



Catherine Koeritz,
Exalted Ruler



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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Annual Family Picnic

Sat. September 1st

Conejo Creek Lakeside Pavilion

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Family Fun--games, food, jolly jumps, pinata, bingo

Bring the family and grandkids



Free admission--food available for purchase

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

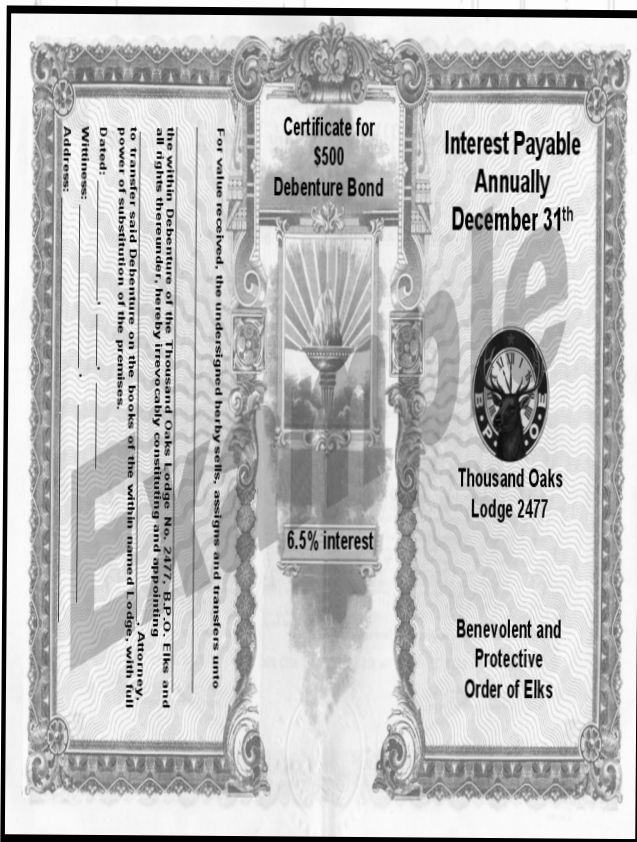
We are finally doing it!!!

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

In September \$100 bonds will be available for purchase

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

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



2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER Catherine Koeritz

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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New Facilities

Many people are asking questions on what's happening with the new facilities. We came up with a questions & answers section to answer the most frequently asked questions. One of them is: Why are we spending money on our building now if we are going to tear it down to build a new one? The answer is: we still need to live here now. Some of the improvements needed to be done a long time ago. For example the new concrete walkway up to the door and the BBQ area. We need to show pride of ownership. When our customers come to our BBQ, they enjoy sitting under the patio or the small picnic table next to where we park the truck on Saturdays. I think everyone can agree that the outside is looking great, thanks to all the hard working people who are making it possible.

We have several changes happening in the running of the Lodge and I sincerely ask that you support the decisions made by the House Committee. One of them is the discontinuance of the drink cards. Please surrender your drink cards by August 31st. They will be expired after that date. As a reminder, members are welcome to attend the meetings we hold the first Tuesday of each month.

The House Committee meets and discusses the operation of the Lounge and Kitchen. Ideas and concerns are brought up at these meetings. Through my discussions with members, it appears that an agenda would be nice to have posted on items that will be discussed prior to the meeting. I will work

on the best approach for this with the rest of the team. Any ideas let me know!

Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, NC!

The PERs put on a great going away party for all the ERs in our District on Friday, July 6th. We had a great dinner (with a lot of compliments), enjoyed the car race and entertainment. What talent! I appreciate all the effort and time that went into planning this and the wonderful gift from everyone - a very nice Travel bar with wine and Robert's favorite, Bud! It was a great send-off for all of us.

Each day we received a GL convention Newsletter. The second day on Monday our own Bill Sternberg was featured with 3 generations in Scouts; Bill Sternberg, PER, Ed Sternberg, ER, St. Joseph, MO, Ken Sternberg and Scott Sternberg.

Speaking of Scouts, William A. Miller received his Marvin M. Lewis award. He is one of 4 other recipients. This award recognizes Elks in good standing who has significantly contributed to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. We are very proud of his achievements and he has become the 4th recipient from our lodge. Congratulations Bill.

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Notice Regarding By-Law Change

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and properly passed at the Wednesday Night Meeting on July 11, 2007 to vote on a change of the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Thousand Oaks, California Lodge #2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America A Fraternal Organization as Amended March 17, 2006.

The motion is as follows:

To vote on whether or not to change the wording of the current by-laws of Article V: Elective Officers and Duties Section 4 Of the Secretary which **currently** reads:

“For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$1,000.00 per annum, payable annually.”

The **changed** wording would be:

“For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive \$1,000.00 per **month**, payable **monthly**.”

The motion will be voted on at the meeting held August 15, 2007. The attendance of all members is requested and greatly appreciated. Be prepared to show your current membership card for inspection upon entry into the Meeting.



EDITOR'S CORNER
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articles due 5th of month
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NEW FACILITIES

This article is being written wearing a Trustee's hat. As mandated by the Steering Committee, the Trustees have selected a contractor; the finance committee has a bank that will present us with a loan package, and the funding committee has developed a business plan to repay a loan. Meetings with the city planner, banker, and contractor took place during the middle of July. As of this writing (July 10th) there is no information to report back, as the meetings have not been held. After the meetings, true costs and commitments should be established by the end of July. A membership meeting will follow to present all the information gleaned and have the membership decide the course of action our Lodge will pursue.

I thank the members for their patience during this process. Also I thank the committees who have met and spent many hours on this project. We all share the common goal of having a new facility using all our resources to make it happen.

As members, we all can speed the journey by purchasing bonds. A bond at 6 1/2 % simple interest paid out is much less than paying a bank 9 1/4 % compounded interest. Jerry & Patti Serota have set a high mark to follow. They have pledged a \$100 bond per month. It is time for all members to step up to the plate with \$ or time. As with the Serotas, I will pay a bond a month for the next year.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

Max Maxwell & Bill Sternberg made the foot rail on the patio bar.

Robert Jones organized and enclosed the sound system equipment in a cabinet.

Bill Sternberg built a new pin display case.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Raven West and family on the passing of her father, Ruby Cohen, and the family of 60 year member Brother Bob Garcia on his passing.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jackie Gettleman had surgery to remove cancerous nodules in her lung; Grace Wallace fractured her ankle and had screws put in her ankle

ON THE MEND: Bill, DL, and Flo Lloyd

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 8-Greg Metzgas, State Vice President,
Visitation to his home Lodge

August 10-12-CHEA President, Oren
Richardson, Visitation to our
District


August 11-CHEA President-lunch at our Lodge
August 12-CHEA President's Visitation Dinner

September 1-Lodge Picnic

October 20-Legends in Concert Sequel

November 17-Charity Ball

November 18-Veterans' Brunch

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT George Meehan	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG: David Naccarato SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch INVESTIGATION: George Meehan ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Liz Bell		CHRISTMAS BASKETS: George Meehan INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Herb Jellander CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota CHARITY DINNERS: George Meehan

July is here and I am writing this article for the August issue of Antler's Antics. Where did the first half or 2007 go?

Cornelia and I and many officers and members went to Greg Metzgas' visitations at various lodges in the West Central Coast District. He, of course, was making the visitations as Vice President of the district and it was nice to be there to support him. Being there with one of your own members as the VP makes you feel very proud. He did a great job and the members of other lodges made him and us very welcome.

On July 25th, Ashley Fittz, the DDGER, will be visiting us and it would be nice if as many members as possible could be there to greet him. Elks supporting Elks gives a true meaning to what we are all about.

Now, I would like to ask a question of all who have become members of our lodge in the past two years (as well as all of us). How active have you become in our order? When you interviewed with me during investigation, you said you wanted to become an Elk because you liked what we do. You liked the idea of being able to give back to the community. Have you contributed to the Purple Pig for charities? Have you added to the ENF (Elks National Foundation)? Have you volunteered to work on a Barbeque team? If you have not done anything, look at the calendar. Choose what you would like to do to get involved.

And COME to the lodge. I look forward to seeing you soon and often.



During a visitation to the Ventura Lodge, State VP, Greg Metzgas, received a Century Club Certificate from Ron Seitz, Ventura, ER while Leading Knight Steve Gilbert looked on.



MAJOR PROJECT

David Naccarato, PER

As I reported last month, our lodge had given over \$10,000 to the Purple Pig. Our donation and the donations of all lodges in California and Hawaii have totaled near 3 million dollars. To give you an idea of where the money goes; this past Elk year of 2006-2007 our therapists had a caseload of 604 children. Our therapists gave these children 9513 visits and drove 228,848 miles to accomplish this task. We the Elks pay the therapists and provide the cars and the fuel and all maintenance. We also provide vision screening. We held 1548 screenings and put through 42,984 children. 192 children were found to need further assistance and they were referred to an ophthalmologist. The vision screeners traveled 108,940 miles. If parents are unable to bring the kids to a clinic we go to them. House calls are not a thing of the past where the Elks are concerned. I was informed by Fresno that in special cases we will now cover eyeglasses if needed. Keep up the good work and come out and play Bingo it's fun for you and it helps the kids.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to accounting and cost issues, under the direction of the House Committee the following measures will be enacted:

1. Starting September 1, 2007 the use of drink tickets will not be valid. Starting July 11, 2007 no new drink tickets will be issued.
2. Starting August 6, 2007 the price of a drink ticket for breakfast will be \$2.

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West

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LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato, PER
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Bob Arbetman
DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



MOTHER'S DAY: Robert Jones
ENTERTAINMENT: Marc Kennedy
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Terry Gicking
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 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

Elks Care Elks Share

Many international and national clubs and organizations have adopted mottos to signify their dedication to a specific purpose. Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the United States of America have strived to "Be Prepared". The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self". Kiwanis is "We Build". Among the organizations with animal icons, the motto of the Moose is, "One for All and All for One, the Eagles is "People Helping People" and the Lions Clubs International use "We Serve".

But no motto is more heart felt, nor more personal then the motto of OUR organization, "Elks Care, Elks Share." These words are not only our motto, but they extend to our members who are charged to be; just to your fellow man, ever practice brotherly LOVE and be charitable to all mankind.

"Elks Care, Elks Share" can be seen in the many articles published in our local newspapers and national magazine. Our motto is visually displayed in the many photographs of those who have benefitted by our members charitable works. And when personal tragedy strikes one of our members, our motto is transformed into a wide blanket of love and kindness beyond their meaning.

Such was the case when my father, P.E.R. Ruby Cohen passed away on June 26. Those who knew him expressed their heartfelt sadness during our vacant chair ceremony, and I can't begin to thank the officers who gave up their Sunday morning on July 1st to perform the Elks memorial service for our family. Dressed in tuxedos, under a very hot summer sun, our officers honored my father with their words and their presence.

Dad was the charter member of Ellenville Elks Lodge #1971 in Ellenville, NY, and an associate member of this lodge. Long before I became an official Elk member, we would visit this lodge on his frequent trips to California. His New York lodge #1971 (which by coincidence happens to be my membership number) pins are displayed on our map on the wall in the patio. He attended my installations as Chaplain and Loyal Knight was very proud that his daughter carried on the ELK tradition. Membership in this organization was something very special between us.

We celebrated his life the way he would have wanted, at the Elks, surrounded by family, good friends, and several shots of scotch!

I wish to thank all the members for their condolences during this very difficult time. You have all become part of my extended family in a way that words cannot adequately express.

Others may be prepared to build, to help and to serve, but WE *care*.

**Ruby Cohen center at his installation as ER of Ellenville
Lodge#1971**



BONDS

Starting September 1, 2007, bonds will be available in \$100 denominations. Jerry & Patti Serota have already pledged to buy a \$100 bond each month. Join them by pledging a sum comfortable to your financial circumstances. For your convenience applications will be available in the Antler and lodge office.

ENTERTAINMENT



August 3- Karaoke
 August 17-Renegades
 August 24-Bingo
 August 31-K.C. Phillips



We played Bingo June 22nd and I figure a frenzy is growing. We had our biggest crowd yet. Bigger crowd means more games and more money. Even Herb Jellander played and that's something. Now Don Booker once held "Booker Bingo". And again it was Booker Bingo as he won two games and Barb Booker won one game. Other winners were Robert Jones, Allan Hardie who was a winner last month also. Come out July 27th and August Bingo will have a celebrity caller doing the last game. I will announce who it will be in the August Antler.

Again the rules are \$10 for two cards. 20% of the take goes to our Major Project, Purple Pig. The rest goes back to members in prize money. I would like to mention member, John Quinn who donated another \$20. This gets him in the Purple Pig Honor Roll and he is a member of the Century Club



Don't Miss

Legends in Concert "The Sequel"
 October 20th 8 p.m.
 Cocktail Show \$20
 Two Drinks & Dessert

Fundraiser for New Facilities

**Kitchen Rambling****Bob Arbetman**

I am so happy that July is over. First our big refrigerator in the kitchen went out. Then the 2-glass door refrigerator in the bar died. Followed up by the bar's cash registers locking up. Hopefully that was all the bad luck for the month. Nonsense the old refrigerator in the Bar B Que room followed suit. It died. Now the good part. We now have a beautiful brand new refrigerator in the kitchen. The registers are fixed. I gave the Bar B Que a refrigerator that I no longer needed.

With the E.R.s Going Away Party a huge success, and the rest of the month went very well. The month of August will have a Friday buffet, followed by Killer Chops by the Krazy Krew. With a chicken dinner by my crew, Chet's famous salmon & steak, and ending with a cook your own steak night by the Maintenance Crew will complete the Friday dinners.

The State VP visitation will take place and Tom Ryder has consented to cook Welcome Home!. Wednesday night dinners will be something different as Ken Daly and daughters will do a lasagna dinner, Tom will end up the month with a great steak dinner for initiation. Thanks to everyone for a great ending to July and a fantastic August coming.

Lunches!!!! We are going to revamp the menu, but we are leaving the Taco Tuesdays and the Dog Day Mondays alone.

We need more volunteers! It helps when people help to take the burden off the regular cooks that cook month in month out. See all of you at the lodge for fantastic meals!

**Bar Manager****Corinne Richeson**

Corinne comes to us with a wealth of experience in bartending managing banquets, weddings and other functions. She was trained here at our Elks Lodge by Judy Brayman. When asked what she finds special about the Lodge, she answered that she likes our friendly family environment.

Along with Corinne we welcome new bartenders: Debbie Jay who works Saturdays, having recently relocating from Florida to be near family. On Sunday mornings, Joe LaBlanc will be keeping our drinks full and tables clean. He is well known bartender around town. Finally Julie Cook a para legal by day and our bartender by night. Welcome to all the new staff. Corinne appreciates your patience while the newbees learn the procedures and routines.

Also a special thank you to Max Maxwell, Jason the Limmie, Tom Hartin and Bob Arbetman from Corinne for helping in the bar area and setting up her office.

Come down for the new Happy Hour time and menu of appetizers every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 pm.-7 p.m.

HAPPENINGS AT OUR LODGE



BBQ Chair, Al Lenahan, doing his thing on Saturday BBQs.



Bill Miller and Harry Isaman cooking hot dogs for 400 Brownies



Chaplin, Robert Jones leading the Lodge for Flag Day Ceremony.



Scott Dool and wife Crystal celebrating his 70th birthday with friends.



Past Elk Ladies Presidents, Kathy Ryder and Shirley Kozlowski serving brunch for Father's Day.



New landscaping and irrigation system installed by Rick Herrera.

ERs Going Away Party



The servers l-r Mary Woodlief, Jessica Stull, June Leadam, and Helen Heisler



The chef Tom Ryder, PDDGER



The MCs PERs, Gil Riding and Tom Ryder



The entertainer, Dave Naccarato, PER



The singers-Jerry Serota and Cornelia Meehan



The car races coordinators, Jack Panczak and Gil Riding



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

Santa Barbara Lodge Campout

What a cool place – both temperature wise and otherwise. The campsites are laid out well, the picnic area is beautiful, and needless to say the Lodge is extremely well planned and a pleasure to visit.

We were fortunate to make the Santa Barbara Lodge campout and arrived on Wednesday, returning from our trip to Napa (that's a whole nother story). The Ryders, Ericksons, Chuck Kudra and his roommate, Gene Ewald (Gene's motorhome was due for maintenance and not done yet), Jan and Dale Iddings (new members), Tom and Marlene Walsh, John and Gladys Ennis, and Shirley and Chet Kozlowski, Jessica and David Stull - - I think that's all - - were already in place. As I've remarked before, Kampers are arriving earlier and earlier. We were the LATE comers, except for those who arrived on Thursday and Friday.

The weather could not have been more pleasant. I heard someone mention the "R" word and poor Kathy didn't like that idea one little bit.

Now I know why the Ryders, other than being wagonmasters, arrived early. They were VERY BUSY with numerous social engagements and I guess some visitations fell in there someplace. Seems like they had something going on every single evening. Makes me tired just recalling all those activities (giggle).

Friday night dinner was, again this year, absolutely wonderful – don't know what those people do to pork – but I sure hope they keep doing it the second Friday of the month and our next campout there is scheduled on the second Friday. We were welcomed with reserved tables. After we all indulged in the marvelous meal, the 50/50 drawing was held. Tom Ryder (visiting dignitary) was called up to pick the ticket. God Bless ya Tom – he picked MY ticket. Then several of our people won raffle prizes, Jessica Stull being one, on her second pass by our table, she wondered if the Santa Barbara Lodge would let us come back again?

OMG – the band – was from Dos Pueblo High School – what a terrific group of young musicians. If I recall correctly (and that's always questionable) one of the members of the Lodge encourages the Lodge to have this band play often. This is how the band members earn the money to go on various trips. They were GOOD! They do travel and would come to Thousand Oaks - - if only we could find a place for them to play! It's a good sized band, and the termites might let go if we had them play in the



Lodge (giggle). Now here's the kicker - - that Chuck Kudra is a dancin' fool. I believe he had every woman in our group out on the floor at least once – more than likely several times.

Now, I'm not a ballroom type dancer – I literally hid in the ladies room so I didn't have to dance too much - - I'M NO GOOD at that. The Ryders followed the schedule the Collerans adopted last year, all our Saturday "Kamper" activities were done in the morning so that anyone who was out and about town didn't have to worry about being back at a specific time. It was a very relaxing campout and, quite frankly, I don't believe some of us were much interested in going out for dinner or certainly not cooking - - so we ORDERD PIZZA. Thank goodness for Jessica – after a bit of discussion, I'd gone to pick up menus – and she organized the phone in orders. Believe it or not, she did such a great job there was minimal, if any, confusion when the delivery arrived.

Upcoming Campouts

August 10-12	Oceanside Elks Lodge
September 7-9	Morro Dunes
October 12-14	Far West-Halloween
November 9-11	Kenney Grove-Thanksgiving
December 9	Holiday Brunch-Grand Vista Hotel

VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE
elkonejokampers@oaksdata.com
for upcoming campouts
& photos of events



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

YOUR LUCKY DAY



LOTTO TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE

1 2 3 4 5

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-Friday
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477

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Aug. 24
Sept. 28

See page 13 for question.

(L-R) Steve Smith, Jay Block, Sally Claunch,
Terry Gicking, Dave Pearson
Entertaining the guests at the ERs Going
Away Party

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FOR
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EVERY TUE. & THUR.
4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
APPETIZERS



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations
Chair.**



Bill Miller, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, Committee Scouting Chairman presented Eagle Scout Tim Swavely with a plaque and American Flag honoring him for his achievement

GIFT CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

Available now at your Wapiti Store... New hats with our Lodge # and as requested by the camper Travel Guides, all 4 are now in.

A new item for your consideration is a "Gift Certificate" for \$10.00 or \$15.00 redeemable towards Elks Merchandise only. Remember, all profits from our store go to the fund to build a new Lodge.

Have a Reiki Day!
Lloyd Carter



What is BLT???

No, it is not a sandwich. The creation of the Bequests and Living Trusts (BLT) Committee in 1984 set the stage for ensuring the financial future of the Major Project. Amounts under \$500 go directly to help underwrite Major Project expenses for the year in which they are given. The establishment of the Bequests and Living Trusts Legacy Fund in 1991 designated gifts of \$500 or more to be placed in a special account.

BLT gives all Elks an opportunity to participate in the Major Project through a living trust fund. There are also other options available through the BLT Committee.

Interested in further information? Contact Robert Jones, our Bequests and Living Trusts Chair

ELK TRIVIA

Questions:

1. What was the name of the theatrical group that founded the Elks?
2. The Elks were almost named after another animal-What was the animal?
3. The first Grand Lodge and the first Elks local lodge were chartered and founded in what state?
4. In the early years, the Elks had two leaders to run the lodge-one was the Exalted Ruler-What was the name of the other lodge leader?
5. What major role did the Elks play in WWI?

Answers on page 17

Welcome...

**Greg Metzgas, State VP
on his homecoming to
our Lodge August 8th**

Hear his message



Spades Up to You

Rick Herrera, during his first week of retirement planted flowers donated by his school and installed an irrigation system for the flower beds.



*The West Central Coast District
 Officers and Members request the pleasure of your company in honoring
 California-Hawaii Elks Association President*

*Oren Richardson
 and first Lady Charlene*

*On
 Saturday the eleventh of August, two thousand and seven
 At six o'clock in the evening*

To be held at

*The Thousand Oaks Inn
 75 West Thousand Oaks Blvd.
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91360*

*Hosted by The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477
 (805) 496 2477*

*No Host Cocktails 6:00pm
 Dinner 7:30pm
 Dress: Semi Formal
 Advance Tickets only by July 27, 2007
 \$22.00*


BOND SALES

Thank you Elk Ladies
 for your purchase of bonds.
 The purchase of bonds helps
 defray the cost of borrowing
 money from a bank. The more
 bonds sold equals less money
 needed to borrow.

Who are these people?
 What are they doing?



Answer on page 11

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LECTURING KNIGHT Steve Smith	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT: Robert Jones SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera GOVT. RELATIONS: Scott Dool MEMORIAL SERVICE: Robert Jones NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER		GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson Tommy Claunch LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi David Naccarato/Tom Hartin MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member CHRISTMAS TREES: Herb Jellander Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Ed Colleran

Fellowship

The only committee chairpersons with anything to report have been Ed Bianchi and Joe Clancy of the Lodge Picnic Committee. They have arranged for Saturday September 1st, Labor Day weekend, as the date for the picnic. Ed has been in contact with Conejo Valley Parks and Recreation in search of an appropriate venue. The result is the park area north of the Thousand Oaks Library. Ed seems to have considerable experience in putting together such events. There is a lot to coordinate and several issues to handle i.e. insurance, licenses etc. Ed and Joe are putting their heart and soul into this one. I'm sure we'll be very pleased with the results of their efforts. Get ready for one of them to strong arm you into volunteering. It's a huge endeavor and they will need a lot of help.

The Americanism and Government Relations committees need chairmen. If anyone feels ambitious enough to become involved in Elkdom please call me at 805-857-9789. I could use the help. Until then I'll be heading up these committees myself and drawing upon the experience and knowledge of others.

I would like to thank Catherine Koeritz for her help and support without which I would have probably said "Adios" a long time ago. One of the areas of encouragement has been in her explanation concerning the conflict some have perceived in the "Operation Face Lift" expenditures when demolition will be necessary to achieve the construction of a new lodge. Projects recently completed have been without cost to the lodge thanks to the efforts of Boyd Lindquist. Other expenditures will be made to refurbish areas, which can be transferred to the new building. Several members are involved in moving us forward to a new facility and we should be grateful and supportive. Your officers will be using a variety of methods to keep you informed of our progress, even those who don't read this newsletter or attend any meetings.

In fellowship I would like to say I have had the pleasure to meet and enjoy the company of many brother and sister Elks. It is the one, and quite frankly, only thing that makes my Elkdom experience one that I cherish. I have met

truly caring people at this lodge. For that I am grateful. Because of that I am encouraged to stay involved.

Thank you for your brotherhood.

HELP WANTED

Lodge Secretary

flexible hours
 take minutes at meetings
 maintain accounts between the Lodge & members
 keep current mailing list
 recieve all monies of the Lodge
 attend all DDGER clinics
 etc.
 manual outlines duties and timelines


If interested apply at office or call 496-2477

THANKS A MILLION

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends up and down the district, and especially from Thousand Oaks Lodge for the many prayers, phone calls, flowers, and cards received during our long convalescence. We are getting stronger daily and hope to see everyone at the lodge very soon. It gives us a warm feeling to know that we have such great friends as we do in the lodge.

With thanks and prayers,

Bill & Flo Lloyd

20007-2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES June Leadam	20007-2008 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Jessica Stull 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Mary Woodlief 3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Jeri Miller SECRETARY: Pat Peterson TREASURER: Alice Kennedy AUDITOR: Kathy Ryder TELEPHONE: Patti Serota		PARLIAMENTARIAN: Carol Neuner CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Kelly LaCross CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell HISTORIAN: SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski



Summertime

I awoke this morning at 5:00 with that song from Porgy and Bess: "Summer time and the living is easy; fish are jumping and the cotton is high..." running through my head.

Where that came from I have no idea it was just there bugging me all day. It made me think about how wonderful the summer is here in California with all of the delicious fresh fruit. The strawberries we buy at Las Posas and Lewis Rds. have been delicious. The owner told me that the crop is so plentiful this year because of the freeze last winter.

Our neighbor gave us a bag of tree ripened apricots which were just like eating candy. I even got busy and made some jam. We bought peaches, nectarines, and cherries from a roadside stand in Dinuba, which were incredible. Steve and I have memories of the apricot and peach trees in our yards when were kids. Could they have been as good as we remember?

It is watermelon and corn time too. Those are favorite additions to summer barbecues. It is such a great time to have family and friends in for easy dinners and lots of companionship. There is nothing that compares to strawberry shortcake and homemade ice cream to go with it. Hope that you are enjoying the same!

Dave Naccarato visited our meeting to present Rubye Metzgas with her Century Club Certificate that honors her for her donation of \$100.00 to Major Projects. She also received a purple pig pin. Juanita Feamster presented June with a photo album of Mardi Gras. Juanita is a special friend of Jessica Stull.

I understand that Annie Pearson's bus trip to Buffalo Bill's at Stateline was a grand success. It was very quiet on the trip home. Were they all watching the movies or did they have too much fun in the casinos? You might consider joining her next year.



- 1 Judy Sandham
- 2 Sharon Baker
- Beth Kozlowski
- Marie Wagner
- 9 Niki Case
- 10 Jeanne Sandt
- 26 Myrna Block
- 30 Gladys Ennis

BECAUSE YOU ARE OUR FATHER

Marilyn Cissell



We thank you for your patience, Lord, when we are slow to learn. Harsh lessons meant to help us, perhaps we think a bit too stearn.

Because you are our Father, God, and our mistakes you always see, Your gift to us is freedom, which precedes responsibility

Amen



Marilyn Cissell presented Elk Ladies President, June Leadam with a check from CVD.

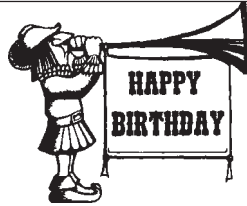
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June 13	25.00	Robert Flemming	#2162	
	Lucky 13	No Winner		
June 20	50.00	Robert Ratto	#2153	
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2. Buffalos
3. Lodge # 1 in New York City in New York state
4. The Grand Primo
5. Funded and equipped military hospitals

Exalted Ruler Article continued

Grand Lodge is the time where the Committees give their reports. We heard from Cort VanOstran, who won the Most Valuable Student 2007 boy winner. We heard about the ENF Emergency Grant recipient, Mathew "Zeke" Hughes from Brockton, MA. He received the Grant after the untimely passing of his father and was grateful for the chance to complete his senior year at Boston College. To show his appreciation, while he attended the GL convention, he filled out an application for membership at the membership booth!

These are some of the Grants available to Elks. Other programs are Gratitude Grants or Promise Grants. The Impact Grant can fully fund a literacy program, a Meals-on-Wheels initiative or another project vital to the community's well being. Further info can be found at (www.elks.org/enf/community).

In our Pubic Relations efforts, we submitted 25 pieces of PR to the National Magazine since Feb 2006 up to Feb 2007. And all of them were published! Great job Jerry Serota!

Resolutions were introduced and the delegates (us) voted on the adoption of each of them. The most controversial was Res. 2007-10. This was to amend the Statutes of the Order in Section 12.130 to add the line: ... "provided, however, the Lodge may, by an Amendment to its By-laws, provide for a degree team, not necessarily composed of the duly installed Officers of the Lodge, for the rendition of the Initiatory Ritual. The Team shall consist of Members of the Lodge, especially qualified in rendition of the Initiatory Ritual appointed by the Exalted Ruler with approval of the Lodge, and who shall perform the Initiatory Ritual from memory. All elected and appointed officers shall have the right to be a part of the degree team at their elected or appointed station."




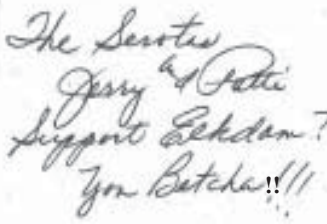








This was discussed in great detail and barely passed with a 1442 yea and 1386 no. I will publish all the Resolutions in the next Antlers and will post the information at the Lodge for further reading.

Our New District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler!

Ashley Fittz was given his jewels by the ER of his Lodge, Santa Maria in a nice ceremony in the District Meeting room. In attendance were the District ER's and spouses, the State President, Oren Richardson and Charlene, District Leader Dick Owens and Hildy and guests
The new Grand Exalted Ruler is F. Louis Sulsberger of Flora, Illinois Lodge No. 1659

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