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"LIVE THE MOTTO - ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"

California - Hawaii Elks Association District State Vice President 2005 - '06

Ashley F. Fitz

A member of 35 years, I believe strongly in what the Elks stands for. My service with the Elks started as an Officer in the Santa Maria Lodge 1538. I began as an Inner Guard, going through the Officers Chairs to becoming Exalted Ruler 1995-1996. Concluding that, I served as a Trustee for five years, the fifth being Chairman of the Board. I have previously served as President of the Santa Maria Elks P.E.R. Association. I have served two terms as the CHEA Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, been District Chairman for the Veterans, the Elks National Foundation and the Elks Major Projects. I have had the opportunity to work as a server at our lodge functions and assist with Barbeques.

I am very fortunate and have been blessed with a very supportive wife, Eddie, of 35 years. We proudly have two beautiful daughters and a wonderful son. Our blessings continue with the joy of fourteen grandchildren. Two of my grandsons continue to live in the Santa Maria Valley. One of my daughters has a business degree, she and her husband of 27 years live in Santa Maria where they own and operate their own company. My younger daughter is a homemaker and resides with her husband in Pennsylvania. Our son, Ashley A. Fitz, is a member of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. He has been a member for five years. Ashley A. lives in Santa Maria, has a Bachelors Degree in Kinesi-



ology and is perusing his Masters Degree at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

My life began in Chicago, Illinois; there I lived until my early teens when we relocated to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. I graduated from High School in Seattle, Washington. After completion of high school, I joined the United States Navy. Upon completion of my service, I was given an honorable discharge as an FTG3.

My civil career began with the Boeing Company as an Electronics Technician. I obtained my degree in Industrial Electronics while at Boeing. Taking the opportunity to progress in my field, I changed jobs and hired on with ITT Range Ships. The USNS Huntsville was my home for eight years. This was a tracking ship, tracking aero space objects including the Apollo Spacecraft.

After the ship was decommissioned, I was transferred to .A.F.B. where I worked on aero space data gathering systems. While at the base, I earned Associates Degrees in Science, Art, Communication Technician, Industrial Service Technician and Industrial Electronics. I am a licensed Ham Radio Operator and active in the Siren testing. After thirty years I retired as a Systems Analyst.

<p>2005-06 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN</p>	 EXALTED RULER Sally Claunch	<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

“To have a friend, you must be a friend”. “Elks care, Elks share” These are mottos and platitudes, which are written on quilts, letterheads, and mugs. To many they are words to look at and perhaps to ponder their significance. But to our member, Harold Calvin, these words were the guiding principles of his life. A life he lost on June 9th after a valiant fight with cancer.



According to Webster’s Dictionary “friend is person you know well and regard with affection and trust”. He had friends from Paso Robles to the San Fernando Valley. Always sharing a smile with his baby blues was his trademark. He was always quick of wit with a story or a joke. Yet these are only superficial characteristics. To all his friends he also shared himself, his time, and his shoulder to lean on. We can all tell you personal experiences of his friendship and what it meant to us.

As an Elk he would see a need at the Lodge and quietly and most times anonymously solve the problem. Believing in Elkdom, he holds the record for bringing in the most members. He lived life from the heart. Now he is finally reunited with his sweetheart, Annie, who passed away eight years ago. We will miss you!!!

On a personal note...the month of July is when your Exalted Ruler will be on vacation attending the National Convention and celebrating the wedding of our grandson Erin in Montana. See you in August.



WCCD, State VP, Ashley Fitz goes over the committee reports with Sally Claunch, ER

IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND
 ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW
 MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---
**“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
 RECOLLECTION”**

Harold Calvin
Born: APRIL 30, 1936
Initiated: November 17, 1964
Died: June 9, 2005

EDITORS CORNER
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We want to share these letters of thanks from a couple of our Scholarship winners.

Dear Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge,

Thank you very much for how you have so generously funded my college career at Peperdine University. I wanted to write to you to thank you and update you all on how your generous scholarship has aided me in my college career. I have currently just completed my first year of college at Pepperdine University, where I am majoring in sports medicine as well as minoring in studio art. As of now I plan to use the degree I am working toward to become a physical therapist that specializes in helping children who are suffering from Crebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy. Additionally, I would like to some day assist and hopefully work for the Special Olympics, specializing as a coach and physical therapist. Because of your generous scholarship, I have been able to persue my dreams. Thank you for all of your support and pray that God will bless you all!

*Your truly,
Lauren Morales*

Dear Elks (Lodge) Club,

Thank you so much for the Most Valuable Student Award and the beautiful plaque! the scholarshio will help me so much when I go to UCLA in the fall. I plan to study medicine.

*Thanks again!
Lauren Baize, LaReina High School*



NATIONAL SERVICES
By Judy Palmquist

The week of April 18th has been a special one for the Sepulveda Veterans Facility; they celebrated 50 years of service to Veterans of WW1, WW11, Korea, Viet Nam, and Saudi Arabia. During the week there have been many special events to help commemorate this anniversary.

There were over 15 organizations that hosted refreshments and provided entertainment; on Tuesday, Vern Jossy, Judi Palmquist, and Jim Kellogg had the privilege of delivering & serving 80 lbs. of potato salad donated by our Lodge and made by our own Judy Brayman, thank you so much Judy We will be back on the third Thursday of each month enabling the Bingo Parties. If there is anyone who would like to be a part of this rewarding endeavor, be at the lodge before 2:00 and we carpool from there.

SCOUTING

Bill Miller, Com. Chair.

Our gang did well tonight at the District Awards dinner in Simi Valley celebrating 75 years of Cub Scouting. You may or may not know that this was the last awards night for the Simoroaks District which will be split back into what it was several years ago, viz., Conejo District and Simi Valley. We will keep Grant Wilkins as our Sr. District Exec.

Anyway, here are the awardees from our sponsored units. Grant took photos for me and will send you a copy soon (he promised - as long as you gave him photo credits in the Antler). I'll drop off a program to your house later today (Sat).

(Note that there was generally more than one award presented in each category, I counted 46 total - and we got SIX. Not a bad evening's work.)

Pack 3763:

- Tom Reynolds - Webelos Den Leader of the Year
- Mark Resnick - Pack Committee Chair of the Year
- Barry Sandefur - Cubmaster of the Year

Troop 754:

- Sue Owechko - Troop Committee member of the Year
- Don Cutler - Scoutmaster of the Year

Other:

Bill Miller (your humble 2477 Scouting Chairman) - Charter Organization Representative of the Year

Bro. Lee Hess, BPOE 2477, also was a Scoutmaster of the Year



Photo Courtesy of Grant Wilkins



Eddie and Ashley Fitz enjoying a little Thousand Oaks hospitality

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

David Naccarato

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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

Here we are in July already. Sally has settled into her Exalted Ruler position and she is on her way to the national convention in Reno. Plan on attending the Exalted Rulers' Going Away Party. It's a real blast.

It's not too early to start looking for officers. If you ever thought about joining the officer corps, I do need a Tiler. Now the Tiler gets his/her dues paid. Also I am in need of an Esquire. His/her duties are to set up the room on meeting night and to see that the signs are given correctly in the lodge room and to see that the orders of the Exalted Ruler are properly executed.

Lastly, I am in need of an Inner Guard. This person sells tickets on meeting night and during the meeting does not permit entry except to those who qualify and none can leave without permission of the Exalted Ruler. If you would like to talk about this more, see me at the lodge or call me 375-1089.

This year's fundraiser for our Charity Baskets is old fashion Halloween line dance. Hay bales and some old fashion BAR- B- QUE cooking from our famous Bar- B- Que team. Details soon

MAJOR PROJECT PURPLE PIG

David Naccarato, Com. Chair.

We had a good year in terms of donations to the Major Project (i.e.), Purple Pig. Sally just got back from state convention where she brought a check from our lodge of \$3011.00 which was added together with deposits in Fresno totaling \$15011.00. That is a \$28.22 per capita. Not bad. We should be proud.

This is money well spent. Let me give you a run-down of how the money is spent. First let me say that the California Hawaii Elks Major Project employs Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Speech-Language Pathologists. From April 2004 to March 2005 these therapists handle a caseload of 705 children with 10,367 visits. To see these children 267,761 thousand miles were driven. We also provide preschool vision screening. We held 1,504 such screenings and saw 43,082 children. We found 2,183 children that needed further attention and they were referred to a doctor. Miles driven for this was 113,747

This year's theme child is Carlos Vazquez. Occupa-

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Harold Calvin on his passing; to Len Cardoni and family on the passing of his brother Rick.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jim Wagner; PER, Bob Hardy who is starting chemo; John Ennis.

ON THE MEND: Rick Spampinato is now cancer free!!!; Eula McKee from knee surgery; and Flo Lloyd from hip surgery; Barb Ryder from surgery; Joel Erickson from a detached retina; Ralph Vester is in a rehab center.

REMEMBER CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED



Teresa and Pat Russell Appearing July 22

tional Therapist, Deborah Van Buren, has been assigned to Carlos's case. The year fundraising for Major Projects starts again on July 3rd. At the Sunday morning breakfast we are going to have a pig exchange. Bring in your Purple Pig and exchange it for an empty one and you will get your name on the Purple Pig honor roll. Besides you will also receive breakfast for 1/2 price. Thank you again for your support.

ROY NEWMAN*PRESIDENT - 2005-2006***CALIFORNIA - HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION**

Roy is a native Californian... born in San Francisco, he lived in the Mission District for his first 12-years. He attended high school in Westwood, a small lumber town in northern California. Roy served his country by serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for 4-years, receiving an honorable discharge in 1959, having attained the rank of Buck Sergeant.

Upon leaving the Corps, he went to work for Lockheed, at its aerospace program in Sunnyvale, California, where he worked as an electronic technician on the nation's first space rockets. While at Lockheed, he worked the graveyard shift and attended San Jose State University during the day, studying for an engineering degree.

In 1964, Roy shifted careers, and for the past 40+ years he has worked as a real estate broker and mortgage banker. With the help of his wife, Carole, Roy founded, and continues to hold the CEO position for Mortgage Training Services, a nation-wide training school for lending personnel.

Roy became an Elk by joining Santa Clara Elks Lodge #2347 in 1967, and in 1973 he relocated his business and transferred his membership to Marysville

Lodge #783. At Marysville Lodge, he served on numerous committees and, after advancing through the Chairs, became Exalted Ruler for the year 1983-84. The members of Marysville Lodge #783 expressed their appreciation for Brother Roy's accomplishments by awarding him an Honorary Life Membership.

After several years absence from Marysville, Roy returned and was immediately pressed into duty at the district level, holding a number of chairmanships for the North Central District. In 1990, he was installed as a District Vice President, becoming one of the "Woodsmen", under then president Lynn Wood (1990-1991). Following his VP position, he was installed as District Deputy GER for the year 1992-1993.

Since 1995, Roy has served the California-Hawaii Elks Association in the following positions: Asst. Tiler (1995-96); Tiler (1996-97); BLT Vice Chairman-North (1997-99); Secretary (1999-2002); CHEMPI Trustee (2002-2004); First Vice President (2004-2005); and President (2005-2006).

Brother Roy has also served his community and the real estate finance industry, in his local community, Roy coached Little League Baseball for several years, also serving as president for the North Yuba Little League. In serving the mortgage community, he was chairman of the education committee for 6-years, and president of the California Association of Lenders for 1-year. The association presented him with an honorary life membership in 1987.

Roy married his lovely wife Carole in 1985, and together, they proudly claim 7-children, 10-grandchildren, and 2-great grandchildren.



Friday July 15th

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LOYAL KNIGHT
Catherine Koeritz

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Judy Brayman
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz
DRUG AWARENESS:
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander
MOTHER'S DAY: Terry Baker



ENTERTAINMENT: Judy Brayman
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Liz Bell
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
APPRECIATION: Scott Dool
DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PDDGER
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

This poem was presented to Sally Claunch, Exalted Ruler and her Fantabulous Ritual Team from our Fabulous Cooks, the Brite Lites and one volunteer, the self proclaimed 'Dim Lite' (Susie Ross):

**Our Ritual team is the best,
 number one above the rest.
 At Lompoc Lodge you did arrive,
 a winning gleam in every eye.**

**You talked the talk,
 you walked the walk.
 And then came home,
 but not alone.**

**You hauled right back,
 the biggest plaque!
 And so for this we'd like to say
 CONGRATULATIONS - yeh, yeh, yeh!!!**

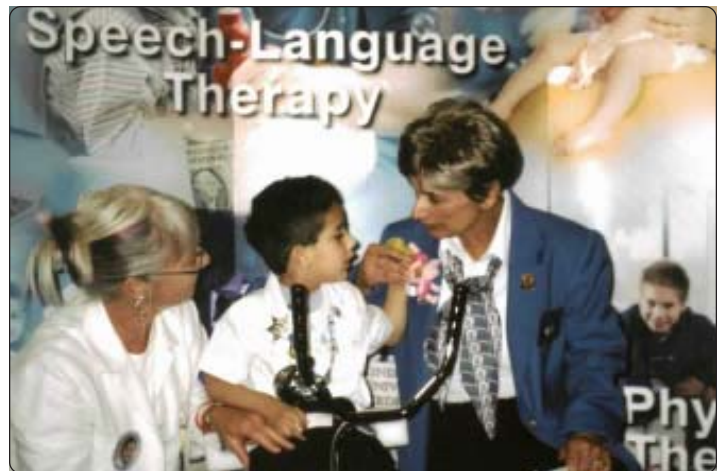
The Brite Lies, Mallory, Steven, Dee, Abe, Debi and the volunteer Susie, Too.

Thank you for the great card and poem.

Catherine's Communication:

Are you in the know? The current calendar supplied in each month's Antler Antics to provide you with the weekly menus, Duty Officers, lodge activities and other important information. We do our best to stick with the schedule and rarely substituted things.

Look for the 'Chef of the Week' poster in the Lodge. Again, if you want to sign up to cook on any Sunday, Wednesday or Friday, please call or see me at the Lodge. I'm open to accepting volunteers, different ideas, or any suggestions.



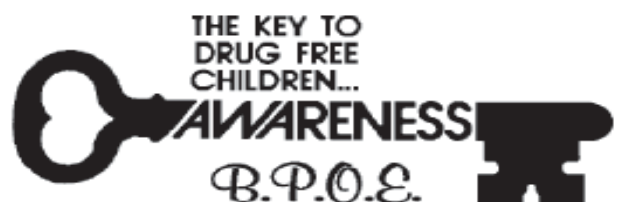
At the State Convention Carlos Vazques, theme child gets hello from Sally Claunch, ER

Upcoming Events:

July 1: Naccarato & Neuner
 July 2: ER Going Away Party
 July 4: Holiday
 July 8: Salmon/Chicken & Mystery Mash
 July 15: Fish Fry / Renegade Band
 July 22: Mexican Fiesta / Teresa Russell
 July 29: Chicken Picata / Linguini

Cath's Quips:

"A huge part of any real success is learning something new in the process." (Unknown)



2005 Theme Child
CARLOS VAZQUES
 California-Hawaii Elks
 Major Project

In the year of 2000, Veronica and Gerardo Vazquez were expecting their first child. After a healthy pregnancy, Carlos Cezar Vazquez was born on October 15, 2000. Everything appeared perfect at first until his second well baby check-up when it was found that Carlos was not gaining the appropriate weight. This was the first sign that Carlos had health problems. He was hospitalized for the first time and diagnosed as a failure to thrive child with the inability to suckle. After a week stay at a local hospital he was sent home to be monitored by his pediatrician for appropriate weight gain.

At about 9 months other problems with Carlos' health appeared. He began to show delays in his fine and gross motor skills. Then at 15 months old Carlos was referred to Children's Hospital in Fresno to be evaluated at their Neurological Clinic to determine when he was having health issues and developmental delays. Most children at 15 months of age are walking and picking up the smallest items, but Carlos still did not sit up independently and could not grasp small objects with his hands. The Neurological Clinic was unable to determine a diagnosis, leaving the family in the dark.

After two years of continuous searching for answers to Carlos' health issues and developmental delays, as a family, the Vazqueses decided to stop the search for answers. Instead they decided to focus on finding services that would help Carlos "grow-up to be the best person he could be." Their search led them to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project where Occupational Therapist, Deborah Van Buren, came into their lives and has been an asset ever since.

Deborah first focused on the most pressing issue at that time. Carlos' feeding. Carlos had continued to struggle with gaining weight. Deborah helped both the babysitter and parents problem solve appropriate was to feed Carlos so that he could swallow and begin gaining weight. Deborah and the Vazques family consistently worked with activities to strengthen his jaw using oral motor activities which not only improved speech his eating but also has resulted in Carlos' improved speech ability.

Another important home program was educating the family on how important positioning was for Carlos, for the more support he received the most his posture and strength improved. A high chair was provided so that Carlos could be fully supported to sit upright, thus building his postural strength.



Carlos' therapy has also focused on improving his fine motor skills in conjunction with teaching him some basic skills for preschool. Deborah continually brought in fun and educational therapy tools that helped Carlos gain more control on his hand and arms.

In October 2004 Deborah referred Carlos to a unique program in Carmel using horses in their treatment. Equine Assist therapy at Mountain Valley is now one of the family's most important therapy sessions for Carlos and they travel over an hour every Saturday morning so Carlos can ride his favorite horse, Bo Bo.

In November 2004, thanks to Deborah, Carlos was able to get an appointment at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford to be

reevaluated. Because of this assessment Carlos has finally received a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy and is now eligible for the California Children's Services in San Benito County. He is currently waiting to receive occupational and physical therapy services through this agency. At that time Deborah will discharge Carlos from her caseload allowing another family who is unable to obtain therapy services to benefit from the generosity of the Elks.

The Vazqueses know the journey has just begun but are grateful that Deborah and the Elks Major Project has been partners along the way. Without the Major Project, Carlos, would not have received the needed therapy to improve his quality of living and begin achieving independence. For Carlos, a rambunctious 4 year old, independently keeping up with his year old brother and his peers is everything!

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

In Honor Of The Writing Of The Constitution Of The United States

By Bro. Ed Jones

Today's casual observer of American government, especially the Congress, with its bitter philosophical differences producing seemingly unending fights and obstruction, is struck by its lack of positive accomplishment. Promoting the general welfare seems to have been abandoned for "ideological purity" and manufacturing favorable PR, and the work of solving real problems goes undone. Two of the root causes of this growing division, especially among House members, lie in Congressional district gerrymandering and the obsession with being reelected. Since the advent of computer redistricting every ten years, state legislatures have created such safe party districts that the members only real competition comes in the primaries. Hence, House Republicans are getting more conservative, House Democrats more liberal and the schism is becoming enormous.

Congress, as a group, needs to reform and its members need to start putting the public good ahead of partisan differences and personal gain. Pressing problems that cry out for solutions are being ignored while the Senate spends countless hours debating judicial ideology and whether or not to revise filibuster rules. What about balancing the budget, funding Social Security, finally devising an energy policy and figuring out an exit strategy for Iraq? To inspire them to get back on track, they should reflect upon the founding of our nation, with its precedent for cooperation and compromise and begin to put the general welfare first.

It was finally on May 25, 1787, six years following Yorktown, the last major battle of the American Revolution, that George Washington and other political leaders assembled in Philadelphia to redeem the fruits of the bloody, 6 1/2 year struggle by writing a charter for the new nation. Any student of that assembly, given its extra-legal character, diversity of membership, conflicting goals and assortment of egos, would marvel at the wonderful document it produced. When such amazing work proceeds from such unlikely circumstances, one is led to conclude that not only knowledge and understanding were at play, but also a spirit of cooperation.

Historians agree on certain fundamental facts about that meeting -- that a distinguished group of knowledgeable and experienced political activists, motivated by the public good, cut

through major disagreements to devise a political system that would provide for future security while preserving individual liberty. The genius of the constitution is not that it changes human nature, but that it provides a framework for problem-solving, while preventing the negative aspects of human nature from doing harm to the public good. The great secret, which is no secret at all, was compromise. The constitution is a bundle of compromises. Any in Congress today who would say that their cause is so pure and their intentions so superior that no concession can be made to those with other causes and other points of view, have no place in the heredity of the Framers of the Constitution.

The biggest problem, the make-up of Congress, was solved by the Great Compromise which reconciled the interests of both big and small states by creating a two-house federal legislature with one house based on population and the other on equality. There were three compromises concerning slavery; western concerns were met through a provision for admitting new states; mercantile needs were answered by prohibiting taxes on exports; fears of tyranny were allayed by the creation of a strong legislature and checks and balances and the list goes on and on.

Today's problems are not larger and today's philosophical differences are not greater than those of the Framers. What is very different today is the intolerance for political opponents and their concerns.

On the last day of the Constitutional Convention, when delegates had to decide whether or not to sign the finished product, Benjamin Franklin addressed the meeting and said, in part, "When you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests and their selfish views." Nevertheless, he said that he would sign the document because, though not perfect, that it reflected the views of all concerned. He concluded by saying that, "the opinions I have had of its errors, I sacrifice to the public good." Amen!

Members of Congress should copy out Franklin's remarks from that day and say them every night before falling asleep, then perhaps they might stop the bitter quarreling and get something done for the American people.

NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzgus, PER



I am writing this month under the assumption that the vote to accept outside funding has been made and the result was favorable. Please keep in mind that this is being written on the 10th of June so that it can be published in the July Antler antics. If the vote was not taken or if it was not favorable, please disregard

the following and come visit me in the Looney bin.

With most of the money now in place to start our building we can now set a date for ground breaking. This date will be dependent upon how many more hoops the city is going to make us jump through. Rezoning is still up in the air but moving forward none the less. All of the rest of the obstacles will be addressed as they occur and I am sure there will be many we haven't anticipated.

As I stated in the above paragraph, most of the required funds are in place. We know that there will be costs that are going to come up because of unforeseen circumstances and inflation isn't going to stop just because we start building. Our costs are going up by the hour and will continue until the last brush stroke of the painter. We need to step up our efforts now so that there will not have to be delays or compromises during construction. The more money we raise outside of bond sales, the less we have to borrow.

Along with the approval of the secondary loan is a proposal to issue new bonds at a higher interest rate and with a maturing date. We need to sell at least \$850,000 of these bonds right now. These bonds will shift debt for the new lodge from a private lender to the membership. With the interest rate set at 6.5% (proposed), there should be a good financial incentive for our members to participate. There will be many details to follow on these bonds including provisions for members that have already purchased bonds at 4%. Please watch for details and participate to the fullest of your ability.

Thanks to everyone for their support in the effort. We still have a long way to go but the first big steps are now behind us. Thank you for your support.

BEQUESTS AND LIVING TRUSTS

The BLT program was born in 1981. Its founders were Leonard Cosgrove, Larry Morse and Larry Crispo. The program struggled until 1984 when it became a committee of the major project. Consider the value of the BLT (Bequest and Living Trust) Commitment Trust (BLT-CT) over a certificate of deposit. You place cash or an appreciated asset into a BLT-CT, and you receive an immediate income tax deduction and a variable lifetime income. After your lifetime(s), the funds are then given to the, Major Project, to use in the care of children in need.

Because you are making a future gift to charity, you get an immediate partial income tax deduction. If you use an appreciated asset, such as farmland, an apartment building, or stock, there's more. You get the full value without having to pay any capital gains tax. The trust is irrevocable, so your gift reduces your overall estate, lowering that tax as well.

Consider an Elk, age 75 and a spouse age 73. They create a BLT-CT for \$10,000. They would receive an annual of \$700.00 the first year. After that the income may go up or down depending upon trust investments, But each year the BLT-CT will pay out 7% of the annual trust value. This sample couple get an immediate income tax deduction of \$3,901.00. Also they make future gift commitment to the major Project and create a variable income stream. Which carries protection against inflation. It pays you 7% of the value of the account each year for you and if you wish, your spouse's lifetime. The BLT-CT is a Charitable remainder unitrust under IRS regulations.

The BLT-CT is a great way to get a good return on your investment while making a commitment to the future of the Major Project.

For more information to check it out for yourself mail a request to BLT committee c/o The Major Project 5450 E. Lamona Ave Fresno Ca. 93727-2200 or call 1 800-742-1907.



Jerry Serota, Public Relations garnered 1st. Place awards for Lodge 2477, Bulletin, One Best Event, and Community Image Brochure at the CHEA State Convention in Fresno.



Courtesy of : Photoshoot

This Memorial Day the United States Marines paid respects to one of their own, Dr. Robert MacFarlane along with granddaughter Kaylee and Colleen MacFarlane

Entertainment

Friday July 15 The Renegades

Friday July 22 Teresa Russell

Friday July 29 Phil Birdsell

In order to provide you with entertainment we need your participation and camaraderie. Please join us for dinner and fun.

SANTA MARIA ELKS PARADE



(L-R) Greg Metzgas, PER, Teri and Chrissy Rochford
BPOE 2477 Color Guard



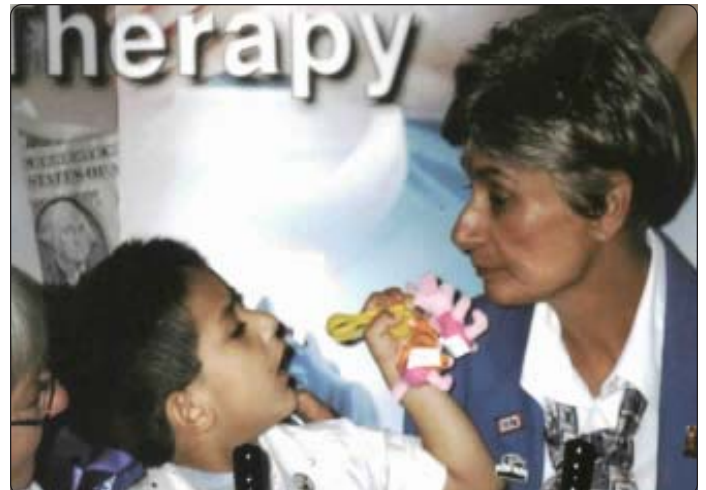
Elkomotive 2477 driven by Johnny D' Ambrogio, PER and co-pilot Marva D', seated in train is Tommy and Sally Claunch, ER and Family



Roy Newman, President,
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Jim Grillo, Grand Exalted Ruler,
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



Theme Child Carlos Vazques and Exalted Ruler , Sally
Claunch at the CHEA State Convention

2004-05 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES
Alice Kennedy

2004-05 COMMITTEE
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MAJOR PROJECTS:
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CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell
HISTORIAN:
SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski



ELKS LADIES

Jessica Stull, 2nd Vice President

I've been thinking a lot lately about the 4th of July. It is peculiar that history gets recorded by the "recorder" and often the same events are written so very differently, we wonder if they were at the same place. I looked up the 4th of July on the internet and found some conflicting facts. One website stated that only two of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence actually signed the document on July 4, 1776. Another site said not one signature was actually affixed by that date, but most were in place by August. One signer, Thomas McKean, did not actually sign the Declaration until 1781. The committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence chose Thomas Jefferson to craft the document since he was the strongest and considered the most eloquent writer of the time. Even with all that, the committee made eighty-six changes to his draft! One year later, in Philadelphia Congress adjourned and celebrated Independence Day with bonfires, bells and fireworks. In 1941 Congress declared July 4th a legal Federal holiday. How fortunate we are to live in this wonderful country with all freedom fought for by those who came before us, despite different versions of events.

The summer is in full swing and the lodge is making its own brand of history. Everywhere you look there is activity. If you are like me, you live for those Saturdays and the smell of barbecue. The memories of summer are so sweet... Our senses help us with these memories. Did you know that smell was the most powerful of the senses connected to memory? The smell of flowers or fresh cut grass, the smell of the ocean and the fireworks on the 4th of July. You can probably remember the scent of the cologne your grandmother wore or the smells of her kitchen when you went for a visit. Maybe when you think of her apple pie, your mouth will begin to water. Some may argue that taste or sight is more powerful and that sound awakens past memories as well. While true, studies have shown that smell can activate more memories than any of the other senses.

I planned to entice you with the smell of a delicious luncheon and describe in intricate detail how it would taste. Since, I do not have the menu for the Ladies "Get Acquainted Hat Luncheon", I simply can't do that. What I can tell you is that you are guaranteed to have a good time with some really great women. Everyone is looking forward to it and it is the talk of the meetings lately. Some shy ladies don't want to wear a big hat and others want the biggest one they can find! Some ladies say they don't look good in hats or one said her head was pointed and hats wouldn't stay on (I think that was me). It's all about fun and camaraderie, hats aren't even required, it's just for fun and getting acquainted or in some cases re-acquainted. Recently, I attended the Palm Springs Follies



WHEN RESISTING CHANGE
Marilyn Cissell

**Our lives with all the changes,
when will we bend or brake?
Technologies or situations
not changing, Lord, our big mistake.**

**Your blessings, God, will compensate,
for alterations yet to come.
Because you guide us always,
to save us, Lord, you are the one.**

Amen

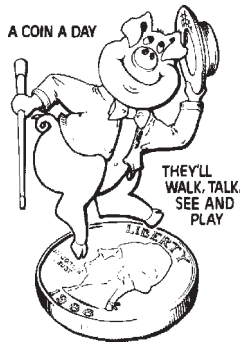


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11. Bette Pape
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where the Red Hat Society made an appearance in full regalia. There were enough hats in that auditorium to fill three or four hat stores! I thought of our event and wondered if we'll get any of the Red Hatters. The reason for our luncheon is multifaceted. ONE, is to thank those ladies who have been members for a very long time and cannot attend the meetings regularly due to not driving at night or illness. Your support is still needed and appreciated. We want to "Get Re-Acquainted" with you; TWO, is to invite potential new members to join us and see what we are all about. We really are a hoot. We work hard and laugh even harder. We are about caring and giving support to our Elks Lodge. We are about our community and about a helping hand for our members that come up against adversity. We are complex. Our organization is made up of many different sizes, shapes, personality types, and temperaments. That is what makes us so special! We are about appreciating each other; THREE, we are about having an afternoon of fun on a hot summer day. By now you are probably screaming to yourself, "So when is this thing anyway? I simply can't miss it. Tell me when." It is at the lodge on **Saturday, July 23rd at 11 am** Invitations will be going out in the mail, so look for yours and be sure to respond so we have adequate seating and meals. Hope you can join us. We'll make a little of our own history. My wish for you this month is to take time to "smell" the roses. Remember, you are making powerful memories with each sweet breath.

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