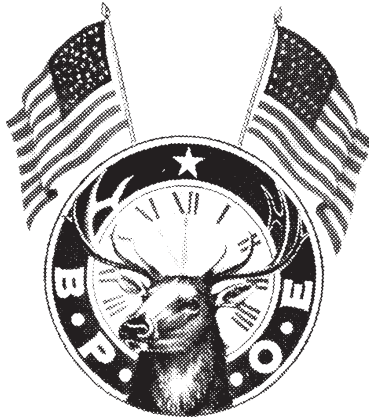


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'Elks For Scouting and Scouting For Elks'

DOUG LARSENS STATE PRESIDENT



Doug was born in Santa Maria, California as the second of two children. His father was Exalted Ruler of Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 in the Lodge year 1942-1943. Doug's older brother, Jay, also became a member of the Santa Maria Lodge.

Doug went through the local public schools in Santa Maria, graduating from high school

and Allen Hancock College. As a youth, baseball was his favorite sport. He ended his baseball career by playing for the Santa Maria Indians semi-pro team.

After graduating from Allen Hancock College in Santa Maria, he transferred to the University of California in Santa Barbara where he studied chemistry. After finding out that he was not happy in chemistry, he changed careers by going to work in the Civil Engineering E for the City of Santa Maria. He later moved to Salinas and continued his career in Engineering and Surveying until he retired in August, 2000.

Doug was proposed for membership and was initiated into Salinas Lodge No. 614 in September of 1979. He served with distinction in each of the chairs as an officer and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1986-1987. He spent five years on the Board of Trustees culminating as Chairman in 1996-1997. He also worked on a variety of committees in his Lodge.

Doug worked for his community by acting in a variety of capacities including such things as Chairman for the Cancer Crusade and as a member of the Board of Trustees the Salinas Municipal Employees Union. He was also President of the

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EDWARD M. RODGERS STATE VICE PRESIDENT



Edward Milton Rodgers was born and raised in the San Louis Obispo California area. He also attended the public schools in the area. He joined the Army in 1946. After a brief stay in the Army and having received the rank of Sergeant he attended the University of San Francisco.

Selling was his vocation and he operated several Wholesale and Retail businesses, including Insurance, Real Estate and Food specialties.

He joined the Oceano Elks in 1973 and was initiated as Charter Member. Over the years he enjoyed various Chairmanships in the Lodge with an emphasis on Lodge Activities.

His District duties started eight years ago with Chairmanships of Youth Activities & Youth Soccer, Membership and Scouting.

Ed has two sons and a daughter. He also has six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Marti Withrow, his very best friend, handles most of his calls and messages. She is excited about this great District adventure. She looks forward to working with all of us.

As a working Vice President, I look forward to the challenge of serving the District. Feel free to call on me for service and leadership.

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 Chet Kozlowski, PER

I would like to thank the Lodge for allowing me to represent our membership at the State Convention in Fresno. I don't think I can remember feeling as good about Elkdom as I did when I carried a check across the stage for the Major Projects (Purple Pig) for just under \$13,000 from our members. And having the opportunity to meet our Theme Child this year and to see the appreciation in his family's eyes was a fantastic experience. There were several information sessions along with lots of opportunities to meet officers from other Lodges. Yes, there were an abundance of Hospitality rooms and I enjoyed their hospitality to the best of my ability.

Brother Dick McCann and I met with the head of City Planning in regards to a new lodge building on our site. The city realizes that the only way our property can be brought up to the standard the city would like to see is for the city to make some concessions. They said they are more than willing to work with us and a meeting is being scheduled with all of the city officials involved in the permit process. The next step after this meeting will be to come up with an affordable final design. Funding of the project is being researched and our New Facilities fund received a nice donation from Zelda Rindone in memory of Brother Frank. Thank you Zelda.

This month First Lady Barbara and I will be off again representing our lodge, this time to St. Louis for the Grand Lodge Convention. A going away party is scheduled for the 28th of June and I am sure it will be a night to remember.

Again I would like to invite everyone that is interested in joining the new BBQ team to get in touch with me. The market is there and it is an excellent opportunity for us to fund our Lodge projects and help make a new facility a reality.



FIRST LADY'S CORNER

State Convention was a great experience. We met lots of new friends and had the opportunity watch our CHEA organization raise in excess of 2 million dollars for the Purple Pig (Major Project). We were able to meet and talk with this year's Theme Child Sammy Otero and his family, a very heart warming experience.

Thank you to everyone that made our Vice President visitation last month a success. I hope everyone had a chance to meet Ed Rodgers and his Lady Marti.

We are off this month to the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. We are looking forward to learning more about Elkdom, meeting more new friends and bringing the experiences home to share with all of you.

Thanks to all,
First Lady Barbara

Elks Care - Elks Share



(L-R) Sammy Otero theme child for the CHEA 2003-'04 and ER, Greg Metzgus with his twin brother Chuck



EDITORS CORNER

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July the 4th, 1776

Freedom our most cherished possession was granted on this hallowed date in our history. This is the date that brave representatives from the 13 Colonies declared treason against King George and the Crown of England by signing the **Declaration of Independence**. They took pen in hand and after much soul searching and deliberation signed the document that *"Pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor"* for the price of freedom .



We citizens enjoy that freedom today that they so valiantly bestowed upon us 227 years ago. They fought and died so that men could be free, choose their own lot in life and never to be ruled by kings or masters. A lot of the original signers lost their lives, fortunes and families to gain that freedom that we now enjoy and commemorate.

Throughout the years we as a freedom loving people have been tested by wars great and small, overcame depressions and brave Americans have risen in the field to defend that vision that they bestowed upon us. So on this date July 4, 2003 let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the Freedom we enjoy which is still a living monument to their bravery, courage and sacrifice.

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CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

Patti Serota

Our cribbage tournament on May 18th was a huge success. There were 16 active players and 1 floater.

The winners were:

- 1st Tina Vandewater
- 2nd Jim Wilks
- 3rd Lenore Massing

After having such a great time, they all wanted to know when we're having the next one. We'll see.

Patti

**DOUG LARSENS
STATE PRESIDENT (Cont.)**

Santa Maria Municipal Employees Association. He has served the West Central District, the California-Hawaii Elks Association and the Grand Lodge by serving as the District Elks Training Chairman from 1987-1989, Secretary to the District Deputy in 1991-1992, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1989-1990, Assistant Sergeant at Arms in 1990-1991, Gold Coat - Blue Coat Chairman in 1991-1993, New Lodge Chairman in 1994-1998 during which time Temecula Lodge was instituted, Special Representative of the Grand Exalted Ruler in 1996, Trustee of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project 1998-2002 (the last two years as Chairman), First Vice President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association since May, 2002, and while serving in these positions Doug has been a District Leader for the West Central District since 1999.

He has two children from his first marriage. The eldest is his daughter, Debbie, and his youngest child is his son, Jon. He has three grandchildren. Doug was widowed in 1994 and met his lovely wife Jo in 1996. They married in 1997 and continue to live in Salinas. He now has three fine stepchildren.

In his spare time, Doug likes to cook, fish and go boating. He also enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

Elks Care - Elks Share

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

Jay Block

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

Joe Smith

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I hope all of you have studied the calendar for this month, and noticed the great entertainment Pete Padilla has again put together for the 11th and 18th. After two great Fridays last month (Thunder Creek Band followed by Teresa Russell} I would think he would sit back on his laurels, but not Pete. If this is any example of what we can expect from him, then I can't wait to see what he does with the Fun Fair in October. I also want to remind you all that the Jazz Band Group plays every 2nd Sunday of the month from 1pm 'til 5pm.

If you are not taking advantage of all of the entertainment being offered by the Lodge, then you don't know what you're missing.

As reported last month, this Chair is putting together a very special GRAND prize to be rewarded at the Charity Ball this November. The winner will get one week at a great condo in Maui, airfare for two (round trip of course) and a rental car. Be on the lookout for a special mailing. Every Lodge member will receive a package of 12 raffle tickets, along with a self addressed stamped return envelope, so as to facilitate the return of the checks and ticket stubs, or unwanted tickets. Tickets for this dream trip will be \$2/ticket or 12 for \$20. All proceeds, over expenses, will go to Christmas Baskets (50%), Purple Pig (25%) and ENF (25%), so open your hearts, and pocketbooks, when you receive your package. Incidentally, there will be more tickets available to buy from either Myrna or me.

Look for the Flyers around the Lodge

That's all for now..

Dear Friends,



Colleen MacFarlane and her family wish to thank all of you for your overwhelming love and support in this time of great sorrow, with the passing of our beloved Dr. Bob, husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

A sincere thank you to the Elks Officers and Past Exalted Rulers for all the love, care and support they extended. The service you provided at the chapel and gravesite was so heartfelt.

We are grateful to Chet & Shirley, their helpers and all the people that brought food for the beautiful reception following Dr. Bob's services. Your friendship and love, past, present & future means a great deal to us.

We also wish to thank those of you who sent such beautiful cards and floral tributes. Thank you again for your kindness to us. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Our Love Always,

Colleen MacFarlane & Family

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS

MAJOR PROJECT...

Mrs. Nicole Smith (Pediatric Vision Screener) was charming and very professional in her work with the children. She has a way of greeting the children that makes them comfortable and they

respond to the eye exam with great confidence. Mrs. Smith has the most professional grace, style and knowledge of her job of all the community service persons to involve themselves with our program. We thank you for allowing her to serve us and we hope to see her next year.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat Von Wittenburg

MAY CAMPOUT AT KENNEY GROVE



Well what do you know - I think this is the first campout this year we had decent weather all weekend. Thursday and Friday were absolutely wonderful. Saturday we had a bit of overcast and the temperature wasn't quite as warm but it was certainly more than acceptable and,

of course, Sunday dawned bright and very warm again. But all in all, we couldn't have asked for much better.

Walter and Anne Ogden did a great job as wagonmasters - but then what don't they do well. Ya know - last month I got fined for bringing the ingredients for a new adult beverage and Walter did the mixing. This campout, Walter brought the ingredients for Ramos Fizzes and was whipping up batch after batch and he was a hero - now I ask you - is this fair?

I understand the Kampers owe a big debt of gratitude to the Rochfords and Blocks for stepping up to the plate and taking over our responsibility for the 4th Sunday breakfast in April - when the Kampers' wheels fell off - THANKS you guys.

We had a few moments of excitement when a great I'm not sure BIG, I mean marvelous, but certainly not in the eyes of a few of us, King snake visited the campground. I for one do not care for snakes. I know they render Carol Ewald nearly speechless and Molly Chizar isn't much better. So we kinda kept our distance while a few of the macho guys had to touch and feel - you are really special - even the Hardy's dog Gidget had enough sense that she didn't want to come to that section of the campground! Jim Hamilton was looking for his snake bite kit and trying to figure out if Henry Mayo Clinic in Valencia was closer than Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura.

We had two couples as guests at this campout. Don and Chris Miner were guests of the Chizars and hopefully will be new members of the Lodge. Our guests were longtime friends of mine from the Escondido Lodge, Duane and Pat Lloyd, I hadn't seen in about 30 years. This really is a small world - Duane knew Mark Barnes when they were young - so Mark and Laura drove out on Thursday for a visit. Duane and Mark had not seen each other since about 1949 - so it was really an afternoon of catching up. It was nice to see Mark and Laura, both are doing well. I think I might have made a mistake in reading Duane's business card when I introduced him "Superior Court Judge - Retired; Deputy District Attorney- Retired; LAPD Sergeant - Retired; Just Plain Tired". Opened the poor guy up for all kinds of questions and complaints - but apparently he still had a good time cause I think they plan to visit us again. I sure hope so.

I don't really mean to pick on Cheryl, but darn it, she just always seems to give me a topic to write about. Like Gene

Ewald said, she can pull more "stuff" out of her 18 foot motorhome than he carries in his 34 foot rig. Besides that, she is a riot. She bought a small charcoal barbeque. In the picture it has a dome lidded body with at least 9 inch legs packed in a 4 inch box. When she opened the box - she exclaimed, "You mean you have to put it together?" Well, Cheryl, whadda ya think?

Speaking of Gene Ewald, poor guy, Carol and daughter Christa are taking off to Maui for six days, leaving Gene to fend for himself at home and at work. I heard he was open for dinner invitations or was it looking for Meals-on-Wheels or something like that.

The Ogdens did a great job with raffle prizes and there were quite a few things I had my eye on, but the Drakes were there. I swear Debi Drake has to be one of the luckiest ladies I've ever seen. Several of our campers buy tons of tickets - and baby - when they're hot - they're hot.



Bob Hardy did an incredible job as Sheriff and I'm still wondering how he managed to do it. He spent most of his time at the poker table and nabbed everyone for some thing or another except Molly Chizar - and she was just too nice. Donna says that she didn't help him that much cause she was out of commission. I don't get it - did he have spies or what?


Now this 50/50 thing - if it hadn't been my friend pulling the ticket I would really have been suspicious. Carol Ewald really wanted some extra money to take to Maui - but the Ogdens are taking off to Oregon and guess who got the 50/50 - the wagonmasters! You got it! MY FRIEND - pulled the Ogden's ticket. Thanks a lot Pat!

Sunday does seem to come all too quickly, especially when it seems to be absolutely the best day of all. Packing up to leave was especially slow for us as we sat visiting with the Henry's admiring Charlie's new Minnie Cooper - it sure is cute. Congratulations Charlie, guess you do know how to get around Jack's reluctance to change!!! Motorhome next? ??

TECK TIPS

Getting odors out of your refrigerator: Here are several suggestions.

- Place wadded up black and white newspaper in the freezer and refig replacing the pieces every day.
- Wash the freezer using a liquid citrus degreaser.
- Wash the rubber door seals using an anti-mildew solution.
- Wash the interior with straight bourbon. (seems a waste to me - but it's what it said)
- Put in a pan of unscented kitty litter. Be sure to change it daily.
- Use vanilla-extract saturated cotton balls to wipe down the interior of the fridge. Leave the balls inside the fridge for a week.

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LOYAL KNIGHT Sally Claunch	2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Lee Grindle LODGE ACTIVITIES: Tom Hartin SCOUTING: Jacob Panczak, PER HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin WED. NIGHT DINNERS: DRUG AWARENESS: STRAY ELKS: MOTHERS DAY: George Meehan		ENTERTAINMENT: Pete Padilla WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Raven West LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, DDGER PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

Random thoughts from Claunch

√ Fireworks, picnics, concerts in the park and pool parties are some of the many ways we commemorate the Fourth of July. But July 4th also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices and hardships our Founding Fathers and American soldiers have endured for us to commemorate this holiday. Many wars have been fought and soldiers killed for our country's safety. Most recently in the Iraq war Lori Ann Piestewa, became the first woman killed in combat since WWII. She was among the members of the 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss who were killed in an ambush near Nasiriyah. Pfc. Jessica Lynch, the rescued soldier, was her roommate. Lori followed a long military family tradition. Her grandfather was a windtalker in WW11 and her father a veteran of the Vietnam War. Piestewa was a member of the Hopi Tribe whose reservation is near Tuba City, Arizona. She left behind a 4-year-old son and three year old daughter.

√ At her funeral there was a gentle snowfall. which according to Hopi spiritual belief signified a deceased person coming back to visit family and community through moisture. When you splash in a pool on the Fourth of July, and moisture hits your face, remember her sacrifice and the sacrifice of all the soldiers before her who have given us the luxury of enjoying fireworks, picnics, and concerts in the park in a free country.

Cook's Corner

√ This month features the favorite Fish King Cooper, and the Two guys-Dennison & Neuner with huge helpings of homemade lasagna, salad and dessert. Returning with his famous liver and onions is Fred Trzcinski, in concert with Larry and Colleen Morris preparing pork roast for non- liver lovers. On August 1st the Three Live Wires (Susie Ross, Mary McKee and Sally Claunch) are bringing back cook your own steak or chicken night. See you there on Friday nights for good eats and cheap drinks.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jerry Serota



ELKS RAISE FUNDS TO HELP DISABLED YOUNGSTERS

More than \$2.7 Million Dollars has been contributed this year by members of Elks

Lodges throughout California and Hawaii to be used in treating children with disabilities.

Exalted Ruler Greg Metzgus of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, contributed \$12,890 which was raised by the members of the Lodge.

"We are pleased and proud that members of our local Elks Lodges were so generous with their dollars and time in this important undertaking," said Doug Larson, State President of the California - Hawaii Elks Association.

Over the past 53 years, the 101,000 members from throughout California and Hawaii have turned over more than \$72,000,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., which administers the non-profit charitable corporation.

All of the funds are devoted solely to providing hospital and medical services, vision screening and therapy treatment to children with a broad range of disabilities. Without the Elks supported donations, many of these children would not receive such treatment.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Brother Pat Pipilo on the passing of his brother Frank, and the Hartin family on the passing of their grandmother.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Bill Dennisons mother hospitalized with a blood clot.

ON THE MEND: Our organist Bill Wagner had nose surgery

May 28, 2003

Bob Holm, Scholarship
Committee Chairman
805- 496-1311



Announced that the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 Scholarship Winners advanced to win (CHEA) California-Hawaii Elks Association and Elks National Foundation 4 year scholarships.

A first time victory for the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477. Miss Jacquelyn Chou was the number one winner of a 4 Year \$3,500 grant at the CHEA level.

Female Winners

Jacquelyn Chou
1st Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$500
1st Place at the West Central Coast District
\$700
1st Place at the CHEA state level 4 year Scholarship
\$3,500
Elks National Foundation 4 Year Scholarship
\$4,000

Jill J. Silva
2nd Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$400
West Central Coast District
\$400
Elks National Foundation 4 Year Scholarship
\$4,000

Lilian H. Doan
3rd Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$300
CHEA
\$800

Male Winners

Scott A. Bartlett
1st Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$500
West Central Coast District
\$700
Elks National Foudation4 Year Scholarship
\$4,000

Charles A. Carriere
2nd Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$400
West Central Coast District
\$800

Brian M. Lindberg
3rd Place at the Elks Lodge #2477
\$300
West Central Coast District
\$800

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks the largest contributor of scholarship grants next to Uncle Sam will distribute more than 2 million dollars in Elks National Foundation scholarship money toward Most Valuable Student grants. The highest scholarship is a \$50,000 four year grant.

ANDREW RUSCH, EAGLE SCOUT



On Friday May 16, 2003 a Court of Honor was held for Andrew Rusch celebrating his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.



The ceremony was held at the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newbury Park. There were over 100 friends, family and scouts in attendance. After a slide show covering his history in scouting as a Cub to Eagle, presentations were made with certificates of merit from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors; the Mayor of Thousand Oaks and Past Exalted Ruler, Jacob Panczak presented Andy with the Flag of our Country and a framed certificate honoring his achievement. Andys Troop 754 is one of eight scouting units sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.



Eagle Scout, Andy Rusch recieves an Elk Certificate from Jacob Panczak, PER, Com. Scouting Chairman for his acheivement

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LECTURING KNIGHT

David Naccarato

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AMERICANISM: Raven West
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
 David Naccarato
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
GOVT. RELATIONS: Denise Goldner
MEMORIAL SERVICE: George Meehan
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg



KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER
GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
 TommyClaunch
LODGE PICNIC:
MEMBERSHIP:
CHRISTMAS TREES: Bob Hardy, PER
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Walter Ogden

The third Wednesday of every month Jim Kellogg takes a group down to the veterans hospital in the valley. Last month Jim took Ed Ayril, Vern Jossy and myself to the hospital to play some Bingo with the Veterans. It is a lot of fun for the veterans and they look forward to us coming every month. There men and woman in the group and many need help in playing but all have a good time. We then provide a snack which is appreciated.

After the bingo was over I got to talking with one vet, his name is Michael Dominguez, WWII veteran with the 45th Infantry Division called the Thunderbirds. He graduated with honors from Texas A&M and became a Platoon Commander then 2nd Lt. He then tells me he is also an Elk #3711 of the San Fernando Elks Lodge 1539. He has been inactive because in 1993 he has had 3 strokes. He joined the Elks because the Elks have a lot of prestige. Would like to visit the lodge just can't get around too good after the effects of the stroke. After the war he did stay busy besides being an Elk he is also a member of the Masons and an executive posse of a police agency in Arizona and he makes all our bingo nights. Michael, we thank you for defending our freedom. Without our Veterans we might be speaking German or Japanese now.

On a lighter note, our lodge picnic plans are in the works it will be off site but no bees. I vision a baseball diamond and a Bar B. Que pit with a croquet setup and a golf chipping contest. More as it develops.

"Brotherly Love"

Elks are all about the Charity work we do, but a lot of what we do is here at home. The Sunday of the Jass Club at our lodge I was Duty Officer. Ed Rice cooked that Sunday morning. He was cleaning up when a couple of the Jazz Club members came to the window and asked what was for lunch. Dee Swanson and Sally Claunch were also there that morning and we are just looking at each other for no one was told about this. (that has never happened before) Ed Rice had already put in a full days work and being a man of action boiled up some hotdogs, heated up some buns put together some potato salad, a little applesauce and we had lunch. Dee and Sally served, I acted like the cashier and the lodge brought in \$85.00 plus the bar tab better than a sharp stick in the eye. So Ed, Dee and Sally really came through for brotherly love.



AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair

We held a Flag Day ceremony during the regular Lodge meeting on June 11. Lecturing Knight, Dave Naccarato read the history of Flag Day and the poem "I Am Your Flag". We also explained the meaning of each of the folds in the flag while it was being folded in the traditional three corner style. If anyone would like a copy of the ceremony, please see me at the next meeting.

Future plans include displaying a Heritage Corner in the Lodge which contains replicas of such historic documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Monroe Doctrine, the Gettysburg Address, and the Elks resolutions of Law and Order and Declaration of American Principles. We might coordinate with the Simi Valley Lodge to place one in Walmart.

I would like to contact the Thousand Oaks City Council to find list of any Thousand Oaks residents who have become US Citizens so we may honor them at a future event. If anyone knows someone who has recently become a US Citizen, please let me know.

Committee member Michael Tam is currently on assignment in Iraq.

Next year's Americanism Essay Contest's theme is "Why I Am Proud to Say the Pledge of Allegiance"

Remember to fly your flag proudly on July 4th! when you've read them, but for whatever forever we have in this life. Or the next."

YOUTH APPRECIATION NITE



*Honoring, Eagle Scouts
Americanism Essay Winners
Scholarship Winners
and Jr. Elks*



Jr. Elks reviewed their accomplishments this past year. Car Washes, Special Kids Day, Donations to the Major Project



Eagle Scouts, Brien Lynch, Chris Nelson, Andy Rusch and ER, Greg Metzgas, Eagle Scout



Lani Helm Div. I First Place Winner Americanism Contest and First Place at the District and Robin West, Americanism Com. Chair.



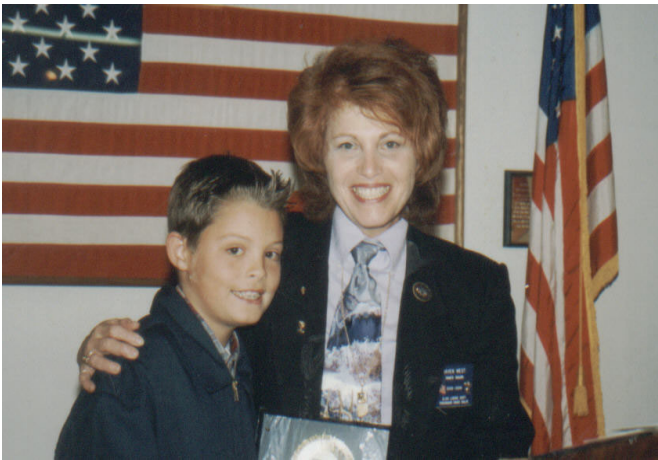
Brian MacPharlane 2nd Place Div. I Americanism Contest Winner and Robin West, Americanism Com. Chair.



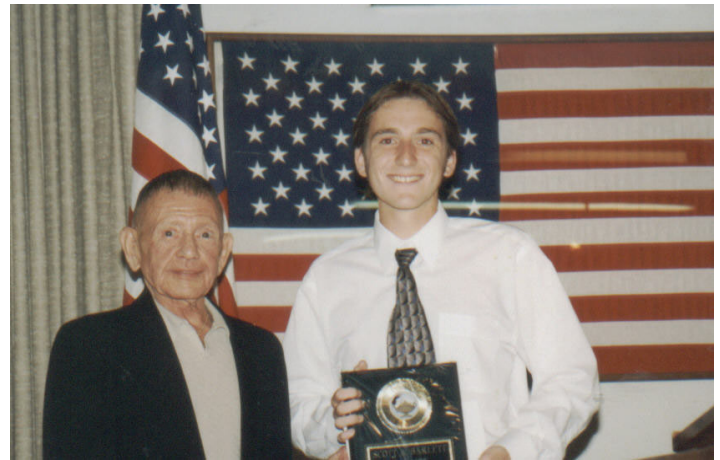
Melanie Ware 3rd Place Div. II and Robin West, Americanism Com. Chair.



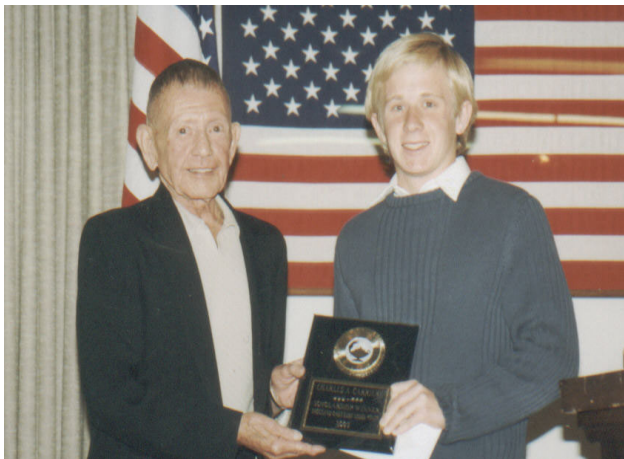
Konilyn Washuer First Place Div. II and Robin West, Americanism Com. Chair.



Alex Nio Second Place Div. II and Robin West, Americanism Com. Chair.



Bob Holm and Charles Carriere Second Place \$400 and \$800 WCCD



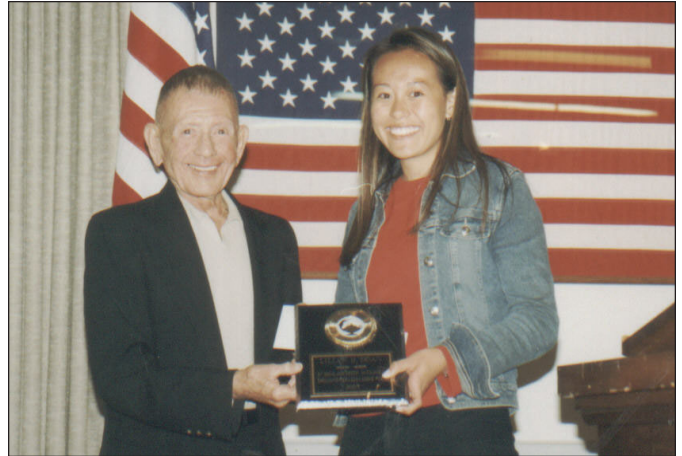
Scott Bartlett WCCD \$700 and ENF \$4,000



Bob Holm with Jill J. Savla with a \$4,000 ENF grant



Bob Holm and Jacqueline Chou now Harvard bound with CHEA and ENF grants of \$7,500 for the next four years



Bob Holm and Lillian H. Doan 3rd Place Lodge Winner and CHEA WCCD \$800 Grant



Bob Clark receives a plaque of appreciation for his able assistance in the Scholarship program



The Scouting Store dedication in Camarillo

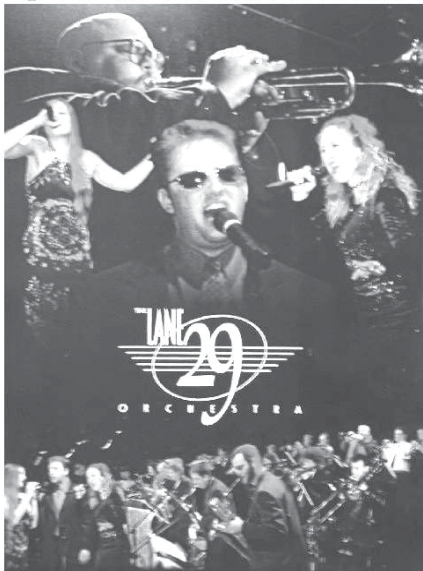


ER, Greg Metzgs, Don Steward, PER and Bill Sternberg, PER, 3 Bro. Elks that help make the Scouting Store a reality

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ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Padilla, Entertainment Chairman



We want to give you an update regarding the entertainment scheduled for the month of July.

On Friday July 11 we are very fortunate to have the Lane 29 Orchestra performing their big band dance music. They have just finished playing at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center and are coming to our lodge performing the big band hits of Count Basie, Brian Setzer, Norah Jones, Benny Goodman, and many more. Not only will you want to dance but you won't want to miss their wonderful "torch singer". She is going to be a big name someday. We are asking a donation of \$1.29 in honor of the name of the band (Lane 29 Orchestra). We will also have the standard "tip jar" available to show our appreciation for entertaining us. The "tip jar" is to help our Lodge offset charges for this entertainment and also shows our appreciation to the entertainers. Many of these groups have agreed to perform free to help us raise funds for the charities we contribute to. So you see this is a win, win situation for all of us.

On July 18th, De Ja Vue, Lorrel (Coop) Cooper will be back by popular demand. He did a wonderful job recently and many comments were made regarding how enjoyable his performance was. For those of you who stayed later, I'm certain you were entertained by our talented Elks members that performed some wonderful Karaoke and we want to thank all of those performers. We hope to have all of you back again and also hope many more will join them for this event.

We plan to schedule our first meeting July 19th Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. Regarding the biggest event of the year which will be the **Fun Faire** that our lodge will host October 11th. This event will include all day entertainment, food booths, and carnival games for all ages, the famous tug-a-war, and the "green door" for which keys are already on sale, and all of the things that make carnivals so fun and special. This will be our get acquainted day to our Thousand Elks Lodge. We plan to invite the entire town along with all our friends, friends of friends, etc. Of course this means we will need lots of volunteers and assistance to man these booths. All members that wishes to help, please come to the meeting. This is one day that you as an Elk member can show your appreciation for our lodge.

Let's all do what we can to make this a giant money maker for our Elks which translates to helping many in need.



THAT WINNING SMILE



Bro. Tom Hartin with his \$2,000 winning 6 lb. Lake Casitas Jackpot Trout

During this meeting and at any other time also, I would love to hear your suggestions, ideas, recommendations, etc. regarding all entertainment including this **Fun Faire**. Just give me your ideas!

Thanks again and I will see you there!! Call me (805) 495-9972 Pete

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Dear Elks and Ladies,

I hope that this note finds you in good health and spirits. Here it is the end of June, we have just celebrated Mother's day, Father's day and Memorial Day. I can't believe that we are already through half of the year 2003. Where does the time go? It just flies by when we're having fun.

Now that it's July, I am getting ready to attend the dinner-dance on July 26th. . It should be a lot of fun, but then what is better than getting together with friends, enjoying music and doing a little dancing. It will be a "Grease" theme (you know the movie with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John). Olivia just happens to be my husband's favorite star, he has been trying to talk me into letting her come over to the house and make coffee. I have to watch him all the time! There will be a fine barbeque prepared by Gil Riding. I hope that Rusty and I will see you there. To get tickets for the dinner see...

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The Ladies have started a little 50/50 drawing at their meetings so if you attend, you could go home a little richer than when you came. So come and join us at our monthly meetings. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30. We would love to see you there.

You will all be glad to know that Kathy Ryder is up and around. According to Kathy herself, she is getting stronger everyday and is in excellent spirits. Kathy, it's wonderful to have you back!

That's all there is right now. See you at the Lodge. May God Bless.

Alice Kennedy
2nd Vice President

YOU HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, LORD

Marilyn Cissell



With unexpected happenings
perhaps a home or car repair,
A sudden prayer for help from you,
an answer could avoid despair.

When problems cause depression, Lord,
and no relief appears in sight,
Just knowing behind dark, gloomy clouds
the sun is always big and bright

Amen



July

11	Bette Pape
22	Audrey Huffman
24	Joan Massicotte
28.	Fran Bodenhamer
30	Barbara Booker

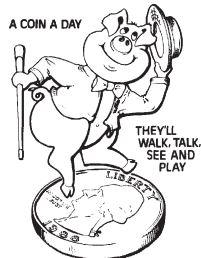


A "BIG" thank you from Marilynn's heart.

I have been blessed with so many calls, visits, cards, gifts and prayers through these past few months. I believe in miracles, so keep on praying for me! This illness has already taught me so much. Each day that you have, appreciate and enjoy it with a happy and thankful heart. Every couple of days I read all my messages and cards. They bring me a lot of happiness. Thank you again everyone.

I sign with love...Marilynn (Jossy) Harding

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May	14	State Convention No Meeting		
May	21	\$25.00	#1988	Arlene Tellez
Lucky	13	No Winner		
May	28	\$50.00	#1020	Dave Perry
Lucky	13	No Winner		

EXALTED RULER CONT.

SANTA MARIA PARADE AND RODEO

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 was well represented in the Santa Maria Elks Parade this year. Lodge Esquire Jim Rochford made the arraignments for our lodge to participate with both a mounted color guard and our beloved (at least for the first ¼ of the parade) train.

As has been proven time and time again over the years, anything that can go wrong will. The train was its stubborn self and didn't start running until it was darn good and ready. Jerry Serota and Vern Jossy brought up the animal trailer to be pulled behind the train and while they were answering the call of nature at a gas station, the animals were stolen from the animal trailer. Then they had a difficult time finding the train at the parade, there were close to 200 entries. By the time they found us, the parade had already started and the train left the station without the trailer or Vern. Vern caught up and took over the driving duties from a gentleman named Dave Peach from the US Forest Service. Dave was shanghaied into service when it appeared that Vern and Jerry were not going to find us.

At the last minute Jon Greenwald, the ER from Oxnard joined Barbara and myself for the ride through the parade. A decision he would come to regret. Shortly after the judging, ¼ of the way through the parade, the obstinate train decided it had had enough and quit. At that point, the driver became a passenger and the propulsion shifted from fossil fuel to brute force ala ER Greg, ER Jon Greenwald and a guy just out for a ride, Dave Peach. I can't tell you how difficult it was to push the train, look up, smile, wave and dodge horse deposits from the equestrian groups in front of us. I will tell you though; it was a real crowd pleaser.

The good news, our equestrian color guard and our train both took 2nd place in their specific categories in the parade. We got more than our share of PR from both entries and the repair needed on the train is most likely just a clogged fuel filter or bad fuel pump. I think the train just wanted a little more attention.

Thanks to Jim and Teri Rochford for making all of the arraignments and bringing their horses for the color guard. Thanks Jerry and Vern for driving all that way to be frustrated by the traffic control and thanks to Jon Greenwald and Dave Peach for providing that extra little push required to finish the parade with some of our dignity in tact and without having to be towed.



Barbara shouted, "Onward the end is near" and the ERs, Greg and Jon Greenwald pushed on

ELKOMOTIVE 2477

Jerry Serota, Engineer #1



D Day the 6th of June 1944 was our finest hour and a great moment in history.

We would like to think June 7, 2003 was a great day for our Lodge and Elkdom, unfortunately everything that could possibly go wrong did.

We loaded up the little caboose at 6:30 a.m. to join our Elkomotive #2477 in the Santa Maria parade and arrived there 8:30 a.m. in plenty of time to meet up with our train for the parade. They had all the streets police baracaded so that by the time we found the train it was too late the parade started.

A volunteer by the name of David Peach was behind the wheel of our train. We were able to relieve him and Bro. Vern Jossy, Engineer #2 took over. Riding in the back was Exalted Rulers, Jon Greenwald, of Oxnard, Greg Metzgas and First Lady Barbara. Half way through the parade you guessed it. The train up and quit and they had to push it the rest of the way. Lucky for them we were late or they would have had to push the caboose as well. To say they were tired puppies at the end of the parade is an understatement. We also had two of our stuffed animals pilfered to add insult to injury.

On the positive side because our contingent had such willing smiles and the train was still running past the judging stand they awarded us **2nd Place for Mounted Color Guard, Ribbon & Trophy; 2nd Place Ribbon for a Non Commercial Float.** If they would have seen the smile and grace of our Exalted Ruler pushing his way down the parade route we would have won 1st Place.

The date June 7th, 2003 will live painfully in our memory as not one of our finest but bravest hours.



Vern Jossy, Barbara and Greg Metzgas, ER, in the Santa Maria Parade in all their patriotic glory



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Yes, a few lucky billionaires can afford those magical surroundings all year, floating across the seven seas. But most of us don't fit in that category (however much we really deserve it). We work all our lives, finally retire and try to catch up on the enjoyment that had beckoned like a mirage over the decades. Sadly, years after we stop going to "The Job," we still find ourselves following the same habits in the same place as we did all our working lives. Didn't you promise yourself something better every morning as you shut off the alarm, dragged yourself out of bed and stared into the mirror? How long will you wait? YOU ARE OVERDUE! Make TODAY the day you take control of your happiness, the day when you point your bow toward the horizon and begin really enjoying your life!

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The cost of doing business at Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 has gone up dramatically due to an increase in our Workman's Compensation expenses. This is through no fault of our own. The people at State Fund have almost doubled our rates for the present time period and it is anticipated that the rates will rise even further when it is time to renew.

It doesn't take a CPA to tell you that if your expenses go up and you want to maintain your present profit margin, something has to give. Overhead can be cut or prices can be raised. Our overhead is about at the bare bones level now and 75% of our Workman's Compensation expense if directly attributed to our lounge operation. For this reason, the House Committee has voted to raise drink prices across the board by 25 cents. This still leaves us at a level well below any other lounge in town and we remain cheaper than most other lodges in our area.

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