



Catherine Koeritz,
Exalted Ruler



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LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

BPOE 2477 Charity Bash

The Way We Were "High School Sock Hop"

Saturday November 17, 2007



Social Hour – 6:00 pm
Dinner—7:00 pm



\$20

Music of the '50s

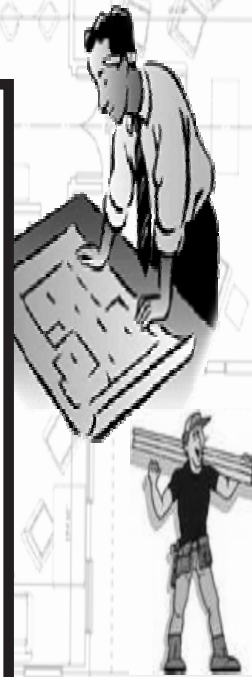
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You are encouraged to dress like you did
in the '50's

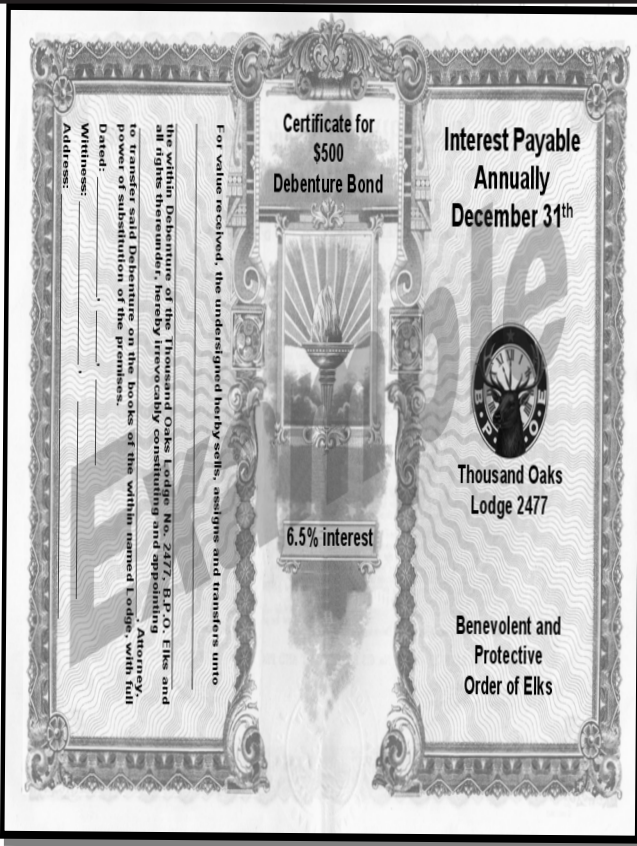
Building a New Lodge

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. Information is forthcoming directly to the membership during Lodge Wednesday night meetings and in the Antler Antics. Applications for bonds are available at the Office, in the lounge, and in the Antler.

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The Lodge Picnic.

I appreciate all the effort and enthusiasm that Ed Bianchi and Joe Clancy had in putting together the picnic. Of course he had all of the support of the volunteers to help make this picnic successful in spite of the extreme heat!!! My sister Toni and I had a lot to be thankful for. We won the wagon filled with spirits and such. What a great prize. Thank you Rick Herrera for the "Wagon of Spirits raffle" that you worked so hard on. We will be donating back the wagon so you can re-fill it and raffle it off again.

We are looking into having the picnic next year in October, where it is cooler. Because of the heat, quite of few people were not able to attend the picnic. Some suggestions were to have it in October where we can have a Halloween theme where we can have the kids participate in the festivities. We are up for suggestions.

I can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work in putting in the new appliances. The new pantry floor looks great! The new freezer is wonderful and to Bob Arbetman in working hard in organizing the pantry. It's so nice to see everyone pitching in!

It was brought up in the House Committee meeting that we needed more band-aides in the 1st aide kit. The next day Robert Jones bought a complete kit to re-stock everything. Thank you Robert. That's an Elk!

New Facilities Update

We have the draft for the business plan!!! The Trustees as of this writing are reviewing it. The final plan will be submitted to the banks that we are negotiating with. We are all in anticipation of what the banks have to offer us. Once we hear, we will set an information meeting for all the members. We will lay out all the details. I'm sure everyone has been waiting for this moment!

By the time you read this, we should have the new bar stools. Thanks to the Elks Ladies for donating \$4000 towards the barstools and improvements in the lounge. Corrine and I have been working with Jerry Case (Big J) to purchase new stools for the lounge. We want to purchase well-made chairs that will last and that are comfortable. Once the new chairs arrive we will move the chairs we have now to the patio.

Bond Committee:

Myrna Block has volunteered to be Chairperson of the bond committee. This is a new committee that was formed to basically keep track of bonds issued, and recommends action for affairs relating to bonds.

**Your Lodge Serving the Community
in October**

- Attending scout meetings at Casa Pacifica
- Providing kids Halloween Party for neighborhood
- Visiting the Veterans' Hospital to provide comfort and entertainment
- Donating dictionaries to 3rd grade students

Be part of the Elks volunteers, call the Lodge office with your name and phone number.



EDITOR'S CORNER
Sally Claunch, PER
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articles due 5th of month
send as Word attachment

Trustees Corner

At the last meeting, the Trustees reviewed the final business plan before submission to the banks as part of the loan approval process. We anticipate a reply within two weeks. We thank the Denise Goldstein and family for producing a professional document. We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the conference room. Your input is appreciated.



Paul, Kathy, Bill, and Ruth Wagner

Bill Wagner was our fourth Exalted Ruler 1975-76. He and Paul used to do the lawn together. When Paul turned 21 we had the pleasure of serving him his first drink at the Lodge.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

Ed Bianchi & Joe Clancy, thank all workers, cooks, bingo callers, ticket takers, etc. who made the Lodge Picnic a great success, and the members who attended despite triple digit weather.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: PER, Bill Wagner and his family on the sudden death of his son Paul; Rick Herrera and family on the passing of his mother, and Judy Brayman and Marc Kennedy on the passing of her father and his grandfather.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bill and Flo Lloyd's daughter is gravely ill; Dean Nash is undergoing chemo; Debbie Hawthorne's son from a severe car crash.

ON THE MEND: Rubye Metzgs from cancer surgery; Tom Ryder, PDDGER, mother had a heart attack.

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

October 5- Junior PER, Dave Naccarato's Roast
October 7- Bus Trip to Santa Anita Racetrack

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	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

The Lodge is really a very busy place and I am wondering how many of the members are taking part in all the events. In August, we had the homecoming of our own state vice president, Greg Metzger. We had a visit from our new state president, Oren Richardson and accompanying him were vice presidents from all over the state of California. A sold out dinner was had at the Thousand Oaks Inn and a super time was had by all. If you weren't there, you really missed out.

As I write this article, we are now into September and things are not slowing down. The lodge picnic was held on Sat, Sept 1, with a good turn out. Ed Bianchi and his crew put on fine time. I think more members and their families would have been there if it had not been so HOT. The temperature was close to triple digits and that made it tough to be active.

The officers have been busy making visitations with Ashley Fittz, the DDGER of the Central West Coast District. and meeting many Elks from other lodges.

The Lounge and Dining Room are busy with good food and good entertainment. Come on down and enjoy it with us.

Now, we are looking forward to a raffle in October. This raffle will benefit the charity baskets program. Also, the Charity Ball will be coming up in November and the committee is working hard to plan it. We can always use more help and all are welcome. The theme will be "The Way We Were"- a tribute to the 50's. This should be a good time and a great moneymaker to pay for the food we distribute to the needy at Christmas time. It is a great way for all members to give back to the community. All will be receiving raffle tickets in the mail. They are 12 for \$20.00. A return envelope will be provided. Please sell these and more besides.

Support the Charity Event and sell those tickets!
The Lodge needs the support of all members.

Remember, Elks Care—Elks Share.

Day at the Races

OCT. 7th \$80

INCLUDES:

- LUXURY BUS
- MARYS/SCREWDRIVERS/BEER/SODA AND SNACKS**
- RESERVED CLUBHOUSE LOGE SEATING
 - GOURMET BBQ BUFFET
 - RACING PROGRAM
 - BREEDER CUP RACES
 - DINNER AT LODGE AFTER RACES

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL

CLAUNCHS 495-0577

PEARSONS 492-3707

OR SIGN UP IN LOUNGE

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

New refrigerators in the pantry have been installed by Alan Hardie, Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell. They also installed a new floor and patched holes in the pantry.

A new cooler has been purchased and installed in the Lounge.

Kitchen crew workers will be entitled to 2 beers or well drinks per shift.

House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month in the conference room. Your input is appreciated.

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

com-mit-tee (k-mt) n. 1. A group of people officially delegated to perform a function, such as investigating, considering, reporting, or acting on a matter.

chairman (chârmn) n.1. The presiding officer of an assembly, meeting, committee, or board.

As Loyal Knight, there are several committees under my chair. Each committee has a chairperson and some might be looking for a group of people to help them. Please see the list at the top of this page and contact the committee chairperson of your choice!

There are many programs that come under the heading of "Youth Activities" Our "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program is the largest and most exciting of the Elks undertakings. Interest in basketball, by the boys and girls throughout our country, is growing in popularity at an unexcelled rate at the elementary, jr. high, high school, college and professional levels. We conduct this contest usually in conjunction with a school in our community.

Soccer is one of the fastest growing youth activities in the country.

Our Soccer Shoot Program is geared to coincide with this sport phenomenon. The Elks Soccer Shoot program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages. A "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age groups that use these goals are divided into two categories, U-8 contains all ages seven years old and younger, and U-10 group contains ages eight and nine. The contest is open to boys and girls who shoot separately. The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal, while the U-10 contestants kick from 18 feet from the goal.

Drug Awareness is replacing some of the D.A.R.E. programs, which were disbanded due to lack of funding. Since the program was founded the Elks have become known nationally for the distribution of the latest drug education material. In conjunction with Marvel Comics, ELKS are now distributing comic heroes who fight for a drug-free society. This material is available other organizations, both public and private that share our goal of raising our children in a drug free environment.

Although Americanism and our Scholarship program come under the Lecturing Knight's chair, they are also part of our Youth Activities. This year the theme for 2007-2008 essay contest is "What Is An American". The contest is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, with savings bonds awarded to winning writers.

Our Elks and Scouting committee is constantly involved with both Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts in our community. I would like to see one of our members take on the chair for the new "Antlers" (formerly the Junior Elks) It is a chance for young people in our communities to get involved with the Elks in the many service-related projects our Lodges sponsor. The Antlers Program is open to those from the ages of 12-20. The information necessary to establish an Antlers Lodge may be found on the Grand Lodge website.

"Youth Veterans Volunteer" is another program, which involves young people making a connection with those who have fought for the freedoms they enjoy.

And for anyone who would like to help with New Year's Eve, "Under the Big Top" 2008, please contact Loyal Knight Raven West!

Celebrate New Year's Eve Under the Big Top!
 Five course Gourmet Dinner by Pierre
 Magic by The Great Räuber
 Jugglers, clowns, Lions, Bears
 Peanuts, popcorn, cotton candy!
 2007 video retrospective
 Silent Auction for:
 Tickets to "Wicked"
 Dinner for two at the Magic Castle
 Magical Day at the Ojai Spa
 Weekend at Circus Circus Las Vegas
 Dodgers, Lakers, Clippers tickets
 Golf at Sherwood Country Club
 \$45 per person
TICKETS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 1, 07

ENTERTAINMENT



- October 5-Junior PER Roast-
Blue Diamond Band
- October 12-Wild Women on
Wine-Karaoke
- October 19-Elk Ladies Bake
Sale-One Last Dance
- October 26-Bingo



Kitchen Rambling
Bob Arbetman

October is finally here and we are getting better in the kitchen. Hopefully it won't be as hot as it was in September.

This month we will be treated by the Wild Women On Wine with their very special gourmet dinner. It is so nice that we have great ladies in our lodge. I don't know how we would complete all the things that we do without them. Starting the month with a Roast for our junior PER Dave. Chuck Bush will treat us with his culinary greatness. Senor Bianchi will be doing another great Mexican dinner. Now we will get down to breakfasts. All of the teams are doing great with their individual specials The sad thing is that we need more volunteers to keep all of the meals going. I know there are great cooks out there and we need you. Please! Thanks as always.

We had our Rookie breakfast with new member Susan Montgomery on the team. Also while my regular team was out on the high seas Jay Block and Bob Arbetman rounded out the field. We did 34 breakfast. Not bad for a holiday end of summer weekend. Many thanks to Susan, Jay and Bob. PER, Power Dave

HALLOWEEN KIDS PARTY



We have invited little "ghosts and goblins" from Conejo Elementary School and Lodge members families to come "Treat or Treat" in a safe environment on the outside bar-b-que area of our Lodge from 3 - 5pm Halloween Evening.

We will hand out Drug Awareness program comic books and bookmarks, information about "Antlers" program for 12-20 year olds, Hoop and Soccer Shoots and Americanism Essay Contest, and ELK information to the adults. There will be hamburgers and drinks for the kids, games, "haunted house" and whatever else we can come up with to make this a really FUN event for the youngsters in our community! We ask members to donate healthy treats for the occasion.

For those who would like to help, please contact Loyal Knight, Raven West 805-493-0269



**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.**

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AVAILABLE**



**Legends in Concert "The Sequel"
Postponed until early next year.**

F. Louis Sulsberger Grand Exalted Ruler 2007-2008



F. Louis Sulsberger

F. Louis Sulsberger was born on April 24, 1952, the sixth of nine children of James Carroll Sulsberger and Virginia Lucille McGannon. He and his siblings were raised in a single parent household after his mother died suddenly on December 25, 1962. Because of this experience, a special bond was formed with his brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, and they remain extremely close today. Lou, as he is known to family and friends, is proud that they are an integral part of each other's lives.

Lou attended St. Stephen's Catholic Grammar School and graduated in 1966. His high school years were spent at Flora Township High School from which he graduated in 1970. During his high school years, he mowed lawns and worked in a grocery store as a stock boy to help out at home. He also "rough necked" on his father's oil drilling rig, a job he treasured as he worked alongside his Dad.

After high school, Lou attended Olney Central College. When he completed his studies, he became an independent petroleum land man working in the Illinois Basin, which comprises parts of Illinois, Indiana and Western Kentucky. These interests led him to form his own oil company: Lou-Lin-Co., Inc. in 1983, where he serves as President to this date. Decreased activity in the oil production business brought Lou into his next venture which was utility right-of-way work throughout the Midwest.

Despite all his traveling, he found time to be involved in the Sons of the American Legion, the Flora Jaycees and the Olney Petroleum Club. Lou is a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Flora. On August 13, 1988, Lou married the love of his life, Elizabeth Marie Putbese. Soon, he realized there was more to living than traveling throughout the Midwest. In 1990, he began a career in the automotive industry at a local General Motors dealership. He continued his career in sales, becoming sales manager in 2002. That career change enabled him to work locally in the community he was born and raised in, while Beth pursued a career in banking. She has achieved the position of Vice President, and her twenty years of experience in the banking industry brings a wealth of knowledge and service to the community.

Lou was initiated into Flora Elks Lodge No. 1659 in October 1973. That was when he became imbued with the fires of Elksdom. He served on various Lodge committees, progressed through the chairs, and was elected Exalted Ruler for the 1986-1987 fraternal year, where he served with distinction. After serving as Exalted Ruler, Lou was elected to his Lodge's Board of Trustees and served as its Chairman in 1988-1989. Lou's love of Ritual was developed when he competed as an Officer of the Flora Lodge. He then continued his devotion to it by serving as a Ritual Coach for the Lodge team for five years. Under his direction, they were State Champions each of those years. In 1992, the Flora Lodge recognized Lou's many contributions to the Lodge and the community by honoring him as their "Elk of the Year."

During this time, Lou was also an active Elk at the district and state levels. During 1988-1989, he was elected Vice President of the Illinois Southeast District. Lou served as the State Tiler in 1992-1993, and was a five-year member of the Board of Directors of the state's major project: The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. After serving on various state committees, including Ritual, Membership, and Protocol, Lou progressed through the three State Vice President positions, and was elected President of the Illinois Elks Association in 1998-1999, where he again displayed his leadership qualities.

His service at the national level is also exemplary. In 1990-1991, he was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler to Grand Exalted Ruler James W. Damon. Lou served as a member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee from 2000 to 2003. In 2003, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees where he served as Building Applications - East Member, Pension Member, Home Member, and was Chairman of the Board in 2006-2007.

F. Louis Sulsberger is the quintessential Elk who leads by example, rather than by words. He lives the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Lou and Beth look forward to spreading the message of the good works of this Fraternal Order they love. They believe that together we can accomplish anything. We are "Elks — United to Serve Others!"

ASHLEY F. FITZ District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT 2007-2008



Ashley F. Fitz

My life began in Chicago, Illinois. As a young teen my family moved to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. I graduated from Queen Anne High School in Seattle, Washington State. After completion of school, I joined the United States Navy and was given an honorable discharge as an FTG3. Upon leaving the Navy, I joined the Boeing Company as an electronic technician. I obtained a degree in industrial electronics while at Boeing. Taking the opportunity to progress in my field, I changed jobs and hired on with ITT Range Ships.

I was on the US Huntsville, a tracking ship that tracked aero space objects plus the Apollo spacecraft. I spent eight years on the Huntsville, and after the ship was decommissioned, I was transferred to V.A.F.B., where I worked on aero space data gathering systems. While at the base, I earned Associated Degrees in Science, Art, Communication Technician, Industrial Service Technician and Industrial Electronics. After thirty years I retired as a Systems Analyst. I am a licensed Ham Radio Operator and active in the Siren testing.

I joined the Oxnard Elks Lodge thirty-seven years ago, because I believe very strongly in what the Elks stand for. My service with the Elks started as an Officer in the Santa Maria Lodge 1538. I began as an Inner Guard, going through the Officer's Chairs to becoming Exalted Ruler 1995-1996. Concluding that, I served as Trustee for five years, the fifth being Chairman of the Board. I have previously served as President of the Santa Maria Elks P.E.R. Association, I have served two terms as the CHEA Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, been District Chairman for the Veterans, Elks National Foundation and the Elks Major Projects. I also proudly served as the West Central Coast State Vice President for the year 2005-2006. I have had the opportunity to work as a server for lodge functions and assist with barbeques.

I am very fortunate and have been blessed with a very supportive wife, Eddie of thirty-five years. We proudly have two beautiful daughters and a wonderful son. Our blessings continue with the joy of fourteen grandchildren and three great grandsons. Two of our grandsons continue to live in the Santa Maria Valley. One daughter has a business degree, she and her husband of twenty-nine years live in Santa Maria, where they own and operate their own company. Our younger daughter is a homemaker and resides with her husband in Pennsylvania. Our son Ashley A. Fitz has been a member of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 for twelve years. Ashley A. lives in Santa Maria, has a Bachelors Degree in Kinesiology and is perusing his Masters Degree at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Welcome Aboard



Our New Members



Susan Montgomery with sponsor Leo Rodriguez



Earl Walthall with sponsor Jim Allen



(L-R) Game players, Jay Block, PER, Rick Herrera, Terry Baker, Dick McCann, Greg Metzger, VP presents \$1,100 to Catherine Koertiz, ER for the New Facility earned by raffling off a wagon of goodies at the picnic who coincidentally she won at the drawing



Paul Stein with ER, Catherine Koertiz standing in for sponsor Mike Idol



Bill Miller, winner of Marvin M. Lewis award for scouting standing next to sign announcing the presentation at Grand Lodge convention.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

Bill Sernberg,PER, for constructing the information brochure holder in the Lounge. Now all members can pick-up timely information and a calendar.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat VonWittenburg
August at Oceanside

Really nice camping – but - -



The Kampers were certainly not treated the way we're treated at the Santa Barbara Lodge which was rather disappointing.

We had a very good turn out – 13 rigs. It is so nice to have Gus and Darlene Chinery with us this year - - no trips to Vermont – good to see ya guys! Someone commented to Bill vW that it was a long trip - - His response was, “To be in 70 degree weather, I don't think it was long at all”.

It is really a treat, when we're near a Military Base and Donna Colleran can take you shopping. Oh yah, I got fined by Sheriff Gene Ewald cause I went to buy a coupla loaves of bread and came out having spent \$100+/- . But there were soooo many things I saw that I really needed.

Johnny D spent a considerable amount of time working on his generator – but good thing he located the problem, as I recall there could have been serious trouble.

Donna Colleran's idea for a “burrito” bar for Saturday night's dinner was OUTSTANDING. Good grief what great food.

It truly is difficult to adhere to any “eating program” when everyone is such good cooks, regardless of which meal.

Cheryl's friend, Carl, made a mean guacamole; ya know the kind you want to eat by the spoonfuls. Gotta admit – I DID! Speaking of Cheryl (ya again) seems she had a bit of trouble spilling things. Of course she blamed Bill vW for the first spill. Let's see - - exactly how did this work. She had HER drink on Bill's chair table and blamed him for spilling the drink. Don't know, but it seems there's something wrong with this picture. Then Sheriff Gene, from the Tattle Tail box I think, fined her for making the Colleran's campsite look like a CSI Crime Scene.

Sheriff Gene advised us this may be his last campout for a while, at least, because he's planning to become the “Happy Wanderer”. He will be sorely missed. We all hope he doesn't forget our group and will return for visits now and then. Of course, we're all hoping he keeps in touch through at least email cause we wanta know where he is and how he's doing.

We truly missed Mike and Mary Flannery. Jimmy Miller took over Mike's job providing wood and fire pit, which was sincerely appreciated. Thanks so much Jimmy!

Chuck and Judy Kudra were missed also. I learned something very surprising about quiet, reserved Judy. I mentioned the gals playing new games at Flying Flags last month, it sure sounded like they were having a

very good time. The rumor is that quiet, reserved Judy becomes absolutely EVIL playing games, hard to believe, but I have it on good authority and several gals concurred.

Seems several of the gals are bringing new games to our attention, since most of the fellas are totally consumed with poker. Peggy Mullenau brought a quarter or dollar game (3 of one or the other) and is played with one dice, very similar to Left, Right, Cup we've played before. THEN she had the audacity to WIN the very first game. Sure glad we weren't playing with dollars. When I searched for my L,R, Cup dice, found we had played that game with nickels. Ya, think Peggy is a shill of some kind?

Early arrivals appear to be the rule rather than the exception of late. Considering the distance in this case, it's very understandable. The Stulls were early arrivals, but it seems Jessica had extensive travel plans for her chauffeur, David. Almost to the Mexican border the next day, David swore he wasn't getting behind the steering wheel of that Jeep again for a long while. That lasted till he took Gus Chinery for a drive. Guess what kind of tow vehicle Gus wants now? Not real sure Darlene is buying into this suggested arrangement, but Gus was pretty vocal about his wishes.

There were seven who stayed over till Monday – that is a real treat. John & Marva and Gary & Peggy pretty much just hung out together. About 3:00 Sunday afternoon Debbie LaFarr suggested it was snack time. It turned into an all afternoon early evening potluck. Between the LaFarrs, Chinerys, Stulls, Ericksons and the vW's, we had yet again “good eats”.

Please remember the upcoming campouts:
 October - Far West - - Halloween gig - - tons of fun.
 November – Turkey Fest - - Good Food – and DO NOT forget to contact the Ericksons if you plan to come for the day. Previous article explained in detail.

Upcoming Campouts

October 12-14	Far West-Halloween
November 9-11	Kenney Grove-Thanksgiving
December 9	Holiday Brunch-Grand Vista Hotel
Jan.	

VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

for upcoming campouts
 & photos of events



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

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or email address so the computer data systems can be
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Antlers and timely communications from the office.



**Oct. 26
Nov. 30**

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



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations
Chair.**

PICNIC HEROES

Our valiant picnic crew withstood the brutal heat in order to give us a most successful picnic. Our hats go off to new picnic chairmen, Ed Bianchi and Joe Clancy, they gave it their best shot. They were absolutely valiant in their efforts and mother nature put them to the test and they rose to the occasion.

Originally the picnic was scheduled for the Labor Day weekend in order to coincide with a campout. That is no longer feasible so we should consider a gentler time of the year like May or June. Too many of our elderly members and families with young children were kept away by the heat.



PER, Dave Naccarato calling the winning numbers for bingo.



Captain Jay Schmidt, turning the meat and fighting the heat.



Patti Serota cheerfully counting the tickets.



Boyd Lindquist using his BBQing skills.



ER, Catherine Koertiz and Robert Jones viewing the hearty crowd.



Dorothy & Alan Hardie enjoying the games with Patti Serota

Share the Excitement
Sponsor a new member.
Applications are available in the Lounge
or in the office.



ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – 2007

The Bob Hardy Memorial Christmas Tree Lot will operate again this year. Trees have been ordered and the Carlson family has once again generously offered the use of their prime property on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Please be sure to patronize this valued sponsor whenever possible.

We had a successful year in 2006, thanks to all the continued help and hard work of our members, and made a significant contribution to our charities and building fund.

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

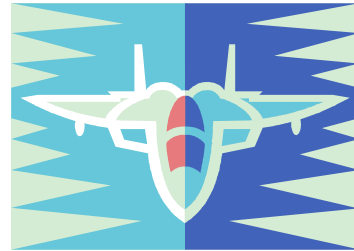
- Nov. 26 & 27 (Mon/Tues)
- Set up lot and trailer at Carlson's
- Nov. 28
- Delivery of trees
- Nov. 29 – Dec. 15
- Tree sales
- Dec. 5 (Wed)
- 2nd delivery of trees
- Dec. 16 (Sun)
- Tear down lot

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I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are back into the swing of things by now. My thanks to Ed Bianchi, Joe Clancy, Dave Naccarato, Tom Hartin and a host of others for a successful Elks Family Picnic.

I am happy to announce Grant Thistle's return as chairman of our Americanism Committee. Grant will be stepping up to manage this year's Americanism Essay Contest again and is committed to making it an even greater success. Speaking of Americanism, the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee endorsed a list of goals for the 2007 – 2008 year. I've listed a few of those goals below. The complete list is available on the Grand Lodge website.

- Endorse "National Patriotism Week," the third week in February.
- Encourage Lodges to sponsor the "Pledge of Allegiance" video into every primary school. (*Could this piggy-back with our dictionary program?*)
- Encourage Lodges to include an "Americanism" article every month, as well as the Flag Flying Calendar in their Lodge Bulletin.
- Every Lodge should have a "Heritage Corner" displaying the significant American Documents: US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, etc
- Every Elk should be wearing a "Flag Lapel Pin" on their jacket or collar to demonstrate pride and respect for our country.
- Encourage Lodges to fly the POW-MIA Flag along with the US Flag, whenever the US Flag is flown.

President Bush has proclaimed the third week of October as National Character Counts Week. The following is an excerpt from a speech, the source of which I'll be happy to provide, regarding the character of very special figures in our nation's heritage. During this week, I would encourage you to take the opportunity to focus the attention of your children, grand-children etc. on the virtues of character as it relates to life in general, good citizenship, and Americanism.

What kind of men were the 56 signers who adopted the Declaration of Independence and who, by their signing, committed an act of treason against the crown? To each of

you, the names Franklin, Adams, Hancock and Jefferson are almost as familiar as household words. Most of us, however, know nothing of the other signers. Who were they? What happened to them? John Adams of Massachusetts, these were men of substantial property. All but two had families. The vast majority were men of education and standing in their communities. They had economic security as few men had in the 18th Century. Each had more to lose from revolution than he had to gain by it. John Hancock, one of the richest men in America, already had a price of 500 pounds on his head. He signed in enormous letters so that his Majesty could now read his name without glasses and could now double the reward. Ben Franklin wryly noted: "Indeed we must all hang together; otherwise we shall most assuredly hang separately." [And then] there is the New Jersey signer, Abraham Clark. He gave two sons to the officer corps in the Revolutionary Army. They were captured and sent to that infamous British prison hulk afloat in New York Harbor known as the hell ship *Jersey*, where 11,000 American captives were to die. The younger Clarks were treated with a special brutality because of their father. One was put in solitary and given no food. With the end almost in sight, with the war almost won, no one could have blamed Abraham Clark for acceding to the British request when they offered him his sons' lives if he would recant and come out for the King and Parliament. The utter despair in this man's heart, the anguish in his very soul, must reach out to each one of us down through [over] 200 years with his answer: "No."

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BACK TO ... SCHOOL?

Jessica Stull, 1st VP

As usual, things have been hopping with the Elk Ladies. There is so much to tell I'm sure I'll forget half of it, but never mind, we'll get it next time around. These little news snippets are not in any particular order, just things we wanted to share with you all.

Ruby Metzger had surgery last month and came through it just fine reports Barbara. Our thoughts and good wishes are with you Ruby. Hurry on back to us; we'll miss your smile at our meetings.

Shirley Kozlowski is still feeling dizzy as a result of a concussion suffered in a recent fall. Shirley, you are in our thoughts and prayers.


Grace Wallace is resting at home and having daily therapy for multiple broken bones. Sure she's getting a little cabin fever by now, so give her a call or drop line by mail. We're all wishing you a speedy recover.


Cornelia Meehan had a big surprise as she reached a milestone birthday that included surprise visits from long distance family and friends. Cornelia is still walking in the clouds and wondering how the family pulled it all off without her knowing! The Ladies wish you a BIG Happy Birthday too, as it was inadvertently left off in last month's Antler Antic.

Friday night Bingo at the Lodge paid off well for many of our Ladies. Included as winners (now remember, this is coming off the top of my head, so I may have forgotten some) are member of the Ladies group Pat Jellander, President June Leadam and yours truly, Jessica Stull. We managed to get three winners out of the four games. Hummm. There was this young lady whose name is Kelsey Hardie, I believe, and she kept winning too. We'll follow that youngster and recruit her into the Ladies group for good luck!

Our 2nd VP, Mary Woodlief, has resigned and we wish her well. Mary still plans on being part of the group, just not an officer at this time. If you are interested in the office for the balance of the year, please let President June know, as she is anxious to fill the position.

Did you attend the Elks Picnic on September 1st? It was HOT. Hot in more ways than the temperature, but that was certainly a factor too. The food was delicious and many of our Ladies attended that I saw. Patti Serota was out there selling tickets and smiling as though she were in an air-conditioned

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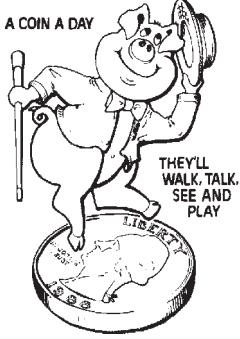
IT'S ABOUT GIVING BACK Marilyn Cissell	
	<p>Do we take too much for granted, of the good we have today? With this life we have been given, you could take it all away.</p> <p>But if we can be more giving, Knowing our joy is in your plan. Blessings for us will continue, Lord. When we give the most we can. Amen</p>

building. How do you do that, Patti? Myrna was there to help too. I saw Sharon Baker, Jeanne Sandt, Madeleine Brockwell (who is long time friend of mine I hadn't seen for a while), Cornelia Meehan, Dee Swanson, Marilyn Cissell, Diane Isaman, Pat Jellander, Catherine Koeritz ER, and President June Leadam. I had a wonderful meal cooked by dedicated volunteers despite the heat. We didn't stay all that long so I'm sure there were many more people from our group that attended. I left when Sharon Baker wanted to recruit me for the wet T-shirt contest! Don't know who won that, but I heard that ER Catherine Koeritz (also a member of the Elk Ladies), and her sister won the wagon full of wine and other goodies. Congratulations Catherine, when's the party?

Finally, a big "SHAME ON US." The Ladies were supposed to serve ice cream on Friday evening August 17th and guess what? No one bought the ice cream so everyone who wanted some and didn't get it, let us hear about it. To those hungry ice cream eaters, we apologize. Look for us to provide dessert in September. We'll do better this time.

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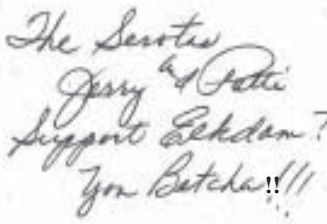








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