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'Elks For Scouting and Scouting For Elks'

**BBQ at the Lodge Aug. 9,16,23 and 30
10:00 a.m. til Sold Out
Fri. Aug. 15, Jr. PER Roast
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AT THOUSAND OAKS LODGE THE "RIDER" BAND



FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST

DANCE AND ENJOY THE MUSIC

JERRY REITER AND THE "RIDER BAND" IS A LOCAL BAND AND COMES TO US WITH MUSIC THAT WILL GIVE US A BOOST.

"OUT OF THE GARAGE"

IS ONE OF THEIR ALBUMS THAT HAS RECEIVED AIRPLAY OVERSEAS AND HIT THE TOP 100 ON INTERNET STATIONS. WITH THE HIT SONG "LITTLE GREEN MEN" FEATURED IN A MOVIE. ALSO OTHER HITS THAT HAVE BEEN IN SEVERAL MUSIC VIDEOS. PLAYED VEGAS, AND MANY OTHER TOP PLACES.

DO NOT MISS THIS NIGHT

THE BONEY MOUNTAIN MOMMAS



THE THOUSAND OAKS LODGE

**KNEE SLAPPING MUSIC FROM AN ALL
WOMENS BLUEGRASS BAND.**

FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



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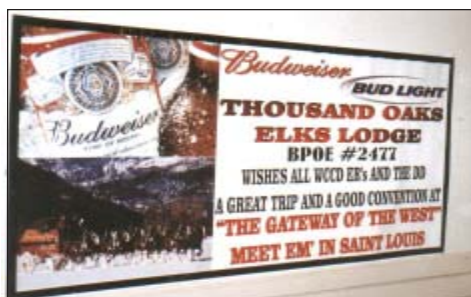
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AUDITING: Tom Ryder, DDGER
ELKS TRAINING: John D'Ambrogio, PER
BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:
 Chet Kozlowski, PER

As I write this article Barbara is in packing and repacking our bags for the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I started to question the amount of clothing Barbara was packing and then she called my attention to the clothing I was "required" to take. While you are here in California in your shorts and tee shirts, I will be walking around St. Louis in July in a sports coat and tie. I have heard that if you want to beat the heat in St. Louis you have to visit the hospitality rooms, they are all air-conditioned. Sounds like a good reason to be hospitable to me.

I would like to thank all of the PERs and their Ladies for a great ER going away party. It is a fine tradition and gives the ERs from our district a chance to meet socially before we go to the National Convention. The food was delicious and the entertainment was great. With enough make up, even Bugsy looked stunning in his wedding gown.

We now have a tentative plot plan for a new facility on our present site. I have a meeting with the city a week after I return from Convention to discuss what will be required should we build a new lodge on our land. We still have a small matter of money to contend with. The Trustees are working on how this project can be funded. We have talked about a new facility long enough. It is time to stop talking and start doing. All of us need to help in any way we can to bring this dream to a reality.

I am proud to be representing our lodge at the National Convention, I will bring back all of the information I can. Thanks to all for your support.



FIRST LADYS CORNER

Barbara Metzgus, First Lady

Once again, we are getting ready to hit the road for Elksdom. This time to the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I would like to thank everyone that helped with a fantastic ER going away party. The meal was fantastic and of course the entertainment was a sight to behold.

Thanks to everyone that has helped make this first quarter of the 2003-2004 Elk year so much fun and rewarding. We will have lots to share when we return from the convention. Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge.

First Lady Barbara Metzgus

ERs GOING AWAY PARTY



The going away gift that brings smiles to the hearts of men and surprising joy in the hearts of women



JERRY SEROTA

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ESTEEM

Esteem is when we hold someone in high regard. When

I think of esteem, memories of past and current Elks, friends and acquaintances come to mind. A few usually stand out who left a majestic impression in ones life.

Today we were reflecting on a great Elk we all should remember, Frank Rindone. Frank was a man who was always available when needed and served our great organization admirably. As of today eighteen Elk members have signed up to be counted as those who hold the memory of Bro. Frank Rindone near and dear and in high regard. Won't you take a moment and refresh your memory of Bro. Franks contributions to our Lodge. One noble action Frank and a few other Charter Elks members provided to the lodge was to help build it by providing a lien against their properties (The Conejo Brothers) to subsidize our lodge. Without the guiding lights like Bro. Frank there would not be an Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks for all of us to enjoy.

It is discomfoting that only eighteen members have responded thus far to honor his memory. When the table with name plates honoring Frank are set and you look down at it. you will say to yourself "Damn I should have been there". Regret is a sad occurrence to live with when a nominal contribution could show how much you loved, esteemed and held Frank Rindone, PER. PSVP, PDDGER, PDL in such high regard.

Please use the form at the right for your nameplate.

**Billiey & Dellina Skaries
Lodge # 6**

**Gladys & John Ennis
Lodge #2477**

**Ronald Celeste, PDDGER
Lodge # 168**

**Richard McCann
Lodge # 2477**

**Greg & Barbara Metzgus
Lodge # 2477**

**Donald Tait (Jerry Tait)
Lodge # 2477**

**Jerry & Patti Serota
Lodge # 2477**

**Leo & Lori Lambert
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Lodge # 2477**

**Earl Pitman, PER
Lodge # 2477**

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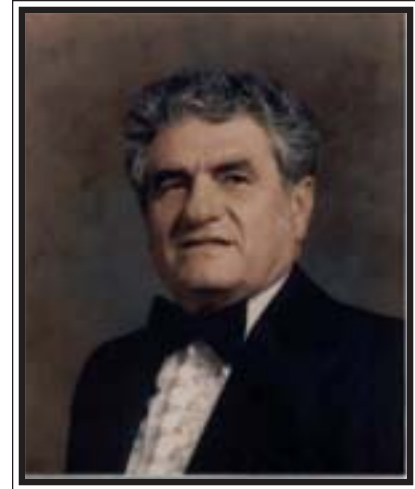
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Lodge # 2477**

**Joanie & Nell Hanson
Lodge # 2477**

**Jeanne Sandt
Lodge 2477**

**Sandra & John Carvalho
Sacramento**

**Past Exalted Rulers
Thousand Oaks**



**FRANK RINDONE
MEMORIAL TABLE**

**We have joined in beloved remembrance of
Frank Rindone, PER. PSVP, PDDGER, PDL,
by purchasing a name plate to honor his
memory, won't you do it today?**

EXAMPLES:

**Jerry & Patti Serota
Elk of Year 1997-98
Editor, Antler Antics**

**Name /Organization
for year of
2000-2001
Thousand Oaks
In Memory of Frank**

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2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	LEADING KNIGHT Jay Block	2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: <p style="text-align: center;">Joe Smith</p> SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch INVESTIGATION: George Meehan ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Jack Malone CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Jay & Myrna Block		INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Herb Jellander CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota OFFICERS ROUND TABLE: Jack Panczak CHARITY DINNERS: Jay & Myrna Block

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jerry Serota

CHARITY, is the cardinal principle of our order, and I write these words to remind some of my brothers and sisters that CHARITY is also THE PRIME BUSINESS of this Lodge. Now, like any successful business, we have income sources, which one hopes is greater then the expenses used to generate the income. These monthly, and seasonal income sources are of two distinct types;

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| Member derived | Non-member Derived |
| 1- Member dues and Initiation fees | 1- BBQ Wagon |
| 2- Contributions from the members | 2- Catering |
| 3- Bar (including Lotto, Pool, Video Game) | 3- Misc. Rentals |
| 4- Lodge sponsored events | 4- Christmas Tree lot |
| 5- Good of the Order | 5- Golf Tournament |

And like any well run business, the management (read that as the Officers of the Lodge), have the responsibility to continually look for ways to increase business revenues in both sectors. To this end, Exalted Ruler Greg has instituted a second BBQ crew, so as to increase revenues from the Non-member income sector. This added income from a second BBQ crew could bring in to the Lodge coffers several thousands of new dollars, over the course of the coming year. But the success of this venture depends directly upon a cadre of committed members to man the second crew (to be called the B-Team). Please contact any of the officers and volunteer. The present plan is to man the BBQ Wagon on the 3rd Sat. of the month from July through March of next year, with December being dark due to other Lodge commitments (like the Xmas Tree Lot). If we are successful with the B-Team on the 3rd weekend, we will attempt to do BBQ every weekend.

Our Entertainment Chairman Pete Padilla, has done a great job in increasing revenues in Lodge Sponsored Events with his outstanding entertainment offerings. Kudos to Dave Pearson's monthly MEGA-BUCKS, also a real winner.

As the year progresses we (the Officers) will bring new ventures to the table, so as to insure continuing income growth with out asking the members to dig any deeper then they already are.

YOUR LEADING KNIGHT

Jay Block

On June 14, 2003 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 honored six beautiful young ladies at a Girl Scout Gold Awards night. The girls belong to our Elks sponsored Girl Scout Troop 626. We are their Charter sponsors and all the girls will be going to college next year.

We are especially proud of one of the recipients Miss Jill Savla because she is also an Elks National Foundation \$4,000 Scholarship winners.

“For my Gold Award Project, I personally invested over 100 service hours and founded the India Earthquake Relief Fund, along with my fellow scout, Mandy Marshall. We organized collection drives and accumulated over 150 boxes of donated clothes, blankets, and stuffed animals. Then, on my own, I traveled to the epicenter of the 7.9 earthquake, in Kutch, India, and volunteered in a local relief hospital, which proved to be a very rewarding experience.”

The awards ceremony was attended by over 75 friends and family. Esteemed Leading Knight, Jay Block and Inner Guard, Raven West, presented the girls with American Flags honoring their achievements.



(L-R) Esteemed Leading Knight, Jay Block, Michelle Black, Rachel Pancake, Kenzi Mason, Jill Savla, Amanda Marshal, Jenny Leys, and Inner Guard, Raven West

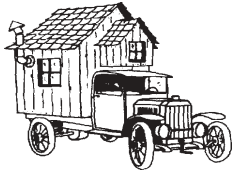


EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

JUNE AT CASTAIC

We arrived Thursday afternoon, without a glimmer of sunlight. Hopefully this was not indicative of things to come. We tried to change the date realizing the conflict with Fathers' Day and many graduations but unfortunately we weren't able to do that – so although we only had nine rigs – it was turned out to be an eventful campout.



Did any of you read P.D. Eastman's "Are You My Mother" to your children? It's about a little bird that falls out of the nest and begins its search for his mother. Thursday evening Carol Ewald saw a little bird fall from its nest – you got it! Into a box with a towel, I supplied a syringe, Beverly Erickson some cream of wheat and the feeding began. Now Walter tells us that perhaps momma bird may have pushed this little fella out because it was the weakest of the bunch – but never mind – this one is going to survive! Now Carol couldn't take this bird home – she has THREE cats – this would be lunch! But she did manage to find a caregiver and little bird will, no doubt, fly one day soon!

Thursday evening was filled with all kinds of excitement – not all necessarily the kind we like! Although we had just turned back some campsites, when Ed Colleran called to get a site – he couldn't get through and decided to "wing it". When he arrived he couldn't get a site with the group, so he took one a ways from the rest of us, and came riding up on his electric scooter. This seemed okay – but when he decided to return to his rig – it wasn't okay! Minutes after he left – another camper across the street said she thought our friend on the scooter had been in an accident! Oh you betcha! Helmet in the basket behind the seat, Ed on the ground – out cold! EMT cut jacket and shirt UP the back and DOWN each sleeve. Ed spent Thursday night in Ojai Community Hospital. I tell you – when Carol called Donna – she was really cool – but Donna wasn't quite as cool, she kept saying she was going to kill Ed!!! I think he may have felt bad enough!! Carol and Gene duck taped his jacket together – looks like something from Star Wars! So now Ed has a new name – Crash Colleran!

Steve Chiszar arrived Thursday evening with his pontoon boat – oh man – this looks like some kind of fun! And it proved to be just that! This guy is something else – he took all who wanted to go on lazy tours around the lake on Friday and Saturday – and I believe there were some fishing lines that got wet also! No fish to prove it, but that's the rumor I heard.

We did get sun on Friday for the lake ride and after Thursday's excitement it was truly pleasant to relax on the boat with Capt'n Steve – that is after Bill and Gene retrieved Ed from the hospital.

The sun prevailed for the remainder of the weekend. That's one good thing I can say – but at the meeting I brought up a topic and some members were all over me like a Duck on a June Bug. A certain very helpful Lodge member, who has helped me out a lot, asked if I'd broach the subject of the Kampers either purchasing or contributing to the purchase of a power washer for the Lodge? Well, what the heck? I can ask. WHOA! Seems there's a bit umbrage taken by a number of the Kampers over lack of the installation of the up-to-date griddle/grill purchased to the tune of \$2,000 nearly six months ago, which had allegedly been approved by the powers that be. There appears to have been a problem about an oven with no racks or some such nonsense and therefore the griddle/grill remains in storage. As Gene Ewald said – "when the griddle/grill is installed and operational, we may consider the purchase of a power washer". Dropped that subject like a hot rock!

Sara and John Kolbe did a mighty fine job as wagonmasters, and as usual no one went hungry. Ole Capt'n Steve Chiszar was the Sheriff. How he had time, while running the boat rides, to catch us all doing something was pretty interesting. But, Bill vW, John Kolbe and Gene Ewald made it real easy for him. They had the audacity to fall fast asleep on the boat and although they deny it – I have pictures!




Jeff and Debi Drake won the 50/50 and the raffle prizes got spread around fairly well – although I did hear some whining cause Debi Drake took the margarita mix that Carol wanted and after all – it was Carol's birthday, number not mentioned! Although I clearly remember celebrating the "passing of her youth" at that very location a couple of years ago when we all dressed in black and carried a mock casket.

Debi Drake is all PUMPED UP – she and Jeff will be wagonmasters for the October campout at Point Mugu. What holiday is in October? You know! Halloween – she's planning a contest for best decorated rig and had at first announced dress was optional but quickly amended that to costume. Hopefully a lot of you will plan to attend that campout and since Debi gets such a kick out of this kind of thing – HUMOR her and go along with her plan. I certainly intend to - cause Halloween is my favorite also.

A lot of you probably already know this – but just in case! During our May campout at Kenney Grove – Jack Henry had agreed that it was time to replace their motorhome. Well – he now has no choice. On the way home, coming up the Conejo Grade (his guardian angel was riding with him) just as he approached the weigh station, fire started in the engine compartment. He had time to get off the freeway, into the weigh station, himself and Jake out - and the rig was totally destroyed! Charlie – that's one hell of a way to get a new rig! But thank God – everyone was safe and there was no freeway disaster.

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Random Thoughts from Claunch

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Sally Claunch, Com. Chair
495-0577

When I have read the statistics about the money raised by Major Project, the children serviced, or the miles traveled by the therapists in the California-Hawaii region, it seems just that, a statistic. But the face of theme child, Sammy Otero, puts a human touch to Elks Major Project. It made me appreciate all the good that has been done with our donations. Sammy's story has been told in the California-Hawaii Elk magazine and at their website. At our Lodge his picture and biography hangs in the Lodge anteroom. Take the time, as I did to read his life story and the work of the CHEMPI occupational therapist, Judy Linda. It made me put extra coins in my Purple Pig. Perhaps it will have the same effect on you.

OUR CONDOLANCES TO: The Tony Redburn family on the passing of his wife Genevieve.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Rick Flittner has a tumor on his spine; Lee Grindle is having chemo, but he is feeling better; Bill Dennison and Debbie Carafali's mom is hospitalized with a blood clot; Tony Redburn, past Conejo Valley Days Grand Marshall, is hospitalized; Marilyn Harding is battling a muscular disease. Remember cards, calls, and words of encouragement are appreciated.

ON THE MEND: National Services chair, Jim Kellogg's lady is on the mend; and Tiler Tom Klomprens is recovering from knee surgery.

Cook's Corner/Entertainment

This month on Friday nights, not only do we have interesting menus and outstanding chefs, but entertainment for all tastes. Starting the month is a cook your own steak supervised by the Three Live Wires (Mary, Susie, and Sally). Rounding out the menu will be baked potatoes, salad, rolls and homemade dessert done by the Live Wires. Chicken will be available on request. Next, the Two Guys (Dennison & Neuner) will be preparing a down home picnic supper- fried chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob and watermelon. This menu compliments the Boney Mountain Mommas, an all female bluegrass band whose show will begin after dinner. On the third Friday, Fish King Cooper will be serving his famous fry. Following dinner we get to tell stories about the Jr. PER (Don Booker), as lodge members will gently?? roast him. The popular \$.50 a dip potluck is back on August 22th. After filling our bellies Bob Ryman will entertain us with his fiddle. He plays bluegrass, Broadway tunes, Latin melodies and country. Don't miss this show!!! Finally on the last



Richard Goldner, State PR Chairman and Dick Skarnes, PR Chairman, Hawaii District paying their respects aboard the Battleship Missouri during a Flag Day Ceremony.

Friday, the Kozlowskis will be preparing their famous salmon and beef dinner. Every year it sells out. For your entertainment- the officers will be conducting horse races. See you at the Lodge on Fridays for good eats and cheap drinks. But don't forget dollar burger nite on August. 21th. Jim and Teri Rochford serve a burger that is better than In'Out or Tommy's. Besides burgers homemade potato salad and homemade pies baked by our bartender are offered.



The Elks Home Is Calling You!

This town is such a different place from what it used to be, It's natural that I ask myself: "Is some other spot for me?" I'd seen all the streets & avenues, with nowhere left that's new. So I asked the walls and empty rooms just what there was to do.

The silence that surrounded me remained just as before
And turned the footsteps of my mind down trodden paths once more. There again were friendships warm and brightly smiling faces Who carried my heart to yesteryear and a hundred cheerful places.

Long hours had passed in reverie and the sunlight left my brow
When next the touch of a nighttime chill pulled me back to now. Indeed those days were golden, and the people something rare
But our clocks move ever forward, and we cannot linger there.

So here's to hope immortal and what the dawning brings, To the chance of new adventure, to the song the future sings, So I'll set sail for tomorrow and let my spirit roam where friends and new sensations will make me feel at home.

Write Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523, call 1-800-552-4140, or e-mail: enhome@aol.com. It's time to start enjoying your Life again.

A Message from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Can it really be? It only seems like yesterday that I was appointed to serve as a member of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Is it possible for ten years to pass so quickly? It only seems like the blink of an eye.

Through my long career in Elkdom, I have been given many honors. In my humble opinion, the greatest honor that has been accorded to me was being allowed to serve on the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

Over the last ten years, while we continued to enhance the level of comfort of our veterans in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes, we have also expanded our outreach to those veterans in assisted care living facilities and community based outpatient clinics. We started a student/veteran volunteer program to teach these young men and women the spirit of volunteerism as they learn of the sacrifices of America's patriots who gave up their tomorrows so we could enjoy our todays.

During the current Iraq conflict, the Elks have stepped forward to assist the families of those veterans in training so that they will not be left destitute by their spouses serving and protecting our great country.

Our leather program continues to grow. We are distributing more wheel-chair gloves than ever before. Donated hides are at an all time high.

We have successfully partnered with the American Legion in distributing Blue Star Banners to those families who have loved ones serving in areas of conflict. Families who are the recipients of this small gesture are overwhelmed that someone would take time to do this.

The Elks are proud to work with Re-Creation USA and provide lodging and meals for them as they tour the country and entertain our veterans in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. These young men and women give up one year of their life and receive no salary. They depend on the Elks to help spread their message of love.

Bugles Across America and the Elks have teamed up over the last year and a half. They have grown from 120 buglers to 1843 in all 50 states. These men and women make sure that our veterans will make their final journey in dignity.

The key to all the projects mentioned above, is you. You, the volunteer, determine the success or failure of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. You really are the key to Elkdom. Please accept this message as my personal thanks for a job well done. You are the reason I reflect on the last ten years so fondly, especially the four years I was honored to serve as Chairman.

We owe America's patriots a debt we can never repay. That does not mean we should not try, however. I urge you to continue Serving Our Nation's Veterans and strongly encourage you to make sure that the spirit of patriotism burns ever more brightly in your Lodge and community.

For our veterans, always for our veterans,

Vincent R. Collura, PGER, Past Chairman
Elks National Veterans Service Commission

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

Ever been Asked "Why should I join the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks"? Over the 4th of July holiday I was with some friends and the Elks came up in the conversation. When it came time to fill out the application it was "Hold on a minute. Why should I join?" We were at a loss for words, very unimpressive. So I did some reading of literature I've gotten over the years and now I know what to say when asked that question.

Let me share it with you. Be a member of B.P.O.E. because, Elks are a nation wide organization with over a million members. We love our country and we preserve institutions, traditions and values. Because we do not permit religious or political differences to intrude into our organization. Because we spend over two million dollars yearly to bring encouragement, cheer and comfort to hospitalized veterans. So long as there are veterans in our hospitals the B.P.O.E. will never forget them. Because through our locale lodge, district, state and national programs, we provide healthful activities, guidance and assistance to over eight million boys and girls every year. Because the Elks lodge in your community affords you the opportunity to join your neighbors and friends, and take a prominent role in the improvement of community life. Because Elks operate and support many camps, hospitals, clinics, training centers and in-home services for the care and treatment of children and adults with physical disabilities including vision and speech problems all across this country. Because we are second only to the United States government in giving out scholarships to High School seniors and through Americanism essay contests plus I'll add that we have great cooks and best bar prices in town.

To shift gears, the best vacations in the world are the ones that are paid for whether trekking through mountains or sipping champagne pool side, every vacation begins in the mind-dreaming, thinking, and preparing. The challenge is to line up our dreams with our pocketbooks. Happily, in today's economy, travel bargains abound. airlines, agencies and hotels are clamoring for your business. With a little digging and a little planning, amazing possibilities are yours.

Some aspire to follow in the foot steps of Lewis and Clark, for others, roughing it means skipping room service. In any case your adventure will be far more satisfying if you follow careful planning. Educate yourself on the places, people and culture you'll be experiencing. Find the best prices and make a budget so you

Major Project/Purple Pig

By David Naccarato, Com.Chair.

Where does all the money go? Ever thought that? Our Lodge gave just under \$13,000.00 this year and the California/Hawaii Elks Lodges gave just shy of 3 million.

I'd like to give you an idea of where it goes. For the month of May, and when I finish just times it by 12 and you could figure the stat's for a whole year. The therapist that we provide had a child case load of 430 children. They visited these kids 1,095 times which is about 3 visit per child. It took them over 22,942 miles of driving. That's like driving across the United States 4 times. Our nurses held preschool eye screenings at 164 locations and saw 5,308 children of these kids the majority were just fine and healthy but 218 kids were referred to specialists 10 children were diagnosed with Amblyopia (lazy eye), 11 children and potential lazy eye and 168 were discovered with other conditions.

Thanks to this highly effective program, thousands of children have been saved from permanent eye damage over the years. Thank you for your support of this program. Look for me around the lodge for I'll have the Major Project Hershey's candy drive. Each bar is only a dollar and many thanks

don't come home to unexpected debt. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Thank you for reading my artical and until next month,

"Do good unto others for we pass this way but once"

ELKS FUN FAIRE



PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE UPCOMING FUN FAIRE WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th. THIS IS THE DAY THAT ALL LODGE MEMBERS HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THIS IS ALSO A GET ACQUAINTED DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY. ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO VOLUNTEER, HELPING TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th
10:00 A.M. TILL MIDNIGHT

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO.
CALL OR SEE PETE PADILLA. (805) 495-9972

ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Padilla, Chairman



I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you members who attended the entertainment and supported the entertainers during the past couple of months.

I have thanked the entertainers themselves for their support and the enjoyment they have afforded us.

Something very important has been brought to my attention and perhaps needs clarification. The entertainment that we have been able to obtain for the Elks Lodge, in most part, has been a charitable contribution from them to us. I have also, been able, in most cases to get a major discount on what they normally would charge to play. Some of the entertainment has played just for tips and others play for a minimum plus tips in hopes that the tips will make up the difference. We have had some great entertainment on Fridays and those that have played for us have all showed an interest in returning. Not to sound like a broken record, however, I want to let all of you know that the "TIP JAR" means a major plus to getting the entertainers to come and return. I want to thank all of you that understand and help out with the "TIP JAR".

Regarding the upcoming entertainment I want to let you know we have some outstanding events scheduled. I always need your input as to what you enjoyed and

would like to see return. I also need any and all suggestions regarding entertainers you may think our members would enjoy. What we have lined up for the month of August is as follows:

Aug. 1: Jerry Reiter of the band "Rider". Jerry Reiter is a local resident of Thousand Oaks and his band has come to us highly recommended by members of the Elks. They have seen him perform in and around the county and tell me he is great. This gives us two great benefits. One, of course, is the performance for the lodge. The other is to support our local bands from our own community. This is a win, win for all of us.

Aug. 8: Boney Mountain Mamas, also a local band, will be appearing. They are an all women group that I saw perform at a local festival. They play some knee slapping music and I think their blue grass, county style will be a hit with all of us.

August 22: Bob Ryman, master fiddler. This is a great local guy also. He performed CVD, in Las Vegas, many cruise ships, and, if you read the flier, you will see some of the top entertainers he has played with. He has lots of experience and puts on a great show.

So let's all get out there and welcome these people that are appearing for our benefit and enjoyment.

Aug. 29: Mega bucks and Night at the Races.

What would be great to see in the future is our lodge being the PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS. This offers us great food and entertainment, not to mention great company.

Please give your lodge all of the support you can!



Our team at the Fresno State Convention. (L-R seated) Sharon, Barbara, Myrna (Standing) Terry Baker, Greg Metzgas, ER and Jay Block.



State VP, CHEA, Ed Rodgers and his lady, Marti Withrow



David Naccarato, Esteemed Lecturing Knight accepts a Certificate for per Capita donations to Purper Pig



Jerry Serota recieves plaques for the Bulletin, Community Image, and One Best Event from VP Ed Rodgers, and a smiling ER, Greg Metzgas



VP, Ed Rodgers adds our patriotic Elks Lodge hat to his collection

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Michael Regan and sponsor Jack Loughran, PER



Drew Oliver and standing in for sponsor Roy Cooper is Harold Calvin



It was a team effort as ER, Greg Metzgu proudly displays the Second Place finish by the ritual team. (L-R) Raven West, Tiler, ritual coaches PERs, Gil Riding and Jacob Panczak



Some more of the team (L-R) Jim Rochford, and PERs Richard Goldner, Jack Loughran, Gil Riding, Jacob Panczak, and David Naccarato, Raven West and Sally Claunch in the front



David Naccarato #1 Lecturing Knight at the ritual contest



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Hello again,

Can you believe it is now August? Time is flying by and there are only about 146 shopping days until Christmas. Now for some of you that little bit of information doesn't mean a lot, but for me, that is very important. I better start shopping now!

For those of you that attended the 50's night dance, I hope you had a nice time. It has come to my attention that we need and want a little information from all of you that go to our functions at the Lodge. I would like to know which functions that you like the best, the ones that you thought you should have stayed home from, and those that were just OK. If you see me at the Lodge sometime, please take a moment and give me your opinion or drop me e-mail at alliskennedy@adelphia.net. I really would like to hear from you. And now...

Star Search!!!

We need you!

We are looking for a few good acts!

On September 27th, we are planning another get together that requires your talent. So, if you have a talent that you are willing to share with the rest of us. We would like you to sign-up for our "Star Search" and become part of the wonderful evening that we have planned.

There will be a sign-up sheet behind the bar or see any of the Elks Ladies officers. This will be a real fun evening so please join us.

Special thanks to Myrna and Jay Block for venturing into the deep and dark abyss that is known as the "ladies closet", they went in and came out alive but a little shaken

Now that Myrna and Jay have cleaned out the closet, "**let it be known that there is no storing of 'personal property' in that closet**". Anything that is in that closet is property of the "Lodge". So if you have anything in the "Ladies Closet", please remove it immediately.
I hope you have a wonderful month.

May God Bless
Alice Kennedy 2nd VP

WHEN TWO OPINIONS DIFFER STRONGLY

Marilyn Cissell



This isn't about family matters
or ideas to help humanity,
Not even trips to Europe, Lord,
nor new Porsche or an Infinity.

Whe two opinions differ strongly,
which freezer or any choice to make,
We need your help with all things, God,
the wisdom to avoid a big mistake.

Amen

AUGUST



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| 01 | Judy Sandham |
| 02 | Sharon Baker |
| | Beth Kozlowski |
| | Marie Wagner |
| 09 | Yolie Loughran |
| 10 | Jeanne Sandt |
| 15 | Zelda Rindone |
| 26 | Myrna Block |
| 30 | Gladys Ennis |

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| | David Naccarato | 16. | Jim Oblinger | 29. | Jack Cote' |
| | William "Max" Maxwell | | Frank Coley | | Dan Johnson |
| 3. | Doug Routh | | Cal DiValerio | 30. | Shane Fogel |
| | Donald Dittman | 17. | Dave Perry | 31. | Daniel Kozlowski |
| | Mike Ferragamo | | Stan Zabaglo | | |
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June	4	SVP Visitation - Open Meeting	
June	11	\$75.00 #1673	Richard L. Goldner
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June	18	\$100.00 #1143	Bruce Cameron
	Lucky 13	No Winner	
June	25	\$125.00 #1728	James Porter
	Lucky 13	No Winner	



AMERICANISM

Raven West

Although I am the Americanism Chair, I find our committees

tend to overlap on occasion, and since the theme for our E.Rs year is "Elks for Scouting, Scouting for Elks", this months column will be about scouting, more specifically Girl Scouting and the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Many of our members have extensive knowledge of the Boy Scouts of America, but only a few have had direct experience with Girl Scouts of the United States of America, or G.S.U.S.A as the organization is officially titled. (Not, Girl Scouts of America)

G.S.U.S.A was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia. The goal was to inspire young women to realize their dreams, in a time when women didn't have many dreams, or opportunities to achieve them.

Membership in Girl Scouting begins at the age of 4 or 5 when a girl becomes a "Daisy" for one year. Brownies are grades 1-3, Juniors from 4-6, Cadettes, 7-9 and Senior Girls Scouts from 9th through High School graduation. Girls as young as 6 can begin to earn merit badges, with the requirements becoming more difficult at each progression level. Cadette Girl Scouts earn their Silver award as a troop, but the Girl Scout Gold award must be thought out, planned and implemented by each girl individually. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. Each girl had to complete specific requirements before she began working on her Girl Scout Gold Award project.

There are actually five parts to the Girl Scout Gold Award. The first four parts must be completed before the Gold Award Project is undertaken. Each girl must earn four Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Interest Project badges on topics related to their Gold Award Project, earn the Senior Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Pin and plan and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award Project that includes at least 50 hours of work

Girls who earn the Girl Scout Gold Award are eligible for a variety of scholarships to continue their education at more than 100 colleges and universities. Our own Elks Foundation provides \$6,000 each year for eight young women to attend the college of their choice. All branches of the United States military offer Girl Scout Gold Award recipients the opportunity to enter the military at the higher pay-scale rank of E-2, the equivalent of already having 30 college credits.

A special pin is presented to the Girl Scout upon completion of all requirements during a recognition ceremony designed to



mark this significant accomplishment. Letters and certificates of commendation are presented from all levels of government from the President of the United States, to our local Thousand Oaks City Council.

On June 21, Leading Knight Jay Block and I were privileged to attend a Gold Award presentation ceremony honoring the members of Girl Scout Troop 626. The six young women who received the Gold Award were: Michelle Black, who collected toiletries for the battered womans shelter, Jennifer Leys, who sewed several hundred smiley face pillows for hospitalized children, Kenzi Mason sold animal handkerchiefs to benefit the local animal shelter, Rachel Pancake organized Career day for Many Mansions, and Jill Savla along with Amanda Marshall co-founded the India Earthquake Relief Fund. Jill Savla is also one of our scholarships winners! Jay presented each girl with a United States Flag.

As a member of G.S.U.S.A. for over 25 years I had the honor of presenting each of these accomplished women with a plaque from Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 along with the official Girl Scout handshake. I told the girls that this was only the beginning of their future and that they proved, on that stage that afternoon, that with hard work and determination, they could achieve anything. Four years ago, my daughter Tandy earned her Gold Award and on June 20, 2003 she realized her dream by earning her commercial airline pilots license.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION

Bob Holm, Com. Chair.

Dear Bobby,

Thank you so much for working with me with the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship. I really appreciate all the time and effort you put into the scholarship.

I find that the Elks foundation is a very admirable foundation. Before the awards ceremony, I was not aware of the extent of which the Elks foundation is embedded into the community and the extent of the Elks commitment to the community.

I am very grateful for the Elks dedication to bettering the community and recognizing and awarding achievement in our youth, especially because it had touched me on such a personal level. I feel honored to have been recognized by the Elks and I am very thankful for the opportunities the MVS scholarship will provide for me.

The MVS scholarship, on all levels, is allowing me to pursue the level and quality of education that I have always aspired for. Harvard's tuition has increased over the years and the money from the MVS scholarship is really helping my family and will allow me to go to the school I love.

I am so excited for next year. There are so many opportunities open to me, now, among which is my current summer internship at People magazine's Los Angeles bureau.

Thank you for everything.
Jackie Chou

Dear Mr. Holm,

I want to express my thanks to Elks Lodge 2477 for the honor of receiving the Elks scholarship. To you, Mr. Holm, thank you very much for the time and effort you put into helping all of the candidates in preparing their applications. We didn't really know what was expected of us, but you helped us all understand exactly what was required.

Winning the Elks scholarship was very important to me, because my family will be facing a heavy financial burden sending me to Yale for the next four years and the money from your scholarship helps to lighten that burden. This is especially important, because my parents are older than most and will not be able to retire until my debt has been paid off. The money from your scholarship and others like it will allow me to focus on my studies more, instead of spending much of my free time working to help my parents pay off the debt.

In a time when many seem focused on self-interested pursuits, it is wonderful to know that there are people in organizations such as the Elks that are willing to give selflessly to help improve their communities. I hadn't even met anyone from the Elks (besides you), yet they were willing to embrace me and support my pursuit of an education. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Charlie Carriere



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POETS CORNER

Ken Muellerleile

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