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Exalted Ruler



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Catherine was born in San Bernardino, California on December 14, 1962, to Paul and Arlene DeNubilo, and then moved shortly after to Canoga Park. The family moved to Thousand Oaks in 1971 when her Father transferred

Valley. She continued her career as a Government Special Security Officer for their two Special Access Programs for five years. In 1990, she left Government contracts to become a Program Administrator for a small R&D firm, Amerasia Technology. Amerasia later become Electronic Sensor Technology, a manufacturer of fast Gas Chromatographs (Vapor Analyzers), where she is still employed as Manager of Sales.

Her involvement in Elkdom began when her Mother, Arlene married Hector Tellez (a member of our lodge at the time). As a teenager, she would help around the lodge and at special events like the Christmas parties. Robert became a member in 1988. They would bring their children to functions like the Easter egg hunts and Christmas parties. Catherine also served as Secretary in the Elks Ladies organization under Andrea Sleigh.

to the IBM facility in Westlake.

She started 3rd grade at Glenwood Elementary School, Jr. High at Colina, graduated from Thousand Oaks High, and continued on to Moorpark College.

While attending High School, she started working at Bunker Ramo in Westlake in the mailroom. She transferred to the Security Department processing Gov't Clearances, controlling classified documents and making locks and keys for the facility.

Never being able to stand still, she was taking Banjo lessons and joined the Bunker Ramo Bowling League at Conejo Bowl. While having met Robert at Bunker Ramo, it was the bowling league where they really got to know each other. They married in August of 1982. She left Bunker Ramo to work for Whittaker Tasker Systems in Simi

Valley. Her father, Paul DeNubilo became a member 15 years ago. When her sister, Toni moved back to T.O., she too became a member. Toni is married to Pat Hartin (another Elk at our lodge). Her Mother, Arlene Tellez is also an Elk, now in Pahrump. Robert's father, Irv, is also a member of this lodge. Among a family of Elks, Catherine joined the lodge as Lecturing Knight in 2004 during Jay Blocks year as Exalted Ruler.

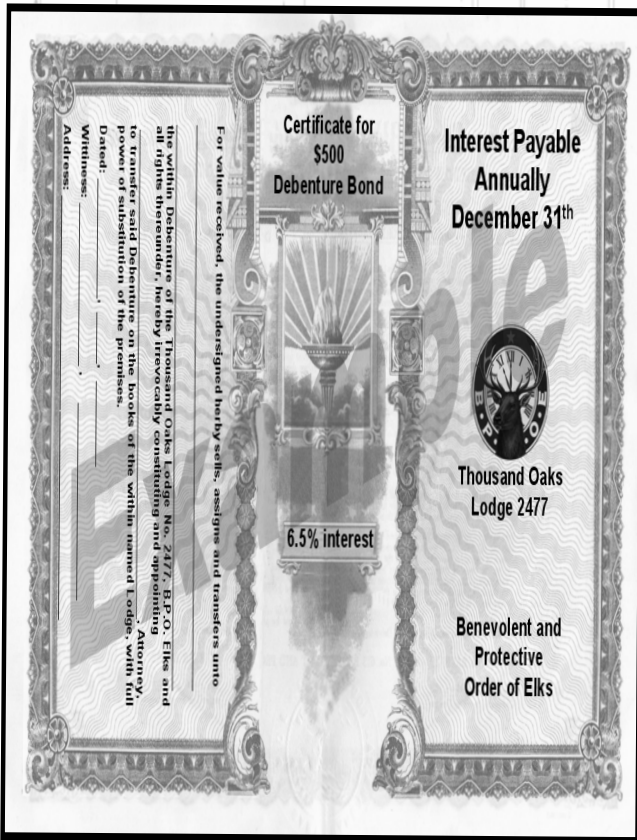
Robert and Catherine will be celebrating their 25th anniversary August 14th this year. They have two children, Vanessa, 23 and Charles, 19.

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.



ARCHITECTS
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

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“Looking Towards the Future”

I start my journey this month as Exalted Ruler. When I first started as Lecturing Knight, I learned a lot about the workings of our lodge, the whole organization and how it is managed. Some members understand the workings and some members wish not to be involved. Whatever your choice, we need you! This lodge is nothing without its members. So, it is with great sincerity and humbleness that I thank everyone for their vote of confidence to be entrusted as your ER of this lodge.

I look toward the future for many reasons:

- For working with a great group of people, our members
- For working with our Trustees who are strong, experienced leaders themselves
- For creating new and innovative ways to draw in new members
- For having a fun, peaceful place to enjoy good company
- For bringing my enthusiasm and energy to our General (Wednesday night) Meetings
- Continuing to eat great meals from our creative chefs and from our BBQ's
- Representing our Lodge

I also thank our members and the new Officers for:

- Stepping up and volunteering their time for worthwhile causes
- Cooking every Saturday in sun and shade
- Offering different and delicious dinners for Wednesday and Friday nights
- Cooking every Sunday
- The commitment of the new Officers
- For attending activities and functions and helping to raise money

What are Elks?

American citizens who guide their course in life by the cardinal principals of our order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Since its founding on February 16, 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) has been recognized by the noble creature that is the symbol of the Order. The elk is a peaceful animal, but will rise in defense of its own in the face of a threat. The majestic creature is fleet of foot and keen of perception. A most fitting representation, the stately elk is, for a distinctively American, intensely patriotic, family oriented organization subscribing to the cardinal principles of Elkdom. The 15 Founders of the BPOE desired a readily identifiable creature of stature, indigenous to America. Eight members voted to adopt the elk, and seven favored the buffalo.

I am very thankful of our new Officer Corps.

Help Wanted!

We need to fill two positions: Lodge Secretary and BBQ Chairman. These are critical positions and the Lodge needs help. Please, if you are interested, talk with me or any Officer about these positions.

Again, thank you everyone for your support.

**Calling All Song Birds
 For Karaoke Night
 April 6th**

We're Getting Ready!!!!



ARE YOU??? *MARK YOUR CALENDER!!!*

ANNUAL POLISH DINNER

BY THE KOZLOWSKI'S

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2007

\$12.00

*****HAPPY EASTER 2007*****

ELKS LODGE #2477

**BUGGS ANSELL'S ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT**

FREE*FREE***FREE**

EASTER "SUNDAY " APRIL 8, 2007
Starts at exactly 1:00 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT, EASTER BUNNY, PINATA,
PRIZES, CANDY, ICE CREAM & SODAS
& CHOO CHOO THE CLOWN

BRING YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, FRIENDS &
CAMERA TO CAPTURE THE MEMORIES

BE SURE TO BRING EASTER BASKETS OR BAGS
FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO COLLECT EASTER EGGS

THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477
158 CONEJO SCHOOL ROAD
THOUSAND OAKS, CA



EDITOR'S CORNER

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NEW BEGINNINGS

The coming of Spring, and a new Elk year always bring promises of growth and renewal. We wish the officer corp God speed in guiding our Lodge to new beginnings. May their year see growth in membership and participation in the good works that we do. May their year see members renewal to the virtues all Elks pledge at their initiation. May their year see harmony and a common focus about the direction of our Lodge's future. And lastly may their year be blessed with joy while fulfilling their obligations.

Fish King Cooper & Crew are back
April 20th

Service begins at 5 p.m.

Limited to 100 dinners



Eula

Eula McKee enjoying a visit from Lilith while in rehab

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Eddie Rice on the passing of his brother.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Grace Wallace to have a knee replacement; Eula McKee had a hip replacement and is in rehab.

ON THE MEND: Dave Naccarato, PER; Carol Stewart-Hurray!!!!

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 2-6-Conejo Valley Days-Elks Streaker
 Dog Wagon at fairgrounds

May 4 & 5-Ritual Contest-Oxnard Lodge

May 5-CVD Parade featuring our Train

May 11-Youth Appreciation Dinner

May 13-Mother's Day Buffet

May 16-19-State Convention-Fresno

June 17-Father's Day Brunch

June 25-27-Elk Ladies Bus Trip to State Line
 Casino

George Meehan

MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG:

David Naccarato

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:****CHRISTMAS BASKETS:** George Meehan**INDOCTRINATION:** Dave Naccarato, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander
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By the time you read this article, the March Calendar will still be in effect and there will be a lot happening in March. The meals look great on Friday nights, so come to the lodge and enjoy them.

On March 31 we will be holding the Inaugural Ball at the Thousand Oaks Inn and I expect it to be a wonderful evening. The festivities will start at 6: PM with a no host cocktail party. Dinner will get underway about 8 PM and the menu is great, appealing to everyone's tastes. There will be steak, chicken or fish for you to choose from. Everyone should be pleased with the lovely presentation. The band will be "The Original Renegades" who perform on many Friday nights throughout the year at the lodge. So come and enjoy the Ball this year. It is a good way to get your officers started for their new year and will be greatly appreciated by them all. Tickets are now on sale at the bar and from the officers.

April will be a busy month too, Look at the calendar and decide what you want to get involved in and sign up to help. The cooking crews can always use help on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, Friday nights and Saturday BBQ's. And you will have great fun doing it..

So, New Members, don't be shy, get involved and meet your fellow members and enjoy the lodge.

Our Legacy to the Future

Seventy-five years ago, at the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami, the delegates voted to establish an Elks National Foundation. They were compelled to action by the words of then-GER John F. Malley, who described the Foundation as "an Elk temple of philanthropy, which, in time, will be the greatest monument to a noble purpose that has ever been built by a fraternal organization."

The idea of an Elks Charitable Trust was first introduced by Malley during a banquet at Meriden, Connecticut, Lodge on February 21, 1927. His plan called for the creation of a fund, fueled completely by voluntary donations.

His dream became a reality the following year, at the 1928 convention. The Grand Lodge got the ball rolling with an initial \$100,000 grant. A second \$100,000 grant soon followed. In that first year, Elks, their families and friends raised a total of \$52,500.

Since then, the ENF has relied on volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels to help coordinate our fundraising strategy. These dedicated individuals reach every Elk family by hosting fundraising events, promoting the Foundation and personally inviting members to pledge their support. With more than 183,000 active donors, the Foundation has raised a total of more than \$147 million since inception.

All donations go into a permanent endowment fund, where each gift earns interest for lifetimes. Only the income earned by this fund can be used to support charitable programs. (Capital gains and appreciation are considered principal, not income, and therefore cannot be spent.) Today, the value of this Endowment Fund is over \$320 million.

In February 1931, the Foundation Trustees felt that the time had come to begin using that income to foster and further the Elks' philanthropic causes. They believed the fund should supplement the work being performed by the various Lodges and State Associations.

Today, the Elks National Foundation has distributed more than \$217 million in support of Elks charitable activities nationwide. During 2007-2008, the Elks National Foundation will distribute more than \$14.8 million through college scholarship programs, the Elks Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program, the Elks Soccer Shoot, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and the Elks National Home.

The Foundation also strives to give back to each state more money for its charitable programs than that state donated to the Foundation.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, administers the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The current director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the Foundation's day-to-day operations. He has a staff of 14.

Through continuous support, the Elks National Foundation hopes to expand its services to others through college scholarships, veterans service, drug educational and youth athletic programs, and charitable grants to state Elks associations

THEY SHOOT, THEY SCORE

Las Vegas to Host Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw West Regional Championship Saturday, March 3 rd, at Hyde Park Middle School 10:00 A.M.

On March 3 rd , young free-throw shooters hailing from Nevada, California, Hawaii, Utah, and Arizona will descend on Las Vegas, Nevada, to display their impressive skills as they compete in the regional championship of the Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest. These net-stuffing boys and girls, who already have a local, district, and state championship under the belts of their warm-up suits, face their next challenge here in Las Vegas. With free-throw percentages that would make many in the NBA weep with envy, these talented youngsters have already proven themselves to be the standouts in a competition that started last fall with more than 3 million participants, ages 8 to 13. Now as the top free-throw shooters from five states gather at Hyde Park Middle School, they will continue to make news as they take all their hard work, talent, and concentration to the line. At stake is a chance to advance to the national finals, where just 72 participants will compete April 19-22, 2007 at the birthplace of basketball, Springfield, Massachusetts. Now in its 35 th year, the Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest, sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has grown into the largest coeducational sports program in the country, allowing boys and girls to compete separately in three age-groups, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. Each contest consists of 25 free throws—10 in round one, 15 in round two—with ties being resolved in five-shot shoot-offs. The six regional winners from the competition at Las Vegas will have a chance to stake their claim to one of six coveted spots on the Elks "Hoop Shoot" plaque in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame alongside the likes of past Elks "Hoop Shoot" champs and sports luminaries as Indiana Pacer Chris Mullin, former North Carolina State star Jennifer Howard, and former Chicago White Sox third-baseman Chris Snopce. The Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest is entirely funded by the Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Last year, the Foundation disbursed more than \$13.1 million in support of youth programs, veterans services, drug education programs, college scholarships, and aid to people with disabilities.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America is a patriotic and philanthropic fraternal organization with nearly 1.2 million members in more than 2,200 communities.

HISTORY OF THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME

In 1902, The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks purchased the Hotel Bedford in a bankruptcy sale. The Elks National Home was dedicated May 21, 1903 with over 5,000 Elks from around the country in attendance. In the beginning, the Home was established for "indigent" Elks and they were supported by their subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge. Today, although the Home is supported in part by the membership through the \$1.00 annual assessment, the residents are financially self-sustaining and pay the charges established by the Board of Grand Trustees. Their subordinate lodges are not responsible for any charges

After a few years, the old hotel building became inadequate for the increasing residency. The cornerstone for a new home was laid in September 1915 and the new home was dedicated July 8, 1916. Between 1923 and 1938, three additional buildings for residents were constructed, as well as a laundry building and theater. In 1985, Building "A" was totally renovated to provide private bathrooms and central air conditioning. The renovation of Buildings "B" and "C" followed in 1987 and 1991.

The first female Elk members became residents in 1999 and a major renovation project began. The project involved converting four buildings into apartments for independent living, a complete renovation of the lobby, a dramatic redecoration of the dining room and sun porch, and enclosing the verandahs that connect the buildings at the front of the Home.

ANNOUNCING FRIDAY BUFFETS

**3 MAIN ITEMS
SALAD BAR
DESSERT**

\$10

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice LODGE ACTIVITIES: Glenn Wellman SCOUTING: Bill Miller HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Bob Abetman DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander		MOTHER'S DAY: Robert Jones ENTERTAINMENT: Glenn Wellman WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Terry Gicking LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTHACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

I am very pleased and honored that you have elected me to serve as your Loyal Knight for 2007-2008. Somehow I feel standing behind the station of Justice is more of a coincidence as I will be graduating from the Southern California Institute of LAW on June 6, 2007.

For my first article as Loyal Knight, I thought I would give you a bit of my personal history. Some of you have met my husband Bill, and our three daughters Tandy, Kimberly and Michelle. Bill is the National Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus which has their national "headquarters" in an office in back of our garage. Tandy, 24, is a First Officer airline pilot with Express Jet and lives in New York City. Kimberly, 22 recently graduated from UC Davis with a degree in psychology and Michelle, 20, will be finishing her last two years of college at CSUN majoring in communications and Judaic studies. In December she'll be 21 and for a birthday present Michelle will receive a membership application from her mom and will become the third generation of ELKS in our family, and at our lodge.

My father Rubin (Ruby) Cohen charted his lodge #1971 (which coincidentally is also my membership number) in Ellenville, New York two years after I was born, so you might say I've been an Elk my entire life. I met Denise Goldstein when she came into our stationery store "Paper Depot" to order invitations for her father's inaugural ball. We became good friends and shortly after the Elks allowed women to join, she became a member and was my sponsor in 2001. After my initiation, I phoned my father in NY, at 1 in the morning his time, and proudly told him "Dad, I'm an ELK!" He sent me his elk tooth as a congratulations gift, and I wear on my uniform at every meeting. He now lives in Thousand Oaks and is an Associate Member of our Lodge.

Three weeks after my initiation, I was in the bar enjoying a glass of Chardonnay when Vern Josey asked me to take over as Americanism Chairman and I said yes. At the New Year's Eve party, after several glasses of Champagne,

Greg Metzgus asked me to be his Inner Guard, and again I said yes. When Jim Rockford asked me to join the Bar-B-Que crew the first Saturday of the month, he bribed me with a personally embroidered apron, and free ice-cold beer and again I said yes.

I was at a Friday night dinner drinking Budweiser when David Naccarato asked me to be his Chaplain, again I said yes. When Denise asked me to join her "Wild Women on Wine", I was drinking diet coke, because we had an installation that night, and I said yes. I'm pretty certain I'd had a few of Glen's special Bloody Marys at a Sunday breakfast when Catharine asked me to be Loyal Knight, and of course I said yes. All of which means I either have to stop drinking, stop drinking at the Lodge, or stop saying yes, none of which I can see happening anytime soon. When Elks ask for help, we always say yes, even if we're only drinking diet coke!

Part of my job as Loyal Knight is taking care of the kitchen. For someone who doesn't cook, this is going to be quite a challenge. "Lancaster Bob" will be my #1 right hand for most of the meals. Be prepared for some very delicious surprises this year. If there is anything special you would like to see served, please let me know. And I will also be in charge of the 2008 NEW YEAR'S celebration. I personally guarantee a night to be remembered, so make your plans now!

Our ritual team is practicing very hard this year, and I'm totally enjoying seeing the Lodge room from a different angle. I am very proud to be a member of this dedicated team and even prouder that our new Exalted Ruler has the confidence in my abilities to have asked me to assume the duties and responsibilities of Loyal Knight of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477.

It is going to be a fantastic year!



NEW FACILITIES

Greg Metzger, PER



As in the past, I am writing this article before a crucial vote concerning our new lodge has been taken. This is necessary to meet the deadline for publication in the April Antler Antics. It was moved and seconded to lower dues and by Grand Lodge Statutes, our members will be voting on the 14th of March concerning that matter.

Just to refresh your memory, the dues were raised last year to help us have the ability to service (pay back) the loan required to build. Of the increased dues, \$120 was to be put into a fund to be used only for the mortgage. We have been doing just that for the past year. When we apply for a loan, the bank will insist on seeing our plans for paying it back. The idea of the increased dues was to help improve our overall bottom line and lessen the burden of paying the mortgage each month.

Now with the possibility that the dues will be lowered, it is very difficult to predict what will happen with our new lodge project. If the dues are lowered, it will make it impossible to borrow the money required to build. If the members voted on the 14th of March to lower the dues, there is no way our new facility can be built and it isn't necessary to read any further than the period at the end of this sentence.

Hopefully, you are all still reading. Now we need to attack the financial problems we have left and get a shovel in the ground. There is only one thing left that is required to start building, a commitment for new members, about 400 of them would do the trick. If you are finished gasping, I will go on.

The cost to build is in the neighborhood of \$1.8 million. There will be future meetings to go over all of the figures they are far too involved to cover in this article. We are not trying to fool anyone, we know there will be extra costs involved and we will have to put in a percentage to cover that inevitability. This may raise our costs towards the \$2 million dollar mark. But, with the revenue we plan to generate with the new building from rentals and the proposed new members, the numbers will work. It is a difficult task but to this point in the project, everything has been difficult, why should anything be easy now?

I believe in this lodge. I also believe we should all look to the future. We all enjoy our lodge and belong for a wide variety of reasons. Some just want a watering hole

and good company. That is fine but, that will not insure the perpetuation of our lodge. Good business practices will. It is getting more and more difficult to attract members and it will continue to be that way as we watch the rest of the world go by. Potential members have many choices when it comes to being involved with the community. We need curb appeal. Once we get them in, give them something to do and someplace to go, they will bring in others. We saw it happen 2 years ago at Atascadero Lodge #2733.

To recruit 400 new members, we need to give them something more than a promise of a new building. ***We need to break ground now.*** This would be foolish on our part unless.....unless we had a commitment from our present members that we would have 400 new members within the next 18 months. That is about one new member for every member we have now. I know, some will be unable or unwilling to help in this endeavor; that means some of us will have to recruit more than one. Trying to recruit that many new members before we actually start building would be impossible. Recruiting that many members as the building is going up is possible if we all work together.

I am in hopes that the last 4 paragraphs were read. A new lodge will bring us into the 21st century and insure we have a place to go in the future. What is really needed now is for the lodge to move ahead in one direction. That direction will have been established by the time you have read this; after the vote on the 14th of March.

**BE INFORMED
ATTEND
NEW FACILITIES MEETING
MARCH 29
7 P.M.
LODGE ROOM
ADMISSION IS FREE**



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair

Bob Arbetman 's (akaLancaster Bob)Ramblings

Hello to all of my new friends. Thank you Raven for the confidence given to me by putting me in charge of the kitchen.

This being the new Elks year we will get started with the first Friday of every month.

We will have a buffet with choice of 3 main courses, a healthy salad bar, hot veggies and potatoes. Every month the dishes will change and I know you will like the variety.

... **Flash** ... Roy Cooper and crew are back and he will be doing his famous fish fry on the third Friday 9 times a year. Max, Tom and crew will be putting on their great cook your own steak nights on the fourth Friday several times this year. I have also heard Chuck Bush is going to get involved with the kitchen. Friends if you would like to put on your favorite meal I am working on the calendar for the whole year.

Something new will be tried- central ordering. Everyone that will be cooking any meal please let me know what is needed for your cooking delights. This will allow us to somewhat control the costs and save the lodge money. From what I see the pantry is so far out of balance. It will take considerable time to get under control. We don't need to order large quantities and let it sit on the shelves.

Trap needs help. We need to improve the amount of lunches. Come in Tuesday thru Friday and enjoy his cooking. If everyone helps with cooking and eating great food, this year will be very successful. Remember volunteer cooks are always needed for breakfasts and dinners.

TENDERFOOT AWARD PRESENTED TO MICAH AT CASA PACIFICA

On Wednesday, March 7th Bill Sternberg, Bill Miller and the Camarillo District Scout Executive, Carolyn Dosick attended a luncheon at Casa Pacifica in Camarillo where Lodge 2477 sponsors BSA Troop 871. . Nine boys performed a Flag ceremony for the large luncheon group and then applauded as Micah and his dad exchanged Tenderfoot Rank pins. Micah and some of our other boys are also working on the Horsemanship Merit Badge through a program at Casa and with the help of Ms Dosick we are getting their instructor listed on the approved merit badge counselor list. Our Casa boys are special and it's heartwarming to see them participate in the Scouting activities. On a day like last Wednesday, they pester Ramila who is our Scoutmaster, until it's time for them to put on their uniforms which they wear proudly. One of the boys who has been in our Troop for about two years happily told us about being able to join another Troop where he was able to attend Winter Camp at Camp Three Falls, and earning \$300 for summer camp by mowing lawns using a lawnmower rented for \$30 from his grandfather.

ELK SPONSORED GIRL SCOUT TROOPS CELEBRATE THINKING DAY

Girl Scouts from Senior Troop 12 hosted the annual GSA Thinking Day on Saturday evening, March 3rd at Los Cerritos Middle School. Also in attendance were Cadettes Troop 868 and Juniors Troup 967. "Thinking Day" is an event where each Troop represents a specific country and shares its typical food, customs, history and dances with the other girls present. While Troop 12 girls were busy coordinating and introducing the dances, Troop 967 is shown in front of their Yugoslavia display. In an adjoining area some Troop 868 Cadettes are shown taking a break from writing cards to wounded G.I.s. Lodge 2477 currently sponsors ten area girl scout troops.

APRIL 15TH

**BBQ AND KITCHEN CREWS
APPRECIATION DINNER
5 P.M.**

**BOB ABETMAN IS INVITING
ALL WORKERS TO A FREE
SPAGHETTI DINNER
TO HONOR YOUR EFFORTS
TO THE LODGE**



WELCOME ABOARD



PERS- (l-R) Bill Sternberg, Richard Goldner, Greg Metzgus, Jack Panczak, Johnny D'Ambrogio, Sally Claunch, Jay Block and Gil Riding initiated new member Robert London.



ER, David Naccarato with 5 year members, Raven West and Max Maxwell receiving their pins



Jack Malone and Johnny D'Ambrogio posing with ER, David Naccarato after receiving 25 year membership pins



Charter Member, George Vivlamore, George Meehan and Ken Krabel being honored for 35 years as Elk members with ER Dave



Rick Herrera being honored during Pin Night for 40 years membership with ER, David Naccarato



Loyal Knight, George Meehan accepting a new Bible from Joe Smith donated by the Wednesday Night Club.



Article by Jerry Serota , as appeared in Your Hub

Photos by Harry Isaman

On Saturday the 24th of Febuary, 2007, the Elks Ladies of Lodge 2477, presented their Annual Major Projets Event with a dinner and dance for 100 celebrants present.

The theme was a celebration of Mardi Gras. A fantastic time was had by all, especially our King, Harry Isaman and Queen, Sharon Baker.

The Kudos for the success of the evening go to the co-chairpersons Jessica Stull and Pat Peterson. who stated that \$2300 was raised for the Elks Major Project aid and therapy for disabled children. Over 2 million dollars last year ws raised by the California-Hawaii Elks Assoc.



Ann and Walter Ogden enjoying the evening festivites



June Leadam, new Elk Ladies President, and Pat Peterson greeting everyone at Mardi Gras.



The Raffle Lady, Jeri Miller selling the tickets



Queen, Sharon Baker and King Harry Isaman presiding over the Mardi Gras party.



Former New Orleans resident Cherri Peterson and daughter Amanda prepared the Cajun feast.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

AWESOME RETURN TO LAKE LOPEZ



This wasn't a campout for the faint of heart – but we had FOURTEEN diehard Kampers and despite some pretty adverse conditions – namely rain like water pouring out of a boot – we persevered!

Thanks to the Collerans, Drakes and Ericksons (competition chili cooks) we had three pop-ups to shelter us from the deluge, and as fate would have it Jessica Stull who is TOTALLY a fair weather camper – was one of the wagonmasters! She stuck it out – although I'm sure she would much preferred to have packed it up and gone home.

It was great to have the Stewarts out again, Carol was co-wagonmaster! WHY, you ask, am I only mentioning Jessica and Carol – cause I was told David and Pete hadn't a clue what was going on! Hummmmm!

Whenever the Ericksons and von Wittenburgs are anywhere near Jocko's in Nipomo, you can lay money on the fact that we'll be going. We had THREE Jocko virgins this trip, Cheryl Templeton, Gene Ewald and Chuck Kudra. They were very impressed with the food – difficult to beat in my book. Course Joel had his usual – sweetbreads – which nearly grossed Cheryl out. Joel finally coerced her into taking a very small bite – she didn't throw-up or anything. Bear in mind – this is a woman who WILL NOT allow food on her plate to touch – amazing!

We had a couple, new members with us, Tom and Marlene Walsh – hope this is correct. Tom is retired Navy and Marlene doesn't care for breakfast! Perfectly delightful couple, hope to see a lot of them in the future. (What an indoctrination to the camping group!)

Personally, this campout did NOT start out as a roaring success for the von Wittenburgs, the spot to which we had been assigned would NOT allow our leveling jacks to extend. After much too long, with Bill's patience having diminished to ZERO, we chose another site. I went back to the office to advise of the change and was told the wagonmasters had said there should be no switching of assigned spots. Since we couldn't level the motorhome, the possibility of burning out a recently acquired new refrigeration, I really didn't care and stayed where we were. THEN I get back to camp and Bill doesn't like the distance to the utilities – OH WELL, deal with it or pick another spot and YOU go back to the office to tell them. By this time, patience – NUPE I had none!

Seems we had taken the site assigned to the Ryders – caused minimal dissention - but Saturday night I offered it back to the Ryders – but they weren't interested.

WHY – cause water was running ankle deep by the door of our rig – they were up the hill – high and dry. Ya think there's a message here?

There is a distinct disadvantage to being known as an early riser! Cheryl needed a ride to the gate on Friday morning; her friend was picking her up to go where? Chumash, of course. Her friend was allegedly picking her up at 7:15 a.m., but Cheryl had failed to tell me – this friend gets LOST, easily! Upon the THIRD trip back and forth from our campsite to the front gate, I finally got rid of her – uh – delivered her!

The redeeming factor was – on these multiple trips – we saw a flock of approximately 30 wild turkey – on the last trip to the gate, Cheryl got out to feed them some crackers. I think the "toms" were in love with her - they sure spread their tails and strutted for her (giggle)!

Nearer the office, we saw numerous deer – since I was driving didn't get an accurate count but it was approximately a dozen. Wildlife abounded, Gene Ewald even had a skunk under his rig on Saturday night – but he was all too willing to share his space. We also had raccoons; don't leave any trash out at night. Absolutely incredible sights, beautiful location – everything, except for the rain.

Gene Ewald – an amazing man – have a great deal of respect for him – usually. Saturday night we needed trash bags to line a large expanding trash container. I went back to our rig to get two trash bags. Ya know, they come off the roll all folded up, I hadn't opened one out yet and Gene says "Those aren't big enough!" Well, Gene, exactly how big do we need – when opened out they were the size of a small body bag. GOTCHA!

Needless to say – Sunday morning the sun was very bright – except for a very short sprinkle – packing up to go home was a challenge – all that wet stuff. So much for this campout.

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Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair, Photographer Reprint of article that appeared in Your Hub

On Sunday February 18, 2007 at the Teledyne Science Center, Thousand Oaks a Court of Honor was held for Eagle Scout, Richard Barnett with 150 members of family and friends present.

Richard joined the Cub Scouts in the first grade as a Tiger Cub and progressed through Cub Scouts as a Bob Cat, Wolf, Bear and two years as a Webelo Cub.

His grand parents Glen and Vashti Moore raised Richard since his father was killed by a robbery attempt when he was less than one year old. His Father and Grandfather Barnett were both Life Scouts. Richard is the first in his family to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Richard goes to Newbury Park High School and is majoring in Computer Science. His sport in high school is shot put and disc throwing.

For his Eagle Scout project he supervised and coordinated the replacement of the wooden steps and handrail at the back of the Stagecoach Museum, which is the start of the nature trail. (22) Scouts (7) adults completed the project in 179 hours.



Proud grandparents Glen and Vashi Moore at Richard's Court of Honor



Scouting Chair, Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER presenting Richard with a flag and plaque at his Court of Honor

IF YOU MISSED IT ON PAGE 11

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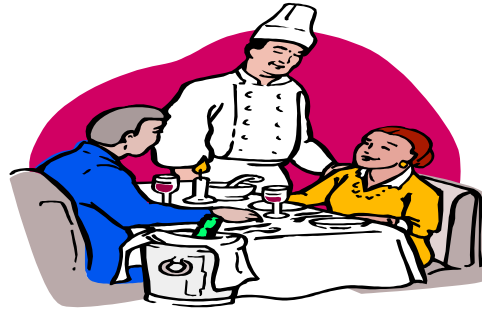
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Let me start out by thanking Jay Block for offering to be my mentor. I will be calling on him often as I did while Inner Guard. Terry Baker has offered his guidance as well. Terry also assured me that the committees for which the Lecturing Knight is responsible enjoy strong leadership from self motivated chairpersons. I can assure those chairpersons I will rely heavily on their experience.

I will make every effort to assist the chairpersons under my station in any way possible. I don't see any reason to change the way these committees have operated in the past. So, I will consider my role as one of support. An essential part of that support is communication. I will be as available and accessible as possible.

I will constantly update those in the Lecturing Knight committees as information develops and make every effort to keep everyone on the same page. In order to do so I will need up to date contact information from each committee chairperson and anyone else who may be actively involved. This should include at least one telephone number and an email address if possible.

I can hunt some of this information down on my own, but it would be helpful if all of you could forward that information to me. My information is as follows:

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...and if those don't work come see me at 2396 Northpark St., Thousand Oaks.

I'm offering this information because there may be times when a chairperson is pressed for time or juggling too many balls in the air. If you need help making phone calls, running errands, writing letters etc. please let me know. I WILL FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT. Just kidding. I want to help you in any way I can. I am looking forward to my term as Lecturing Knight with open-armed enthusiasm.

Finally, let me say congratulations to Catherine Koeritz our 2007-2008 Exalted Ruler. I am certain she has exciting happenings coming our way.



Glenn Wellman, Bar Manager


Marc Kennedy (Aka Sand Trap) is fixing some delicious lunches for our members every Tuesday-Friday. On Wednesday he served a luncheon special using some of his mother's favorite recipes.

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ITS BEEN MY PLEASURE...

Before I begin my end, so to speak, I have to take just a moment to comment on my "other" job of Co-chairing Major Projects. It was a real experience and one I won't soon be forgetting. I owe a debt of gratitude to many, many people for its success. Let me start by thanking my Co-chair, Pat Peterson who worked extensively on managing the tickets and all the seating arrangements in addition to helping me with a million other details. It is that behind the scene work that nobody sees that makes or breaks your event. I am thinking about writing a manual on how to plan an event... That's another story. Thank you President Carol Nuener, for having the faith and confidence in us as an inexperienced, untried duo. Sharon Baker, you were wonderful with the baskets, ticket sales and a host of other duties, including reigning monarch. Jeri and Bill Miller along with David Stull for spending all morning hanging decorations hand made by Jeri. A big thank you to Angie and crew for the lovely tables and to Cheri and John Peterson and Krewe including Jim and Ruth Mullen for the wonderful dinner. Sally Claunch and Annie Pearson were the Jesters/ Bartenders beyond compare! Such good sports. Thank you to Karen and David Naccarato, Allen and Juanita Feamster, Robert Jones, Harry Isaman, Dave Pearson, John Peterson and Catherine Koeritz for your part in making this event so successful. Thank you Phyllis Riding, Carol Fredricks, Kathy Ryder, Sally Claunch, Sharon Baker, Alice Kennedy and Jeri Miller and others who sold raffle tickets and June Leadam who helped with checking people in. Thank you Cornelia Meehan and Carol Neuner for the fabric projects and Myrna Block for all things financial and a shoulder to lean on. Thanks to all those who donated door prizes or got them donated including Cheryl Templeton, Phyllis, Sharon, Pat, Myrna and me. I know I should have kept some type of record of all those who helped (I'll put that in my manual), so if I forgot someone, please know that your efforts are much appreciated and the omission was just an oversight and not intentional. And finally, a big thank you to everyone who attended and financially supported the Mardi Gras – you are the best!

I can't believe the time for writing articles is drawing to a close for me. Has it really been two years? As I look back I realize with surprise how much I have grown from this experience. Worried that I might not be

April

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Marilyn Cissell

JOYS AND GIFTS FROM GOD

Although it is not springtime yet,
we do see many early traces.
The frisky squirrels are nuzzeling noses,
new flowers show their brightest faces.

Soft petals drift from flowering trees,
you bring new joys with changing seasons,
Your gifts to us are endless, Lord,
and each one comes with goldy reasons.
Amen

up to the task, and often grappling with no topic or worse yet

multiple topics, I faithfully put fingers to keys (that's the modern version of pen to paper). In my search for what would be of interest to you, I met with members and others and learned your stories. I witnessed events and participated in many activities. Each monthly article became an experience. Making new friends is a very nice fringe benefit of this job. It is with a note of sadness, I sign off for the last time.

Respectfully,
Jessica Stull

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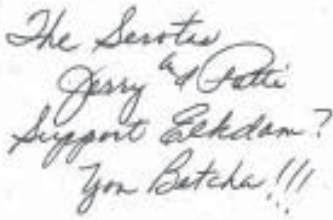
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