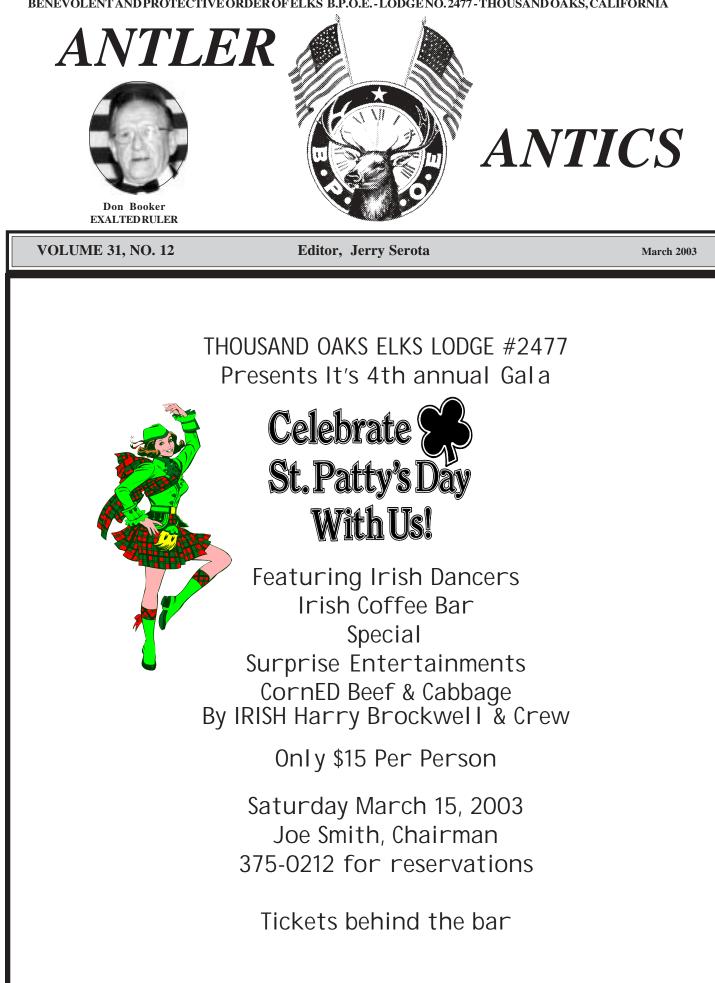
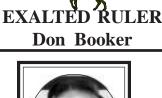
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS B.P.O.E. - LODGE NO. 2477 - THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA



2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ANTLERANTICS: Jerry Serota, Editor NEW FACILITIES: Tom Ryder, PSVP HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK: Jerry Serota GREETERS: Jack Loughran, PER PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jerry Serota BUILDING MAINT.: "Mac" McDonald





PARLIAMENTARIAN: BillLloyd,PDDGER,DL LODGE VISITATIONS: Jack Loughran,PER BBQ WAGON: Lee Grindle AUDITING: TomRyder,DDGER ELKS TRAINING: John D'Ambrogio,PER BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS: Chet Kozlowski,PER

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Members & Friends,

This will be my final article as your Exalted Ruler. It has been my privilege to serve you through the 2002/2003 term.

We have achieved so much over the past year. I am very proud of these accomplishments and of the members who helped make them possible. I have learned, no matter how much we would have liked to achieve every goal, we can only do so much in the span of one year. However, we have started the journey toward other goals that I am confident will be reached in the future if we all continue to focus and work together.

Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

We have raised \$17,000 to date for my Operation Face Lift Program. This program is for much needed re-model work to upgrade the Lodge. Thank you to Chairman, Sally Claunch, Dave & Annie Pearson, Pat von

Wittenburg, Jay and others who helped raise these funds.

We initiated our Jr. Elks Program, which has been a great success. Other lodges are interested in initiating this program as well. Thanks to Heather Maddox, Carol Neuner and crew.

We applied to have our two properties re-zoned by the City Planning Commission of Thousand Oaks. Thanks to Denise Goldner, Dick Mc Cann and Myself, the City Council absorbed the fees saving our Lodge over \$5,000.

We have made improvements to the patio, kitchen and bar areas and intend to do more. We improved the smoking area on the patio by installing air conditioning, heating, exhaust fan, tables and chairs. We added a new popcorn machine in the bar that the members have been enjoying. Thanks to Jack Malone who donated the popcorn for the first year. Thanks also to "Max" Maxwell and "Mac" McDonald for a doing a great job maintaining the Lodge.

We are making more profit in our Lodge with events such as The Christmas Tree Lot, Golf Tournaments, Super Bowl Sunday, BBQ Wagon and others. Our financial status is very healthy thanks to your participation in all events. The Christmas Tree Lot raised over \$7,000. Thanks to Chairman, Bob Hardy and crew. Thanks to Dave & Annie Pearson who chaired Super Bowl Sunday with the help of Sally & Tommy Claunch and crew. Thanks to Lee Grindle and crew for doing such a great job with the BBQ Wagon.

We now have a friendlier environment thanks to all members. I would like to thank my wife Barbara especially in this regard.

I feel the momentum at the Lodge has increased to a level we would like to see continued. With Greg and his strong team of officers, I know it will.

Thank you again for all of your support. GOD BLESS YOU ALL and remember ''IT'S A GOOD LIFE!''

Don Booker Exalted Ruler



Hi.

FIRST LADY'S CORNER

Barbara Booker, FL

Well this is my last article. The first thing I want to say is thanks to all of you for being so supportive and good to us after the death of our son Rob.

I have enjoyed being your "First Lady" this past year. I have had so much fun decorating for our many functions and attending conventions. I am more proud to be an Elks Lady now than ever before.

Thank you to everyone who helped and guided us along the way. Thanks to my wonderful Ladies who were always there to help.

Love Always,

Barbara

Elks Care - Elks Share



EDITORS CORNER

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Juliana "June" Thompson



1902-2003

It saddens me sometime when engrossed in a good book that when we turn to the last page the story ends. What lingers is an afterglow of the trials, tribulations and triumphs that our heroine has overcome and in the end she was victorious.

June Thompson was born December 17, 1902 and like that heroine we were privileged to be privy to a few of those stories. June was living with her sister at the time that she was invited to a company picnic. It was there that she met an incredibly romantic young man named Tommy, who became so smitten with her that he proposed marriage to her that very first day. June on the other hand was a cautious Finn and Tommy after pursuing her for three months the sister said "Look June either marry this guy or get rid of him." Well she married that romantic and we all know the rest of that love story, it lasted 58 years.

It wasn't until three weeks later that she found out after meeting her mother-in-law that she was 10 years his senior. Tommy never found out until 25 years later when they applied for a passport that he married an older woman. In her later years she would grin slyly and admit that the only reason she married him was so she could have a younger man take care of her in her dotage.

We like love stories best of all. June and Tommy were one of the best loved couples in our Elks Lodge. We shared a dinner table with them at the Elks Charity Ball one year and the conversation turned to their upcoming wedding anniversary. It was their 55th. Tommy said "I always take June for a trip on our anniversary, I think this time we'll take a cruise somewhere and I'll get June pregnant." and we all laughed. It is fitting that we call up memories that are dear to us than dwell on the passing of someone we held near and dear.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS Jerry Serota, Com. Chair.

This Year we are making ambitious plans to participate and sell Elkdom in parades at Ventura, Mar. 15; Conejo Valley Days, May 3; Simi Valley Sept. 29; and Santa Maria on June 7. Your participation in the Engineers Locomotive Train Fund makes it possible.

It has been a long dry spell since we got anything in our Elks Magazine and it was discouraging. There are times when you work on something and after what seems like a long time, all the pieces come together. When they do you feel the joy of accomplishment. When we got our Elks National Magazine that is what we felt when we saw pictures of our Flag Retirement and Veterans Brunch in the March issue.

We were happy with the coverage of our Law Enforcement Firefighters program. Brother Scott Dool did an outstanding job and we were overwhelmed by our young waiters the Jr. Elks.

After suffering the erratic behavior of our Eleven o'clock chimes, joy is what we felt when we heard our rejuvenated 11 o'clock chimes work so beautifully. Brother Roy Sapp took it apart piece by piece and cleaned up the gummed works caused by WD 40. It's works are electomagnetic and anything with a liquid base gums them up. Our Lodge owes Brother Roy a huge debt of gratitude, thanks pal.

Please remember our Elkomotive Train fund when renewing your dues.

Tommy became a famous writer and TV producer and in his later days was invited by a group of people to be the honored guest of book collectors who specialized in westerns. On their return from that junket June had a doctors appointment for a physical and while the doctor was bent over listening to her heart with his stethoscope he asked *"How old are you June?"* and she replied "next month I'll be ninety" and the Doctors response while still listening to her heart was *"Awesome, awesome."*

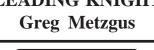
Well that was 10 years ago and that awesome heart has stopped beating. We are saddened that we have come to the last page in the life story of June Thompson. It was a very good love story and when we think back to the good times the afterglow remains.

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT **Greg Metzgus**

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLEPIG: **DaveNaccarato** SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch INVESTIGATION: George Meehan ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Jay Block **CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Greg & Barbara Metzgus



INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Darren Zigler **CVAC:**TomHartin **COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota OFFICERS ROUND TABLE: Jack Panczak** CHARITY DINNERS: Greg & Barbara Metzgus

Where has the year gone? This is going to be my last Leading Knight article. My next article will be as your Exalted Ruler, if elected. Seems like only yesterday I was wondering how Barbara and I were ever going to be able to accomplish all of the things required of a Leading Knight. We found out how, with the help of all of the wonderful people that make up our lodge.

The major tasks that fall under the Leading Knights chair are the Inaugural Ball, the Charity Ball and the Charity Baskets. Every one of those events was a huge success. I can't begin to tell you how much help we had with these efforts. So many people contributed, some people I had never even met came forward to help. Barbara and I really enjoyed working with everyone.

One event that didn't fall under my chair this year was the Law Enforcement, Firefighter appreciation night. I mention it here because it was an event that is attended by so few members but is such a successful evening. For those of you that have never attended, you have missed out on seeing and meeting some of our communities finest. The room was full of award recipients and their co-workers and families. The award they received from our lodge is a highly coveted award throughout their professions. Scott Dool did a fantastic job of presenting the awards and it was a proud night for our lodge. Don't miss out next year.

On the Scouting side; Sheriff Bob Brooks has been elected as the President of Ventura County Council Boy Scouts of America. His job is to oversee the entire Boy Scout program in all of Ventura County. I am looking forward to working with him in the coming year.

Lodge Beautification seems to be moving along slowly but there is a lot going on behind the scenes. Len Cardoni is putting together remodel drawings for our main lodge room and bar. A new exhaust fan is being installed in the patio and little by little, more stainless steel is being installed in the kitchen. We are all anxious but we need to move forward with a plan.

Our installation of officers will be held on the 2nd of April. Come out and see the lodge leadership for 2003-2004.



(L-R) Roger True, Grand Exalted Ruler, Gene Chambers, State President, CHEA, and Richard Goldner, CHEA, Public **Relations Chairman at the Pasadena Elks Lodge**



Roger and Marilyn True, Elaine and Richard Goldner at the Pasadena Elks Lodge, New Years Eve 12-31-02



One of our members, Michael Tam, will be leaving for Kuwait on Tuesday. He is a SeaBee reserve and his unit has been activated.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

By Pat von Wittenburg

The first campout of the New Year was really incredible. It's safe to assume the word got out after last year's experience at Fairway RV Park that the facilities are outstanding and they truly are, the Ennises

had a waiting list. Sadly, the Newcomer's motorhome step malfunctioned, the Kurmis, next on the list had scheduled appointments that couldn't be changed and Cheryl Templeton lucked out and won the open spot.

The facilities are outstanding, being on a military base the rules are stringent and the camp host is tenacious as few of us found out. Let's see - Cheryl went to visit our dogs and had hardly opened our door and was severely scolded for not having them on their leashes, Frank Coley walked through someone else's campsite, and Johnny D' drove the wrong-way or at least appeared he was going to and the wrath was duly dispensed.

Joel Erickson prepared a CD with a collection of photograph some 900 I think he said of campouts from 1999 through 2002 which he was prepared to give away - but the suggestion was made that perhaps a contribution to the Purple Pig would be in order.

John and Gladys did an outstanding job. They organized the First Kampers Golf Tournament. After much calculating and recalculating Tommy Claunch was the first place winner for the men, Sally Claunch was the first place winner for the women (the only woman) and there was a tie for last place won by Chet Kozlowski - an hours lesson with golf pro. I think I heard John volunteer to head up one of the events any time the group will be camping near a golf course - did I hear you correctly John? Not to exclude Gladys cause she was the one with the pencil calculating all those numbers at the end of the day.

Generally the task of being wagonmaster is no great shakes - but John and Gladys went to extraordinary lengths in this endeavor above and beyond the usual necessity of obtaining the necessary paperwork for security clearance to get us on the base, arrangements were made for us to have dinner Saturday night at the Bard Mansion which also functions as the Officers Club on the Base. I cannot speak for the 30+ people who had dinner there, but the six people at our table enjoyed their meals and drinks for an incredibly reasonable price. The setting was drop-dead gorgeous in my book - but I'm one of those who is crazy for turn of the century construction. It was interesting to learn that after the 1974 Sylmar earthquake the mansion was declared structurally unsound - the family was advised that the mansion was to be torn down. Research revealed a clause in the paperwork - that should the mansion be destroyed that all the surrounding (base) property would revert back to the Bard family - amazingly the mansion was discovered to be structurally sound!!!!

We all returned to the recreation hall at the campground and proceeded with the raffle, Sheriffs fines and 50/50. The dynamic duo Peggy Mulleneaux and Marva D'Ambrogio (sisters you know) were acting sheriff - Peggy doing the talking cause Marva's voice wasn't up to par. Let me tell you that lady was vicious. She had some hand held electronic device and she may have had the place bugged! Course me and my big mouth - I blabbed right to her face for my fine - commenting on her husband's buns. How dumb can one person be???

And what's with the latest trend - mothers winning the 50/50. Yep! Ina Hestenes - Beverly Erickson's mother was the winner this month.

John and Gladys had coffee on every morning and Sunday morning - breakfast was on! Johnny D' and Gary Mulleneaux were cooking eggs to order with ham. Gladys and John were doing pancakes and sausage, and I think Sally came in with some sausage too. You know guys - if I forget someone, please forgive me - I just can't be everywhere and see everything - try as I may. Oh by the way - if you really want a chuckle - have John tell you about his first experience making pancakes - it's really pretty cute!



As some wise guy remarked at our November campout as several campers experienced roof

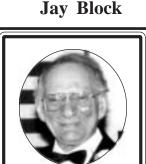
leaks in differing degrees, "There are roofs that leak and roofs that are gonna leak." As those learned, the caulking around the various vents and all seams in the roof need to be check and replaced as part of your regular maintenance. Replaced does not mean glopped over, it means REMOVED and replaced.

BPO Elks Lodge 2477 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2003-04 Wednesday April 2, 2003

LOYAL KNIGHT

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Lee Grindle LODGE ACTIVITIES: DaveNaccarato SCOUTING: GregMetzgus/Gary Holton HOOPSHOOT: Heather Maddox WED. NIGHT DINNERS: DRUG AWARENESS: Tom Ryder, DDGER STRAY ELKS: David Pearson MOTHERS DAY: Jim Rochford



2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ENTERTAINMENT: Joe Smith WED. NIGHT TICKETS: George Meehan\Sally Claunch LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, DDGER PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTHACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

I can't believe how fast this year has passed, here I am writing my last article for the Antler Antics as Loyal Knight. To say that it has been an interesting year is probably the height of understatement. Before I go further, I want to GIVE SPECIAL THANKS to my wife Myrna who along with all of the cooks and their able helpers prepared one fine meal after another all year long. Also to the great team of Lodge members who helped clean, paint and in general spruce up the kitchen. There is still work to be done, like putting in a new floor, but all will be accomplished in due time.

The Super Bowl Party was a smashing success, thanks to the efforts of Dave and Annie Pearson and Tommy and Sally Claunch.

Scott Dool again out did himself as Host to the Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters Recognition dinner, which was attended by Councilmen Andy Fox and County Supervisor Linda Parks who made presentations.

Up coming events which you should mark on your calendars are:

- The Ladies Installation of Officers on the 11th

- Our 4th Annual St. Patty's Day Gala put on by Joe Smith, with featured entertainment by the charming Irish Dancers on Sat. the 15th

- The election of the Lodge Officers for the coming year on the 19th
- Installation of Officers on the 2nd of April
- The Inaugural Ball at the Clarion Hotel in Newbury Park on the April 5th

I can't end this article without saying special thanks to our great ritual coaches Gil Riding, Richard Goldner, Jack Loughran, and Jacob Panczak, whose patience and guidance will lead us to glorious victory in the upcoming contest in Lompoc.

Jay Block YOUR LOYAL KNIGHT (Leading Knight in Waiting)



ESQUIRES CORNER

by David Naccarato

"And Junior Past Exalted Ruler, John D Ambrogio"

This month I wish to report on Past Exalted Ruler John D'Ambrogio 2001-2002. John joined the Oxnard Lodge in 1982. Looking to make a change for personal reasons, it was 1997, Jack Loughran was Exalted Ruler and the Ritual contest was in Oxnard that year. John and Marva were having dinner out that night and who do you think were also at the restaurant but Jack Loughran, Gil Riding and Bill Lloyd. He recognized them, went over and got to talking. Well, one thing led to another and John and Marva came on board

at our lodge and we were glad they did. Right away he joined the officer core as Assistant Esquire to Frank McMahan, then advanced as Esquire for Chet Kozlowski and rose through the chairs to Exalted Ruler.

John and Marva liked the Charity work of the Elks lodge and we do a lot of it, glad to have them aboard. At State convention during his year, a young man under 30 told his story about himself having a very bad speech impediment and how the Elks Major Project provided therapy. Without that he would not have been able to give the speech he was giving that night. John was extremely proud of the officer core he had which to him is more important than taking first place at ritual contest.

John met Marva and married in 1955. They are married 47 years, he owes alot to Marva for all her support, you've heard him say many times as Exalted Ruler "You cannot do it without the support of your wife." As John put it to me, a man cannot go through the chairs without the support of his wife and Marva has been there every step of the way. John is now entering District position levels of service as District Membership Chairman. Just when Marva thought they were taking some time off they're right back into it again. But they love it. John also enjoys the Bar B Q wagon; getting out with the guys over an open flame, sun beating down on you, 100 degrees in your face, o yea, a lot of fun. John and Marva have made many new friends in the Elks that will last a life time. John didn't have a brother now he has many brother Elks.

Thanks John.





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Bill Lloyd, DL, Secretary

Things have been pretty hectic in the office for the past month or so. With nomination and election of officers, dues notices, and a million or so other things seem to keep us quite busy. I know this sounds kind of ruttish (?) but we have a new assistant in the office. Her name is June O'Fallon, and she is working out really great. Very personable and efficient, and what's more, she likes the office.

I would like to take some time this month to clear up a term that has become quite common around not only the lodge, but the district as well. The term that is being used wrongly for the Major Project is Handicapped Children. First let's look at the organization itself. California/Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) is the state association we belong to. Within the association we have a Major Project. The California/Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. (CHEMPI) Board of Trustees is responsible for the running and accountability of the project. The Major Project for CHEA is Disabled Children, and has been for many years. The receptacle that members are asked to put their donations into is the Purple Pig. So we have an organization, a name for the organization, and a receptacle for donations. There was a time when "Handicapped Children" was used, however persons with disabilities objected to the term "handicapped" and asked that it not be used. In most parking lots now you will find "Disabled" parking rather than "Handicapped." To go back a bit further for you 25-30 year members, we once called the Major Project "Cerebral Palsy." That charity was abandoned when the Cerebral Palsy Foundation said that if we were to use their name, which is copyrighted, then they want the money. Thus, the change to "Handicapped Children" and then to "Disabled Children." If you are going to write a check to CHEA for our Major Project, please make it out to CHEA Disabled Children, or CHEA Major Project or just Major Project. Please do not make it out to the Purple Pig. Checks that are made out to the Major Project are not run through our book keeping system, but are forwarded to Fresno to the headquarters. Cash donations and checks make out to B.P.O.E. 2477 with a notation at the bottom of the check for the money to go to the Major Project are receipted in by me and are credited to our Major Project restricted fund. I hope this clears things up, especially for you folks that didn't know there was a problem to begin with.

Dues notices for next year should be in your hands by now. They are the same as last year. We had to drop a bundle of members in February for non-payment. As I have said before (and shall continue to say), membership is our life's blood. Without it we cannot operate as an organization. Members come



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Sally Claunch495-0577

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The

sunshine lady for the Elk Ladies, Pat Smail was hospitalized; PER Bugsy Ansell was in the hospital for congested heart failure, Brother Fred Trczinski is having heart surgery and finally Brother Lee Grindle and Brother Dick McNeal **ON THE MEND**: The pot roast queen Collen Morris, Cornelia Meehan from a knee replacement.





CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT Patti Serota, Com. Chair. Sunday May 18th Sign up 12:00 Noon Play begins 1:00 p.m. \$25.00 Entry 805 497-1197

in and make a sizeable cash outlay to be a part of us, and then within a year or so decide to quit. Why? I would like to know. Everyone has a reason for joining as do they have a reason for not wanting to stay with us. We're starting all over again this year. Let's have a totally new year and have one where everyone pays their dues. This lodge has been stagnant with membership for at least 10 years. We have been 525-565 members for so long I can't remember. Once we even made it to over 600. Look where we are now. We initiate 25-40 new members every year, and then at the end of the year we drop that many. That is not what I would call progress.

Guess I've taken up about enough of your time for this month. Hope everyone stays healthy and is able to keep their jobs, which I understand is not the easiest thing in the world to do anymore. Come down and visit the lodge as often as you can and support Elkdom!

And that's 30 for this month.

Bill

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AMERICANISM: Raven West FLAGDAY/FLAGRETIREMENT: Sally Claunch SCHOLARSHIP: Bobby Holm GOVT. RELATIONS: Marilynn Harding MEMORIAL SERVICE: Jim Rochford KONEJO SPORTING KLAYS: Don Corts

LECTURING KNIGHT Sally Claunch

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson TommyClaunch LODGE PICNIC: Bobby Holm MEMBERSHIP: Darryl Vadnais CHRISTMAS TREES: Bob Hardy, PER EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Bob Hardy, PER

As the Elk year ends, I have had time to reflect and look back on the highlights and memories. And this year has been filled with many highlights and fond memories for me. I believe one of the best is the camaraderie and friendship that I have shared with my fellow officers and members.

We have worked hard to improve our Lodge and do the charitable work that has made us famous in our community. However all work and no play makes Jack and Jill dull Elks; the social events and picnic have added a balance. I would like to thank all the committee chairpersons under my station for fulfilling their duties in an outstanding manner. Jim Kellogg who spearheads the monthly visits to the veterans hospital constantly shows dedication to the needs of the vets in many ways. The retiring scholarship and picnic chair, Bobby Holm, performed his duties in a professional manner. The new ladies on the block- Raven West and Marilynn Harding write wonderful articles each month. In addition Raven conducted the Americanism essay contest. Shirley and Chet Kozlowski whose love for kids is shown by providing a Christmas party for the youngsters. Bob Hardy did triple duty as Kamper president, Conejo Valley Days campaign manager, and Christmas tree lot chair. Take a rest this year. Chaplin, Jim Rochford, presented the families of deceased members a dignified memorial service. Our professional golfing organizer, Dave Pearson, put on not one but two tournaments this year which raised \$\$\$\$ for the Lodge. The new kid on the block, Darryl Vadnais, has become the membership chair. Finally the new baby on the block, Rick Herrera, is back as scholarship chair. Thanks!!!! Without fine chairpersons the activities and work of the lodge would not get done with grace, and ease. I applaud you.

Happening under this station vet visitation

Special Hamburger Nite Thursday, March 20th \$1.00

AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chairman

On February 1st our country and the world lost seven brave explorers and a piece of a dream. When the space shuttle Columbia fell to earth, we were once again reminded, as we were in

1986 with the loss of the Challenger and her crew, that exploration sometimes comes with a heavy price tag.

America was founded by explorers. Men and women who braved rough seas, leaky ships and unknown dangers with the hope and vision of a new world and a better life. They first arrived on the eastern shores and soon after began laying the foundation for a new nation.

Not content with the boundaries of thirteen colonies, the push towards the west, towards new opportunities and new adventures began. There were dangers at every turn. Miles of unknown terrain in an untamed wilderness lay before them, but they pressed on. Many lost their lives, but Americans then, as Americans now, faced the dangers, conquered adversity, and moved forward.

Now we turn our gaze towards the stars. We look upward at our next frontier. Even in the face of danger, even with the fear of the unknown, Americans will continue, as all explorers have before us, to bravely and proudly go where few have dared venture. Those who have given their lives in the present on a quest towards a brighter tomorrow, know they will be long remembered by many future generations to come.

In memory of: Commander Rick Husband, 45, Pilot William McCool, 41; Payload commander Michael Anderson, 43; NASA researcher Kalpana Chawla, 41; Navy pilot David Brown, 46, Scientist Laurel Clark, 41; and Ilan Ramon, 48, a colonel in Israel's air force and the first Israeli in space.

"Let my words give you sustenance, nourish your spirit, take you places you've never imagined. Not just for today when you've read them, but for whatever forever we have in this life. Or the next."

SUPER BOWL BASH

David & Annie Pearson Tommy & Sally Claunch Superbowl Event Co-Chairmen

On the behalf of Tommy & Sally Claunch, Annie Pearson and myself, I would like to thank everyone for making the Elks Superbowl Party such a success. Your support of both cash and food help to make this one of the best parties we've had.

Jacob Panczak brought in and set up our Lodge Room "Big Screen". Joe Smith donated sign collectable pictures for our prize giveaway, as well as a Jerry Rice Signed Football Helmet Collectable that was raffled off during the game. The raffle and donations from Cupid's Hot Dogs raised \$626.00 for the Elks High School Scholarship Program. David Maddox, Toni Sheridan, and Bill Colby donated items for our prize giveaway. Susie Ross was the ticket seller extraordinaire. Chuck Busch, Sally Claunch, and Cupid's Hot Dogs saw to it that no one went home hungry. Annie Pearson and Tommy Claunch did a great job in persuading the attendees to let loose of their cash. Robert & Catherine Koeritz and Walt & Vicki Eagan were flawless in keeping track of all of the numbers and prizes in the Reverse Blind Draw. Mary & Steve McKee created Superbowl Scoreboards around the Lodge so that people could keep track on their games. Thank you, thank you to everyone for their continued support.

We had many winners in the games we played. A partial list of the winners is as follows:

Cash Prizes: Bill Jones Bugsy & Yoli Jay Schmidt Barbara Metzgus Carlos Carbahal David & Tommy Larry & Colleen Morris Mike Tanner Bobby Williams Theresa, Jody, Shelly, Dane

Dino Bidwell & Eric Flemming El Konejo Kampers Bill LLoyd Sue Vince Jack Henry Keith Phillips John Russell Jack Phillips Kirk Keeler Terry & Sharon Baker Mary & Dee Jeff Harriott Sue Vince Robert Koeritz (Jerry Rice Helmet)

Donated Prize:

Mary McKee won the \$100 drawing for bringing an hors d'oeuvre.

We apologize if we forgot anyone. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for Superbowl 2004!! Take care and God Bless.



WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW ELK MEMBERS



Kathleen Pavek and sponsor Bill von Wittenburg



Michael Tanner and sponsor Harold Calvin



Dave Naccarato and Bob Hardy, PER with gift plaque and clock in appreciation to Carlsons Building Center for their generosity in allowing us the use of their property for Xmas Trees



Leading Knight, Greg Metzgus joins the list of honorees by Jack Malone of an Elk Shirt from the Hawaii Elks



Jay Block presents the Bronze circle of giving award to Richard Goldner, PER for his contributions to the Elks National Foundation





Elks Training Certificates



John D'Ambrogio, PER. is invested with the Jewels of 4 year Trustee by Richard Goldner, PER



(L-R Bottom Row)

Sergeant Patricia Salas, Ventura County Sheriff, Steven Matsuura, Fireman Engineer, Ventura County, Officer David Songer, Ventura Area California Highway Patrol, Mayor Andy Fox, City of Thousand Oaks.

(Top Row) Linda Parks, Ventura County Supervisor, Sergeant Stephen Glennan, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Tom Brady, Officer, Los Angeles Couty Fire Department, Robert Bloomfield, West Valley Area Highway Partol and Scott Dool,

Comittee Chairman



Sergeant Patricia Salas, Ventura County Sheriff, 'Officer of the Year' presented by Sheriff, Bob Brooks



(Top Row Presenters L-R) Bob Brooks, Bob Roper. Mark Lunn, Patrick Hunter, Paul Schuster, Greg Nelson

(Bottom Row Honorees)

Patricia Salas, Steven Matsuura, David Songer, Stephen Glennan, Tom Brady, Officer, Robert Bloomfield



Crystal Dool, the Queen of the Beef Strogonoff and No. supporter Roxanne Horning

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES Myrna Block

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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FROM THE ELK LADIES

Karen Naccarato, 2nd Vice President

Well the time has come to move on. I have really enjoyed writing the article for the Antler Antics. I know Alice Kennedy will do a great job. I want to thank Myrna for doing a wonderful job as the Elk Ladies President. It's not an easy job, but Myrna made it look easy. She was always on top of things and gave me lots of advice on many things. Thanks!!! I know Melinda Pekow will be great and I'm looking forward to working with her.

Our next Elks Ladies Meeting is 3/4/03 at 8 pm.

The Installation of Officers is 3/11/03 as posted. Our Board meeting is on 3/18/03 at 7:30 pm and we will be having a Bake Sale on 3/21/03, after the Friday Night Dinner.

See you at our next meeting :) Take Care!

Elks Ladies Installation of Officers

Tuesday, March 11th, 2003 6:00 pm No Host Cocktails 7:00 pm Dinner 8:00 pm Installation of Officers

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon on Request by Chef Tom Ryder Served by the Lodge Officers \$12.00 Make Checks payable to ''Elks Ladies'' Mail to Myrna Block, 2559 Sirius St, TO, 91360



DO WE ASK FOR YOUR OPINION

Marilyn Cissell, Chaplain

Do we ask for your opinion, Lord, when decisions must be made, Or do we suffer then in silence until our nerves are frayed?

You are here to help with problems if we share them now with you. To try and solve them on our own results in wasted efforts too.

Amen

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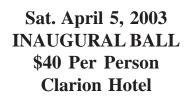
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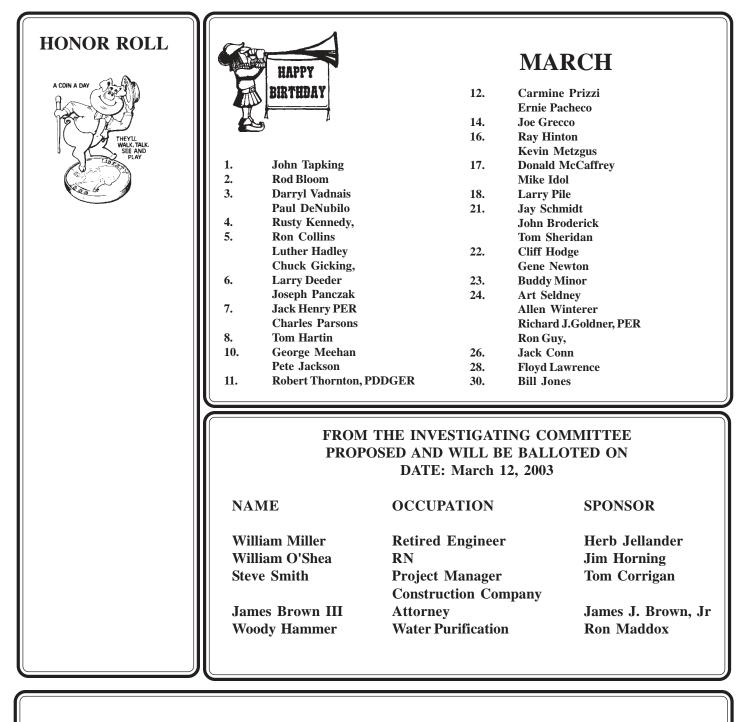
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January 1

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\$150.00 No Winner \$175.00 No Winner

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RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING YOUTH: ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Charles E. Buechman, Member G/L Public Relations Committee

May 4-10, 2003 is Elks National Youth Week. Now is the time to begin making your plans to recognize the outstanding students in your communities.

Get involved with your local schools. If you haven't been recognizing students every month, you can still have some of the school's staff help you in selecting a Student or Teenager of the Year. Work with your local schools to put on Youth Week and/or Youth Citizenship Programs in the schools.

Local special education agencies are always looking for ways to involve the handicapped and developmentallychallenged children in activities. Work with them and sponsor an event at your Lodge or at the school with your people helping. National Youth Week affords you another opportunity to work with and recognize Boys and Girls Scouting Programs and Awards.

Work with your local media to get coverage, including Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot winners from this year. Buy a full page ad if necessary and fill it with pictures of your student winners: Americanism Essay Contest, Drug Awareness Poster Contest, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, "MVS" Scholarship winners, local scholarship winners, Legacy scholarship winners, Students/Teenagers of the Month and of the Year, and other local award winners. Only your local imagination limits you in how you can enhance your "Community Image" and bring you in contact with many potential new Members for your Lodge.

Now is also the time to begin assembling your brochures to be entered into the Best Lodge Youth Program Contest and make plans to enter the Elks National Youth Week Contest. See the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Manual for more information and deadlines.

Always remember, "Elks Care — Elks Share." and that the "ELKS USA" is committed to improving and enriching our Nation's Youth



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KIKI AND RED RIBBONS

Steven R. Smith, Member G/L Public Relations Committee

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born in the poor Mexican town of Mexicali and raised in the poor California town of Caiexico. He had been a high school football star, a member of the Marines, a criminal investigator, and a narcotics investigator. In 1974, Camarena joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) knowing of the odds stacked against him and his life. From his experiences, Camarena knew of cops that took bribes, crooked politicians, and the never-ending cycle of drugs and their violence. However, Kiki Camarena was a believer, and he believed that one person could make a difference. After serving in Calexico and Fresno, Camarena requested to be transferred to Guadalajara, the center of the drug trafficking empire. While there, he confiscated thousands of pounds of cocaine, and hundreds of thousands of pounds of marijuana. Kiki was very successful but also very much hated by the drug trafficking empire.

It was February 7, 1985 at 2:00 on a warm winter afternoon in Guadalajara, Mexico when DEA Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena locked his badge and revolver in his desk drawer and left to meet his wife for a luncheon. While crossing the street to climb into his truck, he was apprehended by five men. Kiki was never seen alive again. On March 5th, Kiki's rotting body was found in a plastic bag along a country road. He had been savagely and grotesquely murdered.

News of the tragedy had hit televisions, radios, and newspapers. People were outraged at this heinous act of violence. Members of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth were particularly angry and sick of the killing and destruction spurred by drugs in America. Dolores Delaney, president of the Virginia Federation of Parents was speaking at a DEA meeting in Washington, D.C. when the meeting was interrupted with news of the discovery of Kiki's body. On her drive back to Virginia, she was saddened and outraged. She decided that something needed to be done on a nationwide level. In mid-March, Betty Sawyer came up with the idea of remembering Kiki Camarena and others needlessly killed with red ribbons. Delaney then wrote the Red Ribbon Letter. The National Red Ribbon Campaign was approved on March 26, 1985. This campaign spread to places as far away as Europe. Delaney knew that this would never bring back those unjustifiably killed, but she wanted people to be able to tell the drug traffickers that they are outraged and to tell family members of the deceased that their loved ones will not be forgotten.

Red Ribbon Week was dedicated to Enrique (Kiki) Camarena and all people that were wrongly killed due to the violence of drugs.

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HEY, KIDS! TRY THIS AT "HOME"!

To convince you of the many outstanding advantages of life at the Elks National Home, we've tried poetry, silver-tongued oratory and miles of explanation in the past. Now, we'll try a new technique—letting you convince yourself! Take this simple test and if you answer YES to most of the questions, the Elks National Home is the place where you deserve to enjoy the Best Years of Your Life.

1. Is your list of home care chores getting bigger than you can handle?

2. Has it been a looong time since you were eating three warm, nutritious, good-tasting, home-cooked meals every day?

3. Are most days filled with watching soap operas, reruns and game shows?

4. Is the number of friends you can really talk to down to a handful (or less or none)?

5. Are you at the point where mail addressed to "Occupant" brightens your day?

6. In an emergency, would you be "on hold" for medical assistance instead of just seconds away at the touch of a button?

7. Is it more fun for you to watch TV with a group than by yourself?

8. Do you want to be part of a caring & cheerful "family" again?

If you've begun to see from this simple quiz that the Elks National Home might be in your best interest, JUST SAY YES!

Call or write for all the free no-obligation facts. Just a few weeks from now, you could be standing in the Home's sunny lobby, being greeted by the smiles and handshakes from Bill and Eileen Pickett and all the Folks at your Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, Virginia 24523

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William P. Pickett Executive Director 540-586-8232 1-800-552-4140 fax: 540-586-2096

931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, Virginia 24523

January 15, 2003

TO: ALL ELK LODGES

RE: ELKS NATIONAL HOME ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Because the success of the entertainment and recreation program at the Elks National Home depends directly upon the generosity of the Subordinate Lodges throughout the Order, each year about this time, we contact you and ask for your support of the program.

The Home is a retirement community for Elk members who seek an environment of companionship, comfort, and security for their retirement years. The excellent entertainment and recreation program is a very important feature of life at the Home. Because of your gifts, those who live here are able to enjoy activities such as Bingo, birthday parties, dances, excursions to local areas of interest, holiday tournaments and picnics, and many other forms of recreation.

The generous response to this annual letter has always been rewarding and is sincerely appreciated by the residents. Knowing of your concern for your fellow Elks, we are confident we will again receive your generous support.

The Grand Lodge Newsletter recently published an article regarding the Home's Entertainment Fund. We greatly appreciate the publicity and their support. Since we cannot readily determine which lodges responded to that article, our letter goes to all lodges. If you are among those who have already sent a donation, please accept our thanks and disregard this letter.

Enclosed is a coupon that we would appreciate you publishing in your lodge newsletter. We have also included a color brochure that you might post on your bulletin board. Anyone who has questions or desires detailed information may call our office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at 1-800-552-4140 or write to the above address. Information is also available on the web at <u>www.elkshome.org</u>.

With kind personal regards, and best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,

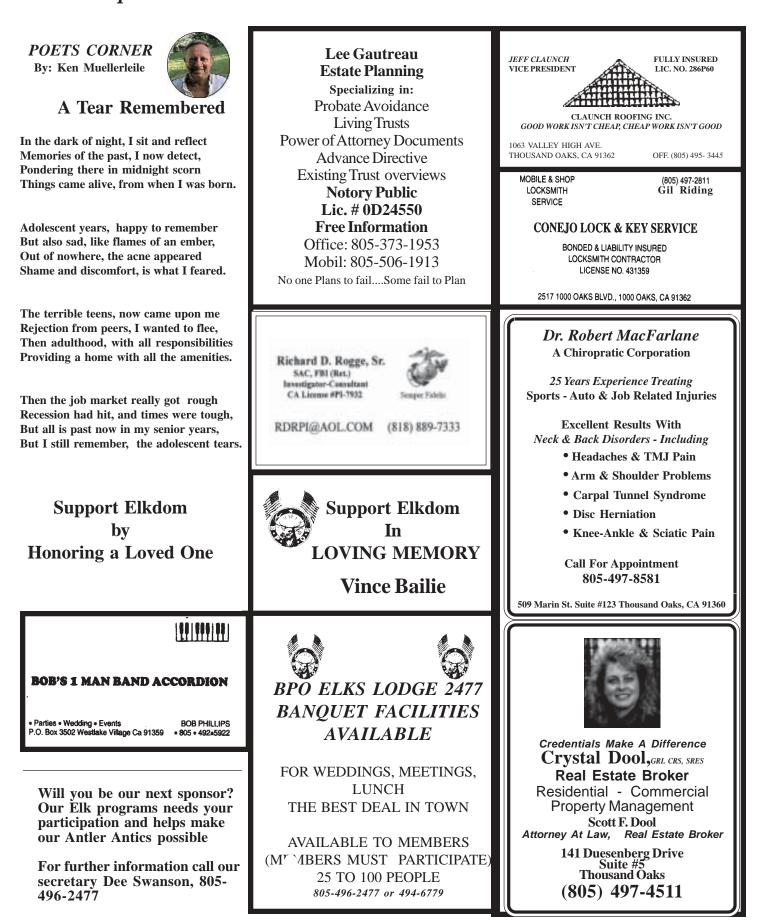
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NOTE: Please make your check payable to the Elks National Home and earmark it for the Entertainment and Recreation Fund.

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