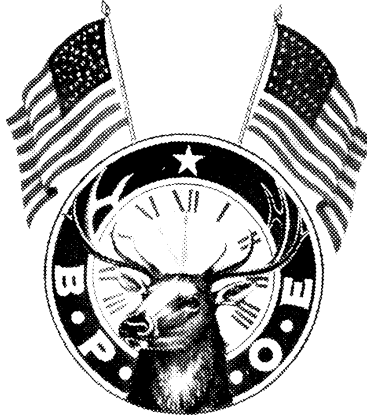


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HIGHLITES OF THE MONTH

BBQ Wagon at the Car Show
Sun. Oct. 6

Flag Retirement Ceremony
BBQ Wagon at the Rotary Street Fair
Sunday Oct. 20

DDGER, Tom Ryder, Homecoming
Sat. Oct. 19
Prime Rib \$12

BBQ Wagon at the Lodge
Garage Sale
Halloween Party
Oct. 26

Fri. Oct. 4	Pork Chops / Salmon By Bill Dennisson & Crew	\$8.00
Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27	Breakfast \$5.00	
Fri. Oct. 11	Surprise	\$8.00
Fri. Oct 18	Bingo By Jay & Heather Fish Fry By Cooper & Crew	\$7.50
Sat. Oct. 19	DDGER, Tom Ryder, Homecoming Prime Rib	\$12
Sun. Oct. 20	Ominous Omelets By Goldner & Crew Flag Retirement Ceremony 1:00 pm	\$6.00
Fri. Oct. 25	Sirloin/Salmon By Kozlowski & Crew	\$9.00
Sat. Oct. 26	Halloween Party Garage Sale Operation Facelift	\$15.00

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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ELKS TRAINING: Joe Smith
BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:
 Chet Kozlowski, PER

Members & friends,

I hope everyone has received their correspondence from our Chair. for Operation Facelift, Sally Claunch and myself. Please be as generous as possible and remember these funds will only be used for the purpose of upgrading our Lodge. We will be installing a new floor in our patio. The Ladies are helping with funds to replace the floor in the kitchen. Thank you Ladies from all our members.

Be sure to check your calendar for the October events: District Picnic, Oct. 11th - 13, (see flyer in this issue) at San Luis Obispo. Oct. 19, come and enjoy DDGER, Tom Ryder's homecoming dinner of Prime Rib \$12.00 p/p. Oct. 20th will be Ominous Omelets by Richard Goldner & crew. At 1:00 pm will be our Flag Retirement Program known throughout the Conejo Valley for respect in retirement of our Flag. Oct. 26th we will have a Garage Sale and in the evening a Halloween Party \$15 per person. These two events will raise funds for our Operation Facelift.

With the culmination of our Lodge Picnic by Chair. Bob Holm who overcame every obstacle including the heat, a job well done. This has been a fun year so far for Barb and myself and I hope it has been for you also. Be sure to come to as many events as you can, we need your support and your suggestions and we could also use your expertise. When you come to the Lodge be sure to greet one another with a handshake and a smile. Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

And remember *"It's a Good Life."*



Bill Rodarme (center) with his crew of lovely ladies and their horses were a huge hit with our kids at the picnic

GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALE DATE CERTAIN

Pat von Wittenburg

**SATURDAY – OCTOBER
26TH**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



I've checked the refrigerators of several members I know and – sure enough the flyer that came in last months Antler Antics – is sure 'nough on the door!

PLEASE bring your items to the Lodge on Thursday or Friday of that week. We will need help setting up Friday afternoon and, of course, on Saturday. All help will be greatly appreciated –

Please NO inoperative computers -

I will be out of town for several weeks – if you have any questions – you can give Doris Newcomer a call at (805) 527-8518



FIRST LADIES CORNER

Barbara Booker

Hi,

Thank you all for coming to the Lodge, both to help and enjoy the activities. The suggestions are good and they help us to get an all around picture for Operation Facelift. Please don't forget the important things happening this month. We have wonderful food being cooked this month and great things planned.

The Homecoming for DDGER, Tom Ryder and his lady Kathy. We are very proud of Tom. Richard's Ominous Omelets are always great, also the Flag Retirement Ceremony. The Sweet Adelines were fantastic! Specially with our own Cornelia Meehan singing with them. We want to thank Jay, Myrna and Joe Smith for putting that together, w. they did a great job.

Love and Kisses,
Barbara



EDITORS CORNER

Answering the call, Picnic 2002



We can't thank Operating Engineer #2, Vern Jossy enough for braving the heat and answering the call when it is in the best interest of our Lodge and Elkdom. He did a herculean and masterful job of

overcoming 100 degree temperature to entertain the children with rides on our train at our picnic. When you saw their happy smiles as they embarked on their great adventure, ringing the bell as they rolled along you would have said *"Yes what we created here was definitely worthwhile!"*

Another big hit with the children was Bill Rodarme and his crew of volunteers who gave horse rides to the children. This was one of the real winners at our picnic. Some of the children had never been up close to a horse let alone ever ridden on one. When it came to giving the children something special Bill was just one of the many volunteers who got smiles from the children and answered the call of Elkdom by providing special entertainment for our kids. Thanks Bill, you and your crew were great.

The weather man was none too kindly turning up the heat to 100 degrees. There is one thing we can be thankful for and that was having the picnic here at the Lodge and there were no yellow jacket hornets to bedevil us.

Talking about answering the call when it is in the best interest of our Lodge and Elkdom. Darren Ziegler, of Paradise Automotive, was also a hero for getting our train to steer properly, due to a bent steering rod it wouldn't turn to the left. So thank you Darren and look forward to finding a permanent solution to our problem. To all the heroes, Bob Holm our Picnic Chairman, the crews who worked on the BBQ, corn, kitchen, Streaker Wagon, Bingo, 50/50 sales and all else who lent a hand on that day, you made our Picnic 2002 a success, in spite of the heat! Thank you one and all for answering the call.

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WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT PICNIC YR 2002

This is an invitation for all Elks, their families and friends to join with us for the Year 2002 Elks District Picnic Weekend at the San Luis Obispo Lodge, October 11th thru the 13th. Activities being planned to appeal to everyone. Something for everyone.

Friday night is regular Friday night dinner and social gathering.

Saturday night the San Luis Lodge is having its annual ELKTOBERFEST night. Music, singing, dancing, German food and Bier. Wear your best German outfit.

No menudo cook off this year! Instead there is going to be a tamale cook off and tasting Saturday morning. Richard Jess is coordinating this. Call Richard for details. Saturday Craft Faire is on again. Space will be made available to those wanting to display and sell home made craft wares. All that is asked is that you donate some of your profit to the VP's Major Projects fund at the picnic. Marva D'Ambrogio coordinating this. Call her at 805-485-1948 for more information about the faire and sign up!

Picnic will start about 10:30 AM with fun and games for all! A Continental Breakfast will be available Sunday Morning for those staying over.

There is an adult pool and a kids pool available for those that just want to lie about, swim a little or just soak up some sun. There is space for about 200 campers for those that want to camp out and good motels within close range of the lodge.

For camping reservations call San Luis Obispo Lodge t 805-543-0322.

Come for one day or come for the entire weekend. All we ask is that you join Us for a fun time! Your Lodge Officers and the picnic committee are working to make this years picnic the best ever.

For more picnic information call VP Jim Diacono, Chairman, 805-686-4669, Tom Ryder, Vice Chairman, 805-497-1853, or the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge, 805-543-0322.

~ ALL ABOARD FOR ELKDOM ~
Gene Chambers - President - CA-HA Elks
Association

(Come on aboard; its fun to be an Elk!)

*****The editor apologizes for the goof in last months flier.**

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 planning for our charity basket events is well underway. The flier in this months Antler Antics announces our **"Yucatan Night"** at the lodge. There will be lots of food, entertainment and dancing. Please come out and support our efforts to fund the Holiday Basket program and to have some fun doing it.

Along with the Yucatan Night we will be having a giant raffle for some pretty terrific prizes. There will be several weekend getaway trips, meals for two at local restaurants and a major prize to be announced. With these two fundraisers along with commitments we have from several grocers such as Costco, we should be able to bring a lot of cheer to needy families in our area.

There have been some improvements in our kitchen to go along with the major cleaning last month. Kevin Metzgus and Wayne R. Flittner donated a Saturday to install stainless steel above the exhaust hood. This will make cleaning of the kitchen a lot easier. A new sink is also ready to be installed and Tom Ryder has some more improvements to follow. Little by little our kitchen is being upgraded to better serve our members.

The weekly capsule drawing is growing towards a new high. Some member attending a Wednesday meeting is going to be selected and if you are there it could be you. Our Wednesday cooks have been putting out some great meals, come down and join us.



Elkomotive #2477 and Vern Jossy, Operating Engineer #2 the childrens choice for hero of our picnic!

**PURPLE PIG**

By David Naccarato, Com. Chair.

As of August 27 th our piggy bank fund has a total of \$1,283.07 We are off by \$580.14 from last year as of this date. A lot of activities at the lodge need our support. We dearly need operation face lift. But our Major Project cannot be forgotten. We all received purple pigs when we joined they must be full by now.

The Major Project/Purple Pig is a valuable program. In July 787 children had in home Therapy visits. Weather it be for Eye, Speech, or Muscle Control and 23,000 miles driven all sponsored by the Major Project. One Hundred twenty four Preschoolers went through our vision screening program and 172 school age children had vision screening.

The Major Project employs 34 trained professionals who, on the average, provide over 14,000 therapy sessions per year and screen 45,000 to 50,000 children for vision problems. It is estimated that one in twenty children between the ages of three and five has a vision problem. One mother writes in *"we would like to thank the preschool vision screener and the Elks for the discovery of our daughters amblyopia."* (lazy eye) The year 2000 marked the 50th anniversary of the Major Project. Lets us help

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

This is Ernie P. asking you all for your help with our Christmas tree sales, at Carlson Building Material.

We need everyones help and our Lodge needs the money from this income. So I ask you please sign up to help!!

Thank You.

We can make this fun!!



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

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Kampers August outing at McGrath State Beach, well, we didn't have a lot of sun - but as the saying goes *"the worst day camping beats the best day doing anything else"*.

John & Marva D'Ambrogio were scheduled to be wagonmasters - but duty called elsewhere and Don and Doris Newcomer stepped up to the plate doing a magnificent job. Saturday night Doris put out her infamous tacos and everyone else brought dishes to go with. It was awesome. Ever notice there ain't no skinny campers.

But I'm getting ahead of myself -

One of our campers (who shall remain nameless) arrived with a ding in the rear side of their rig. Seems a bank of community mailboxes didn't fair too well either. The driver got a lot of flack over that incident.

Thursday evening saw five of us early arrivals gathering for kicks and giggles that was until Don's cat Daisy, escaped. He took off with his big flashlight in hot pursuit. Every time he got fairly close - the cat took off. Then Daisy finally hunkered down in the bushes. He put his light down, grabbed the cat and literally had a "tiger by the tail", returning to the campsite, hand bleeding profusely. The way he opened the door and threw the cat inside - I was certain we'd see her plastered to the wall. So there we were, Doris - who does not react well in that type of situation and Beverly Erickson, who always sent Joel to the emergency room with their kids. Guess it was up to me! My mom always wanted me to be a nurse, which was certainly not my bag, but she would have been proud. While getting Doris' aid in locating the necessary tools to fix this wound, reassuring her that stitches weren't necessary, trying to get Don's galloping pulse down to normal, and making sure Beverly wasn't going to hit the floor - I managed to get the bleeding reduced, the wound flooded with peroxide, bandaged and iced. That wasn't quite all - Daisy had torn through Don's pants - and there was no alternative to his dropping his drawers so the scratches on his thigh could be tended. Okay - so he had his shorts on - took care of those wounds, instructed Don to keep his hand elevated and continue with ice. After the excitement - us three gals went outside to sit - think I put my head between my knees for a couple of minutes and told Doris I needed a drink - preferably a strong one.

Frank Coley, our resident retired firefighter (EMT?) arrived on Friday, checked Don's hand and assured him his treatment was handled well.

The Coley's guests, Steve and Molly Chiszar, arrived Friday and

decided Saturday morning to join the Kampers. That's a great compliment - WELCOME! Hope to see a lot more of them - Steve was a real trooper - keeping his noisy camper neighbors under control. (If you believe that, I have some beachfront property in Arizona for sale.)

Ya know - sometimes lady luck turns her back! John Ennis had just spent a considerable sum on his generator - but still had to fiddle with it outside to get the thing running properly. On Saturday, he and Gladys went home to check their mail (small box) cause they had planned to head on up to Santa Barbara for a couple of days. Not to happen. On the way back to Camarillo for the mail, the transmission on their tow car bit the dust. Hope things smooth out, you guys.

At our Saturday meeting, we received some depressing news about our treasury. Due to the lack of support for some of our campouts, higher campsite fees being paid, but still maintaining our \$20 per night flat fee - our balance isn't what it once was. If the Kampers want to continue our support of the Lodge as we have in the past, something will need to be done. Think about it, people.

REMINDER - The Kampers will be doing a rummage sale the end of October or 1st Saturday in November (date not certain at this writing) to support Lodge Beautification.

The poker winners are unknown to the writer, but the washer-toss was won by Bob Hardy and Doris Newcomer, 2nd place to Walt Egan and Debbie Fitzpatrick, and 3rd to Carol Ewald and Don Newcomer.




Dick and Gina Johnson (did you know he was born in Peoria, IL, but don't tell any body) were Sheriff and Deputy, doing a great job. Joel & Beverly were so, so good - they got fined for being too good.

All in all - a terrific time was had by all.

TECK TIPS - Do you know the age of your house batteries? Might be a good idea to check. This was a lesson learn on this campout - when one of our campers lost all house power. After thinking about it - it was discovered they were the original batteries for the rig - some 7 years old. The accepted maximum is approximately FIVE (5) years. We are so accustomed to having electrical hookups - it appears checking the house battery is not a high priority - until it's too late. Be sure the battery terminals and inside of battery clamps are free of corrosion. Applying a thin coat of Vaseline will help prevent future corrosion.

If any of the parts are severely corroded - replace them - since damaged battery connectors may break or come loose at a most inconvenient time.

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LOYAL KNIGHT Jay Block	2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Lee Grindle LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato SCOUTING: Greg Metzger/Gary Holton HOOPSHOOT: Heather Maddox WED. NIGHT DINNERS: DRUG AWARENESS: Tom Ryder, PER STRAY ELKS: David Pearson MOTHERS DAY: Jim Rochford		ENTERTAINMENT: Joe Smith WED. NIGHT TICKETS: George Meehan/Len Cardoni LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PER PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

September was a very good month for the Lodge. We had two successful BBQ Saturdays. A great night of entertainment from the Sweet Adelines, thanks to Joe Smith our Chairman for Entertainment. The good turnout for the Soccer Shootout is due to Heather Maddox our Youth Activities Chairperson, and all of the volunteers she recruited. As to be expected, the Monday Night Football bash put on by Frank Coley and friends has been well received. But the best surprise was the fancy moves made by our home grown models at the Elk Ladies Fashion Show.

Our Friday Night Dinners could have had a little more participation by the membership, but all in all the turnouts were adequate to cover expenses, and then some. But it is a shame so many of you are missing out on some great dinners. If there is something lacking in our Friday Night Dinner offerings, please contact me directly with any suggestions you might have, and I will see if we can oblige.

We are looking into the inclusion of casual music, both live and canned, being offered during dinner. We would appreciate any and all musically capable associates to sign up and show off your talents.

We are looking forward to the King of the Omelets Goldner to strut his outstanding offerings on Sunday the 20th, a day which is capped off by our Yearly Flag Retirement Ceremonies. The Halloween Party on the 26th should be a blast (\$15P/P).



A big smile on our Picnic Chair. Bob Holm, for our 50/50 winner



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL

Congratulations to those who were elected to Life Membership in our Order last month. We have some new candidates, and their names are listed in a separate article. Balloting will be at a regular session of the lodge on the 23rd of October. Come on down and vote these people in.

We are having a problem with the keys to the lodge pickup that must be rectified. When Brother Harold Calvin most graciously donated his pickup to the Lodge, the trustees determined that no one should have their own private key. There is a clip board with the key attached and a mileage/maintenance log kept in the office. If you are on the list of authorized drivers, you may come to the office and check the vehicle out. But we have a problem. It seems that some members have their own keys made. The mileage/maintenance log is not being kept up to date, and we no longer have control of when the pickup leaves or returns. Sooo---, we come to the remedy. I am asking everyone who has a key to return it to the office immediately. If the keys do not come in, then I will be forced to change the ignition. That is a lot of unnecessary time lost. But, imagine what whoever is going to use the pickup is going to think when they try to start it, and the key won't work. Helloooooo.

We are beginning to have some problems with members wanting to be reimbursed for money they spent on the Lodge. I have no problem with that as long as it is a legitimate expenditure. However, please do not put what we owe you on a cereal box top, memo pad, or other paper that you spent "x" number of dollars on something and want reimbursement. It won't work. We need the receipt, and will no longer pay without one. If you lost the receipt, you will need to work that one out yourself. If it was on a credit card, then you can produce the bill. But the fact remains, no receipt - no money. Please do not submit a bill without one.

I have had some inquiries as to where our Lecturing Knight Sally Claunch's Operation Face Lift money goes to, and where it is paid from. We have a line item in our budget for Lodge Beautification, which is an unrestricted fund. All monies collected for Face Lift

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE CONT.

are receipted in and placed into that fund. It is however, receipted in as Operation Face Lift money so we can track how much is taken in, how much is paid out, and what it was paid for. So everyone can rest assured that all of Sally's money is being taken care of in the best possible way, and is being accounted for. By the way Sally, congratulations on initiating and running one of the more successful and worthwhile projects the Lodge has ever had. Through your efforts, we are going to have a nice facility we can use. Keep up the good work!

That's about all for this month. From Flo and I, have a really neat Halloween and don't eat up all the kids and grand kids candy. And that's 30.

Fraternally,
Bill

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following named members have applied for nomination and election to life membership in the Order, and are eligible in all respects in accordance with GLS 14.260. Balloting for these members will be at a regular session of the Lodge on October 23, 2002.

Erle Pittman	#002	Wallace Scolpine	#147
Jack E. Henry	#010	Marshall Matz	#199
Milton Tait	#059	John Ough	#243
Leland Silver	#065	Anthony Federico	#255
Richard Flittner	#079	Roland Dourlain	#268
David Burrows	#139	Ronald Pizitz	#342

Again, congratulations to these candidates for 30 years of service to Elksdom. Collectively, we have here some 360 years in the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

GOLF TOURNEY RECAP

David Pearson & Frank Coley
Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen

A really big thank you goes out to the many player and sponsors that made our Elks & Friends Golf Tournament such a success. Tierra Rejada Golf Course was in good shape. We were treated to some great hospitality, good weather, and low golf scores. Here are the winning teams:

Score

51	1st Net Men	Robert Koeritz, Walt Eagan, Greg Hying, Brad Hanson
54	2nd Net Men	Ron Earl, Ryan Earl, Shea Johnson, Brian Forkin
54	3rd Net Men	Frank Coley, Steve McKee, Tom Claunch, Jeff Claunch
57	1st Scratch	JR Maddox, Dave Maddox, Ted Polisky, Mike Todd
62	2nd Scratch	David Pearson, George Sedlmayr, Gary Clarke
62	3rd Scratch	Terry Deschamps, Mike Pierson, Dave Chavez, Dennis Adkins
65	1st Ladies	Catherine Koeritz, Pam Pence, Vicki Eagan, Darlene Black
73	2nd Ladies	Annie Pearson, Dee Swanson, Sally Claunch, Crystal Dool


Long Drive Men: JR Maddox Long Drive Ladies: Catherine Koeritz



Thanks to the generosity of Joe Smith of Smith's Trophies, the above golfers received some beautiful trophies. All of the golfers enjoyed a terrific meal prepared by the best...Dick McNeal, Harold Calvin, Ed Rice, Johnny D, and crew. And a big hardy thanks goes to our Tee Sponsors: Andrew Matsunaga, DDS, Basso Distributing, BOS Contractors, Calabasas Firewood, Carpet-Tyme, Claunch Roofing, M&M Termite, Smith Trophies, Scotty's Auto Body, Superior Auto Body, and Xerox. We would also like to thank the many firemen that took the day off and joined in the fun.

The fun day closed with a raffle for many great prizes donated by the El Konejo Kampers, Sunset Hills Country Club, Lake Lindero Golf Course, Los Robles Golf Course, Tierra Rejada Golf Course, Mimi's Cafe, Hudson's Grill, Dick Churik, and Basso Distributing to name a few.

Be on the lookout for our next Elks & Friends Golf Tournament in the spring of 2003. Until then, hit 'em long and straight...and thank you for your continued support.

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LECTURING KNIGHT Sally Claunch	2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
AMERICANISM: Raven West FLAGDAY/FLAGRETIREMENT: Sally Claunch SCHOLARSHIP: Bobby Holm GOVT. RELATIONS: Marilyn Harding MEMORIALSERVICE: Jim Rochford KONEJOSPORTING KLAYS: Don Cortis		NATIONALSERVICES: Jim Kellogg KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER GOLFTOURNEY: Dave Pearson Tommy Claunch LODGE PICNIC: Bobby Holm MEMBERSHIP: David Pearson CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker ELKONEJOKAMPERS: Bob Hardy, PER

This month's kudos go first to Dave Pearson (long ball driver) and Frank Coley (putt sinker) for spearheading the golf tournament which generated over \$3000 for Operation Face Lift. **Way to go!!!** Also kudos go to Bobby Holm (event wizard) for chairing the annual lodge picnic and his cast of volunteers who made the affair a success. **Way to go!!!** Lastly kudos go to Joe Smith (Lodge magician) for organizing the evening with the Sweet Adelines. Their program was very appropriate for the anniversary of 9/11.

Next an update on Operation Face Lift, I give kudos to all the members who have returned the donation envelopes. Your response have shown that we, Thousand Oak Elks, are a generous group who believe in the virtue of charity. Remember there is no deadline on making a contribution. If you have not done so, please make a gift.

In October there will be one more fundraiser for Operation Face Lift--a Halloween party on the 26th . Mark your calendar for the best party of the year. Games, contests, raffles, and surprises will be the highlights. A sit down dinner, served in a ghoulish atmosphere will be followed by dancing and activities. Tickets are available from officers, in the lounge or from the Claunchs or Pearsons. Post your enclosed flyer on the frig for an easy reminder.

The month of October also marks the DDGER homecoming of our local guy, Tom Ryder on **October 19th**. The following morning PER, Richard Goldner, will resume his role as omelet maker extraordinaire by preparing breakfast for the Lodge. After our bellies are full, the festivities continue with the annual flag retirement ceremony at 1 p.m. Please join in the celebrations on **October 19th and 20th** .

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Sally Claunch, Com. Chair.
805-495-0577

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Brother Bill Cairns is receiving Hospice care at his home 53100 Avenida Alvarado-La Quita, California 92253 and his wife Verna had a knee replacement last month. Cards would be graciously accepted.

ON THE MEND: Pat Smail, wife of Brother Bill, chair of the Elk Ladies Sunshine Committee is on the receiving end of sunshine this month as she is recuperating from a bout of diverticulitis. Brother Ray Spencer, an Elk bowler, had surgery for colon cancer and he is receiving chemo. PER, Bob McKee, is recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery and BBQ chairperson, Lee Grindle, recently had diagnostic tests

AMERICANISM

Raven West. Com. Chair



Although September will always be a month Americans will not soon forget, October is a month filled with events (the World Series notwithstanding) which have charted the course of our history. Time after time. when we were faced with a seemingly insurmountable challenge, we rose beyond ourselves and showed the world what we're made of and who we are.

The date was October 19. The year, 1765. On that day, an edict arrived from across the sea enacting a Stamp Tax upon the colonists. "Taxation without representation," became the catchphrase that was to draw many to the cause of the American patriots against the mother country.

Although repealed a year later, the seeds of revolution had been planted on that cool October day. Nine years later, on the 26th day, once again in October, the First Continental Congress was convened, leading to the creation of Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution. Our response to an unjust decree resulted in who we are today: Americans.



SCHOLARSHIP

Bob Holm, Com. Chairman

Lindsey M. Budny

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Thousand Oaks, California 91360

July 5, 2002

Mr. Jim O'Kelley
Elks National Foundation
2750 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Mr. O'Kelley,

I am writing this letter to thank the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and all the Elks Association members and families for the scholarship I received this year. I had the opportunity of entering the Thousand Oaks (California) Elks Lodge (No. 2477) Most Valuable Student Contest and advancing to the national level. As you are aware, I won a \$4,000.00 scholarship. in the national scholarship program. This money will help my family in a way that I cannot quite describe. My older brother and sister recently graduated from college and my family is currently paying off their college loans. In addition, my father is currently seeking funding for a start-up company and until that happens, he does not have a salary. Consequently, I appreciate the opportunity to further my education with this scholarship money and, at the same, time help my whole family.

I am the youngest of three children. I attended a girl's Catholic school for high school and junior high school. During my high school career, I participated in many different activities such as campus ministry core team, mock trial, speech, varsity track, varsity basketball, student council, club soccer, religious education teacher and hospital volunteer. As you can see, in high school, I have tried a little bit of everything but I enjoyed my time in student council the most. I was class vice president my freshman year, class president my sophomore year, associated student body vice president my junior year and associated student body president my senior year. Through my experience in student council I have learned many lessons but above all I have learned how to work with people and I believe that lesson is one of the most valuable lessons I. have ever learned.

I just graduated from La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks, California three weeks ago. During the graduation activities and the ceremony, I received several awards in addition to the Elks National Foundation Scholarship. I was awarded as a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the National Honors Society and I received an Honors

Diploma. I also was awarded the Sister Mary Ignatia Service Award, the Outstanding Christian Service Award, the certificate of merit for leadership from the National Associations of Secondary Schools and recognition for being a student of the month at La Rcina. In addition to these school-related awards, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation named me as a Presidential Library Scholar.

Next year I will attend the University of San Diego (USD) where I am going to major in biology. I am excited about moving to San Diego and beginning my college career. I do not know what I want to do for my profession; yet, I know that I want to work with people. USD has an atmosphere that encourages success by promoting a person to use their mind, heart and soul. Therefore, I know my experience at USD will help me to become the person that I am striving to become.

Thank you again for awarding me the Most Valuable Student Scholarship. I appreciate the recognition and the financial assistance that the scholarship provides. Both of these results allow me to continue developing myself as an individual.

Sincerely yours,
Lindsey M. Budny

Pope John XXIII Award Recipients



Elk Member Lou and Pat Mages were honored with the Pope John XXIII Award at the Italian Catholic Federation Convention held in Las Vegas.

They were honored for their church work and many philanthropic activities.

JOLLY CORKS APPEARED LIVE IN OXNARD



New Jolly Corks, Jerry Serota nominated by ER, Don Booker, John Ennis, sporting their new jewelry



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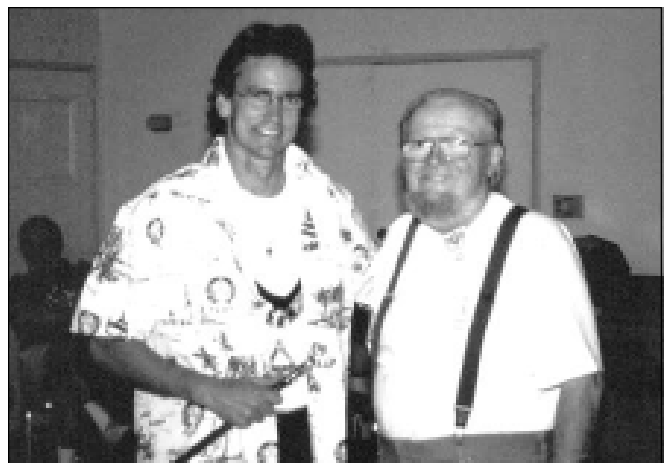
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Dave Naccarato sports a new Elk Shirt from Jack the Hawaiian Haberdasher, Malone

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FROM THE ELK LADIES 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Karen Naccarato

Hi Everyone! Our next meeting will be October 1st at 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there. The Board meeting will be October 15th at 7:30 pm.


The Elk Ladies Fashion Show on September 28th was a lot of fun. I would like to thank Marilyn Harding and Alice Kennedy for all their hard work in making it all come together. And also a special thanks to Gil Riding for a wonderful lunch. We really appreciated it!

The ladies will be having another Bake Sale on October 18th after the Friday night Fish Fry, so come on down. They will also be having Bingo!!

I would like again to thank you ladies for the flowers I received while I was recovering from my surgery. They really brighten your mood. Thanks!

Jack Loughran

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 A lesson we learned long ago
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**The vicious acts and thoughtless words,
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 Your blessings, God, and those eleven words
 become for all, a lifelong gauge.**

A Belated Happy Birthday on
September 17th to Annie McIntyre




OCTOBER

10. Marilyn Corrigan

22. Charlotte Gessler

25. Betty Vega

29. Sarah Ely



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!

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From a Grateful Parent

This program is wonderful It has been a God sent. Finding Karen (Karen Anderson, Speech-Language Pathologist] has helped our family. She is so good with our son. He loves Karen. In the six months we have been with the Elks Project Christopher has exploded with language skills. I feel that if we had not found Karen we would still be in a silent world. Thank you so much for providing us with such a great service. Thank you also for sending Karen to us.

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AMERICANISM Cont.

In the "roaring 20's" we were riding the crest of a wave of economic bliss, until the stock market crash of October 29, 1929 plunged our country into a great depression. We found the strength through perseverance and determination to prevail. 58 years later, on October 19, 1987 we were faced with another stock market disaster which threatened the survival of our economy, but we learned from our past that we would survive and come back - stronger than ever. In these uncertain economic times, we know we will again meet and overcome the challenge. Because we are Americans.

When the skies were lit with the trail of Sputnik on October 4, 1957, we were faced with uncertainty of our own safety and survival. This challenge led to the creation of the NASA space program and two men set foot on the moon for the very first time on July 20, 1969. These men were Americans. Forty years ago, on October 16, 1962 a reconnaissance plane flying over Cuba discovered Soviet nuclear missiles aimed at American soil. What followed were two weeks of fear and uncertainty unparalleled since the attacks on Pearl Harbor. For fourteen days that October, we held our breath as the two super powers decided the fate of the free world. We might have been living in an atmosphere gripped in fear, but we were also confident our strength and resolve would see us through the crises the way we always have. Because we are Americans.

Although these are, once again, times of uncertainty, we come from a long line of strong, determined individuals who will rise to any challenge. Whether it comes from foreign governments, the insanity of a few crazed fanatics, or our own economic institutions, our strength, our courage, our destiny is descended from over two centuries of adversities met and overcome. Our heritage, our roots and our history, will enable us to meet the challenges of the future with confidence whether they arrive in September, October, or any other month for years to come. Because we are Americans.



Raven and PER, Poppa Westmuller in Ellenville, New York

GOT "I.T."? GET "I.T."! (AT THE ELKS HOME)



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What does this have to do with the Elks National Home? Take a good look at yourself. Do you wake up every morning with another ache somewhere that wasn't there before? Does that goofy noise that the younger crowd calls "music" make your stomach churn? Does your list of chores around the house make Cinderella look like a goofoff? Do your cooking attempts look like the daily special at Chernobyl Cafeteria? Have you noticed they're giving out drivers licenses to complete idiots nowadays? Do all these things add up to make you one of the gloomiest, grumpiest sourpusses you've ever met? What you obviously need to turn your life around is some SERIOUS INDULGENCE THERAPY, and that's our specialty at the Elks National Home. The food, the surroundings, the amusements, the friendly staff, even the weather, all combine to coddle you and paste a happy wakeup smile on your face every morning that lasts all day. Life is beautiful again, and you're enjoying every minute of "I.T."! Or, at least. . .COULD be.

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ESQUIRES CORNER

by David Naccarato

On the night of my initiation Jack Loughran was the Officer to meet me at the door that night and has always been there for me since.

Jack was Exalted Ruler 1996-1997 but it did not start there. Jack worked as a bartender for the San Jose Elks Lodge # 522. Saw and felt the tradition of the Elks and joined in 1963. Jack was perfect for the Elks for he believes in tradition, commitment and heritage. Jack retired from the Navy as a Flight Engineer after 20 years. And from Lockheed Corporation after 25 years as a Quality Control Engineer. His heritage is Irish and on his ER pin you'll find an Irish Harp and a Ship Anchor.

Taking a break from the Elks for a while and in 1981 Jack's first wife died. The Elks, feeling like family Jack joined our lodge in 1982. Wanted more and became our Chaplain for years 1986-1987. Jack went through the chairs starting at Loyal to Leading and Exalted Ruler 1996-1997. Jack followed Gil Riding and the two still work together as Lodge ritual team coaches. Jack knows all the words to the Ritual even to the positions he never held. Which is why this year he is Officer at large where he fills in when someone is absent.

At this year's Ritual with the help of coach Richard Goldner we received one-first and two-third place positions. In year 2000-2001 Jack went back and took Lecturing Knight for ER Jacob Panczak.

To back up for a moment in 1992 Jack went on a cruise of the Mexican Riviera with about 75 Elks from the Santa Barbara Lodge. And Jack, being his irresistible self met Yolonda. Somehow got her number and once on dry land gave her a call. They were married November 28th 1992.

To Jack and Yolie the Elks are an extended family. The Elks are big on family, we fit together. Every year Jack and his crew cook up 600 hamburgers for the handicapped children at Conejo Valley Days. Jack, we appreciate all that you and Yolonda do.

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Saturday October 19, 2002

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Cocktails 5:30 PM

Prime Rib Dinner 6:30 PM
\$12.00 per person

Program & Entertainment 8:00 PM

Remember "IT'S FUN TO BE AN ELK!"

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks made a solemn pledge!*
"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

WHEREAS: *The fulfillment of this pledge is the obligation of every Elk, as set forth in Section 4.290 of the Laws of the Order, and*

WHEREAS: *Serving our nation's veterans is an expression of patriotism in its purest sense.*

NOW, THEREFORE: *By virtue of the authority of the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, I hereby proclaim the month of November as "National Veterans Remembrance Month" and request all Lodges to observe this month of recollection of the debt we owe to all veterans in the manner which has been recommended by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission in its communication to all Lodges.*

Roger R. True
 Roger R. True, Grand Exalted Ruler

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JR. ELKS

Heather Maddox, Youth Activities Com. Chair



This year, being my first year as Youth Activities Chair I have to say I have and still am learning a lot, but enjoying every minute. By the time you read this we will have successfully completed our Soccer Shoot-

out, held on September 14th. I want to thank all of you who helped and volunteered in making the Soccer Shoot-out event a success. The next Youth Activity event for our Lodge will be the Hoop Shoot, date still pending. If you would like to volunteer some of your time we can always use the help, (even if it's only for a 1/2 hour or an hour), please give me a call: (805)374-9996 (evening).

Our, Jr. Elks Afghan Raffle was a big success, we drew the WINNING TICKET at the Elks Picnic (September 1st). Our BIG WINNER was Bruce Fitzpatrick, who is the father of one of our Jr. Elks. Hope you enjoy Bruce (and don't forget to share with the rest of the family). We thank everyone for your support. Our Juniors (8 + 3 adults) went on their first field trip to HURRICANE HARBOR, on August 22nd, there is a picture displayed by the couches, fun was had by all.

Our, Jr. Elks will have had their first meeting by the time you read this article also. But, for the future, mark your calendar, the Jr. Elks will be having a monthly meeting at the Lodge, every 2nd Thursday at 7:00. So if you are interested or know of someone that would be interested in joining our Jr. Elks Program, give me a call or just show up at a meeting. The only requirement to become a Jr. Elk is to know an Elk member, be a friend of a Jr. Elk and be 7 years old or older, the parents don't necessarily have to be a member, but it's a good way of introducing our Lodge to the public. Our, Jr. Elks Program can also work in building our Lodge membership.

Until next month, see you at the Lodge!!!

Heather Maddox
Youth Activities Chair



Our Jr. Elks Afghan Raffle BIG WINNER was won by Bruce Fitzpatrick, who is the father of one of our Jr. Elks.

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POETS CORNER
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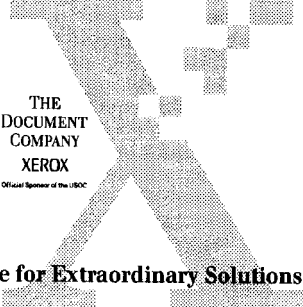

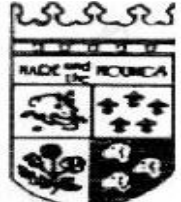
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