

# ANTLER



Sally Caunch  
EXALTED RULER



# ANTICS

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

## THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE 2477





#1 WCCD Ritual Team

**The Elks Ladies present**  
**FATHER'S DAY**  
**CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**  
Sunday June 19th  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adults \$10.00  
Children under 12 are \$6.00

**HERE'S  
TO  
DAD!**



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

**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH**

A highlight of being ER is the opportunity to be the ambassador of our Lodge at Elk events. During the months of May and June, I have been proud to represent you at the district ritual contest, Elks CHEA Convention in Fresno, and the Santa Maria Rodeo. While there, networking with other lodges, and attending business sessions, the exchange of ideas and knowledge has armed me with new vigor to implement some new programs. These activities have also made me appreciate and value the talent and dedication of our members and officers in making our Lodge run smoothly and financially sound.

One of the persons responsible for the finances of our Lodge is the Treasurer. For the past 13 years until April 1, 2005, the post was held by Bob Hardy, P.E.R. Now in retirement and gallantly fighting cancer, our hats are off to him. He steered the Lodge ably through some lean times always questioning and making us accountable. His goal was to leave office with a certain amount of money in the treasury. It has been reached and every Wednesday when the treasurer's report is read, it is prefaced with, "in honor of Bob Hardy". On a personal note, Bob has been my mentor, hero and personal friend steering and guiding me through the chairs and protocol of Elkdom. Thank you!!!! GET WELL SOON!!!

**OPERATION FACELIFT UPDATE**

Operation Facelift monies have been used to paint and repair the Lodge Room. To some it may seem counter productive to spend dollars on a building that will be torn down when a new facility is built. The time frame for a new structure completion is at least two years away. Meanwhile room rentals have dropped when prospective clients see the condition of the room. Thus we are spending money to make money, as rentals are a vital source of income for our Lodge. Also, members gave donations to Operation Facelift for the purpose of improving the appearance of our present home. Now the

funds are being used for that reason so members can enjoy the new ambience of the room. Part of the plans for the new facility is the erection of a wall or walkway with the names of all members who contributed to Operation Facelift.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

The month of June has something for everyone...from golf tournaments, to Elk rituals and ceremonies. New members, old members join us for friendship and good times at some of the activities.

- June 3rd- Friday night-- back by popular demand— Theresa Russell will be the featured entertainer
- June 8th –Wednesday---State VP, Ashley Fittz—will visit our Lodge---dinner by the B-B-Q team---spouses will be entertained at ER's house during meeting
- June 15th – Wednesday- Flag Day program will be presented at meeting-special dinner by Marva D'Ambrogio
- June 17th-Friday night- will rock with entertainment by Blue Diamond
- June 19th –Sunday- Elk Ladies famous Father's Day Brunch
- June 20th –Monday—Dave Pearson's annual Golf Tournament at Sunset Hills Country Club
- June 22th- Wednesday- our first place ritual team will be performing the initiation ceremony---not to be missed
- June 26-28th –Elk Ladies annual Laughlin Bus Trip

**JULY 2ND**

**THE ANNUAL ER GOING AWAY PARTY (BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION) IS PUT ON BY THE PER ASSOCIATION. ALL THE ERS IN THE DISTRICT COME TO OUR LODGE FOR AN EVENING OF DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT. IN THE PAST THE PERS HAVE PERFORMED OUTLANDISH SKITS AND IMPERSONATIONS TO DELIGHT THE AUDIENCE AND ASSEMBLED SPECIAL GUESTS. ALL MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO WITNESS THE ANTICS OF THE PERS.**



**EDITORS CORNER**  
jerryserota@earthlink.net

### ELKOMOTIVE 2477 HUMMED FOR CVD PARADE

Saturday April 30th the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 put our wheels in motion and displayed to the community what Elksdom is all about. For me personally it was a real treat to have my grandsons and great grand children be a part of our parade as well as our nephews marching as a part of the Cub Scout retinue.

A special word of appreciation to Kevin Robichau who did a magnificent job in fine tuning the train. It hummed the whole parade and Terry Baker saw to it that it looked like a jewel in the parade.

Coming down the parade route we showed the public that we are patriotic with the flag of our country flying, handicapped poster to show we support disabled children our commitment to scouting with the Cub Scout group in the train and parade, and the response from the crowd waving and cheering us on was most gratifying.



(L-R Front row) Christopher Dorman, Maxmilion Seligman, Brandalyn Dorman, (Back Row) Michael Dorman, Jerry Serota, Jimmy Dorman, Howard Seligman



CVD Parade a great day for Elksdom and Elks Lodge #2477

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Troop 754

**Eagle Scout  
Court of Honor  
For  
Cassidy Edward Tepper**



**Cassidy Edward Tepper, Bill Miller, Com Scouting Chair.**

On Sunday April 30th a Court of Honor was held at the Rockwell Science Center for Cassidy Edward Tepper as he received the Eagle Challenge by his leaders which describes the responsibilities of the Eagle Scout. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is proud to sponsor his BSA Troop 754 and that Cassidy is the 32nd Eagle Scout to be so honored. Scouting Committee Chairman Bill Miller presented him a certificate of appreciation and displayed the Lodge plaque of all Eagle Scouts that earned this high honor.

A large part of Scouting is community service. Cassidy has volunteered to help with the Eagle projects of his fellow scouts and has participated in many flag retirement ceremonies, beach cleanups, numerous Scouting for Food drives, and a number of other activities. He accumulated 42 community service hours in addition to his Eagle Project.

Cassidy completed his Eagle Scout Service Project by rebuilding a damaged one-mile section of park trail in the Cheseboro Canyon National Park. 30 scouts, youth, and adults worked a total of 180 volunteer hours over 3 separate days in August, 2004 to help.

Cassidy planned the entire project and solicited donated supplies from local businesses. He asked his aunts and uncles to provide lunch for his volunteers. His team repaired the trail slope, replaced damage water bars with rocks moved from elsewhere in the park, and smoothed out the trail. Cassidy ensured that his volunteers met safety and quality standards as they assisted him on this work. He illustrated the commitment and leadership required of an Eagle Scout in planning, coordinating, and ensuring the completion of the entire project.

As a result of these efforts, scores of runners, hikers and bikers can again enjoy this part of the Cheseboro Canyon Park Trail. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make Cassidy's Project a great success!

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LEADING KNIGHT David Naccarato

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:**

David Naccarato

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

Myrna Block

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** Tom & Sally Claunch

**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander  
**CVAC:** Tom Hartin  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak, **PER CHARITY DINNERS:** David Naccarato

Ritual team is back from district competition. And if you haven't heard we have repeated as first place team winners and are going to state competition this month. Will let you know the results in a later article. I would like to invite you out to a Wednesday night meeting. We have a good time and a lot of valuable information is attained by our members. To be involved is to be informed.

I have instituted a fining policy where fines are for various infractions. It's all in fun and it's all for our charities. But if you really don't agree with the fine that was levied to you, you may appeal to justice which is Catherine Koeritz this year. But let me warn you, she is one tough cookie. So again I invite you out to find out what's going on at a Wednesday night meeting.

This month is June. And just for a reminder June 14th is Flag Day it will be observed on Wednesday the 15th. June 19th is Father's Day. Our ladies organization will be having a Father's Day brunch. Come out and enjoy. The first day of summer is the 21st.

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### THE MAJOR PROJECT

David Naccarato

Major Project Chairman

Our major project has had a banner year. Our lodge is to be commended for the out pouring of giving this year did have a head start from a car that was donated to the lodge. The money received for the car was then split between the Purple Pig and E.N.F. Now after Sally goes to state convention and walks across the stage with the check from our lodge for the Major Project account it will be depleted so to jump start it we can A. donate another car or B. July 3rd Sunday mourning breakfast we will have a pig exchange. bring in a full pig and receive breakfast for \$ 3.00 and get an empty pig to take home with you. We have the best breakfast at this lodge. if you haven't tried one your missing out. Come out for breakfast and bring your pig on July 3rd.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Zelda Rindone on her passing; the Cardoni family on the passing of his brother Rick.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Bob Hardy is undergoing chemo and radiation for cancer; Walter Ogden had heart surgery; Ralph Vester is in a rehab center following a car accident, his wife Farlin is recuperating at home from the same accident.

**ON THE MEND:** Eula McKee from knee replacement; Flo Lloyd from hip replacement; Grace Wallace from lung surgery.



Dave the Elvis impersonator gave our talent show a real boost

### Elks Youth Appreciation

MIT, Yale, Harvard, UCLA icons in education were mentioned last night of students being accepted at these great institutions of learning. In order to help them on their way the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 awarded local scholarship winners in a special Elks Youth Appreciation Week celebration.

Being honored were scholarship winners, Americanism essay winners, Eagle Scouts and our Jr. Elks.

Scholarship Winners were presented by Rick Herrera, Committee Scholarship Chair:



#### Boys

**1st -Ellis Kim, Agoura High School with Sally Claunch, ER and Rick Herrera, Scholarship Committee Chair**

\$500 Elks Lodge #2477

\$700 West Central Coast District, California Hawaii Elks Association

\$200 First Annual Frank Rindone, past exalted ruler, memorial award \*\*\*

\$1,000 minimum Elks National Foundation Award to be announced at the 135th Elks National Convention at Reno, Nevada in July.

\*\*\* The Past Exalted Rulers Association have set up a \$200 first place fund to assist students for expenses in memory of the late Frank Rindone,PER.

2nd - Michael Martin Oak Park High School

\$400 Elks Lodge #2477

3rd - Alan Lewis Newbury Park High School

\$300 - Elks Lodge #2477

\$200 West Central Coast District, California Hawaii Elks Association \$800 State, Elks National Foundation Award

#### Girls

1st - Sabrina Chou LaReina High School

\$500 Elks Lodge #2477

\$700 West Central Coast District, California Hawaii Elks Association

\$200 First Annual Frank Rindone, past exalted ruler, memorial award \*\*\*

\$1,000 minimum Elks National Foundation Award to be announced at the 135th National Convention at Reno, Nevada in July.

2nd - Lauren Baize

LaReina High School

\$400 - Elks Lodge #2477

\$800 - State, Elks National Foundation Award

3rd - Jennifer Curtain

LaReina High School

\$300 - Elks Lodge #2477

### AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Raven West, Americanism Committee Chair awarded the following with savings bonds and the winners read their essays to the assembly,

“What Old Glory Means To Me”.

1st Leah Tommela - \$300 saving bond LaReina High School

2nd Bryanna Jew - \$200 saving bond LaReina High School

3rd Sarah Pearson \$100 saving bond LaReina High School

### Eagle Scout Honored

Bill Miller, Scouting, Committee Chair, was proud to introduce Cassidy Edward Tepper and present him with the Elks Certificate of Appreciation honoring his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

### Jr. Elks

Sally Claunch, exalted ruler was happy to introduce Carol Neuner and Heather Maddox, co-chairs plus the Jr. Elks and outlined their accomplishments this year. They have held car washes, one of which was for the Sheriffs Dare program and assisted in functions such as these in serving dinners and being helpful to make affairs like this a success.

They have earned over \$1,000 in their treasury and will be used as they see fit.

There were 100 members, family and guests in attendance. Loyal Knight, Catharine Koeritz read a Proclamation by the City of Thousand Oaks for this event “Where as the first week in May be Elks Youth Appreciaiton Week.” A spaghetti and meatball dinner was provided for the evening.



**Greg Metzgas, PER, Sabrina Chou, Exalted Ruler and Rick Herrera, Scholarship Committee Chair**

## ANTLER ANTICS

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> <b>Catherine Koeritz</b>	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<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> Nick Naranjo <b>STRAY ELKS:</b> Herb Jellander <b>MOTHER'S DAY:</b> Terry Baker		<b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b> Judy Brayman <b>WED. NIGHT TICKETS:</b> Liz Bell <b>LAW ENFORCEMENT &amp; FIRE FIGHTER</b> <b>APPRECIATION:</b> Scott Dool <b>DISTRICT PICNIC:</b> Tom Ryder, PDDGER <b>PRESIDING JUSTICE:</b> Dick McCann <b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES:</b> Heather Maddox

Our parking is back! I would like thank Pat von Wittenburg for her fantastic work in organizing the very successful Rummage Sale. With husband Bill and all her helpers, they have donated many hours of their time with set up, working, and clean up. I thank you and our New Facilities Fund thanks you!!!

Well, I said we were off to a good start for the year 2005/2006!!! I'm very proud to be a part of our Ritual Team that again took home the 1st place Trophy. Sally's name will forever be engraved on the Trophy as the 1st place Exalted Ruler. By the time you receive this, we would have represented Thousand Oaks at the State Competition. Perhaps we will be on our way to Reno, for the National Convention.

It's great to be a part of the team, but it's even greater that we have a wonderful support group, our Husbands. Their enthusiasm and encouragement have propelled us to do our best. Thanks Robert, Tommy and Nick.

Hey, how about our BBQ teams, the Conejo Valley Days workers, the Cooks and Active Members who consistently show what the spirit of Elkdom truly is.

Bill and Jeri Miller have outdone themselves with the posters that are displayed at the BBQs. They show what Elkdom is all about. As Bill is Scouting Chairman, Jeri has helped by making purple with white trim neckerchiefs for the Casa Pacifica Group. Great job. I hope you know how much we appreciate your work.


### Catherine's Communication:

Rick Naranjo is the new Drug Awareness Chairperson! As an Assistant Principal he's perfect for this position as he has a lot of experience in dealing with kids on this subject. Thank You!!! I would appreciate any assistance and support you can give him and any of the Officers for their committees.

**TERESA RUSSELL**




**PAT RUSSELL**



**WHAT EVER YOU DO  
DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT  
FRIDAY**

JUNE 3RD

**KNOWN WORLD WIDE**

**We regret the Elks Lodge cannot accept any more book donations. Although your generosity is very much appreciated, we do not have an organization to donate them to, nor do we have the space to store them.**

### Upcoming Events:

June 3:	Teresa Russell - Entertainment
June 8:	State V.P. Visit
June 17:	Blue Diamond - Entertainment
June 20:	Golf Tournament
June 27:	Killer Chops

### Cath' Quips:

*"If you're attempting to create something perfect. I have three words of advice for you: Get over it!" (Unknown)*

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### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The new officer corps is firmly entrenched in their new jobs, and has so far shown a remarkable interest in guiding the lodge on a straight course to success. We have had many successful fund raisers since April 1st, and the lodge is so far in black ink that most of our worries will never materialize. Bond sales have slowed down considerably, but they keep dribbling in thanks to some of our new members who have taken a great interest in the lodge.

We have two new lifetime members that will be coming in this month. When we turned 30, seems like half of the membership became eligible for the distinction. But that only shows what a dedicated bunch of Elks we have. To stick around for 30 years is an accomplishment in itself. If we could only get those lapse members to stay with us a little longer we would be in great shape. Even so, we truly had a great year as far as having a plus in membership last year. To drop 21 members for non-payment plus another 24 for transfers and deaths and still have a plus 30 in membership is nothing short of spectacular. We have Harold Calvin to thank for many of our new members. I thought for a while that Dave Pearson was going to double our membership, but Harold has far surpassed him. Keep up the good work Cal, you're doing a tremendous job!

I wish to thank those of you who have honored the closed sign on the door during the 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. period that the office closed. Many of you think that during that time nothing is being done in the office. Quite the contrary that is the time where we can concentrate on most of our important business, eat a hurried lunch, go to the bank, and run other errands that are necessary. The phone still rings and the fists keep banging on the door, interrupting whatever is going on. Life sure gets tedious! I would appreciate very much if members would not park in the spaces in front of the office during working hours. There is ample parking in the areas surrounding the lodge building, and parking in front of the office makes the staff park elsewhere. We have limited parking, and just because there is no vehicle in the space, doesn't mean that there won't be shortly. Your courtesy and cooperation will be truly appreciated.

Enough for this month, I'm running out of space again. School will soon be out, and we hope that all of you who are going on vacation will have a wonderful trip, and return safely to us.

And that's 30 for this month.

Bill

### NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following members, having met the requirements outlined in Grand Lodge Statutes Section 14.260 by having been a member of the Order for at least 30 consecutive years, a member of Thousand Oaks Lodge for at least 10 years, and 65 years of age or older has requested nomination for Life Membership in the Order.

**Edward B. Louy # 1202**  
**Clifford M. Jones # 0848**

These members will be nominated at a regular meeting of the lodge to be held on June 8, 2005 and will be balloted on at the meeting held on June 18, 2005.

### THANKS FOR YOUR CARING

I wish to extend my most grateful and heartfelt thanks to all of the members of Thousand Oaks Lodge for their prayers and caring during my hip replacement and rehabilitation. Your prayers have worked, and I feel much better, getting stronger by the day. The flowers sent by the lodge were beautiful, and did wonders for my spirits. There's no feeling in the world like being cared for by the Elks.

Thanks again,

Flo Lloyd

### 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**

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LECTURING KNIGHT Robert Jones

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**AMERICANISM:** Raven West  
**FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:**  
 Robert Jones  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldstein  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Terry Baker  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
 TommyClaunch  
**LODGE PICNIC:** Robert Jones  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:**  
 Herb Jellander/Terry Baker  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Gene Ewald

### LIVING THE ELKS MOTTO...



Pat VonWittenburg who chaired the Rummage Sale which raised over \$3500 for the new Facility fund

Eddy Rice- who chaired the B-B-Q crews at our food booth at CVD

Elk Ladies-who made a generous donation to our ritual team for defraying the cost of representing our District at the state competition

Ritual team and coaches- who dedicated time and effort for the winning cause

**ELKS CARE....ELKS SHARE**



Jr. Elks were recognized for their achievements



Americanism winner Leah Tommela, Sally Claunch, ER and Raven West, Americanism Committee Chair

### ENTERTAINMENT



**BLUE DIAMOND**  
Friday June 17

### DONATE YOUR UNUSED VEHICLE TO THE LODGE

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

Be living the motto---  
 Elks Care Elks Share





**NEW FACILITIES**  
Greg Metzgs, PER



We have finally received a tentative approval from the city for the outside appearance of our new building. That was a major hurdle. While the building is a lot more appealing to the eye now (according to the city), it has driven our costs up considerably. The good news is that a few extra fund raisers and the generosity of our members should be able to overcome that obstacle.

The land survey has been completed and the results will be given to the architect to be incorporated into the final building plans. We are still negotiating with the school district for a reciprocal parking agreement but that is just a matter of getting all of the insurance and paperwork in place. It is to the schools advantage as they will be able to drop children off in the morning in our parking lot rather than having the kids dropped off on the street.

A new request is being drafted for the Grand Lodge for their approval of outside funding. Several lenders are willing to lend us the balance of what will be required to fund the project. All we need to do is show Grand Lodge that we have the ability to pay back the loan. Our funding steering committee is busy putting that paperwork together and hopefully this time next month I will be able to write that the request is in. There should be no problem getting their approval as we are only asking to shift our allowed debt from strictly bonds to both bonds and outside funding. The total amount of allowed debt will not change.

Everyone has been working hard for our new lodge building. The money we are raising now, over and above bonds, is going to reduce the overall amount we will have to borrow and also to offset the ever increasing cost to build. There are some major fund raisers scheduled for our new facilities. Please support them to the maximum of your ability and remember, we still have bonds to sell and 4% is not a bad return for an investment of as little as \$500.

Greg Metzgs, PER

**PATTI'S CRIBBAGE CORNER**

Patti Serota



On Sunday the 17th of April, 17 of us avid players joined together for a funfilled afternoon. We finished the tournament after lunch was served.

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|-----------|-----------------|
| 1st Place | Martina Dorman  |
| 2nd Place | Wally Thornhill |
| 3rd Place | David Rankin    |

For those who couldn't make it, better luck next time. We'll do it again co-joining with Rick Herrera for the Scholarship fund held at his home, in a beautiful garden setting, I believe in October. If I have your phone number, you'll be called.



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**FATHER'S DAY**

**CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH**  
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# WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



William Aubrey and standing in for ER, Sally Claunch is Loyal Knight Catherine Koeritz



Jerry Cain and standing in for sponsor Frank Coley is Loyal Knight Catherine Koeritz



Christopher Vrakelos and standing in for sponsor Raven West is Loyal Knight Catherine Koeritz



Rick and Evie Herrera came by to cheer the Cub Scouts and the Elkomotive on before the CVD parade



Two years in coming but Don Booker, PER finally receives his gift of a shadow box with his jewels of office and gavel from Bill Lloyd, DL



**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
A new addition to the Flittner family, Wayne & Mary presented a great grandchild, Gracie to Bro. Dick Flittner

# INAUGURAL BALL 2005-'06



Tommy & Sally Claunch, Sue Porter & David Naccarato,



Robert & Catherine Koeritz, Judy Brayman & Robert Jones



Karen & Terry Baker, Cornelia & George Meehan,



Yolie & Jack Loughran, Carole and Robert Saynay



Flo & Bill Lloyd, Myrna & Jay Block,



Teri & Jim Rochford, Annie & Dave Pearson

2004-05 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

**THE ELKS LADIES**  
Alice Kennedy

2004-05 COMMITTEE  
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 Peterson/Carol Neuner  
**CVD:** Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell  
**HISTORIAN:**  
**SUNSHINE:** Shirley Kozlowski



**AIN'T LIFE GREAT?** Yes, it is by George! We've been having so much fun in this Ladies organization. Just to highlight - as the new kid on the block I attended my first official meeting as an Officer. It was grand. Both Diane Isaman and Barbara Metzgus (Secretary and Treasurer in case you don't have a scorecard) did a great job giving their first reports at our meeting under the careful guidance of Donna Hardy (she is so helpful and makes a fine tutor). I sold 50-50 tickets for Pat Peterson in her absence and collected \$60. It was so much fun - I said hello to people I already knew and made some new friends along the way. I also attended my first Ladies Executive Board meeting - trust me there was enough brain power and determination to run a locomotive in that room. We are so lucky to have these dynamic, can-do women on our team. Not only are these ladies the movers and shakers, they are great teachers too. We all had a little bit of Elk education thanks to Kathy Ryder. We all came away so proud of our association with the Elks and the really important work they do and the worthwhile activities they are involved in. Today at the gym, Christina the young woman who works there, told me her sister won a scholarship from the Elks. I actually knew that the Elks are the second largest provider of scholarships in the U.S., second only to the Federal Government. I felt so smart!

Back to our April meeting. We are planning so many activities, it amazing. We will be doing Fathers Day Breakfast at the Lodge and could use some extra hands if anyone wants to join the fun. I asked if I could serve the champagne - one for you and one for me, one for you and two for me... President Alice is looking for as many themes and ideas for a fundraiser as our little brains can produce. Come on out ladies, we either miss you or look forward to meeting you and hearing your wonderful ideas. Speaking of meeting you, some of the ladies were discussing the "Get Acquainted Brunch" they hosted last year (remember, that is where they got me). They want to do it again possibly on July 23rd. I am so in favor, I remember feeling so special, it was like going to High Tea with thirty of your friends. I hope once the details are finalized, you will all think about coming and bringing a future new friend to our organization.



**WHY DO WE WAIT TO CALL ON YOU**  
Marilyn Cissell

Those times when life seems darkest, God,  
for us, no answers are in sight.  
Why do we wait to call on you?  
You're always there to bring us light.

You make it hard for one to doubt  
that you exist with - many traces  
of unexpected miracles,  
Your blessings and your graces.

Amen

**June**



1	June Smith
2.	Pat Peterson
4	Mary Woodlief
9	Ginny Gabel
14	Carol Ewald
16	Marge Britton
	Pat Jellander
17	Anne Ogden

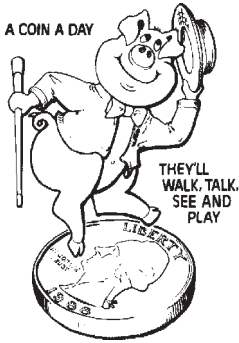
Its been really busy around here. The Rummage Sale, Conejo Valley Days and Mothers Day are behind us and we look forward to many more successful events from this lodge as we go into the summer months. Lots of people taking vacation this time of year and willing volunteers are always appreciated. Look for things that interest you and volunteer your talent.

Parting is such sweet sorrow, but I'll be back next month with more. Until then, I wish you health, happiness and lots of laughter.

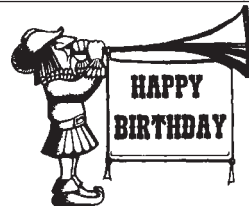
Sincerely,  
Jessica Stull

## HONOR ROLL

A COIN A DAY



- George Sylvester
- Gene Letourneau
- Vern Jossy
- Mike Miller
- Denice Goldstein
- Dave Pearson
- Russell Peck
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### Shots heard round the world uplifting

By Ed Jones

*"By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled Here once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard round the world"*

Concord Hymn,  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

On the morning of April 19, 1775, British troops, in search of colonial weapons, attacked and killed some American patriots in Lexington, Mass., and then marched on to Concord where a quickly organized militia waited at the bridge. The clash that followed constituted the first battle of a 6 1/2 year struggle for independence that was to become known as the American Revolution. The first shot of that war, according to the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, was, "The shot heard round the world."

But revolutions have been fairly frequent on the world stage and for that first shot to have been immortalized, it must stand for something truly important, something that changed not only American life, but also the course of history, and, in the process, made a significant difference for the future of humankind.

Emerson said they dared, "to die, and leave their children free," but they also dared to die, probably unknowingly, to pave the way for a governmental system that would allow for everyone, everywhere to be free. It is important to realize that liberty was the object, not also equality and fraternity as in the French Revolution nor equal distribution of property as in the Bolshevik Revolution, but rather the establishment of a government which would protect the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of each and every individual, as was to be stated the following year in the Declaration of Independence - a government that would create an environment in which each individual would have the opportunity to reach his own potential of achievement.

President Lincoln was so moved by the Declaration that, he stated, "have never had a feeling politically, that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence" and, further, that those sentiments "gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world, for all future time ... that the weights would be lifted from the shoulders of all men, and that all should have an equal chance."

These great pledges of the Declaration and of the long, bloody struggle against the British were fulfilled by the Constitution. People cannot be governed by noble sentiments and nostalgia anymore than a couple can live on love. These sentiments These sentiments must be translated into a charter of government to meet the tests of everyday life.

And so they were in one long, hot summer in Philadelphia at the Constitutional Convention. In the words of political scientist James Q. Wilson, what emerged from the hands of "not wise philosophers discussing large



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principles, but ... a small number of practical men" was a document that was so well-conceived and executed that it remains today the oldest written constitution in the world, sufficient for maintaining peace and order while preserving liberty.

And what of Emerson's and Lincoln's beliefs and hopes that the rest of the world would take their cues from American democracy, throw off repression and march into the golden dawn of freedom?

The spread of democracy is still a work in progress. Certainly, the 20th century was not a good one for dictators, as Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini would attest, but, conversely, it was a good century for indigenous peoples as colonial empires were dismantled around the globe.

And now as we have seen the breakup of the former Soviet Union and the glimmerings of democracy in the Middle East, I believe that we can agree with Emerson and Lincoln that the blood of our first patriots was not shed in vain, that their principles have indeed proved to be valid and that the seeds that were planted here will yet bloom in all their democratic splendor throughout the world.

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