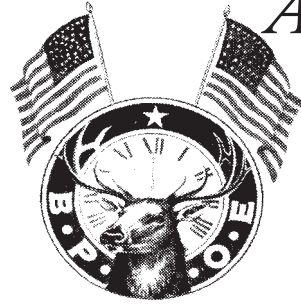


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Exalted Ruler



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION NITE

**Wednesday January 24, 2007**

**Social Hour 6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

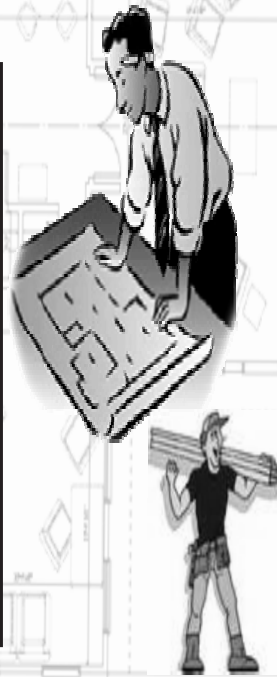
**Baby Back Ribs & Chicken \$12**

**Presentation 8 p.m.**



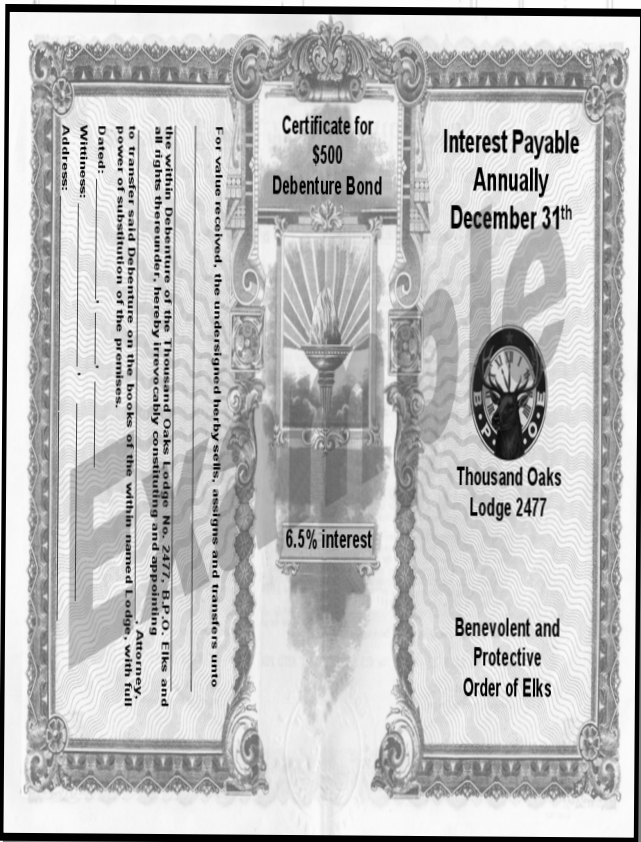
# Building a New Lodge

*Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is proud to announce the release of bonds to our membership to purchase.*



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A NEW LODGE



***We are finally doing it!!!***

We are offering the sale of bonds to build our new Lodge. These will be available in \$500 or \$1,000 denominations and will pay 6.5 % simple interest annually.

o Information will be forthcoming directly to the membership during Lodge Wednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics

o Applications for bonds are available at the Office and in the lounge

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



## EXALTED RULER

### David Naccarato

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**ELKS TRAINING:** Greg Metzgus, PER  
**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**  
 Robert Jones

Happy New Year to all. Hope you all had a safe and sane New Year's Eve and enjoyed time with your family.

The officers and myself have come back from our 3rd mandatory convention Mid Term. The State Convention is when we give our Major Project contributions. The National Convention is when we install the new Grand Lodge officers and vote on new proposals and Mid Term is our ENF contributions.

**HOOP SHOOT:** In November we held our Grand Lodge mandated Hoop Shoot program.

We got together with Newbury Park Basketball and held our annual hoop Shoot program. We had 56 kids go through the program. Our winners that will represent our lodge at the district shoot are: Baylie Zamora 8-9 girls; Eddie Leonard 8-9 boys; Kendal Frisoli 10-11 girls; Alexandra Abrams 10-11 boys; Kylie Cunningham 12-13 girls and Ryan Heller 12-13 boys. Good luck to all at district. Volunteers for the event were: myself, the First Lady Karen Naccarato, PER, Greg Metzgus, Lecturing Knight, Terry Baker, Bob Abetman, Tiler, Grant Thistle, new member Mike Ross and PER, Bill Sternberg. And also a Huge thank you to Eddie Rice and the BAR B QUE guys for providing lunch for the hoop shoot workers. We'll do it again next year.

#### **FROM OUR LODGE PICNIC:**

I've been wanting to report that at our lodge picnic visitors Bill and Jennifer Roffel brought by Herb and Pat Jellander won our bingo game and donated their winnings back to New Facilities.

#### **BAR B QUE CHAIRMAN.**

The new year also brings us to the need of a Bar B Que chairman. The chairman is an important position in our lodge. The Bar B Que is a major source of income for our lodge. All lodges have their source of steady income whether it be a piece of rental property, hall rent, a pool, a workout area or a large membership. Ours happens to be the Bar BQue. Our lounge does a good job, but we need

both. Once our new lodge is built and we have the 300 seat hall it will take some load off the Bar B Que. But remember we cannot advertise that we have that room for rent. It can only be by word of mouth and the event has to be sponsored by an Elk member. But it is still a big income for our lodge

#### **POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION NIGHT:**

January 24th will be our appreciation night for our police and fire fighters in our area. Scott Dool chairs this event. Be in attendance to show your support.

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The Lodge room looked amazing this holiday season. Many thanks go out to Denise Goldstein for taking on the task of decoration. Of course she didn't do it alone. Denise had help from Don and Barbara Booker. Elk of the year Tumble Weed Tom Hartin, Tom's wife Lori Hartin and daughter Heather Hartin, maintenance personnel Max Maxwell and Jeffery and additional financial contribution from Elaine Goldner. My Elvis Tree was a cool idea. I have been known to "Heartbreak Hotel" a time or two. I've discovered through helping decorate the lodge room, that one thing you leave alone is the Elk head that sits over the Leading Knight station. But the way Denise decorated it looks real good.

#### **BREAKFAST 101**

My breakfast crew and myself had our breakfast in November. The crew consisted of Karen Naccarato and Bill and Jeri Miller. We tried something new by having breakfast burritos. We thought we were on to something because by 9:00 we had a line at the window all ordering burritos but then that was it. Later I found out everyone

**Exalted Ruler continued on page 16**



**MEMBERSHIP  
APPRECIATION  
DINNER**

Hosted by  
The Board of Trustees

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 5, 2007  
6:30 P.M.**

**FREE  
PASTA DINNER**  
WITH VALID THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE MEMBERSHIP CARD

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, ELKS' LADIES AND GUESTS - \$6





**DICK  
FLITTNER's**

75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

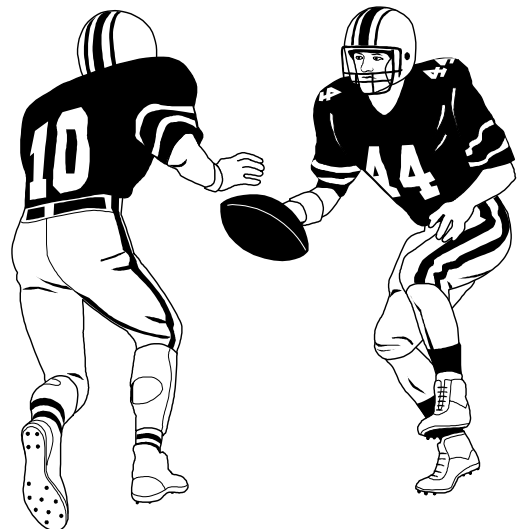
When:  
Saturday, February 3, 2007  
Where:  
T.O. Elks Lodge #2477  
Time:  
2:00 p.m. til (?????)

HE HAS REQUESTED. . .YOUR  
PRESENCE BUT  
NO PRESENTS PLEASE!!!!

**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00 P.M.-?**

**FOOD-DRINKS RAFFLES  
BRING APPETIZER**





### EDITOR'S CORNER

Sally Claunch, PER  
*sclaunch@adelphia.net*  
 articles due 5th of month  
 send as Word attachment

### A NEW APPRECIATION

As a member when I go to a Wednesday night meeting I exchange pleasantries with my fellow Elks then sit down to attend the business meeting. The agenda is set and the meeting progresses in routine fashion. Some even call it dull and boring. It is always the same. Yet, on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the routine changed and magic happened. Dick McCann rose and took the floor to speak about the importance of Pearl Harbor day. When he finished others were inspired by his words and shared their remembrances and stories of Pearl Harbor Day or WW11. Of course, I am not old enough to remember these events. But by their sharing it gave me a new appreciation and understanding of my fellow Elk brothers. Did you know that we have a member Beau who survived Pearl Harbor Day? I think that we need more sharing at meetings to give them more meaning and life



Chaplin, Raven West (center) representing our Lodge at a service honoring WWII veterans on December 7th.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Herb & Pat Jellanderon the passing of his sister, Carol; Al Lenahan on the passing of his wife, Hazel.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Rusty Kennedy had aneurism surgery; Carol Sternberg had surgery.

**ON THE MEND:** Carroll Stewart fell and fractured her shoulder, Buggy Ansell is home from the hospital, Mary Woodlief from surgery, Bill Lloyd from shoulder replacement surgery

**REMEMBERS CARDS AND PHONE CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!**

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 5-Member Appreciation Dinner/Trustees

January 12-Queen Coleen's Pot Roast Dinner

January 24-- Police & Firefighters Appreciation Dinner

February 3-Dick Flinter's Birthday Party

February 4-Super Bowl Party

February 24- Elk Ladies Mardi Gras Party

March 7-Pin Night

March 28- Installation of Officers

March 31-Inaugural Ball

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LEADING KNIGHT

### Catherine Koeritz

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG:**

David Naccarato

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

Myrna Block

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

I hope everyone enjoyed all the activities this past Holiday Season has brought us.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the decorations in the lodge room from Denise Goldstein & Barbara Booker for their inspiration January 2007 and fantastic design

. It provides a great ambience to the room and we were able to hold our Wed meeting with only the lights from the decorations and trees. Well, we got a little help from the fan lights. Max did a great job hanging the wreaths up with help from Jeffery. We appreciate that. Also we appreciate the financial contributions from Denise Golstein & Elaine Goldner, and the Bookers.--  
THANKYOU!!

As I am describing how the lodge looked at our Wed night meeting, I wanted to express how thankful I am to our Veterans. We discussed the date of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Several of the members took a few minutes to share their thoughts of this historic date and remembrances. That was a great meeting. I'm sorry for those who missed it. We should have more of those types of meetings. Thank you to all the veterans and their sacrifices.

Once again, everyone rose to the occasion of preparing and delivering the Christmas baskets. This year we gave away 73 baskets to seniors and families in need. We give a turkey or a ham and staple items for the family to have a nice dinner and groceries for at least 1 week. In addition, the children get a wrapped gift that is specific to their age and gender. The excitement in the children when they see toys being brought to their family from the little "Elks Elves" is priceless.

We had a few people who were instrumental in gathering a lot of toys from either their organizations or resident. I especially appreciate the coordinators for taking on the task of the Christmas Baskets again this year. This takes a lot of effort for all and as I can attest (as Leading Knight) it is particularly doing! this year. This takes a lot of effort for all and as I can attest (as Leading Knight) it is particularly important to have someone who knows what they are doing!

Thank you to:

- David & Annie Pearson for directing all efforts, imputing all the names, making your donation of the boxes.
- Tommy & Sally Claunch for feeding us on delivery day and for the maps for delivering the baskets. We don't want anyone to get lost!
- My Husband Robert for putting up with my insanity, late nights, no dinners and volunteering him for projects.
- Patty & Woody Hammer for donating the staple items and storing them in your garage. She was able to supply 100 each of ketchup, peanut butter and hot chocolate. Great deal!
- Angie Prizzi for calling the recipients.
- Tom Hartin, Jack Laughran, Max Maxwell for ordering and picking up food at the Navy Commissary, and for everything. They seem to be hands-on in anything asked of them.
- The gifts donated from the residents of Thunderbird Oaks Mobile homes. Thanks to Carol Fredricks and Dean Nash for hosting the party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elaine Goldners' professional assoc. and the Elks Ladies. And all of you who donated unwrapped gifts.
- Shirley & Chet for organizing the Kids Christmas Party.
- Myrna Block for coordinating the gift wrappers and being there to help.
- For all the wrappers and packers for the baskets and wrapping gifts
- The drivers for delivering the baskets.
- Thank you to the volunteers at the tree lot.
- Thank you for anyone who I did not specifically name. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. I hope we have a successful year with good health and happiness.



**Bob Saynay,  
Secretary**

In preparation for the New Elk Year 2007-2008 and to update our Elks membership computer program, please advise the Lodge office of any personal status changes such as:

**new address  
new phone numbers  
widows/widowers who desire ID cards**

Each undelivered Antler Antics newsletter returned by the Post Office results in a service charge of \$.75. Therefore, an undelivered Antler will mean that no additional Antlers will be mailed to that member until a corrected address is received.



**NEW FACILITIES  
Greg Metzgus, PER**

**January 2007**

Our plans are in the hands of prospective builders and by the time you are reading this, we will probably have prices back from a few of the bidders. For those of you that are qualified to bid any phase of this work, please let the Steering Committee know so we can direct you to the general contractors bidding the entire project.

We have come to an agreement for additional parking with the elementary school across the street. Scott Dool is helping us with the letter to the school district and to the city outlining the conditions. There is also an effort underway to try and have the city do some of the street improvements or sidewalk improvements at their expense. We may not be successful in this effort but we will never know if we don't try.

For now, the best way for members to help us get this project going is to help with the financing. Bonds are still for sale with an attractive 6 ½% interest rate. We have commercial lenders wanting to finance this project but the costs are high and the interest will have to be adjusted periodically. Please, help us by buying bonds and buy them often.

Thanks to everyone for your support in this effort.

**GOT EMAIL**

**toelks@yahoo.com**

**KUDOS TO:**

- ◆ El Konejo Kampers
- ◆ Elks Ladies

For their generous financial support of the Christmas basket program

**HAVE YOU  
BOUGHT A BOND???**

**NOW IS THE  
TIME!!!!!!**



2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**LOYAL KNIGHT  
George Meehan**

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Ed Rice  
**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Glenn Wellman  
**SCOUTING:** Bill Miller  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:** Tom Ryder, PER  
**DRUG AWARENESS:** Karen Naccarato  
**STRAY ELKS:** Herb Jellander



**MOTHER'S DAY:** Raven West  
**ENTERTAINMENT:** Tom Ryder, PER  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Steve Smith  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER  
 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Bill Miller

**LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The end of 2006 is nearly here and I hope you have made your reservations for the New Year's Eve celebration in your Lodge. This year our music will be provided by Vanessa and Charlie, and will be prepared by Pierre's Catering which has had a fine reputation in Westlake for the past twenty years. It will be a wonderful evening and I hope to see you all there at the Lodge.

**DON'T FORGET:** Reservations **MUST** be made by December 20. Tickets are at the bar and must be paid for **IN ADVANCE**.

A fine Thanksgiving Dinner was served on Thanksgiving Day for sixty plus people. This dinner was prepared by Jerry Serota, Tom Hartin, Max Maxwell, Bob Arbetman, John and June Leadam, Bob and Carol Saynay, Fred Trzcinski, Crystal Dool and George and Cornelia. I would like to thank each and every one of these people for doing such a wonderful meal and giving up a portion of their holiday. This shows how Elks Care—Elks Share.

New members! Are you coming to and enjoying your Lodge? There is a lot happening this month. I hope you are getting involved.

**Who is Eligible?**

1. Any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2004, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2004, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2007. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply through the related member's Elks Lodge, regardless of where the applicant resides.
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student qualifies for more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value.
6. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)
7. Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test by December 31, 2006.
8. Deadline for applications is January 12, 2007
9. Download an application from the Elks website: [www.enf@elks.org](http://www.enf@elks.org) or at our office.



**THIS MAN  
WANTS YOUR  
PRESENCE  
FEB. 3RD**

**AT THE LODGE AT 2 PM**





**SCOUTING NOTES:**

Bill Miller



**BAR MANAGER**

Glenn Wellman

This is reregistration time for our Boy Scout units and T.O. Lodge 2477 is proud to support our Troop 871 at Casa Pacifica by paying their full registration costs including subscriptions to Boys' Life magazine.

When we attended a recent luncheon at Casa to award the Tenderfoot rank to one of our boys a young man working as a cook in their kitchen came out to say that he had been a Life Scout and that he really was thankful to the Scouting program in his youth. Learning that our Committee Chair, Bea Fitzgerald, was leaving to resume her nursing education, staff member and Eagle Scout, Scott Walker took her place and our "Cook" replaced Scott on the Committee.

The staff at Casa is a very caring group of people dedicated to helping the kids and it's obvious that the kids appreciate them. Some of our Scouts are only in the Casa program for a short while, but we encourage their membership and hope that they at least get a taste of Scouting and are motivated to continue in the program when they move on.

The BBQ crew at Elks Lodge 2477 furnished sandwiches for staff of the annual Cubout held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oak Park. About 130 sandwiches were prepared and delivered to the crew along with chips and sodas. Staff included adults and older Boy Scouts who supported Cub training activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the large flock of Eagles soaring out of our Troop 754. The following FIVE young men have scheduled Courts of Honor where they will be presented the Eagle award, the highest rank in Scouting. You are invited to attend these very impressive ceremonies. Call Bill Miller at 497-3142 for details. The new Eagles and their Court of Honor schedules are as follows:

- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Thomas Smith
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> David Atherton
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Ricky Barnett
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Trevor Wineman
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Stefan Owechko

Wreaths are being sold again this year at the Lodge Christmas tree lot to help pay the costs of our Boy and Girl Scouting programs. Your support is really appreciated as is all the time donated by Jeri Miller who "manufactures" them.

For your listening and dancing pleasure this month we have the Renegades following Queen Coleen Morris's pot roast dinner and on the 19th following the popular fish fry is Blue Diamond. Please come down and enjoy a glass of wine during happy hour from our new and improved wine inventory.

Please use the Lunch Bunch Card when you have lunch any Monday-Thursday. Also during your birthday month, remember to use your birthday drink coupon located on page 21.

Happy New Year!!!

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Your Name

Lunch Bunch Card

Please present when ordering food.  
It will be initialed by server.  
One free entree when card is completed.  
Good Monday-Thursday  
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

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WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



George Thompson with sponsor George Meehan



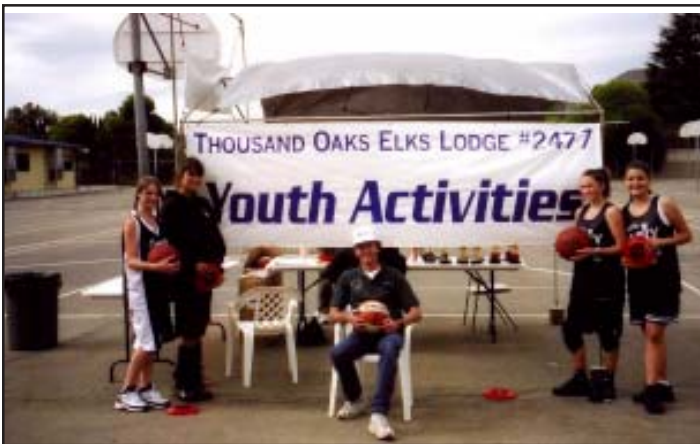
Nancy Leathers with sponsor Lloyd Carter



Olivia Corio with sponsor Joan Roper



Tom Hartin presented Jim Mullen 'The Golden Splitter Award' for finding a new Log splitter



(L-R) Jessica Sager, Morgan Hallock, Linday Jesseman, Veronica LaPerche and seated David Naccarato Hoopshoot



Sarah Ely and son David lend their voice with Rich Case to serenade the guests at the Tree Trimming Party



**Wild Women on Wine: Toni Hartin, Cherri Peterson, Denise Goldstein, Catherine Koeritz, Raven West and Sally Claunch carrying on the tradition of dinner and song**



**John Denver, aka, David Goldstein on guitar and Al Haason, on harmonica provided the entertainment for Wild Women on Wine**



**The Reunion singing group entertaining at the Elk Ladies Christmas party**



**Elk Ladies President, Carol Neuner, introducing the chefs and servers for the Elk Ladies Christmas party. L-R PER, Chet Kozlowski, Ken Grable, Leo Rodriquez, PER, Tom Ryder, ER, Dave Naccarato, and Grant Thistle**



**Patricia Peterson (President of Omaha Woodman Lodge 247, Secretary of BPOE Lodge 2477 Elk Ladies) presenting to David Stull (Musician of Omaha Woodman Lodge 247, member BPOE Lodge 2477), representing BPOE Lodge 2477, presents donated for use in Elk Christmas Baskets.**



**Dean Nash accepting a letter of appreciation from Leading Knight, Catherine Koertiz for toys donated from the Thunderbird Oaks Mobile Home Park**



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg



### THANKSGIVING FEST – KENNEY GROVE - 2006

Different but equally as good. After a number of years of Joel Erickson heading up the cooking of deep fried turkeys – this year John and Marva D’Ambrogio took on the task. Clever thinking on their part – the turkeys were cooked at the Lodge. If I understand things correctly, they put the turkeys in to cook and left Tommy Claunch to check them periodically. I’m not sure who deserves “kudos” for the turkey – but it was danged good!

As was everything, if you go away hungry at any of our campouts – it’s because you chose to.

I honestly don’t know what John and Marva would have done without Peggy and Gary Mullenau (Marva’s sister and brother-in-law) cause they were away from the campout more than they were there – WELL it seemed that way. Even though Peggy was dealing with an annoying case of vertigo, she and Gary aptly filled in, in their absence.

We had several camping guest this year. Oops, good grief – referring to my minutes – I think Ken and Jill Muinch were guests of the Flannerys, Pam and Brad Anderson (hopefully new Lodge member) were our guests and their friends Norm and Sandy (last name unknown) Norm is also interested in becoming an Elk. Ed Bianchi brought a delightful lady – Tammy Summer, her son (didn’t catch his name) and Trini – OH WELL! Crummy reporter (sigh)!

Surprise, surprise, Darlene and Gus Chinery arrived for a visit on Saturday – good grief – we haven’t seen them in a month of Sundays. They’d been back to Vermont, AGAIN. I believe I heard Darlene say that would be their last run – hopefully we’ll see more of them in the coming year.

Another long time “no-see” couple showed up – Pat and Jay Peterson. They are such a kick, it was really great to have them back.

With all the “Pats” there – it was rather funny – Patty Miller is NOT called Pat – Pat Peterson is NOT called Patty – and heck – like my daddy always said, “call me anything – but don’t call me too late for dinner” Personally, I answer to just about anything, sometimes Bill even calls me “Pete” – have no idea where that came from?

Jeff Drake as been making noises about a new rig for quite a while now. YUP, Jeff and Debi arrived with a gorgeous new rig! I’m really not sure who was more excited, Jeff or Debi – but they were one happy couple.

We did have a ring toss tournament, for a change. Don Newcomer and Tommy Claunch came in first; second went to Johnny D and Trini (Ed’s friend); and third was Doris Newcomer and Judy Hamilton.

Oh right – Jim and Judy Hamilton were out also. Long time no see – and the reason being they were gone – They had a rally in Pennsylvania and figured as long as they were back there would do a bit of additional traveling, Nova Scotia etc. Sounded absolutely wonderful.

Apparently things were getting a little dull – when Beverly Erickson had a run-in with an electrical outlet – doing quite a bit of damage to her shin. If you’re gonna get hurt – an El Konejo Kampers campout it not a terrible place to do it, with TWO retired firemen, Mike Flannery and Jim Mullen, and a former air-vac medic, Ed Colleran. Mike took one look at the damage and said, “Call 911”. Good Grief – what a “turn-out”. Seems a couple of the firemen had been trainees under Mike – truly is a small world. Beverly was transported, stitched up and returned – oh about an hour or two later – severely ticked off cause she was ready to party – an almost everyone had gone to bed! Bummer!

Well almost everyone, I have it on good authority that Mary Flannery, Molly Chizar and an unidentified lady on the upper level were still having a “great” time around the fire pit. Didn’t check far enough, Bev.

**VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE**  
**[elkonejokampers.netfirms.com](http://elkonejokampers.netfirms.com)**

**for upcoming campouts**  
**& photos of events**



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**January 5**

Members Appreciation Dinner  
Spaghetti  
Members-free/Non members \$5  
By Trustees

**January 19**

Fish Fry  
\$8  
Ryder & Crew  
Blue Diamond playing in Lounge

**January 26**

Salmon or Steak  
\$12  
Kozlowski & Crew  
Elk Ladies Ice Cream Social

## WANTED-DVDS/VIDEOS

Thanks to the generosity of member and bartender, Erin, and Gayla Lindquist the Lodge now has a TV and DVD/video player for the entertainment of children who accompany their parents to functions at the Lodge. However we still need family and kid appropriate videos for their viewing pleasure. If you have hiding in your closet any treasures, please donate them to the Lodge. Just drop them at the office or lounge.

## BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK TO READ THE ANTLER

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[sclaunch@adelphia.net](mailto:sclaunch@adelphia.net)  
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**FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2007**



**POT ROAST QUEEN COLEEN MORRIS**  
And crew: Morris/Mullen/Lenahan  
\$9  
Entertainment, 50/50, Ladies Bake Sale

**Don't miss out!!!!**

**JOIN US  
FOR  
HOSPITALITY HOUR  
EVERY TUE. & THUR.  
3-6 P.M.  
APPETIZERS  
BEVERAGE SPECIALS**

Exalted Ruler continued from page 3 was there to go to a turkey shoot and they were hungry. So maybe we will try it again at another time.

### **MILITARY**

Last month I asked for members to see me about their military back ground and I received only one response as of this writing we have time but so far I would like to recognize George Meehan U.S. Navy Telemann 3rd class

### **DIRECT TV**

As you know we have had a problem with rodents eating through the cable TV cables and we didn't have any TV in the smoking lounge. Well Member Jim Miller was working the breakfast for memorial service and let the lodge borrow his satellite dish to use in the lounge. Thank you Jim.

### **EXALTED RULER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The party was a success. Hugh finger snaps a kudos go out to Ed Bianchi and his crew for serving up his Mexican fiesta. Only Ed could have pulled off such a task. They fed close to 150. Ed's kitchen crew were: Dean and Kathy Reichle, Jim Miller, Joe Clauncy, and Joe Landry and also Ed's significant other Tammy Summers lent a hand again. She also helped at the Memorial Service.

### **HOOP SHOOT AWARDS:**

One thing I sprung on him was the fact that I wanted an awards presentation for our Hoop Shoot winners to create an awareness to the kids so next year they will be looking for our Hoop Shoot. I invited the winners down for dinner on that Friday and they were all very appreciative. We had the awards and Jerry Serota took pictures and we told the first place winners to practice because we'll see them at district. No pressure though.

### **DEAL OR NO DEAL:**

For entertainment we had our interpretation of the popular game show Deal Or No Deal.

Thanks go out to Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell for helping me with the set up and take down.

Our contestant was Sharon Baker. Now she had a choice of 26 folders all containing different dollar amounts from .01 to \$100.00. Then she started to open the others to see if she would pick the one with a hundred dollar bill.. Dave Pearson and Robert Koeritz were my bankers. They tried to buy the case from her for as little as possible, even offered her Malibu Rum as part of the deal But she said" no deal". Can you believe it that Sharon Baker picked the one with the \$100.00 dollars in it. Sharon donated \$50.00 to the lodge. Thanks to everyone who stayed to watch. It was a lot of fun.

## **AMERICANISM**

Harry Isaman

What could be more inspiring than seeing our American Flag draped over a building commemorating a patriotic event?

On their recent vacation to Washington, D.C Diane and I while staying in Alexandria, Virginia, observed, and took photos at the Federal Courthouse for the swearing in of 40 new American Citizens. Citizens who came to our shores to be free with hands upraised in the swearing of allegiance to our Flag and country. This was most heart warming and awe inspiring.

The late George Steinhelper was our Americanism Chairman for a lot of years . He used to cover these events in Ventura and give out American Flags to the new citizens at the swearing in.



### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CARLSON FAMILY**

We wish to thank Carlson Building Center for allowing us to sell our Christmas Trees for our Christmas Basket program for needy families. It also helps fund our Scouting, Veterans and Scholarship programs.







Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair, Photographer

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Her-cu-les (hûr "ky...-lŷz") n. of Greek & Roman Mythology. The son of Zeus and Alcmena, a hero of extraordinary strength who won immortality by performing 12 labors demanded by Hera.*

On Wednesday November 22, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. the descendants of Hercules arrived at our Elks Lodge and exhibited those same talents in the names of Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell. They rolled up their sleeves and took to the task before them. It was the day before Thanksgiving and their job was to assist in preparing the turkeys plus carving them for the dinner on Thursday and a great job they did.

The first order of business was to do scullery on all the dirty stuff left in the sink from the night before. Not a good omen for the start of the day. Tom flexed his muscles and took to the task like a Trojan and for that we are grateful. While he was doing that we got the soup started, chopping and sauteing the onions and celery for the stuffing.

We got 80 lbs. of birds in the oven by 10:00 a.m. and by 2:00 p.m. they were ready for carving. Tom also demonstrated his skill at making gravy from scratch and we were impressed. Words cannot express how much we appreciated their help for without it, this endeavor would have been a complete disaster.

The next day another couple of Hercules descendants appeared in the form of Bob Arbetman and Fred Trzcinski to assemble and present the dinner of which was very professional and we were very impressed. George Meehan had his crew of servers dressed in fancy aprons did the serving for 69 of our members.

This was a joint effort of a lot of people and what was gratifying we received phone calls at home the next day on how much our members enjoyed the dinner. So to my Herculean friends take a bow because of you we did good work and our Lodge thanks you.

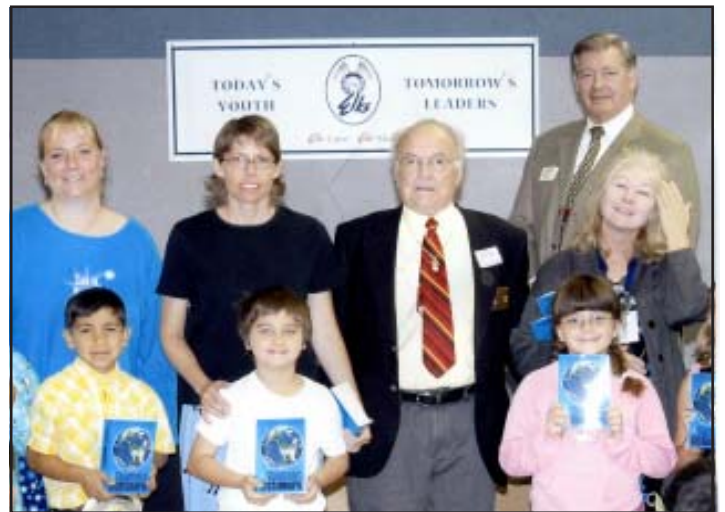


## DICTIONARY PROGRAM

On November 6, 2006 for the second year in a row the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 donated \$1390 for 850 free dictionaries to third graders in Camarillo's Pleasant Valley School System for their very own. Presentations were made at Las Posas and Mariposa Elementary schools. The children at Santa Rosa Technology Magnate School were full of smiles and thanks in their appreciation of their dictionaries.

At the Elks Grand Lodge convention it was voted on to provide free dictionaries to all 3rd graders with the hope that it will enrich their lives for the years to come. It is better to give a child a dictionary to cherish instead of a T.V. remote control for they are the 'Youth of Today - Leaders of Tomorrow'.

Presenting the dictionaries was Bob Thornton, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler who being a retired teacher knows how important this is for the children. Joining Bob in the presentations at the Univeristy Preparation School at Channel Islands and El Descanso Elementary School was Richard Goldner, PDDGER.



PDDGER, Robert Thornton center with PDDGER, Richard Goldner, presenting dictionaries to students and teachers at El Descanso Elementary School

2006-07 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### LECTURING KNIGHT Terry Baker

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Terry is busy co-charing the Christmas tree sale lot--Thank you!! thus taking a haitus from Antler writing--under his station--Memorial Service, National Services, and Christmas Trees.



PER, Jay Block observing officers Grant Thistle, Raven West, ER, Dave Naccarato, Catherine Koeritz, and George Meehan performing the Memorial Ritual.



Grant Thistle, ER, Dave Naccarato, and Catherine Koertiz saying the meaningful words to surviving Elk spouses and guests at the Memorial Service.



PER, Jay Block receiving a plastic chain saw that will not bite his finger during Good of the Order at a Wednesday night meeting.



Five Year Trustee, Gary Erland presenting ER, Dave Naccarato an appreciation letter from the veterans who attending the annual Veterans' Brunch


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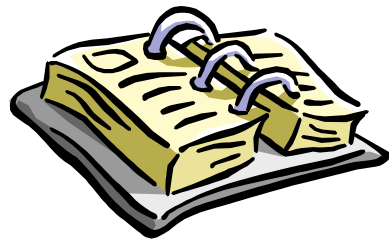
**FINDING HEAVEN IN 2007**

Can you believe that the year is almost gone? We actually had a real cold snap here in sunny California as I write this article. Out came the fleece pajamas and ski socks along with the down comforter for the bed (I'm truly as cold-blooded as a human being can be). So much has happened this year, some for the better and some we wish we could change. But as the cliché goes, change is inevitable. I don't fear change as some people do, often I even anticipate change if things are not going well. It occurs to me that many people just let things happen, then, wonder what did. Have you made up your mind about a New Year's resolution? We can make this world, City, Lodge better by changing the little things. Each of us has within us the power to take control of our life and make things happen in ways that are pleasing to us. Whether you want to volunteer your time more or get more involved in the activities or even run for office – the choice is yours and only you can make it happen. Let's all do our bit to find Heaven right here in our little part of the world. I wish everyone a very loving, fun and prosperous 2007.

Jessica



15	<b>Darlene Stogsdell</b>
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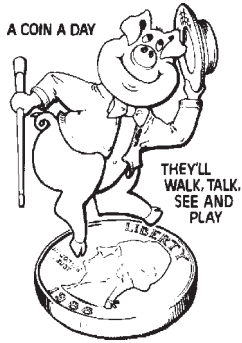
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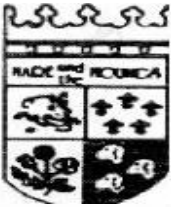
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