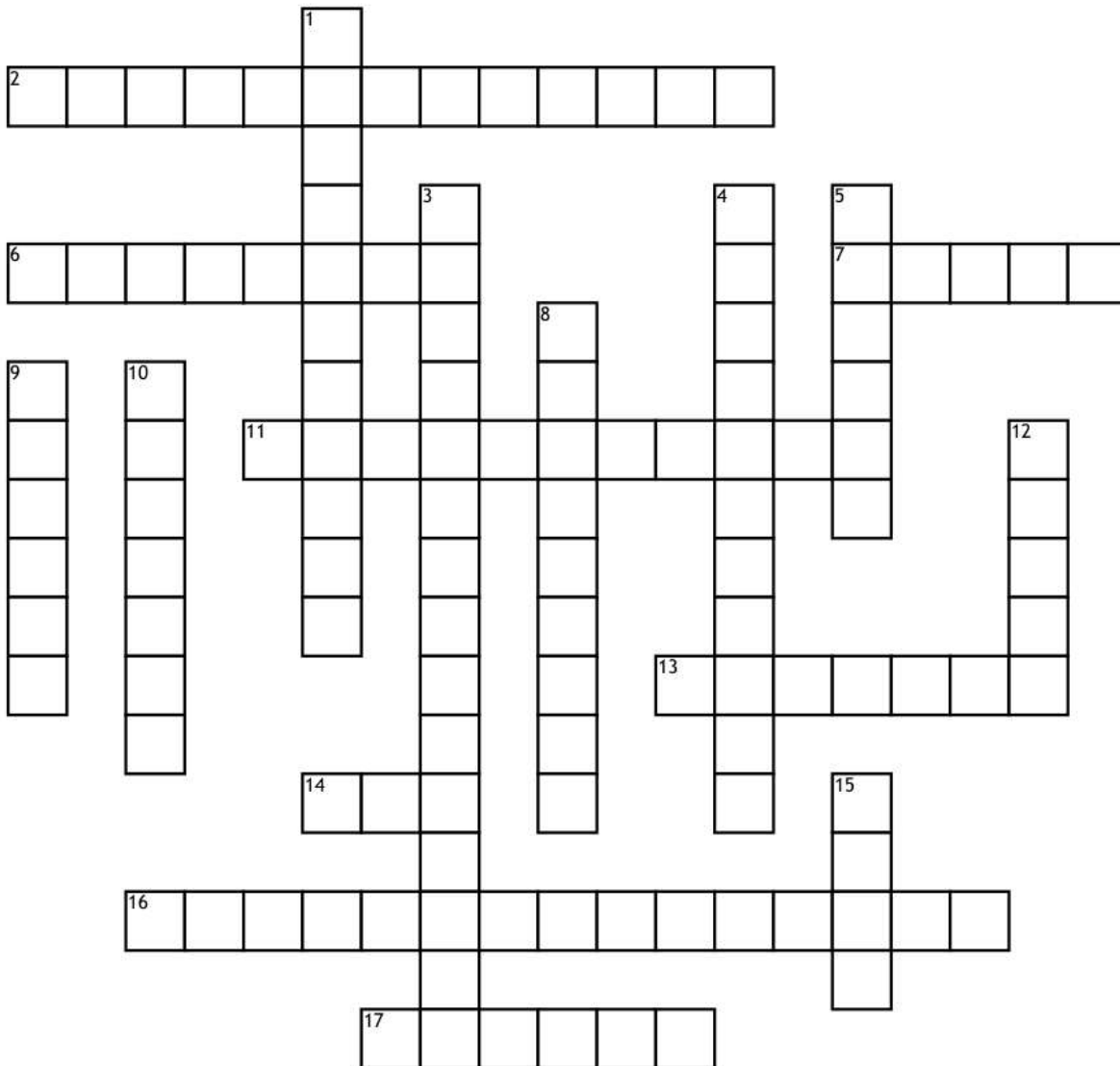
★ SCAN FOR ★
EVENT DETAILS



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS!



Then and Now



Across

2. A beautiful lady and a game of chance is coming soon

6. The scholarship committee awarded _____ outstanding high school graduates a combined \$46,500 in scholarships.

7. Lodge 597 hosts a very large fundraiser for charity each year in November

11. One of 597's Elks inspects, repairs and refurbishes _____ for veterans in need.

13. Our United States Flag is honored on _____ every year.

14. More than 70,000 Elks proudly served during _____, contributing both at home and overseas.

16. In the 1920's the Elks organized a fundraising campaign to repair and restore which famous American ship?

17. During World War I the BPOE built two field hospitals in _____ and a veteran's hospital in Boston.

Down

1. Last month kids 7 - 16 were able to test their skills at the _____.

3. A very large charity fundraiser held in November

4. They held derby horse races in Bordertown a couple months ago

5. Reno Elks are sponsoring a golf tournament on July 25th benefitting the _____ Coalition of Nevada

8. It started as an annual program but has since evolved into a continuous, ongoing initiative to help veterans and children in transition

9. On July 10 the Nevada Elks State President, JJ Lynch will be the honored guest at a traditional _____ Dinner

10. In what city is the Elks National Memorial located

12. The _____ campaign was a part of the Elks fundraiser; schoolchildren across the nation raised \$136,000 to help save the historic frigate.

15. Hoop Shoot helps children build confidence, sportsmanship, perseverance and _____.

Answers on page 15



Snack Shack MENU

Order at the Snack Shack window or the bar all week
from 11:30am to 4:30pm

Hamburger	\$7
Cheeseburger	\$8
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$11
Hot Dog	\$7
Grilled Cheese	\$7
Chicken Tenders 2pc	\$7
4 pc	\$10
Chicken Patty w/Cheese	\$8
add 1/4 lb patty	\$3
add American cheese	\$1

all of the above served with
choice of chips or fries

Sides

Chips bag	\$2
Fries in a boat	\$5
Tots in a boat	\$6
Onion rings in a boat	\$8
Pretzel w/salt	\$5
Nachos w/cheese sauce	\$5
4 oz side nacho cheese sauce	\$1
4 oz side of ranch dressing	\$1

Special of the Day \$9

Ice Cream:

Ice Cream Cup	\$2
Drumstick	\$4
Häagen-Dazs vanilla milk choc	\$5
Häagen-Dazs van choc almonds ...	\$5
Toll House cookie sandwich	\$5
Ice cream sandwich	\$4

Drinks

Soda or Red or Blue Slushee	\$3
Ice tea or lemonade or combo	\$3
Gatorade	\$4
Cold brew coffee van or mocha	\$6
Water Bottle	\$1





The Hair Whisperer

Rachel Drake

775.830.3883

Reno 597 #13833



JAZZERCISE

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9am

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FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, STRATEGY, AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game,
★ **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** ★

Snacks PROVIDED!

Wednesday, July 1st

★ ROLL THE DICE. CALL THE BLUFF. CLAIM THE BRAGGING RIGHTS! ★



AC Breakfast
9am - 11am Just \$10

Come join us for a breakfast. AC Breakfast
Sunday, July 19th.

Eggs to order, pancakes, French toast,
chicken fried steak and more. Come
support the AC Committee.



Ellie the ENF Eagle is celebrating our country's 250th anniversary.

Only \$20

Purchase the commemorative Eagle with special tattoos and donate to the Elks National Foundation. Help our Reno Lodge soar to the top by giving to ENF.

\$20 each and can be purchased at the Bar or from a cashier during mealtime.

Thank you for supporting the local Elks National Foundation.

RED SHIRT FRIDAY RED SHIRT FRIDAY

Remember Everyone Deployed

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
WEAR RED EVERY FRIDAY ...
UNTIL THEY COME HOME**

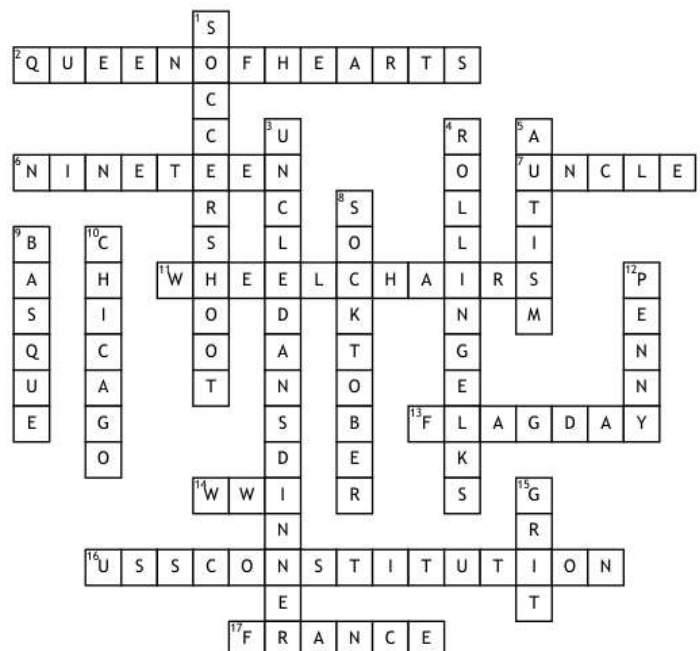
SHOW YOUR AMERICANISM

A new meaning for - Trimming the tree!



Dave Shanks, Robb Smith, Allan Beers, John Spinola, Ross Bausone. The tree got a major haircut

Then and Now





**YOUR CHANCE TO HELP
OUR COMMUNITY!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED HELP WITH :

- **Crewing Help Balloon Pilots 6:00am**
- **Rangers /Security 4:00 am**
- **Field Set-up 11:00am**
- **Cooks For The Pancake Breakfast 4:00 am**

More Information CALL :

Frank Plcone 775.691.1348

Bill Johnson 775.722.6059



SIGN UP NOW

In the Lobby or call :

EVENT DATES:

September 10th -13th

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A
PARKING PASS, AND BREAKFAST !**



Dear Elks Members,

It seems some of our members are still having issues logging into their account to gain access to the website and to view the Call.

Here are simple step-by-step instructions for logging in.

(Note, you will only need to do this once. For future login, you can go to elksreno.org and click on the Member Login button):

How to Log In for the First Time

1. Go to elksreno.org/login/ - enter your email or Elks Lodge member number (we suggest your member number, as people do change email addresses. But don't enter the 0).

Elks Member Password Reset, if you can't remember your credentials

1. Enter your Elks Number or Email Address and click Reset Password
2. Check your email and click the Reset Password Button.

Please note, you may need to check your Spam.

3. Enter Your New Password and click Change password.
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JULY 10TH

Tickets will be available on line, in the office, and by event envelopes.

- Menu -

Starters

Skewered pepperoncini, chorizo & manchego cheese

Beans with creamy Basque dressing and new potatoes

Soup

Alex's smoked clam chowder

Main Course

Short ribs in garlic sauce • Paella • Shoestring French fries

Dessert

Grapes, cheese & a cookie

- Attire: Business Casual -



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Rollin' Elks on the Road again

June kicked off the season with a fantastic trip to Quincy hosted by Sid and DeeDee Russell. They always put together an amazing agenda and this trip was no exception. Sid arranged for a tour of the local saw mill and as you can see several members enjoyed it. Of course there were the usual pot lucks, bingo and card games. Eight rigs and a few hotellers (new word for a few who now hang with the group in hotels) showed up. Sallie and Clay Thomas recently purchased a beautiful new rig and are already enjoying it. Sallie has also taken over the position of secretary and Mary McQueen thanks her for that.

Fourth of July weekend several rigs are camping in the back lot at the Lodge. If you are interested contact Sandy Lorenz in the Lodge office. August trip is to Carson Valley Inn which has always been a popular destination. Even if you don't have a rig it is a perfect time to get a room and participate in the events of the club. The September the trip is to Eagle Lake RV Park in Spaulding, CA. There are also numerous cabins. Call 530-825-3133 if you are interested in availability.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:15 pm following smash burgers cooked up by Ed and Dian Takach. Enjoy your summer and safe travels.

All are welcome to come to a meeting and find out what it's all about.



Why this is important!

This is MY membership card. It belongs to me and me alone. I took an obligation that I would keep it on my person at all times to prove that I am an Elk. It allows me access into my Lodge and other Lodges when I visit. It is not for me to lend to my children, friends, neighbors or anybody else for that matter. I

If we find that you are in violation of card misuse, we will collect it and you may come before a Board of Directors meeting and explain why our obligation doesn't apply to you.

In our obligation you swore to obey the Statutes of our Order. This behavior is considered, by our Statute "Conduct unbecoming of an Elk" and you can be prohibited from using the Club (to include the pool) for a period of time. Let's be thoughtful Elks and follow the rules and stop making our volunteers enforce the rules that you swore to uphold. This is part of being a Good Elk.



From the Scholarship Committee

By Linnea Carter, Chair,
Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee put our ice cream machine to good use on June 10th as we hosted our annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate a truly wonderful group of local students. We were delighted to recognize 19 outstanding high school graduates who received a combined \$46,500 in scholarships from this year.

Students and their families gathered for cold treats, warm congratulations, and a relaxed chance to enjoy a sweet moment together before heading off into their next big adventure. This year's recipients represent 10 different high schools across the Reno area. It was great to see everyone mingling, catching up, and celebrating this milestone together.

Here's a quick breakdown of the scholarships awarded:

- 14 students received the **David J. Tacchino** Scholarship
 - 5 students received the Nevada State Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship
 - 3 students received Legacy Scholarships
 - 3 students received scholarships from the Reno Elks Charitable Fund
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(Some students received more than one award, which is why the total number of scholarships is higher than the number of individual recipients.)

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Scholarship Committee members who made everything run so smoothly. Their effort behind the scenes is what makes events like this possible.

And, if you've ever thought about getting involved, we'd love to have you. If you are interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee next year, please contact me. It's meaningful work, a great group of people, and occasionally involves ice cream—which doesn't hurt.

Congratulations again to all of our scholarship recipients. It was a pleasure to celebrate with you, and we hope everyone left with a little extra sunshine in their day.



Back row, L to R: Sophia Nieberlein, Vanessa Bein, Joshua Shaw, Joseph Van Patten, and Kennedy Wilkins

Front row L to R: Isabel Comte, Olivia Ho, Rowan Muir, and Daniel Jackson





Women's Athletic Center

Alynn Hildebrand - chair

PROGRESS IS AFOOT IN THE WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CENTER!

But before we jump into that, please join me in recognizing our outgoing chairperson, **Lanea Warren Meiltoft**. Her vision, energy, and resourcefulness have been instrumental in bringing about a space where Reno Elk women can focus on fitness, friendship, and supporting one another's wellness goals. We are deeply grateful to Lanea and wish her all the best in her future ambitions and dreams.

And now this... Action! Momentum! Progress!

You've waited. You've wondered. You've peeked through the door. You've been patient... some of you have become impatient. Many have asked outright: "Is anything EVER going to happen in there?!" The answer is a resounding YES!

While visible changes are just beginning, a tremendous amount of work has already occurred behind the scenes: planning, coordinating, problem-solving, navigating Lodge procedures, and, of course, A LOT of fundraising.

Our efforts are finally showing:

- Electrical upgrades are complete and ready to handle commercial-grade equipment
- Outdated equipment has been removed, and donated when feasible

- Modern overhead lighting has been installed
- Fresh paint brightens up those previously tired old walls (don't miss the groovy deep purple ceiling!)
- The horse-stall mats have been donated to the very fine folks at Horsemanship For Heroes through coordination with the Veterans Service Committee
- New commercial-grade gym flooring is being installed as I write this article
- Our treadmill and seven sets of dumbbells are on order, with delivery expected by the end of June

Next up: we are only about \$1,500 shy of being able to purchase the second of our two big pieces of exercise equipment - a medical-grade recumbent stepper. This impressive \$7,500.00 machine has already received Lodge approval and will make our gym inclusive for wheelchair users and individuals with other physical challenges.

When the core equipment is all in place (let's not forget about that workhorse of a hoist machine we already have), we'll re-hang our mirrors and mount our already-donated TV once a wall bracket is purchased. After that, we'll focus on a bank of lockers, estimated to cost about \$5,000.

But here's the heart of it—this project has never been just about paint or equipment. The Women's Athletic Center will be a space where Reno Elk women can prioritize their health, connect with one another, and feel welcomed and supported within our Lodge.

So what's taking so long, you've asked? In a word: Money.

Aside from the electrical upgrades, every improvement made—and every improvement still to come—is funded through the hard work of this Committee and the generosity of our fellow Elks and their guests. Every piece of equipment, every flooring tile, every gallon of paint, every finishing touch depends on fundraising and donations. Every time you attend our 3rd Wednesday Bingo & Spaghetti Dinner, you are helping to make our vision a reality. Every entry, bingo card, and raffle ticket purchased moves us one step closer to the finish line.

Want to be part of something lasting? Want to help shape a space that will serve Reno Elk women for years

to come? We would love your time, talent, and treasure. If volunteering isn't on your bingo card right now (see what I did there?), direct donations make a meaningful impact. Simply make your check payable to Reno Elks Lodge and note "Women's AC Committee" on the memo line. Please also email ElksWAC597@gmail.com so we can properly recognize your contribution and follow it to our designated fund. You can also donate pre-made raffle baskets or raffle basket-friendly items for our bingo events. Every tasteful, new, unopened item you provide helps us stretch our fundraising dollars.

We also invite our fellow Lodge Committees to help us out. If YOUR Committee is planning an event and seeks a worthy cause for the monies you collect, will you please consider supporting the Women's Athletic Center by directing those funds to our Committee? Collaboration helps all of our Committees achieve their goals faster. In fact, the Women's AC Committee donated ALL of its proceeds from last October's bingo to Socktober - a whopping \$1,055!

Oh, and yes... we hear you... The infrared sauna is still very much on our wish list; it is indeed our most ambitious goal. PRO TIP: If you know and love a Reno Elk woman who would enjoy such an indulgent amenity, make a donation in her name!

Looking ahead, we're excited to host an Open House later this summer so you can see the transformation for yourselves. We're also looking forward to partnering with Socktober again this Autumn and creating even more opportunities for connection through recurring socials and events.

Please join us for our July Bingo Dinner on Wednesday, July 17th at 5:30pm (doors open at 5:00). The theme is "America the Beautiful," so wear your patriotic best and receive a free second bingo card!

Our next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 8th at 4:00pm in the PER Room. Come share your ideas and help shape what comes next.

Remember: a good Elk is an active Elk, so I'll see you at the Lodge.

2026 Elks Women Who Move Scholarship Recipients:

- Abigail Rodriquez \$3,000 – AACT graduate attending The Culinary Institute of America
- Megan Velasquez \$3,000 – Coral Academy of Science HS graduate attending TMCC
- Kaitlyn Kump \$3,000 – Damonte HS graduate attending BYU
- Isabel Comte \$3,000 – TMCC HS graduate attending UNR
- Olivia Ho \$3,000 – Galena HS graduate attending Stanford



2026/27 Calendar - Clip and Save

July 5-8 Elks Grand Lodge National Convention

July 10 State President's Visit

July 18 (3rd Saturday) Blue Pig Poker Run

July 25 (4th Sat) Brisket and Boobs Fundraiser

August 15 (3rd Saturday) Pig Roast

Sept 10-13 (Thurs-Sunday) Balloon Races

Sept. 12 (2nd Saturday) Shrimp Boil

October 3 (1st Saturday) Oktoberfest

October DDGER visit

October 22 (4th Thursday) Ole Timers Dinner

October 31 (Saturday) Halloween Party

November 6 (Friday) Uncle Dan Set Up

November 7 (Saturday) Uncle Dan's

November 9 Socktober

November 11 (Tuesday) Veterans Day

November 26 (Thur) Thanksgiving Homecoming

November 28 (Saturday) Lodge Decorating

December 5 (1st Saturday) Memorial Sunday

December 12 (2nd Sat) Food baskets

December 20 (Sunday) Kids Christmas

December 31 (Wednesday) New Year's Eve

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Jan 22 (Friday) Crab Crack Set Up

Jan 23 (4th Saturday) Crab Crack

Feb 13? (Saturday) Valentine's Dinner

Feb 14 (Sunday) Super Bowl Viewing Party

March 6 (Saturday) Elk/Citizen of the year

March 13 (Saturday) St. Patrick's Party

March 25 (4th Thursday) Blue Pig Dinner

March 27 Installation of Officers

Rev. 03-20-2026

Get in on the game!
Social Bingo
July 24th
3pm to 5pm.



**Entry Fee \$20 – gets two
cards plus a door prize ticket,
charcuterie board and snacks.
Additional Bingo cards 3 for \$5.**

Bingo Prizes Galore!

**Elks 597, 1st and 3rd
Sundays Dance**



Live music dance 5 to 8 pm, bar is open!
Dances: cha-cha, rock n roll, country, slow and more.

Music by: T-N-Keys 7/5 • Chris Costa 7/19

Cost \$10.

If it's your birthday month the 3rd Sunday is FREE!

Your host: Lodge member: Tom Payne cell 775-240-4193

Welcome new members

June 16th
2026



*Seated -- David Evans, Sr., Kaleigh Petereit, Rachel Evanson, Lana Reeves, Catherine Monday, and Montana Mitchell.
Standing -- Daniel Rosario, David Shanks, Scott Mayer, Gerald Rasmussen, James Sobiek, David Freeman
and Jolene Ann.*



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Reno Elks 597 Swim Lessons Returning this Summer.



The Reno Elks 597 will be offering beginner swim lessons for ages 5-10, beginning in June.

Classes will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be three sessions, two weeks for each session-total 6 lessons per session. Lessons will last for 30 minutes.

- 9:45 a.m. First time swimmers- Level 1 -Back float, breathing, basic back kick, basic arms, face in and out of water.
- 10:20 a.m. Level 2-Swimmers needing additional assistance- Level 2-Basic freestyle (Kick and Arms) and breathing.

Child must be immediate family member (son or daughter or grandchild) of a Reno Elk 597 in good standing.

\$100 for six lessons paid before first lesson (online on the Elks website or App or in person. No single session lessons and no make ups.

Limited to 4 students in each class.
Maximum of two classes per session
total 8 students

Final Sessions: 3. July 13-23

Sign ups will begin in May.

For more information contact
Buzz Harris at buzz@wbhsolutions.com
or 775-813-3743.



The "Family Pool Pass" is not required to be purchased for the swim lessons. Remember the "Family Pool Pass" is for Members and immediate family only. Can't be purchased for friends, neighbors and guests.

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ROCK'n'Roll CONCERT

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**Wednesday, Aug. 5th,
6:00pm to 9:00pm**

**In the Reno Elks
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**Bring your own
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Outside starting at 5:00 pm.

Rock'n Roll hot dog meal
\$10 (hot dog, chips, cookies,
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Frozen Margaritas \$6, sodas
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Plus a 50/50 drawing!

