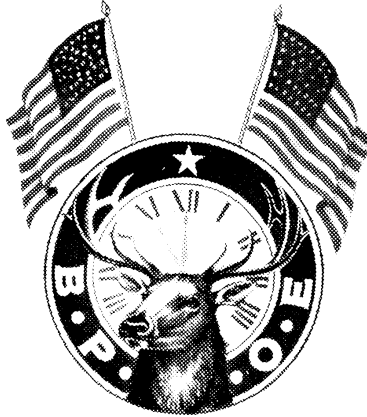


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Don Booker
EXALTED RULER



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H. EUGENE CHAMBERS, California-Hawaii Elks State President 2002-'03

Gene Chambers was born and raised in Needles, California where he attended grade school and high school. After high school Gene attended San Bernardino Valley College for one year, before starting work for the Santa Fe Railroad in 1957.

Gene joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1958-1962. Upon his Honorable Discharge he returned to Needles and resumed working for the Santa Fe.

Gene met and married his wife Patsy in 1964. They have been married for 38 years and have one daughter and two grandchildren. Gene retired from the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad on December 31, 2000 after 43 years of service.

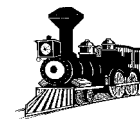
Gene was initiated into Needles Elks Lodge #1608 in February of 1963. He became an Officer in 1974 and served as Exalted Ruler in 1978-1979, the year that Needles Lodge returned to the South District.

Gene's service to Elkdom includes, District Vice President in 1980-1981, District Deputy Grand, Exalted Ruler in

1982-1983, Vice Chairman and Chairman CHEA Piggy Bank Committee from


1984-1988, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee from 1989-1993, the last two years as Chairman, CHEA Board of Trustees 1993-1996, the last two years as Chairman, and CHEA Major Project Trustee from 1997-2001. While working these positions, Gene has also been District Leader since 1987, and served as Association Vice President for 2001-2002.

Gene's father was a Charter Member of Needles Lodge and his brother is a Life Member of Needles Lodge also.



Gene's motto "All Aboard For Elkdom" was derived from his years with the railroad. All Aboard has always

been the call to get all the people on the train before it departs. If everyone will get on board, the Order of Elks will continue to be a viable force in this country and it's chairitable works will continue to grow. Gene and Patsy would like to meet as many Elks as they can this year because these Elks and their ladies are the ones who will make his slogan work and be successful.

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Members and Friends,

By the time you read this we will be back from the national convention in Reno, Nevada.

I am sure we will have a great time and will be making a report in my next article.

Well "Operation Face Lift" is off and running. Our first fund raiser was held July 20th and our second fund raiser will be on August 20th a Golf tournament by Dave Pearson. So be sure to sign up, it will be a great day, and the money will be used for our Lodge.

Well that's all for now,

and remember it's a good life.

FIRST LADIES CORNER

Barbara Booker



Hi,
Well we are all set for the National Convention. It is going to be wonderful I know.

We have packed all the clothes and Don is telling me I'm bringing too much, but you know how it is ladies. This is our first time.

I'm sure Kathie goes with one or two suitcases, but she has done this a lot of times. When I get back I'll know just what to pack. HA!

Be sure to participate in all of our functions for Operation Facelift. They are going to be fun. You are all helping so much. It is wonderful!!

Stop me and ask me how it went at the convention. I'll tell you all of the details.

Love 'n Kisses
Barbara

WAYNE J. JONES

Jack Loughran, PER.

While attending Lodge meeting on 2 July 2002, a vacant chair ritual was conducted for Brother Wayne Jones. When the membership was polled for those wanting to eulogize, as best I can remember I responded thus.

"To me Wayne Jones was the epitome of the phrase "larger than life", who never met a stranger. This transplanted 70 year old Nebraskan who became a successful pilot, contractor, business owner, was first last and always a family man, devastated by the death of his daughter a few years back he carried on. He was a true American Gentleman, a Marine Corps Veteran of the Korean Conflict, he formed a nonprofit Organization "Global Aeronautical Corp". After purchasing a retired Lockheed Constellation aircraft configured as an Airborne Early Warning type, he would round up a crew and fly to air shows around the country to exhibit to the public what the Armed Forces really did. He and his lovely wife of 50 years, Lois flew everywhere together in his beautiful Cessna 310 from his Wayne's Aviation Corp. out of Camarillo airport. He was a Christian gentleman who never forgot his roots and his humble beginnings. I hope that the membership will remember and miss him as I surely always will."



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS
STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A
MOTIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE
HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---

**"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
RECOLLECTION"**

Born:	Wayne J. Jones
Initiated:	May 8, 1931
Died:	January 27, 1988
	June 21, 2002



EDITORS CORNER

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Train Maintenance Fund

We watched a worker for the Gas Company direct a probe to the ground and he told me it was to locate a gas line. Well you my Bros. have probed and touched my heart in the same way. You have responded to the needs of our Elkomotive #2477 train fund and deserve a special thanks.

Joe Smith, Greg Metzgas, Jim Wagner, Jeanne Sandt, Vera Bailie, Don Corts, Tommy & Sally Claunch, Jay Block, Henry Vega, Bill & Ann McIntyre, Bill & Pat Smail, Bill von Wittenburg, Ed Rice and Charles Christensen.

With their and your help we will be rolling on to the next station and keep our Elkomotive #2477 moving until we reach our final destination.

We are getting the wheels greased and oiled up for the big Elks picnic Labor Day, Sept. 1st. When you see the joy and delight our train brings to the children and adults on board, you will be happy that you participated in this adventure.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



PICNIC CHAIRMAN REPORT

Bob Holm Chairman

This year we are bringing the Lodge Family Picnic home to our lodge. And I guarantee there will be a good time for all and especially our younger folks. We will have Great BBQ, the famous money table, Jolly Jumper, Train Rides and numerous other activities for young and old alike. To answer the question why home? As you know for the last two years we have been under horrendous attacks from bees/wasps at Oak Park in Moorpark. This year with the advent of Killers bees on the horizon, caution by park rangers and numerous requests by the membership to change the picnic location we are now coming home. I look forward to seeing all of you for our annual family picnic on Sunday September 1st, '02. Bring your family and friend for a really good time.

If you have any questions or would like to assist on any of the events please call Bob Holm at 805-496-1311. Thank You.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Sally Claunch, Com. Chair
 805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the families of Brother Wayne Jones; Assoc. Member, Bob Wilkins, PDDGER on their passing and to the family of Brother Peter Nolan and his wife Marsha on the passing of her brother-in-law in the Arkansas River barge disaster; and Brother Larry Morris on the precipitous death of his son, tow truck driver, Richard Morris.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Chuck Parsons

ON THE MEND: Kathy Ryder, wife of DDGER Tom Ryder, from asthma and bronchitis; PER John Kelly; Victor Paohantonio from surgery and Grace Wallace, wife of PER Jim Wallace, from emphysema.

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

We don't care how you get there!
 So long as you get there,
 and bring your friends!

ANNUAL FAMILY
PICNIC '02

AT OUR ELKS LODGE 2477
 158 Conejo School Road
 Thousand Oaks
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
for further information contact Picnic Chairman, Bob Holm at (805) 496-1311

**FEATURING FUN, AND GAMES FOR THE YOUNGSTERS,
 TRAIN RIDES, GREAT ELK BBQ FOOD,
 KARAOKE MUSIC, & - BINGO-**

BBQ Chicken, Beef Ribs, McNeal Special Beans, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad & Coleslaw, Garlic Bread - \$7.00.

Burgers or Hot Dogs plus salad & Beans \$4.00. Soft Drinks - \$1.00

**MUSIC AND GAMES FOR ALL
 Surprise Entertainment**

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

Greg Metzgus

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**Dave Naccarato****SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch****INVESTIGATION: George Meehan****ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Jay Block****CHRISTMAS BASKETS:****Don & Barbara Booker****INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, PER****MEM. CONT. COM.: David Pearson****CVAC: Tom Hartin****COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota****OFFICERS ROUND TABLE: Jack Panczak****CHARITY DINNERS: Don & Barbara Booker**

The heat finally arrived; the patio should be a cool place to be by the time this issue of the Antler Antics arrives. When the cold weather gets here there will be no need for the propane heaters in the patio, the new unit is also a heating unit. There are a few more improvements to be made to the patio to make it an even more enjoyable place to be.

Our own Boy Scout Troop 754 has produced 2 more Eagle Scouts, Kenny Hubina and Brien Lynch. Congratulations, only about 2% of all boys in Scouting achieve the rank of Eagle.

Glenn Moore, the Scoutmaster of Troop 754 took 30 Scouts and 7 adults for a week at Boy Scout Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island for a week. These kids will have a lot of experiences to share with their fellow scouts and will talk about the trip for years. It brings back fond memories of my trips there as a youth.

Our operation face-lift is underway, please step forward if you know of anything that you can do to help. There are various fund raisers planned, please come out and support this effort.

Just to remind you again, there is a great meal served every Wednesday and Friday night at the lodge as well as Breakfast on Sunday. Make it a habit to come join us. We would love to see you.

raising a family and caring for a home. What luxury! They can pursue hobbies such as painting, watchmaking, stained glass work, woodworking, etc. The library is a wonderful place to enjoy a good book or the latest newspapers and magazines. The golfers are in seventh heaven, since they have a course right in their own front yard. The Home's golfers have formed their own "golf association" to plan tournaments and other competitions and they have an annual banquet to present awards for special achievements. (By the way - golfing weather here extends well into October and, sometimes, even November.) The bi-weekly Bingo games are very popular, as are the monthly birthday parties and periodic dances. Then there are many special trips to local areas of interest, shopping malls, and the nearby Lynchburg and Roanoke Elks Lodges. Also, the Home has its own Lodge, which is active in charitable works, youth activities, and Veteran's affairs. It would be impossible to list all of the activities that residents of the Home are involved in. They are limited only by their own imaginations and individual abilities.

In addition to all the activities, there are interesting people from all walks of life to associate with. The Home currently has 98 single men, 17 single women and 10 married couples in residence. Women have been in residence for just over two years now and they have proven to be a very positive influence. Their presence has boosted the morale of the group and inspired everyone to become more active and involved.

So you can see that "senior moments" can be very positive. If you are retired or nearing retirement, why not consider joining all the active and fun-loving seniors at the Elks National Home. Make the most of your senior moments - and years.

For complete information and a color brochure call 1-800-552-4140 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (Eastern Time), write to Elks National Home, 9931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523, or check out our website @ www.elkshome.org.

SENIOR MOMENTS - THEY'RE NOT ALL BAD



"I just had a senior moment." We find ourselves using this popular catch-phrase whenever we have a lapse of memory. But think about it - "senior moments" could have an entirely different meaning.

Consider the residents of the Elks National Home. They fill their moments and days with all the things they didn't have time to enjoy during their working years, while they were

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

By Shirley Kozlowski



This is my final article. I resigned at Lake Casitas. Its heck to get old and your health starts to go to pot. It was that and other reasons that influenced my decision. Pat von Wittenburg has been appointed to do the article. You all know Pat; she wrote the last two articles and did a good job. I will miss writing about all of you I want to thank all of those who gave me encouragement. Occasionally a pat on the back is good, so don't forget to give that to Pat. But enough about me. Let's talk about the last campout at Lake Casitas, that's more important.

Chet and I were wagon masters and had nine rigs there. We're hoping the lack of rigs was due to Father's day and not lack of interest. It was a fine campground. Had a lot of trees and beautiful scenery. The only thing missing was water in the lake.

We got to the Lake late on Thursday cause we had two granddaughters' graduations to attend. Thank goodness they were both from the same school. Made it easier. Glad we went, they looked beautiful and so smart. And one even surprised us by placing in the National Honor Society.

Things were well in hand by the time we got at the campground. The campers were settled in and we didn't have to do a thing. Had a late dinner with Anne and Walter Ogden. We were solving the problems of the world, when we had a little go-around with the camp host who decided that we were talking too loud and that the dogs had to be on leashes. He didn't intimidate us though, we moved a little and continued to talk.

Next morning was Friday and so we didn't have to rush to be anywhere. After a leisurely breakfast, we sat and relaxed and waited for something to happen. We didn't have to wait long. Bev, her mother Ina, Donna and Pat decided to play Mexican Train. Anne and I joined them. It's a fun game, a no brainer thank goodness. It was too hot to concentrate on anything. The rest of the campers decided it was a day to relax, read and converse. . Bob Hardy took pity on us ladies and provided a cool solution to our heat problem. He made a few batches of Margaritas. After all a Mexican game should have a Mexican drink. Thank you Bob. It was a right neighborly thing to do.

Had hor d'ouerves after that and then dinner. Every one was on their own. We ate with the Ogdens again. Steak and baked potatoes. It hit the spot after junk food all day long. Then it was fire time and more conversation.

Next morning we had our usual potluck brunch. It was fantastic, so much food for such a small number of rigs. Meeting came next. Had to get it in early since Bob and Donna, and Joel and Bev had to leave early for the last CVD event for the year. We all decided it was too hot to play the washoe tournament so we opted to sit around again and talk. (It was a very 'talking'

weekend). Sometimes its fun to have just a small group. You really get a chance to find out more about each other and besides we had to conserve our energy for happy hour. The only strenuous thing Anne Ogden and I did was sell raffle and 50/50 tickets.

Around six o'clock the ladies brought many wonderful goodies to munch on. In fact we didn't even need dinner, there was so much. Carol Ewald summed it up best: a camper never goes away hungry. The raffle was next on the program. Would you believe that our number was drawn five times, bur we didn't want to appear greedy, so we only took three. Everyone seemed happy with their choices, so we proceeded with the next event, which was the dreaded sheriff and his fines. You would think with the small crowd, the fines would be minimal. But the sheriff Walter and Anne found enough infractions to fine everyone. Gene Oswald won the 50/50. Back to the campfire again and more conversation.



Elizabeth and Ken Gage were our newest members. They are a delight and it was a pleasure having them with us. Also Boyd Lindquist and his family were another delightful addition to our campers. He is quite a fisherman. Caught a few trout and then preceded to clean them debone them and then cook them for us. It was a delicious treat. In fact, I suggested that the campers sponsor him on a fishing trip so we could have more of the same, it was good eatin'.

Next morning got us up bright and early since I promised to cook breakfast for the crew. We didn't get up as early as Ken Gage did. He thought help was needed at 6:30 A.M. He didn't realize that we had been talking about the Campers breakfast at the lodge. I wasn't even awake at that time-if I was, I was not civil. Chefs Chet and Walter cooked the pancakes and sausages. That was our gift to the Father's on their day.


Have to thank Walter and Anne for helping us so much and also for being our sheriffs. They did an outstanding job considering the small attendance we had. They even fined the President and Joel before they left.

Then it was time to pack up and head for home. Our other family was waiting for us. So its farewell for now, thanks again for everything.

Love and lots of hugs,
Shirley

2002 Scheduled Kampouts

July 12 & 13	Flying Flags - Buellton
August 16 & 17	McGrath - Ventura
September 20 & 21	Faria Beach - Ventura
October 11 & 12	Point Mugu
November 8 & 9	Kenney Grove - Turkey Fest

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The National Convention at Reno last month was every thing I had hoped for. Meeting so many Brother and Sister Elks was most informative and the various doings were most enjoyable. Both Mrs. Loyal Knight (Myrna) and I are looking forward to participating again in the coming years.

As noted last month, Heather Maddox is our Chairperson for Youth Activities. She and I in consultation with Tom Hartin, are putting together a plan for increasing the participation of our local youth in the Elks Annual HOOPSHOOT, and will put it in action so as to be ready for the competition during the month of October. As for the Soccer Kickoff, Tom has greased the skids with the AYSO as to our participation at the opening of the season, which will take place next month (September).

I'm pleased to announce that Fred Trzcinski has blessed us with the privilege of partaking in his fantabulous Fried Liver and Onions at the Friday Night Dinner to be held on the 23rd of the month, he will also offer a scrumptious pork loin as a second choice. The emphasis on Fred's dinner is in no way intended to overlook the other fine dinners that are always prepared with exquisite skill and panache, by our volunteers, but to highlight for one and all of the RARE opportunity being offered.

The Kampers are having their monthly outing at McGrath State Park, BINGO games will be called by the officers on Coopers Fish Fry Friday the 16th. Remember, the Vet Visitation on the 15th. The Ladies Auction of the Officers on the 20th last month, to raise funds for Operation Face Lift, was successful, and other events of equal fun and frolic are planned. Joe Smith is planning a real neat event for the Lodge in September, so keep tuned for further details

Please take note again of the time change that the Konejo Sporting Klays have initiated for their monthly activity..1:00pm on the 3rd Sunday not 8:00am.



Bob Hardy, Past Exalted Ruler and campaign manager for Joel Erickson, 'The Dakota Kid', presented a check from the CVAC Committee to the ER, Don Booker, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 for \$18,268.65.

June 19, 2002

Bob Hardy, Past Exalted Ruler and campaign manager for Joel Erickson, 'The Dakota Kid' who ran for Grand Marshal during Conejo Valley Days, presented a check to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 for \$18,268.65. This represents 65% of all moneys the Lodge earned by their BBQ teams, the Elks Ladies raffles and the selling of merchandise turned in for the race.

Though the Dakota Kid did not win the race, the charities the Elks Lodge sponsors will. The moneys will be used to help fund their many charities including Handicapped Children, Scholarships, Scouting, Xmas baskets and Veterans in our hospitals.



THE ESQUIRES CORNER

By David Naccarato, Esquire

This Month I had the opportunity to talk with Don Ansell, PER.

Don "Bugsy" Ansell Exalted Ruler 1990-1991 joined our Lodge in 1982. At that time in his life he was unmarried and interested in community social activities. He hung out at Corrigan's Steak house here in Thousand Oaks. Many a Wednesday nights he'd be at the bar at Corrigan's when around 9:00 to 10:00 O'clock, a group of well-dressed men would come down for a drink and Don would see them having a great time. One day he asked "HEY? HOW DO I GET ONE OF THOSE SUIT'S? What Don didn't know... was that it was initiation night at the Lodge. Dan Snyder (Exalted Ruler 1985-1986) looked over at Don and took the opportunity and explained that "to get a tux you need to become an officer".

Hearing what a great organization the Elks is and the social community efforts matched with involvement, Don Ansell joined in 1982 and became a Tiler in the officer corps. In fact he went through all the chairs on his way to Exalted Ruler. Don became Exalted Ruler in 1990 eight years after joining. His slogan for his year was and still is "Brotherly love, Show it & Share it". Don had it a bit tough as Exalted Ruler having not been married only realizing that the First lady plays such a very important role in providing support alongside the Exalted Ruler. Don said "I was heavily involved in the charity work in the Lodge" and even now along with his wife Dee; chairs the Easter egg hunt at the Lodge every year for our membership and extended families. Maybe that's where the nickname Bugsy came from. Or maybe it's the bugs he eliminates in his daily job as an exterminator.

Thank you Don Ansell

Government Relations

By Marilyn Harding



Remember, I promised an interview this month. Well, I couldn't think of a better person to start off with than the former Government Relations Chairperson and

recent law school graduate, Denise Goldner.

Marilynn: "Denise, now that you have your doctorate degree in law and you finished your legal research paper on Constitutional issues, please share with us some of your thoughts and updates on our privileges as a private organization."

Denise: "Yes, in April, I finished a directed legal research paper entitled, "Constitutional and State Regulation Issues Faced by Elks Lodges in California." There are actually two doctrines that arise out of the constitutional right of Freedom of Association. Freedom of Intimate Association has to do with starting and maintaining close personal relationships. It is evidenced by the smallness of the group, a high degree of selectivity, and seclusion from others in important aspects of the association. Like the Jaycees, Rotary and Boy Scouts in landmark cases, the Elks lack these distinctive characteristics to afford constitutional protection under Intimate Association. However, we do have Freedom of Expressive Association, which has to do with associating for the purposes of expressing speech, i.e. sending a message. If the message is diluted, fractured or impeded, then there is a violation of the organization's Freedom of Expressive Association."

Marilynn: "What is the Elks' message?"


Denise: "The Elks' message is found in the Preamble to its Constitution."

Marilynn: "I have it right here, it reads, 'To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization; and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America...'"

Denise: "For example, notice the references to "God" and "American patriotism." Because of these references, the Elks organization is protected from being forced to accept persons who are not U.S. citizens and do not believe in God-it would dilute or "fracture" our message."

Marilynn: "Thank you for this educational information. It is greatly appreciated."

Until next month...smile, you're on Antler Antics, Marilyn

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During the month of July Operation Facelift had three successful campaigns, the officer auction which raised funds for beautifying the Lodge, the kitchen cleaning, and the installation of air conditioning and heating on the patio. Kudos to all the volunteers who made them a success. Now this month another major fundraiser is taking place, a golf tournament spearheaded by Dave Pearson on August 26th. See the enclosed flyer for detailed information. This is one more fun activity that will generate income for the facelift of the Lodge room. In July and August ER Don Booker and the committee is busily gathering bids from contractors to spruce up the interior. The aim is to provide you, the members with an attractive and clean environment and to draw new members.

In the September issue of the Antler Antics a donation envelope for Operation Facelift and letter explaining the projects, their costs and the parts for contribution levels will be included. As always we need volunteers to donate their services and time to the projects being planned. To assist please call the office and leave your name with Dee.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events under this station:

August 18th 1:00 p.m. Sporting Klays- monthly shoot-meet at the Lodge

August 26th 1:00 p.m. Golf Tournament

September 1st Annual Lodge Picnic-at Lodge

Dear California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

It is my great pleasure to receive a scholarship from you. As you know, I do have a physical disability, but I do not let that stop me or slow me down in any activity of which I face. It was a wonderful day when I opened the mail to find a letter that told me I had been granted a \$2,000 scholarship. I will use this money wisely the next four years. I am going to be attending Humboldt State University. I will be moving into the dorms mid August and starting classes there on the 23rd I am going to be



AMERICANISM

Vern Jossy, Chairman

PURPLE HEART ANNIVERSARY

General George Washington on August 7, 1782 ordered the creation of a Badge of Military Merit. The Badge consisted of a purple cloth heart with a silver braded edge. Only 3 have been known to have been awarded during the Revolutionary War. Two of these coveted badges still exist.



Although this was the medal of honor of the Revolution, it seems to have been forgotten for about 150 years. The award was reinstated by Congress on the Bicentennial of Washington's birthday on February 22, 1932 and recognized those wounded or killed in the service of their country.

The Purple Heart is perhaps one of the most beautifully designed of all U.S. decorations; the Medal is a purple heart shaped Badge with bronze edges that depicts a profile relief bust of Washington in the uniform of a general in the Continental Army. The reverse side bears the inscription "For Military Merit" with the recipients name enscribed.

majoring in ceramics and studio art, and I am really looking forward to the next few years. Thank you very much for making this possible for me.

P.S. Something to note: In the early 1980s the first physical therapist who worked with me was named Jackie Roth. She was sponsored by the Elks Major Project, Inc. Thank you for all the support.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Heather Maddox, Com. Chair

The youth activities for the summer are off to a good start, we have a beautiful Red, White, & Blue AFGHAN that was hand-made and donated by Sue Maddox, thank you so much!!!! You can buy your tickets from behind the bar: (1 for \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00; 7 for \$5.00 or 25 for \$10.00) the winning ticket will be drawn at our Annual Elks Family Picnic (Sept. 1st).

On Saturday night, June 29th our Jr. Elks served dinner for all the incoming ER's in our district. They really enjoy serving dinner, they also liked the entertainment afterward at this district dinner. We thank you for your tips our Juniors made \$87.50. On Sunday the 30th we were back at it again, the 1st car wash made the juniors \$115.00. This money goes into the Jr. Elks fund, which we are currently planning on going to **HURRICANE HARBOR**, no date set yet. We thank everyone that participated, we also thank the adults who helped us out in washing, drying, moving, etc. For those that we missed or weren't able to wash, we apologize!!! For upcoming car washes we will be taking sign-ups starting at 9:30 and cut off time will be 12:00 (noon) to sign-up for your

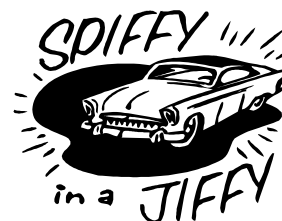
car to be washed.

Our juniors have a pretty busy July, but we'll let you know about the outcome of those events next month.

For August we are having a car wash on Sunday, August 4th bring your car down for a great breakfast by Power Dave and have your car washed while you eat.

Also for August we are hoping to go to Hurricane Harbor, so all the juniors that have helped at any event please contact either myself Heather at (805)374-9996 or Carol at (805)493-4713 so we can figure out a date. The only date in mind right now is Thursday, August 22nd, but we need to know!!!!

Heather Maddox
Youth Activities Chair



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Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge presents

ELKS & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT



MONDAY – AUGUST 26TH
1PM SHOTGUN START (CHECK IN 12 NOON)
4-PERSON TEXAS SCRAMBLE
AT TIERRA REJADA GOLF CLUB

(DINNER SERVED AT ELK'S LODGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER TOURNAMENT)

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June 14th, Flag Day, BSA Troop 754 presented the colors honoring our Flag



The band was there making our Flag Day salute special



Two new member join the Officers Corps Wayne Flittner and Terry Baker



PER, Bob Hardy, invests the Jewels Of Office to Tiler, Wayne Flittner



Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, invests the Jewels Of Office to 2 Year Trustee Terry Baker



Walter Ogden received a pin and letter of comendation for being the newest member in the Elks Major Project Century Club

THE ER'S GOING AWAY PARTY



MC's Frick & Frack (AKA) PER's Bill Lloyd and Gil Riding. Presenting Reno's finest from days gone by and out of the closet came,



'Feathers' Goldner, and 'Legs' Loughran. 'The Rat Pack' Dino Hardy, 'Blue Eyes' D'Ambrogio, 'Sammy' Panczak and 'Bag Lady' Swanson



'Feathers' Goldner couldn't resist the dulcet voice of love from 'Dino Martini' Hardy



'Sammy Twinkle Toes' Panczak sang and danced his way into the hearts of #2477



'Dino Martini' Hardy




The real All Star performers were our Jr. Elks who did an outstanding job as our servers for the evening.

When ever they perform a service for our Lodge the gratuities (Tips) go to the Youth Activities Fund. This summer they are going to Magic Mountain. Next time you see them be generous in your appreciation.



Red Hot show stopper 'Legs' Loughran

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Myrna Block	2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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FROM THE ELKS LADIES 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Ladies! Would like to share with you a recipe from Sharon Baker for her yummy Friendship Cake. Sharon will be bringing one at our next meeting on August 6th.

FRIENDSHIP CAKE/30 DAY CAKE

- DAY #1 Put in gallon jar with lid:
 1 1/2 cup starter
 1-16 oz. can sliced peaches with juice
 2 1/2 cups sugar
STIR EVERY DAY!
- DAY #10 Add:
 1-16 oz can crushed pineapple with juice
 2 1/2 cups sugar
STIR EVERY DAY!
- DAY #20 Add:
 2-10 oz. jars halved marachino cherries with juice
 2 1/2 cups sugar
STIR EVERY DAY!
- DAY #30 Drain juice into 1 1/2 cup jars to give as starter (makes 5 starters).
 Make 3 bundt cakes using the following for each cake:
 1 1/2 cups drained fruit
 One yellow cake mix (without pudding)
 One small box vanilla instant pudding
 2/3 cup oil
 4 eggs and 1 cup chopped nuts
 Mix well (batter will be stiff). Bake at 325 degrees for 40 to 60 minutes
DO NOT REFRIGERATE JUICE OR FRUIT AT ANY TIME!

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Marilyn Cissell



**Above all, God, we honor you.
 our lives are all part of you plans.
 Without you, Lord, we'd not exist
 you hold the world within your hands.**

**You cause the sun to rise each day.
 all nature waits upon your call.
 The flowers bloom and birds will sing
 and you decide which star will fall.**

**When trials and sadness do occur,
 we were not born with guarentees,
 Because of you, we can endure,
 we trust you ,God, we hope to please.**

Amen



AUGUST

1. Judy Sandham
2. Sharon Baker
- Beth Kozlowski
- Marie Wagner
9. Yolie Loughran
10. Jeanne Sandt
13. Marilyn Bjork
- Jessica White
15. Zelda Rindone
26. Myrna Block
30. Gladys Ennis

A July Best Wishes to Joan Massicotte

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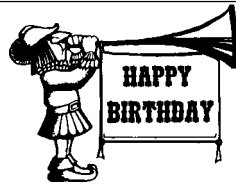
Please contact Jeff Enger at 805-496-5422

A three wheeled electric drive vehicle was secured for his father, Bro. Cliff Enger and he can no longer use it. They are looking for new home to place it.

HONOR ROLL



- Bob Cissell
- Mike Asadurian
- Greg Metzgun
- Leo Massicotte
- Jim Rochford
- Vern Jossy



AUGUST

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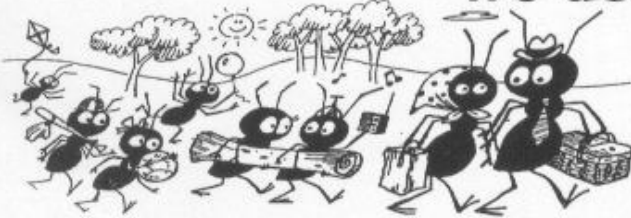
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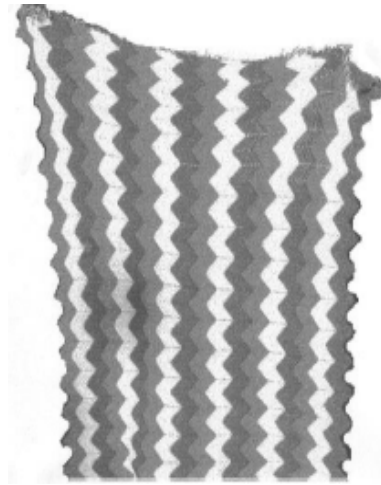
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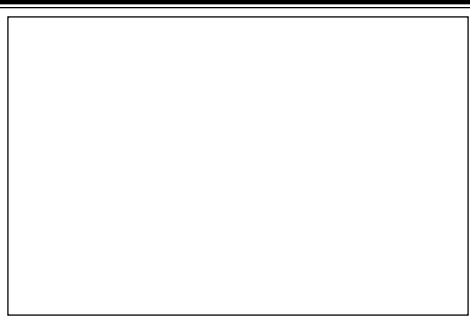
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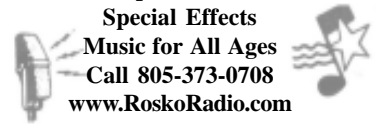

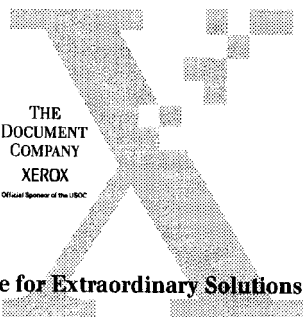


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