

# ANTLER



Sally Claunch  
EXALTED RULER



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*" LIVE THE MOTTO-ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE."*

**Presented by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge**



**Mothers Day Service 11:00 a.m.  
Happy Mother's Day**

**Sunday May 8, 2005  
Champagne Brunch Buffet  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Adults \$8.00  
Children under 12 are \$5.00  
Location: Thousand Oaks  
Elks Lodge**

**Bring Mom and join the  
Elks for Brunch and a  
Tribute to Mothers**

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	 <b>EXALTED RULER</b> <b>Sally Claunch</b>	2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
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**My name is Sally Claunch  
and I am proud to be an Elk...**

It is now official, I am no longer an ERit (ER in training), but ER. As ER, I would like to thank the Naccaratos for planning and organizing a wonderful Inaugural Ball. Also thanks to the ritual team and coaches, Gil Riding, Richard Goldner and Jack Loughran, they have put in numerous hours practicing and rehearsing. Regardless of the final scoring by the judges, we are winners by having given our best to the contest.

During the month of May, there will be two formal events that have special meaning to our Lodge. First on Friday, May 6th, we will be honoring and recognizing youth in our community who are our Americanism essay contest winners, Elk scholarship winners, Boy and Girl Scout Eagle and Gold award recipients, and Junior Elks. We invite them and their families to a dinner and awards banquet. At the affair a Youth Proclamation from the city will be read and the chairpersons will introduce and present the monies and plaques to the kids. Please show your support for their accomplishments by attending and applauding their feats.

Next on Sunday, May 8th there will be a sumptuous champagne Mother's Day buffet honoring mothers with flowers and great food prepared by Terry Baker and crew for the mere sum of \$8. At 11 o'clock, the officers decked out in their tuxedos will perform the moving Mother's Day ritual. Following the ceremony, there will be contests for the mothers present. If you wish to make reservations for a table, please call Terry Baker at 495-6127.

**Remember---live the motto---Elks Care Elks Share**



**Installing Officers for 2005-06**



**Officer Corps for 2005-06**



**Inaugural Ball, First Consort, Tommy Claunch and Exalted Ruler, Sally Claunch, 2005- 2006 Best Western Hotel**

**EDITORS CORNER**

*jerryserota@earthlink.net*



On Friday March 18, 2005 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 honored a very surprised Eddie Rice as their Elk of The Year for the Year 2004-2005.

Eddie joined Elkdom in 1992 and was initiated by the then Exalted Ruler, Jim Wallace. His proposer was Jim Barton, who was also employed at Teradyne at the same time.

From a small farming community, in Upstate New York (Boonville ), Eddie entered the Army after graduating from High School in 1958. He moved to Thousand Oaks area in 1961, following 3 yrs. in the Army Signal Corp. in Arizona.

Employed by Packard Bell, Newbury Park as a Test Tech. Over the next 40 years he worked in the electronics industry, including 18 years with Teradyne, as a Customer Support Engr.. Since 1999 he has been working as an independent contractor, with the telephone industry.

An active bowler, through the years he and his crew have cooked breakfast at the Lodge on Sunday and this year he was especially honored for being the BBQ Chairman. You can see him on given Saturdays at the Lodge or at special events with BBQ hook in hand turning the chicken and tri-tips. A quiet man by nature but as still waters run deep, solid and dependable, a man who gets the job done.

He and his lady friend, Ruth Townes were enjoying an evening out at their favorite restaurant when he was called back to the Elks Lodge under the ruse that the refrigeration broke down and was completely surprised when more than 100 friends and members honored him by the announcement that he was Elk of the Year.

*He said "I have met some great people along the way, especially with my involment at the Elks Lodge... I should have joined many years earlier...I am honored that I was selected as "Elk of the Year", from a group of my peers that are all deserving of this recognition.. "*



**EDDIE RICE**

**Elk of the Year 2004-'05**



**Eddie Rice, Elk of the Year and Exalted Ruler, Jay Block (L-R back row) Dick McNeal, Jack Henry, PER, Tom Ryder, PER, David Pearson, Gil Riding, PER**

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|-------|------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 73-74 | Dick Lewis*            | 89-90  | Vince Bailie*      |
| 74-75 | Ernest Harter*         | 9 1-92 | Sherwood McDonald* |
| 75-76 | Milt Mortenson*        | 92-93  | Jeff Enger         |
| 76-77 | Floyd 'Frosty' Miller* | 93-94  | John R. Evans*     |
| 77-78 | John Farhat*           | 94-95  | Tom Ryder, PER     |
| 78-79 | Jack Henry, PER        | 95-96  | Kirk Keeler        |
| 79-80 | Bob Clark*             | 96-97  | Chuck Busch        |
| 80-81 | Jerry Tait*            | 97-98  | Jerry Serota       |
| 81-82 | BobMcKee, PER*         | 98-99  | Tommy Claunch      |
| 82-83 | Bill Cairns*           | 99-00  | Frank Coley        |
| 83-84 | Dick Churik            | 00-01  | Dave Pearson       |
| 84-85 | Bill Witney*           | 01-02  | Ken Keeler         |
| 85-86 | Bob Cissell            | 02-03  | Gil Riding, PER    |
| 86-87 | Tommy Thompson*        | 03-04  | Dick McNeal        |
| 87-88 | Roy Cooper             | 04-05  | Eddie Rice         |
| 88-89 | Vern Ogden, PER        |        | *Deceased          |

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2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LEADING KNIGHT

### David Naccarato

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**

David Naccarato

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**  
Myrna Block

**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander  
**CVAC:** Tom Hartin  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
**CHARITY DINNERS:** David Naccarato  
**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:**  
David & Karen Naccarato

The emblem of this station is the flag of our country and its motto is charity.

David Naccarato here, Leading Knight 2005-2006

### Welcome to a new lodge year.

We have new officers in new positions, stop one and say hello. With charity being the motto of this station, I'll start promoting our Chaity Ball now. Actually it will be a charity line dance to some good country music and great bar-b-que from our own bar b que team. A couple of other programs will be named at a later date.

With this month having Mother's Day in it, let's not forget our Moms. Without Moms, we wouldn't be here. I learned alot from my Mom. My mother taught me to "appreciate a job well done." She'd tell my sister and I "IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL EACH OTHER: DO IT OUTSIDE. I JUST FINISHED CLEANING" My mother taught me religion "YOU BETTER PRAY THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE CARPET" My mother taught me about time travel. "IF YOU DON'T STRAIGHTEN UP I'M GONNA KNOCK YOU INTO NEXT WEEK". My mother taught me logic "BECAUSE I SAID SO, THAT'S WHY"

My mother taught me about the science of osmosis, "SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND EAT YOUR DINNER". She taught me about stamina, "YOU'LL SIT THERE UNTIL ALL THAT SPINICH IS GONE". She also taught me about weather, "THIS ROOM LOOKS LIKE A TORNADO WENT THROUGH IT." My mother taught me about anticipation. "JUST WAIT UNTIL WE GET HOME" She also taught me about receiving, "YOU ARE GOING TO GET IT WHEN YOU GET HOME!" She taught me humor. "WHEN THE LAWN MOWER CUTS OFF YOUR TOES. DON'T COME RUNNING TO ME. My mother taught me genetics. 'YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER.'" and my favorite; My mother taught me about justice. "ONE DAY YOU'LL HAVE KIDS, AND I HOPE THEY TURN OUT JUST LIKE YOU". Growing up your parents took you on a family vacation. This year I am taking my mom on vacation. Come out for our Mother's Day brunch on May 8th. Memorial day is May 30th and Armed Forces Day is May 21st

**ELKS MAJOR PROJECT**

David Naccarato, Com. Chair.

Due to a car that was donated to our Lodge at the beginning of last year, our account for our Major Project is fat. At state convention, Sally will bring our check from the Purple Pig account and present it on stage. However this depletes our Major Project account, which is good. Since the account helps our disabled children. To build the account up again, we will have a Pig exchange on the Sunday morning breakfast of June 5th. This means you bring in a full purple pig and exchange it for an empty one and you can have breakfast at 1/2 price.

It is a win- win situation. You get breakfast for \$3.00 and our disabled children get the services they need with the help of the Elks. Remember to put your name and membership number inside the pig, so you will get your name on the Purple Pig honor roll in the Antler Antics.

Thank you David Naccarato  
Major Project Chairman

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Joe Clancy on the passing of his father-in-law; and the family of Tommy Thompson on his passing.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Roxanne Horning is undergoing treatment for cancer; Walter Ogden was hospitalized again.

**ON THE MEND:** Jim Allen had a minor stroke; Eula McKee from knee replacement surgery; John Ennis is responding well to his cancer treatments.

**GLAD TIDINGS**

Trustee, Denise Goldstein, delivered a son named Samuel on granddad Richard Goldner's birthday---March 23th  
On March 26th a son Jacob was delivered by Tracey, to PER, Jack Panczak



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

### INTERNATIONAL EVENT @ VALENCIA TRAVEL VILLAGE

Maybe Carol Ewald doesn't show up often, but when she does, especially if she and Gene are wagonmasters, you can count on a unique experience.

We might have surmised something new was afoot when we got our flyer for the campout. International appetizers, International quiz, etc.

The entire weekend was a unique experience. Carroll and Pete Stewart showed up for the first time - since last September, is that right? It isn't because they didn't want to - it's because Carroll has a very auspicious position with Eastern Star and being the incredibly, committed person she is - takes this commitment VERY seriously. I'll sure be glad when her term is over and we get to see them more often. Hopefully, Pete will let the woman speak her piece by then. LEAVE HER ALONE PETE!! I need all the help I can get.

Actually the Stewarts brought along guests, now members, Pat and Jay Peterson. I believe they are going to be great additions. Welcome - didn't get much of an opportunity to talk with Jay - but it appears Pat will be a great addition to the group. They jumped right in on washer toss and everything.

Speaking of washer toss - haven't had that activity for quite a few campouts - well since November - but everyone seemed to be enjoying it. I'm not really picking on the Stewarts (see what happens when you stay away so long) but Pete was whimpering about the game wearing him out, making him tired - WELL, Pete when you put out all that effort to come in SECOND place - you might just be tired.

Washer toss winners were:

1st place - Carol Ewald & Beverly Erickson

2nd place - Doris Newcomer and Pete Stewart

3rd place - Jim McMullen and Gene Ewald

Carol's International Quiz produced very interesting results. While Bill and I struggled with the answers feeling more like a couple of drips rather than a fountain of knowledge. It entered my mind that Don Newcomer, the cross-word puzzle king, might have the rest of us at a distinct disadvantage. I was right - Don and Doris won, having the most correct answers. Pat and Jay Peterson came in second. It wasn't easy - so these people really deserve a lot of credit.

It seems that once a couple gets on a winning streak - they walk away with LOTS OF STUFF. After winning the quiz, Don and Doris made off with FIVE count 'em 5 raffle prizes.

Again, Carol Ewald was very imaginative in

creating the raffle prizes which were kept a secret until time for the raffle. She had baskets for various international locations, Mexico, Thailand, Japan, etc. Sorry I didn't write all of them down - but they were awesome - with a variety of other types of prizes interspersed.

Every now and then my spouse comes up with a VERY amusing comment. Debi Drake was another repeat winner. She commented that she and Jeff had purchased raffle tickets at different times and hadn't talked. Mr. v W came out with the comment, "They must be married!" Well - I thought it was funny.

Fortunately the weather was absolutely awesome and although the evenings demanded warm clothes. We had the pleasure of Don being with us and capable of entertaining us outside - and was exceptional. He now has his "head-set" microphone and thanked the Kampers for their gift - which, in my book, is well deserved. He was SO good infact we had another camper come over to tell him how much he enjoyed the music - he had been sitting inside his motorhome taking great pleasure in Don's playing & singing. Also some good news that will hopefully come to pass - he and several of his compadres have been approached about cutting a CD! They do a "gig" every Friday for the Senior Center in Simi and are always being asked if they have CD's for sale - OH MY GOSH - is this going to be a case that we can say - "We knew HIM when?"

ALL IN ALL people - if you missed this one - you missed a truly great one. Don't know if it compares with the Leprechaun eggs last year - but it was pretty darn good!

#### HOPE TO SEE YOU AT:

Kenney Grove - May 20 & 21

Santa Maria Elks Rodeo - June 3 thru 5

(See Jim Rochford) IT'S AWESOME

Buellton-Flying Flags - July 7,8,9

Oceano Lodge - August 6 & 7



Gene Ewald, El Konejo Kampers, Pres.

<p>2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p>	<p><b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> <b>Catherine Koeritz</b></p>	<p>2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMENN</p>
<p><b>CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:</b> Ed Rice  <b>LODGE ACTIVITIES:</b> Judy Brayman  <b>SCOUTING:</b> Bill Miller  <b>HOOPSHOOT:</b> Tom Hartin  <b>WED. NIGHT DINNERS:</b> Catherine Koeritz  <b>DRUG AWARENESS:</b>  <b>STRAY ELKS:</b> Herb Jellander  <b>MOTHER'S DAY:</b> Terry Baker</p>		<p><b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b> Judy Brayman  <b>WED. NIGHT TICKETS:</b> Liz Bell  <b>LAW ENFORCEMENT &amp; FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION:</b> Scott Dool  <b>DISTRICT PICNIC:</b> Tom Ryder, PDDGER  <b>PRESIDING JUSTICE:</b> Dick McCann  <b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES:</b> Heather Maddox</p>

We're off to a good start for the year 2005/2006!!! Our lodge is undergoing a beautification transformation thanks to our new Exalted Ruler, Sally. We are enjoying the new carpet, paint and tile in the lodge room. And no beautification project would be complete without the new flowers she bought for the tables!

We have a new Lodge Activities Chairperson. Most of you know her as our Bar Manager, Judy Brayman. Judy and I will be coordinating the activities for each month (entertainment and cooks), so if you have an activity you are planning or would like to volunteer for, please contact one of us. The best way to get information out is through our Antler Antics. We submit the activities for the calendar one (1) month in advance, so please get your information to us before the 5th of each month.

**Catherine's Communication:**

Mallory, Dee and Debi have changed their names for their Sunday's breakfast to "The Bright Lites". Greg Ryder and Glen Wellman are the "G's" in Double G. May 18th is the start of State Convention so there will NOT be a meeting that Wednesday night. Because we have 5 weeks in the month of May, the PER's will have their famous Buffet on May 15th..

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 1 - 7: Youth Appreciation Week
- May 6: Youth Appreciation Dinner with Entertainment by Blue Diamond
- May 8: Mother's Day Brunch Buffet
- May 18 - 21: State Convention in Fresno
- May 20: Blue Diamond Entertainment
- May 30: Lodge open with Double "G" Burger night
- June 3: Teresa Russell Entertainment
- June 17: Blue Diamond

**Cath's Quips:**

*"It would be a better world if we could always lead by recognizing and praising the contributions of others."*  
(Unknown)



Catherine Koeritz, Esteemed Loyal Knight received her jewels of office from Johnny D' Ambrogio, PER



**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE  
FOR NEW FACILITIES**

- ◆ **First organizational meeting  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm in Lodge Room**
- ◆ **Bring fundraising ideas & enthusiasm to meeting**
- ◆ **Membership is open to all interested**





**ANNOUNCEMENT**

On Thursday March 24, 2005, Richard Goldner, DDGER received a special birthday present from his daughter Denise Goldstein, 3 Year Trustee for the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477. While attending their regular Wednesday night meeting and after the Pledge of Allegiance her water broke and she went into labor, delivering at 3:00 a.m. his 6 lb. 8oz. grandson, Samuel Robert Goldstein. A very happy father, David Goldstein was all smiles. Mother and baby are doing fine.

It is rumored that Samuel was so patriotic and stirred by the Pledge that he couldn't wait to push his way into the world and greet his Elks family. Jack Loughran, PER thinks it was his opening prayer as chaplain that stirred him with fervor.



Tracey, Jacob, Melissa and Baby Jacob Alexander

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Saturday March 26, 2005, PER Jacob Panczak and his wife Tracey were pleasantly surprised on one late Saturday afternoon on a routine visit to the hospital. When a 5 lb. 14 oz. Jacob Alexander "Nennis" Panczak decided to make his entrance into this world; his arrival came five weeks early at 9:04 p.m. PER, Jacob Panczak, a very proud daddy, and Judy Panczak (Grandma), were allowed to assist during the delivery. Jacob said, "Seeing our son born was one of the most memorable and cherished experiences for both Tracey and I". Both Tracey and baby Jacob left the hospital the following Wednesday and are doing fine. Jacob is already making fly fishing plans for his new fishing partner. In addition, baby Jacob's sister Melissa has already started preplanning for her little brother by prepping him for his first drum set and educational road map to Cal State Berkeley.


**IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAVE A LUNCHEON MEETING????**

- **Your search is over**
- **The newly painted and carpeted banquet room is available**
- **Call Banquet Manager Judy Brayman 496-4550 for menus and a tour of the facility**

**DONATE YOUR UNUSED VEHICLE TO THE LODGE**

- √ **Get the tax write-off**
- √ **Know that you are helping Major Projects and ENF charities**

**Be living the motto---  
Elks Care Elks Share**

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LECTURING KNIGHT</b> <b>Robert Jones</b>	2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<b>AMERICANISM:</b> Raven West <b>FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:</b> <b>Robert Jones</b> <b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b> Rick Herrera <b>GOVT. RELATIONS:</b> Denise Goldstein <b>MEMORIAL SERVICE:</b> Terry Baker <b>NATIONAL SERVICES:</b> Jim Kellogg <b>KIDS XMAS PARTY:</b> Chet Kozlowski, PER		<b>GOLF TOURNEY:</b> Dave Pearson <b>Tommy Claunch</b> <b>LODGE PICNIC:</b> Robert Jones <b>MEMBERSHIP:</b> Every Lodge Member <b>CHRISTMAS TREES:</b> <b>Herb Jellander/Terry Baker</b> <b>EL KONEJO KAMPERS:</b> <b>Gene Ewald</b>

Hello, "I welcome you to this station, which is dedicated to **Brotherly Love.**"

We wish to thank all for both your assistance and support last year as your Esquire and for electing me as your Lecturing Knight.

We would like to know why this position is called "Lecturing" Knight when we did the lecturing to the new members as the Esquire. This station, as the first in line implies, is dedicated to LOVE and KINDNESS. This is the station for fun, such as:

1. Lodge Picnic
  2. The Kids Christmas Party
  3. The Golf Tournament
  4. The Christmas Tree Sales
  5. The El Konejo Kampers
- and many other fun activities

Your new Lecturing Knight,  
Robert Jones

### MEMORIAL DAY

#### The Unknown of World War I

On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. U.S. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger, who was wounded in combat, highly decorated for valor and received the Distinguished Service Medal in "The Great War, the war to end all wars," selected the Unknown Soldier of World War I from four identical caskets at the city hall in Chalons-sur-Marne, France, Oct. 24, 1921. Sgt. Younger selected the unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. He chose the third casket from the left. The chosen unknown soldier was transported to the United States aboard the USS Olympia. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France.

The Unknown Soldier lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda from his arrival in the United States until Armistice Day, 1921. On Nov. 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

#### The Unknown of World War II and Korea

On Aug. 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of these unknowns took place in 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from remains exhumed from cemeteries in Europe, Africa, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Two unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theater and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the USS Canberra, a guided-missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Navy Hospitalman 1st Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active-duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a solemn burial at sea.

Four unknown Americans who died in the Korean War were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Army Master Sgt. Ned Lyle made the final selection. Both caskets arrived in Washington May 28, 1958, where they lay in the Capitol Rotunda until May 30. That morning, they were carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the Medal of Honor, and the Unknowns were interred in the plaza beside their of World War I comrade.

#### The Unknown of Vietnam

The Unknown service member from the Vietnam War was designated by Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Allan Jay Kellogg Jr. during a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 17, 1984. The Vietnam Unknown was transported aboard the USS Brewton to Alameda Naval Base, Calif. The remains were sent to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., May 24. The Vietnam Unknown arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., the next day. Many Vietnam veterans and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan visited the Vietnam Unknown in the U.S. Capitol. An Army caisson carried the Vietnam Unknown from the Capitol to the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984. President Reagan presided over the funeral, and presented the Medal of Honor to the Vietnam Unknown.

The remains of the Vietnam Unknown were exhumed May 14, 1998. Based on mitochondrial DNA testing, DoD scientists identified the remains as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam, in 1972. The identification, announced June 30, 1998, is under review. It has been decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant



**NEW FACILITIES**

Greg Metzgus, PER



The city has all but approved our design for the outside of our new building. There is still some discussion about where the building will be situated on the property but Bill Lloyd and Len Cardoni are meeting this week to try and get that matter straightened out. We also have a hurdle to get over with our parking situation. We need to get an agreement put together with the school across the street allowing us to use their parking lot after school hours and in return they can use our parking lot during school hours. Bill Lloyd is also working with the school district to get that worked out.

While all of the above is going on, we are going to apply for our rezoning. Initially we were going to wait until we got our building permit but the city wants us to start the rezoning process now. We are going ahead with our survey and will submit the application hopefully sometime this month.

Money continues to be our biggest obstacle. We will soon have all of the hoops jumped through that the city requires to build our building. At that time we need to be in position to start digging. Financially we are a ways away from our goal. We need every members support. Our building bonds are still on sale. There are a lot of fund raisers planned so please support those efforts. The more we raise from our members, the less we need to borrow from an outside source.

Greg Metzgus, PER



Greg Metzgus, PER Presented Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman with a check from Harry Flam to the Scouting Fund

**BLUE DIAMOND**

ENJOY THE MUSIC  
AND DANCE

GIVE YOUR PARTNER  
A DIAMOND

**Friday May 6th  
&  
Friday May 20**

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Charles Welsh and Bill Lloyd, DL, standing in for sponsor Michael Stark



Stephen Finnerty and David Naccarato standing in for sponsor Thomas Varden



Lou Albert and Jack Loughran, PER standing in for sponsor Raven West



Dan Brown and sponsor Herb Jellander



Bro. Ken Gage (AKA) Choo Choo the Clown assisted PER, Don Ansell at the childrens Easter Egg hunt with his magic for the kids.



CVD Kickoff Picnic, (L-R) Dick McNeal, Al Lenahan and Tommy Claunch take a little



ELKS LADIES INSTALLATION



(L-R) Karen Naccarato, Elks Ladies President, presents Jeanne Sandt, Elks Ladies Appreciation Award for 2005

Jeanne Sandt with trophy close to her heart



Alice Kennedy, President presents Karen Naccarato a present from the Elks Ladies for her year as President

Alice Kennedy installed as President of the Elks Ladies



New Officers, Jeri Miller, Jessica Stull, Carol Neuner, Alice Kennedy, Diane Isaman, and Barbara Metzger

Outgoing Officers, Karen Naccarato, Alice Kennedy, Carol Neuner, Jeri Miller, Annie Pearson, and Donna Hardy



2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
CHAIRPERSONS

## THE ELKS LADIES

Alice Kennedy

2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN  
CHAIRPERSONS

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** Carol Neuner  
**2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** Jessica Stull  
**3RD VICE PRESIDENT:** Jeri Miller  
**SECRETARY:** Diane Isaman  
**TREASURER:** Barbara Metzgus  
**AUDITOR:** Kathy Ryder  
**TELEPHONE:** Patti Serota



**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**  
**CHAPLAIN:** Marilyn Cissell  
**MAJOR PROJECTS:**  
Pat Pederson/Carol Neuner  
**CVD:** Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell  
**HISTORIAN:**  
**SUNSHINE:** Shirley Kozlowski



"Spring is in the air ..." Have you noticed all the flowers and the days getting longer. This has to be my favorite time of year, a new birth for mother earth. Speaking of new, I would like to introduce myself. I'm Jessica Stull and I will be writing this

article each month to let you all know what is happening with the Elks Ladies and to encourage you to come join the fun. We have so many wonderful things planned this year, but before I get ahead of myself, I wanted to tell you about ME. I am new to the Ladies group, though my husband David has been a member of this Lodge for eight years. We often came to the dinners, but until the Ladies hosted a "come and meet us" luncheon, I had never given any thought to becoming a part of the group. They were so welcoming that I just had to come back and see what all the fuss was about. And, I'm glad I did! I have lived in this area since 1975 but unfortunately have always worked in Glendale or Los Angeles and had little time to get involved locally. I was President of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW for seven years prior to that Post closing and have served on the City of Thousand Oaks Social Services and Endowment Fund Committee for four years awhile back. I work for the City of Glendale and have been there for fifteen years after working for two State agencies a total of fourteen years. I'm on the home stretch now and looking forward to starting a new career within the next year or two.

Now back to the NEWS... The Ladies Installation dinner was held on Tuesday, March 8th at the Lodge. The Appreciation Award for 2004-2005 went to Jeanne Sandt - thank you Jeanne for all your hard work and volunteer time. I'd just like to mention some of the activities Jeannie was involved in - she manned (or is that womened?) the Conejo Valley Days booth, she worked tirelessly on behalf of Veterans. I'm told she often calls Lodge members up on their Birthday and sings the Birthday song to them.

Our new President, Alice Kennedy, anticipates many successful activities and encourages all of us to



### SPRING AND SWEETER TIMES

Marilyn Cissell

Surrounded by such beauty, Lord,  
with springtime bursting everywhere  
From birds who gather twigs for nests  
and floral scents to fill the air.

The grand display of nature, God,  
on earth your gardening touch regrows,  
All certainties of sweeter times,  
orange blossoms and a perfect rose.

Amen

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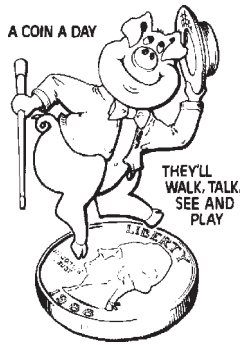
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come forward with new ideas that will make a positive impact on the work we do. The only crazy ideas, are the ones that are never shared. Use your wonderful imaginations and give Alice ideas on what you would like to see happen here.

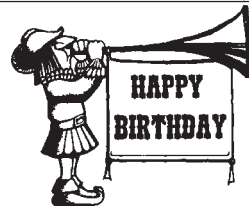
Until next month, I wish you health, happiness and a fertile imagination. Take care.

Jessica Stull

## HONOR ROLL



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## ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK



The week of May 1, 2005 through May 7, 2005 is designated as Elks National Youth Week to honor and promote the youth of our Nation. There are many activities that can be planned that would be attractive and of interest to the boys and girls of our communities:

events such as banquets to honor scholastic award winners, Hoop Shoot® and soccer winners, ball teams sponsored by the Lodge, Government Day, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, and numerous other youth events that can be recognized by the Lodge during this week.

Special planning is necessary for this program since it occurs so soon after the election and installation of the new Lodge Officers. For this program to be conducted properly, it is suggested that the same Lodge Youth Activities Committee Person be retained year-to-year to insure continuity. If he or she is doing an outstanding job, the planning can successfully straddle the two Subordinate Lodge years without a break in the follow-through.

Governors of States, Mayors of Cities and other community leaders should be asked to proclaim Elks National Youth Week or issue a special supporting message to the public.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee sponsors a contest for the National Youth Week. This is an opportunity for the Subordinate Lodge to enter and be recognized for the best and most constructive Youth Week Program. All contest material should be attractively prepared in brochure form with photographs, publicity and detailed information as to how the program was conducted. Winning brochures will be displayed at the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada. First-Place Winners will receive their awards during the Youth Activities Committee Report to the Elks Convention.

It is extremely important to realize that the contest is based on activities taking place during the National Youth Week. Contest rules and details of the brochure preparation are in the Youth Activities Manual, pages 17 and 18. The brochure must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2005 and sent to James R. Pilgrim, Member, GL Youth Activities Committee, 4922 Glen Coe Point, Gainesville, GA 30506.

Assistance is only a phone call or e-mail away. Please contact your Area Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Member listed in the GL Youth Activities Manual insert. Participating in this contest clearly demonstrates that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

James R. Pilgrim, Member  
 G/L Youth Activities Committee





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### STEPS TO BECOMING AN APARTMENT RESIDENT

1. The prospective resident selects the apartment desired.

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2. Prospective residents submit:

- a) Application for Apartment Residency
- b) Certification of Membership
- c) Confidential Financial Statement
- d) Medical Doctor's Certificate of Examination

The above forms are reviewed for approval by designated representative(s) of the Elks National Home. A \$100 per person non-refundable Application Processing Fee is required to be paid with the Application.

3. Once the application is approved, the applicant is contacted by telephone and mailed a Resident Occupancy Agreement, which must be signed and returned within 14 days. A Reservation Deposit of \$10,000 is required at the time the Resident Occupancy Agreement is signed.

A \$1,000 penalty will apply upon withdrawal after the application is approved by the Home and the Resident Occupancy Agreement has been signed.

4. For those residents selecting Plan A, the balance of the Occupancy Right Fee, minus the \$10,000 Reservation Deposit, is due upon or prior to arrival.

5. Payment of the applicable Monthly Fee begins at occupancy in accordance with the Resident Occupancy Agreement.

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