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Exalted Ruler



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## LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE



Oren Richardson, State President, CHEA

On Saturday August 11, 2007 at the Thousand Oaks Inn, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 hosted Oren Richardson from Coalinga, the State President of the California - Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) , and 19 District Vice Presidents for his official visitation. In all there were 150 in attendance from all over the State.

Oren is a retired Pacific Gas & Electric Company employee and his motto for the year is "Energize Elkdom. Be the Spark of Your Lodge". His message was get the word out to the community that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is important to your community. We support Youth Activities, Scholarships, Drug Awareness, Americanism Contests and Free Dictionaries in our schools, Boys and Girl Scouts and "As long as there is a veteran in our



Oren and Charlene Richardson

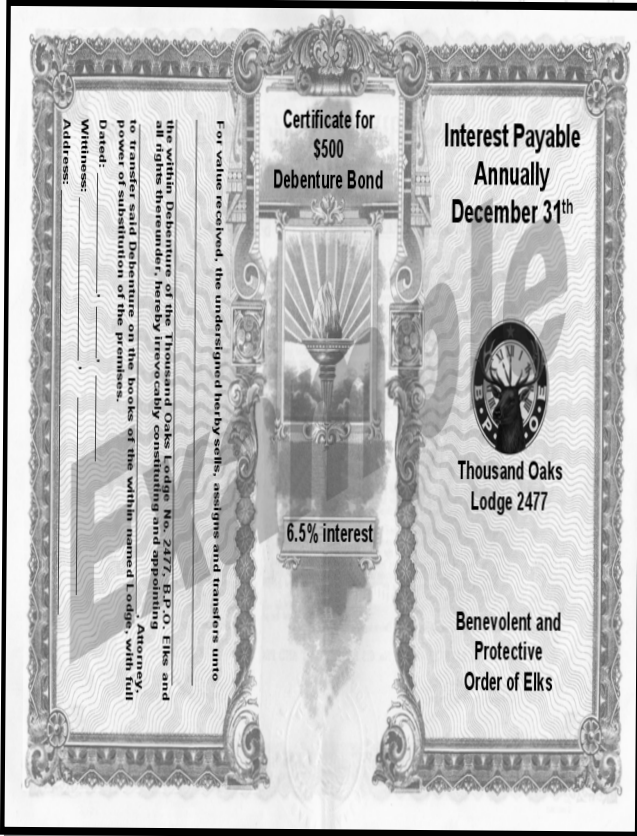
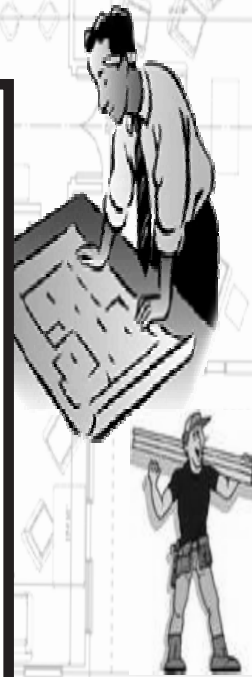
hospitals the BPO Elks will never forget them". One of the charities most dear to his heart is the "Purple Pig" CHEA Elks Major Project, providing therapy "Aid to Disabled Children". At the State Convention earlier this year almost \$3 million dollars was donated.

He said get this message out and you will have lit the spark that energizes the public and your Lodge for the future.

**Lodge Picnic  
Saturday, Sept. 1  
Conejo Creek Pavilion  
11 am-3 pm**

# 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.*



***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 RESOLUTIONS**

Included in this month's newsletter are the resolutions that were passed and defeated during the Grand Lodge Session in North Carolina. The resolutions that passed will be part of the Grand Lodge Statutes that govern our organization. The one in particular that needs some explanation is #10. This resolution passed to allow for the Initiation Ritual to be performed by a Degree Team. The Lodge may, by an amendment to its by-laws, provide for a ritual team composed of members that can recite the ritual by memory. What this means is; the elected Lodge Officers have the first right of refusal and are entitled to perform the initiation ritual themselves. If they choose not to perform the ritual themselves, the members will need to vote on the replacements.

**NEW FACILITY UPDATE**

Our committees have been very hard at work to compile all the data regarding building a new facility. This has not been an easy task and it's been very time consuming. As of this writing, the Trustees have been presented with the first draft of the business plan and the figures are being analyzed. I would like to thank Cherri Peterson for all her efforts and financial expertise on dealing with the banks that brought us to the point we're at right now. Now that Denise Goldstein has taken the helm of the New Facilities Finance Committee as the Chairperson, she will be working in conjunction with the Trustees and the banks for the qualifications necessary for funding the loan.

We are very close to having the data presented to the members. Remember, it's up to the membership to approved the finance and the loan to build the new facility.

**SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

I am happy to announce that we have our Office positions filled!  
Bob Saynay is back as our Secretary and I would also like to welcome Tom Ryder as our new Treasurer. We have a lot of business ahead of us and I ask that everyone please support our Officers. And let's have a great year!



ER, Catherine Koeritz accepting a check from Elk Ladies President, June Leadam for lounge improvements.

**Your Lodge Serving the Community  
in September**

- Ö Attending scout meetings and Eagle Scout presentations
- Ö Provide BBQ for Corvette Show patrons
- Ö Visit the Veterans' Hospital and provide comfort and entertainment



**EDITOR'S CORNER**  
 Sally Claunch, PER  
*claunchsally@gmail.com*  
 articles due 5th of month  
 send as Word attachment

### Calling All Cancer Survivors

Last year, three cancer survivors from our Lodge walked the opening lap of the Conejo Relay for Life at Newbury Park High School. Ask Bev Erickson, John Ennis or myself about the specialness of the day. It was both powerful and emotional to be part of this special group. Again this year the event will be on October 13th at 9:45 a.m. at Newbury Park High School. I am inviting all Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge cancer survivors to join us. If you can not walk the lap, we will push you in a wheelchair. Please call me at 805-495-0577 or email at *claunchsally@gmail.com*. I will direct you to the website for registration. Hope you will join us in our victory march.

### MOTION TO SELL \$100 BONDS

A motion was made and seconded on the floor on August 22, 2007 to allow the sale of \$100 New Facilities bonds. The motion will be voted on at the September 5, 2007 meeting.

**THANK  
 YOU SO  
 MUCH!**

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### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dean Nash was hospitalized with pneumonia; Dee Swanson is recuperating from lung surgery; Jim Wallace, PER, has been diagnosed with COPD; Kay Riebe from a fall; Rubye Metzgas to have cancer surgery; Jim Kellogg has a blood disorder and will be treated at City of Hope.

**ON THE MEND:** Jack Malone from a fall

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



### COMING ATTRACTIONS

September 1-Lodge Picnic

October 5- Junior PER, Dave Naccarato's Roast

October 7- Bus Trip to Santa Anita Racetrack

October 20-Legends in Concert Sequel

November 2-3 - Mid Term Convention

November 17-Charity Ball

November 18-Veterans' Brunch

End of November-mid December-Christmas Tree sales

December 7- Tree Trimming Party

December 9- Kampers Christmas Brunch


December 11-Elk Ladies Christmas Party

December 14-ER Christmas Party

December 15- Kids' Christmas Party

December 18-22-Holiday Baskets Project

December 31- New Year's Eve Party

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

September is almost here and the lodge is as busy as ever. Check the calendar for September events and become part of the activity.

Under my station, Leading Knight, is the annual Charity Ball and fundraiser. We are planning a raffle to accomplish this task. So far, some of the prizes for that raffle will be several rounds of golf for four, a timeshare week in Hawaii. We have certificates for dining, desserts, baskets, and much more. It will be a great raffle with lots of prizes and I am sure all of you will want to take part in the fun.

Also, we have a Charity Ball in November. It will be on Saturday, November 17. The theme will be "The Way we Were", paying tribute to the 1950's Do you remember all the fun we had back then? Do you remember how you dressed in the "50's"? Do you think you could recreate the dress and the habits and what we did back then? For those of you too young to remember those "Happy Daze" it will be fun to be part of it too. With a lot of participation by our members, it should be a BLAST with good music and dancing, and reminiscing, to say nothing of FUN. The band will be "The Original Renegades. This band is a popular one here at the lodge with all that wonderful music and dancing, and, of course, dinner.

As you know, the profits from these events will go toward the charity baskets program which distributes to the needy at Christmas time.

That's a heads up of what is coming in the months ahead. I hope you will plan to take part and enjoy activities at your lodge.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees have found a good new home for the pool table and are looking for a good home for the organ. It will be replaced by a keyboard. The sub-committees for New Facilities have nearly finalized all reports needed by the bank for approval of a loan. The results should be known in early September.

## BPOE 2477 Charity

Bash



## The Way We Were High School Sock Hop

Saturday November 17, 2007

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Music Out of the '50s

BY THE ORIGINAL RENEGADES

Come dressed in the period

### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to gas surcharges imposed by the liquor distributors, our cost of product has increased. As a result the HC voted to increase the price of a well drink and beer by \$.25 starting October 1, 2007.

The House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Followed by the Officers Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

The Trustees meet every first Tuesday at 7 pm. Again all are welcome to attend.

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Ed Rice  
**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  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER  
 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Robert Jones

### A "Toast" to the Eleventh Hour Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson — in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks — was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top."

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. Given our theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks. The Original Jolly Corks Toast

Now is the hour when Elkdom's tower  
 is darkened by the shroud of night,  
 And father time on his silver chime  
 Tolls off each moment's flight.

In Cloistered halls each Elk recalls  
 His Brothers where'er they be,  
 And traces their faces to well-known places  
 In the annals of memory.

Whether they stand on a foreign land  
 Or lie in an earthen bed,  
 Whether they be on the boundless sea  
 With the breakers of death ahead.

Whate'er their plight on this eerie night  
 Whate'er their fate may be  
 Where ever they are be it near or far  
 They are thinking of you and me.

So drink from the fountain of fellowship  
 To the Brother who clasped your hand  
 And wrote your worth in the rock of earth  
 And your faults upon the sand.

### TO OUR ABSENT BROTHERS

The Modern version we use today is a more current with the inclusion of women as ELK members, the word "Brothers" has been replaced by the word "Member"

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.

Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be

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# ENTERTAINMENT



- September 7-Renegades Band
- September 14-Karaoke-Robert Jones- MC
- September 21-KC Phillips Show
- September 28- Bingo with Dave



Bingo 2477 was played July 27th. Bob Arbetman and Raven West filled in as Bingo callers for me while I was out of town. We had our biggest crowd yet with \$50.00 going to the Purple Pig. In August we played on the Friday night of the 24th. And now I will reveal the celebrity caller. It was Kenny Rodgers. That's right the Gambler himself.. Bingo will also be played at our lodge picnic and on September 28th. Plan to attend. Be there or be square.  
PER David Naccarato

**GIFT CERTIFICATES  
TO THE WAPITI  
STORE ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE**



## 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

It has been a great month. August was wonderful with all of the great meals. We even have a couple of new volunteers. Thanks to you all.

September will even be better. Myrna is back in the fold with one of her special chicken dinners. Then we have Crystal and Karen doing stuffed bell peppers. Please come by Wednesday and Friday for dinner and a great time with entertainment every Friday night. Remember that we are all volunteers and try our best. We need more of this.



### Corinne Richeson Bar Manager

By popular demand the Friday Night drink special is an apple martini. On October 8th Lifeline screening will be at the Lodge. More information will be forthcoming. The newly decorated banquet room is available for parties. We can help you plan menus and assist with entertainment. Call me at the lounge. Also it is not too early to book your company or family holiday party.



**We are roasting Junior PER,  
Dave Naccarato, on October 5th.  
Come join the fun--see him squeak.  
Be part of the audience or be a roaster.  
Contact Sally Claunch to be put on the  
agenda.**

#### LOYAL KNIGHT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

pealing forth the friendly message,  
"To our absent members."

There are many versions of the Toast, but no matter the words, the sentiment remains the same. Elks are NEVER forgotten, NEVER forsaken, since the very first meeting of Jolly Corks over 130 years ago until today.

**OFFICIAL VISITATION OF ASHLEY FITTZ, DDGER**



**Ashley Fittz, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Catherine Koeritz, ER and Vern Claycamp, Auditor for the DDGER**



**George Meehan, Esteemed Leading Knight pinning Chuck Messmer, his new member after the initiation**



**Catherine and Bob Koeritz with Eddie Fittz at the dinner**



**Barbara and Greg Metzsgus, VP, WCCD**



**Flo and Bill Lloyd, DL**



### HOMECOMING VISITATION OF GREG METZGUS, VP, WCCD



(L-R) Ashley Fittz, DDGER, Catherine Koeritz and Greg Metzgas, State VP, WCCD



VP, Metzgas being presented to the Lodge by Esquire, Terry Gicking



Wielding the gavel of authority to get his message across



Three awards earned by our lodge



Installation of Bob Saynay, Lodge Secretary



Installation of Tom Ryder, PDDGER as Treasurer



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg

### GOOD GRIEF - - WHAT A TURNOUT!



Certainly it wasn't the free food that was the attraction - -

We had one of the largest turnouts we've had - other than the November campout - - in a long time. It's a crack-up; some say "It's too hot in Buellton in July!" WRONG! The weather was as perfect as a person could possibly want. We had a lovely breeze nearly all the time and it was very pleasant in the sun.

We had Sally and Tommy Claunch, and Crystal and Scott Dool - motel-ing it and Darlene and Gus Chinery who haven't camped with us in so long I can't recall the last time.

We had two new rigs with us, Cherri and John Peterson and Joe and Jody Clancy. John was absolutely the Host with the Most (will talk about his hosting of Steve Chiszar later). The Clancys submitted their membership application, and I guess since they weren't formally members yet - was absolved of bringing Champaign along with their new rig. NEXT time guys!

Now John Peterson's playing host for Steve Chiszar, John did such a great job Friday night, poor Steve wasn't seen until Saturday afternoon. You can draw your own conclusions!

Friday afternoon saw Crystal, Sally and Jessica Stull off to the golf course. Jessica hadn't played in a while, didn't have any equipment with her, but she was a really good sport and went along anyway, playing with one of the other's clubs. VERY INTERESTING, I'd mentioned the breeze earlier - well according to these gals, they pored every hole, however, the wind blew their score card away. Therefore, there was NO proof of this allegation and it seems I heard something about a "hole in one" and depending on who was telling the story, it was questionable exactly WHO scored this miraculous feat. By dang, they did the same thing again Saturday afternoon and that bloody breeze grabbed their score card, AGAIN.

The Ogdens and Ennises were off EARLY in the morning to play golf. It is good to see John Ennis out and about, looking hale and hearty again. Seems I recall something (?) about his considering scheduling golf at campouts near golf courses in the future. That would be soooo cool John.

Thursday came and went and no Flannerys. Word was they were vacationing in the mid-west someplace; however, Friday, Chuck Kudra announced "Mike and Mary are here!" Seems their plans were changed for them and they decided to come camping. Other than the fact that Mike and Mary are truly great additions to the group, Mike as been bringing the fire pit and wood, which is very much appreciated

Oh yah, speaking of Chuck Kudra - - Judy was fortunate enough to break away from work for the entire campout. Well, not exactly. She was present (she's such a delight) but the poor thing was "connected" to work via cell phone. Fortunately, I think, she did get to enjoy a bit of relaxation.

Saturday, Donna Colleran brought out a "new" game, don't know what but the group was sure making a LOT of noise, guess they were having a really good time

AAAAH, new game! While in Napa in May, my cousin dragged (not an easy thing to do) me to her bunco group because they were short a player. Truth be told, I actually enjoyed it. So the "stuff" for bunco has been ordered, and we're on the look out for bunco players at campouts. All I can say is, it WILL be played by the simplest version of the rules, since both Donna and I have played only once in our lives - besides that is more than likely all my alleged mind can wrap itself around (giggle).

As you may or may not know, the Kampers no longer provide breakfast for the AA group, which has put a very large dent in our budget; therefore, beginning January 2008 the membership dues will be \$25 per year.

After that depressing news, some fabulous news is that the Ericksons' and crew will be doing the November campout again, at least for one more year.

NOW HEAR THIS - - anyone who is NOT camping - but intends to come to the Thanksgiving Fest MUST call Beverly Erickson for a food assignment. In the past some have brought a cash donation instead (which was nice, but) - - IT AIN'T EDIBLE folks - and one year the Ericksons didn't even get to eat. We need to know EXACTLY who's coming, how many and be prepared to bring food in a sufficient amount. ALSO - please don't forget there is a DAY CHARGE by the park that must be paid to the Wagonmasters. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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### Upcoming Campouts

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

<http://elkonejokampers@oaksdata.com>

for upcoming campouts  
& photos of events



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

# YOUR LUCKY DAY



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Your Name

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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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### Keep the Communications Flowing

Please notify the office of change of address  
or email address so the computer data systems can be  
updated. Notification ensures members receiving the  
Antlers and timely communications from the office.



Sept. 28  
Oct. 26

**JOIN US  
FOR  
HOSPITALITY HOUR  
EVERY TUE. & THUR.  
4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
APPETIZERS**



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations  
Chair.**

printed in Your Hub August 7

On Sunday August 5, 2007 at the Rockwell Science Center an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for Christian Woolley attended by over 100 friends and relatives. Christian is the son of Michael and Diana Woolley.

Christian is a member of Boy Scout Troop 754 and he is the 41st Eagle Scout to soar from this troop. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is proud to be their sponsor. He graduated from Newbury Park High School and plans to go to Moorpark College and pursue a Science major.

Christians Eagle Scout community service project was to build 3 much needed book cases for Trish Kelloggs class at the Banyan Elementary School. He organized, supervised and secured the finances for this project and with the help of 30 friends, scouts and family completed the project.



Eagle Scout, Christian Woolley and Bill Miller, Scouting Chair. BPO Elks Lodge #2477



**Max Maxwell**

**NOTES FROM THE MAINTENANCE GUYS...**

It's been a spell since I've sent an article into the Antler and a great deal has been done. Two big projects have been accomplished. They are replacement of the concrete in the front of the Lodge by Boyd Lindquist and the surrounding landscaping by Rick Herrera. Rick also did a lot of work on our sprinkler systems. The Front entry looks a bunch better. Liz Bell, who somehow finds the time to water before she goes into work and Carol Stewart have kept the new plants looking nice.

A few months back the swamp cooler that cools the kitchen quit. Brother Tom Hartin and I took the cowling off and found that the fan motor had burned out and so off to Grangers we went to get a replacement. Of course they didn't have one in stock, but were happy to order one for us.

A few days later we get a call that the motor is in. Another trip to pick up it up. We came back to the Lodge, installed the motor, hit the switch and nothin'. Zippo. Ok, back on the roof, pull the motor, back to Grangers. Meanwhile the kitchen crews are trying to put out good meals working in heat that would make a fireman put his turnouts on. In a few more days we get a call that they have a motor and off we go to beautiful downtown Oxnard. This time, Tom and I do everything we can to test the motor before we leave the parking lot. Wonder of wonders it worked.

For the second time since the new year Brother and Trustee John Peterson has sent his guys out to work on the A/C. The two ten ton units are old, inefficient by today's standards, and take the hand of someone with a whole lot more knowledge than I have to adjust and maintain them. While his mechanic was on the roof he decided to check out the swamp cooler. A good thing too, because all the filter medium needed replacing as well as the water pump.

Our new bar manager, Corinne Richeson, has several ideas for improving the lounge. In fact the honey do list has been about a foot longer that the one my wife has. We did some remodel work in her office, just enough so that she could turn around in it. Your esquire and all around good guy Terry Giking did a great job cutting off a shelf so that we could better fit a filing cabinet next to it. Terry also manufactured and hung the new doors in the ladies room. Brother and PER John D'Ambrogio showed up to spend a fun day on the BBQ and wound up spending hours fixing the door to her office.

There are dozens of little jobs that have been done, everything from parking lot lights and toilets to block work and chairs. I want to thank everyone who has offered help, advice and sweat.

The first Saturday of every month the City of Thousand Oaks offers a Hazardous material disposal. We have gallons of paint to get rid of left by a well-meaning ex-member. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling (805) 449-7283 or using their E-mail: [TOHHW@pscnow.com](mailto:TOHHW@pscnow.com). If several members took some, we could dispose of it at no cost to the Lodge.

**Share the Excitement**

Sponsor a new member.

Applications are available in the Lounge  
or in the office.

*Sunday, September 30, 2007 - 9:30am to 12:00 noon*

# **BREAKFAST** *by* **The El Konejo Kampers**



*Featuring...*

## *Huevos Rancheros*

*(corn tortilla topped with refried beans,  
eggs, cheese and salsa)*


**\$8.00**

## *Regular Kamper Breakfast*

### *Also Available*

*(eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, sausage, bacon,  
biscuit and gravy, and toast)*

**\$7.00**

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Most of the Elks I have had the pleasure of knowing in my four short years in Elkdom are people who deserve at least one day of observance, and that is Labor Day. Whether you are a small business owner or one of their employees, you are a member of the American work force. The challenges and rolls of each are diverse and unique unto themselves. What is common among them is independence unique to this country.

I found an article on the web site of our Department of Labor concerning the History of Labor Day. It seemed to provide an objective perspective as to how we have come to pay tribute to those who make up the backbone of our American economy. I hope you enjoy it. Some of the material was deleted for the sake of space. The full text is at <http://www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm>

#### **Labor Day: How it came about; what it means**

“Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country,” said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. “All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man’s prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation.”

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

#### **Founder of Labor Day**

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire’s place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is

that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

#### **The First Labor Day**

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.


In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a “workingmen’s holiday” on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

#### **Labor Day Legislation**

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

#### **A Nationwide Holiday**

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

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Our wonderful and talented Elk Ladies gave a delicious Father's Day Brunch this June. It was the best attended ever. The food was extra special. We served Myrna's breakfast casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage, fruit, mini-bagels, hash browns, biscuits and gravy accompanied by champagne, orange juice, and coffee. Special thanks go to the cooks Jessica Stull, Alice Kennedy, Jeri Miller, Diane Isaman, Bob Arbetman and servers Shirley Kozlowski, Kathy Ryder, Sharon Baker, Marilyn Cissell, June Leadam, and Mary Woodlief.

The Ladies Appreciation Luncheon was a great success. Everyone was decked out in black and white. Micah, the magician, truly made it a "Magical Moments" event as he entertained us with many illusions. (How did Alice know all of those cards anyway?) Jessica Stull decorated the dining room with black hats, white rabbits, and magic wands. It was striking with our new white tablecloths and black napkins. Alice Kennedy, Jessica Stull and June Leadam outdid themselves with another delicious lunch. Also, thanks to Mary Woodlief and Pat Peterson for their assistance. Dean Nash and John Leadam served us with panache. If you missed it this year plan ahead to attend next year!

Ashley Fittz, Deputy District Grand Exalted Ruler, visited our Lodge on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Carol Fredericks, June Leadam, Jessica Stull, and Helen Heisler served the dinner for his DDGER visit. The wives of the visiting Elks and our own Elks Lodge went to the Thousand Oaks Inn where they played Bingo. John D'Ambrogio served snacks. Marva D'Ambrogio provided "cookies on a stick" to the winners.

At our general meeting, June Leadam presented Catherine Koeritz with a check for \$4,000.00 to upgrade the lounge. Catherine indicated that she is investigating new bar stools.

We welcomed Kathy Messmer (husband Chuck) as a new member this month. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see her around the Lodge.

Just a reminder our very own Pat Peterson is walking in the Los Angeles Avon Breast Cancer Walk on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. She would gladly accept your donations. You may reach her at 805-486-7442.

Our next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars. We will have a bake sale after dinner on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Patti Serota will be calling you to provide homemade goodies.



**SEPTEMBER**

- 6 Teri Rochford
- 12 Annie Pearson
- 17 Annie McIntyre
- Dee Swanson
- 20 Donna Hardy
- 21 Doris Dellinger
- 22 Becky Krabel

**A WALK WITH THE LORD**

**Marilyn Cissell**



The walk with you,  
most precious Lord,  
With leaps of faith,  
We're never bored.

And with this walk  
a constant test,  
Not always easy,  
but forever blessed.  
Amen

Our family had the most wonderful thing happen this month and I have to share it with you. My daughter, Carol, finally got the daughter that she has prayed for the past three years. "Our" little bundle of joy was born June 27<sup>th</sup> and came into our family on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her name is Abigail Joy – Abby for short.

I know how much a man wishes for a son to carry on his name and teach him how to skip a rock, fish, build a campfire, and BBQ a steak. But there is something amazing about touching your daughter holding her daughter (even when that granddaughter is adopted.) That feeling of love should be bottled and sold over the counter. I bet we could achieve world peace with it!

Sally (and Tommy too), that gives us nine kids in our blended family with twenty-one grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, AND four great-grandsons. Have Steve and I caught up with you?

*Thought for the day: You'll never win the blame game, so why even bother to play?*

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Elk Ladies, Carol Fredricks, Myrna Block and Cornelia Meehan enjoying the annual summer luncheon.






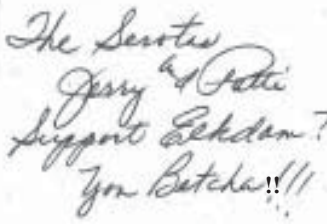








Three generations of Kozlowskis dining with the Elk Ladies summer luncheon.



ER, Catherine Koeritz and Vickie Eagan rocking the house at Karaoke night.

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