



Catherine Koeritz,  
Exalted Ruler



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## LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE



**THOUSAND OAKS LODGE #2477**

**2008 INAUGURAL BALL**

**IN HONOR OF OUR NEW**

**EXALTED RULER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

**THOUSAND OAKS INN**

**COCKTAILS & PHOTOGRAPHS 6:30 PM**

**DINNER 7:00 PM**

**PROFESSIONAL 9:00 PM**

**MENU:**

**CAESAR SALAD**

**CHOICE OF**

**TERIYAKI CHICKEN**

**BAKED HALIBUT**

**BEEF MEDALLIONS**

**VEGETARIAN PLATTER**

**CHEF'S SPECIALTY PASTRIES**

**NO HOST BAR**

**MUSIC BY MOON & SOL**

**RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 21**

**\$40 PER PERSON**

**TICKETS AT THE BAR OR FROM OFFICERS**

## OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder, PDDGER



The “**OPERATION FACELIFT**” committee is set up to prioritize, recommend and oversee programs and work required to make our current facility more appealing to our members and their guests. There already have been some comments as to spending money on our current facility. Until there is a definite decision as to what and where we are going we have to assume that we are staying here and will try to make the best of it!

**Repair Lodge Building Roof.** Terry Gicking has been getting estimates replacing the entire roof of the lodge building. Three estimates received to date indicate that the roof replacement would run in the \$21,000 to \$24,000 area. This does not include the repairs necessary after the roof is opened up or replacement of the old air conditioners/heaters now in use and at the end of their service life.

**Maintenance band-aid** fix to get us through the rainy season has been completed at a cost of \$1800. Bill Dennison did a great job and the last rainstorm proved his repair. Entire roof replacement is being considered after determination is made as to our next move. Either a new facility away from this site or a remodel of our current facilities.

**Update Ladies Lounge** – Need a major upgrade in this area. Preliminary plans are to move the inside wall, install a full handicapped stall and increase the size of the other two stalls. Leo Rodriquez and Terry Gicking coordinating this effort. Funding required.

**Operation Green Up** – First phase of Operation Green up has been completed. Rick Herrera and his crew did an outstanding job. His initial bid was for a cost of \$5,000. Along the way he did some additional work not in the previous bid but necessary to completely go around the outside area. Total cost of efforts completed was \$7000.

The new fence that was done as part of this green up was donated by the Fence Factory of Agoura. Jim Allen made contact with Fence Factory personnel, told them of the Lodges desire and they donated the materials and services needed. Great Job! Thank you Fence Factory.

**Update Lodge Electrical Wiring** – The Lodge electrical wiring is old, overworked and tired. Duke Kopacz and Boyd Lindquist have had electricians survey the current wiring. Waiting for their recommendations and estimates for work required to update lodge electrical system. Boyd Lindquist Coordinating Maintenance requirement with funds required.

**Property Line Stabilization** – No change in status. It has been suggested we go to the city and find out what the status of the building project for the lot next to us is. Also should get the city to get in touch with the property owner as to what he plans to do. Tom Ryder coordinating.

**Outside Painting Of Facilities** – Talking with person who volunteered to paint our building for a minimal cost. Awaiting an estimate of his costs and when he could paint the building. Rainy season impacting scheduling. Tom Hartin coordinating. Funding required.

**Saturday BBQ Area - Fence and Gate.** - Our outside patio and eating area is a success with the Saturday people that come down and partake in our BBQ offerings. An effort is in progress to make this area less visible to the road so people will feel more at ease while eating Also will make area more private to members wanting to use this area for their happenings. Estimated cost \$600. Tom Ryder coordinating

**New Front Entry Door** – Door to Lobby narrow and needing fixing. Not up to handicapped standards. Cost estimate is for approximately \$900 for a new door including installation. Terry Gicking coordinating.

**Tree Trimming** – Another project completed. Jim Allen’s crew did great job. Original estimate was \$500 but once work was started it was determined the trees were heavier and more dense than originally planned for and another \$400 was necessary to complete the effort. For \$900 the lodge got a \$2500 job.

**Pick up – Clean Up** – Please help keep your lodge buildings and grounds presentable. There is a lot of loose garbage and litter around the lodge. As you come to the lodge, if you come across any, please pick it up and deposit it in a garbage container. Let’s get some pride in what we have and continue to make our facility more presentable to the members, the neighbors and the community!

Again, a few good Elks have already volunteered to assist in getting these proposed programs in progress. Need more committee persons and ideas. Need your suggestions and comments. Have heard rumors as to other projects for upgrading our facilities. Please contact me with suggestions and offers of help. This is a committee that is not restricted in numbers of members, all are welcome and all ideas will be considered.

It should be noted that before any project is started it will be reviewed and approved by the Officers and House Com.

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



**EXALTED RULER  
Catherine Koeritz**

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**ANTLER ANTICS:** Sally Claunch, PER, Editor,  
Jerry Serota, Assoc. Editor/Photographer  
**Calendar:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**NEW BEGINNINGS:** Jerry Serota, Myrna Block  
**HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:** Jerry Serota  
**GREETERS:** Dorothy Murray  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
**OPERATION FACELIFT:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER



**BUILDING MAINT.:** Max Maxwell/Tom Hartin  
**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL  
**LODGE VISITATIONS:**  
**BBQ WAGON:** Al Lenahan  
**AUDITING:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**ELKS TRAINING:** Catherine Koeritz  
**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:** Robert Jones  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

This is my final article as your Exalted Ruler and my last chance to say how much I have appreciated those that supported our Lodge. We have so many members & spouses that have poured their hearts into our Lodge and the Organization; my Husband, Robert, for standing beside me throughout my tenure, the Ladies, Committee Chairman, BBQ teams, cooks, maintenance crew, Officers and fundraisers. They deserve a huge Thank You! I am especially grateful to Cherri Peterson for stepping in as Acting Secretary; managing the Office and making sure we were prepared for our DD visit, even when our office staff was at a minimum. I also owe a lot of gratitude to Bob and Carol Saynay who agreed to come back as Lodge Secretary and Office Administrator. I also give such high praises to Corinne (Bar Manager) for the outstanding job she has done with the bar. To Robert Koeritz, Tommy & Sally Claunch and Dave & Annie Pearson, we have made one heck of a team fundraising for all these years. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

I started this journey "looking towards the future". We did. We came to a decision regarding the new facility, added new bar stools (thank you to the Ladies for their donation), organized the bar and lounge (thanks to Corinne), landscaped the front areas (Rick Herrera and crew), created a nice walkway to the door (Boyd Lindquist), we continue with the Dictionary Project (donating close to 500 for Conejo and 870 for Pleasant Valley Schools), Operation Facelift is in effect to update our existing building (see Tom Ryder's section), new equipment was donated for the Bar Manager's office & steam cleaner for the lodge (from John Peterson) and record breaking Public Relations news releases (thanks to Jerry Serota).

I'm ending this journey with thanks to EVERYONE, good wishes to George Meehan and his Officer Corps and the hopes that with the vote to reduce

our membership dues, we can entice our members to return and/or get new members to continue to work toward the Mission of BPOE as it was intended.

**Mission Statement**

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will service the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating the Elks Care and Elks Share.



**In March**

**Your Lodge Serving the Community**

Monthly Bingo Party and outings for the Vets by Jim Kellogg and Crew

Easter Egg Hunt for kids in the community by PER, Bugsy Ansell

**Be an Elk volunteer, call the office with your name and phone number**



Sally Claunch, PER Editor  
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 articles are due the 5th of the month  
 send as a word document

## PROMOTE ELKDOM

DON'T THROW THIS ISSUE OF THE ANTLER AWAY, DON'T RECYCLE IT, REAPPLY IT!!!!

Take this issue with you and leave it someplace where others can pick it up and read it. they can see what a great lodge we are and learn what BPOE is all about. Doctors, dentists, auto service and any waiting room are perfect places. Share your pride with others. You can remove your label if you desire. You can also share your Elks Magazine with others.



## Share the Excitement

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

## THE OPERATION FACELIFT

### COMMITTEE

Thanks The

### FENCE FACTORY

of Agoura Hills

For the donation of  
 Materials and Installation of the  
 New Concrete Fencing at the Lodge

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Olivia Curio and her family on the passing of her brother, Col. Robert Witty

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dean Nash

**ON THE MEND:**

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




## COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 5-Membership Pin Night  
 March 7-9-Kampers at Camp Comfort  
 March 14-Elk of the Year Dinner  
 March 11-Elk Ladies Installation Dinner  
 March 19-Step Up Night-Initiation  
 March 23-Kids Easter Egg Hunt  
 March 26-Installation of Officers  
 March 29- Inaugural Ball

April 6-Elk Ladies Breakfast & Book Sale

**THANK  
 YOU SO  
 MUCH!**

Once again, we are grateful to the Elks membership for the \$1.00 per capita assessment to help support the Elks National Home. Since we no longer receive a grant from either the Grand Lodge or the Elks National Foundation, your dollar is what makes it possible for us to continue to provide this retirement community for Elks members. **Thank you** from all your Brothers and Sisters at the Elks National Home.

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>George Meehan</b>	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG:</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>

On Jan 21 I received a telephone call from Bill Miller, our Lodge Scout Chairman. He asked me to accompany him and Jerry Serota to a school called Early Intervention Center. This school is for children who have learning disabilities such as Autism. Bill had come upon this school is some way and met Paul Filkins, an Occupational Therapist. This man works with Children 3-5 years old and helps them develop skills such as walking, balance and overall motor skills. Paul had explained to Bill that this school is funded by the county, but they still did not have all the tools he needs to help these children. We went there to present him with a see-saw which Bill had made. It is about five feet long and two feet high The cost to Bill was about \$30. The catalogue from which this could be ordered had a price of \$300. See additional article and picture on page 13.

We watched two classes of about ten students each come in and go through their routine of swinging, jumping crawling, climbing and then walking on this see-saw. These were all pretty simple activities for normal children but much more difficult for these children. This was an eye opener for me. I had never been exposed to children with such problems and was amazed how such a simple toy could help development.

It is our hope to fund more items which this school might need. It is a worthy cause for the Elks. It certainly goes along with our way of thinking that when we see a need that will help others, Elks Care - Elks Share.

March is almost here and the Lodge continues to buzz with activity. The officers are busy practicing for ritual competition and, of course, that is always exciting. Practices take place on Sundays and Thursdays, so if you want to stop around and watch please feel free to do so.

Installation of Officers will take place on March 26. Come to this meeting and watch the officers step up to their new positions. This is an open meeting and all are invited. Then, on Saturday, March 29, the Inaugural Ball will be held at the Thousand Oaks Inn. That is always a great time, with a wonderful meal and a band for dancing and listening. It is fun to get dressed up and have a fine evening out with fellow Elks

So, a new Elk year is about to begin. It should be a great one. Be a part of it, get involved. Being an Elk is a privilege and a wonderful experience.

**OFFICERS**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bar Manager, Corinne Richeson gave monthly update on status of the lounge.

Line items to be created in the lodge budget for accountable of subordinate group, on our tax returns.

Phone company to be contacted about updating our old phone system.

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

Starting budget process for 2008-2009

Accepted laptop computer and printer donation for Bar Manager's use. Old non working equipment was disposed of.

**House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Trustees meet the first Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

**Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.**

2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>LOYAL KNIGHT Raven West</b>	2007-08 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:</b> Ed Rice <b>LODGE ACTIVITIES:</b> Dave Naccarato, PER <b>SCOUTING:</b> Bill Miller <b>HOOPSHOOT:</b> Dave Naccarato, PER <b>WED. NIGHT DINNERS:</b> Bob Arbetman <b>DRUG AWARENESS:</b> Robert Jones <b>STRAY ELKS:</b> Herb Jellander		<b>MOTHER'S DAY:</b> Robert Jones <b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b> Corinne Richeson <b>WED. NIGHT TICKETS:</b> Terry Gicking <b>LAW ENFORCEMENT &amp; FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION:</b> Scott Dool <b>PRESIDING JUSTICE:</b> Dick McCann <b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES:</b> Robert Jones

This will be my last column as Loyal Knight as I turn over my station to Terry Gicking and look forward to my new role as Leading Knight for our new Exalted Ruler George Meehan.

It has been a year of many exciting, successful programs which fall under my station. The Awards Dinner for the winners of last year's Americanism Essay contest and Scholarships, in which we not only presented the winners with United States Savings bonds and scholarship funds, but they also received special recognitions from our elected representatives who were honored at our dinner.

Our Lodge also received proclamations from President George Bush, Congressman Elton Gallegly, State Assembly member Audra Strickland, Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks and our own Thousand Oaks mayor Andy Fox

We should all be very proud of the young people of our community and the wonderful work that our organization continues to do to recognize their achievements.

Nowhere it that more obvious than our work with the Boys Scouts of America and the Girls Scouts of the U.S.A. Bill Miller has been and continues to be a scouting dynamo along with Bill Sternberg and Greg Metzgas. Eagle and Gold Award winners are the foundation of the future of our country and we should all be proud that our Lodge continues to be a very active and positive influence in the lives of these fine young people.

The first ever Halloween party for the students at our neighbor school, Conejo Valley Elementary was a chance to introduce ourselves to the community, invite the parents into our lodge and distribute materials for our drug awareness program to the students. We demonstrated by our actions what Elks Care, Elks Share truly means. My sincere thanks to all who participated. This event would never have been as successful as it was without the help of our members!


New Year's Eve Under The Big Top was a wonderful way to kick off 2008. My thanks to Corinne for her beautiful decorations and Karen Naccarato for the

balloons! The Hoop Shoot was, once again, a very successful event thanks to the hard work of David Naccrato and Scott Dool's Fire Fighters/Law Enforcement appreciation dinner was nothing less than inspirational.

Because of my commitments this past year to family and law school, the wonderful help I received in the kitchen from Bob Arbetman. Tom Ryder, Chuck Busch, Fred, Marc, Abe Gamble, Glen...the list is endless, was appreciated more than words can say. My cooking experience is pretty much take-out or micro-waved, so those wonderful Wednesday and Friday night dinners, Happy Hours and Breakfasts were absolutely fantastic due to those individuals who put their hearts (and hands) into feeding all of our hungry ELKS.

My final chair events this year will be the Installation Dinner on March 26 here at the Lodge, and the Inaugural Ball at the Thousand Oaks Inn on March 29. Please come out to meet, congratulate and support your new officers.

Although there were some problems along the way, with he enormous support of the people in this lodge we were able to overcome them all, and we can now move ahead in a very positive and enthusiastic direction. I look forward to the coming year and working with the new officers to make our Lodge THE BEST in the district, the state and the nation!



As of March 31, 2008  
all bonds will be  
redeemed for face value. No fur -  
ther interest will be paid. Please  
call the office if you have an  
unredeemed bond.

ENTERTAINMENT

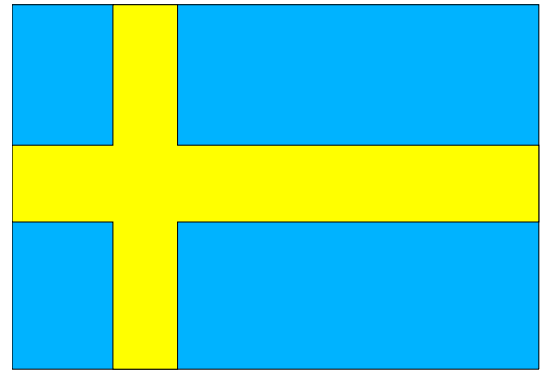


March 7 Karaoke  
March 14 Renagades  
March 28 Bingo



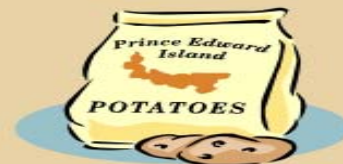
Corinne Richeson  
Bar Manager

Swedish Night at the Lodge-Encore



Friday - March 28 \$9.00

**Traps Stars Breakfast Team**  
including **Pork Chops by Bobby Williams**



**Time: 9-12 AM**  
or until sold out

**Date:**  
**March, 9th 2008**



**Adults: \$7.00**

**Children under 12: 1/2 Price**

FROM THE KITCHEN:



We are in need of Sunday breakfast crews. Not for every month, just to fill in from time to time. Assemble your own crew of family or friends. Enjoy yourselves in our cozy kitchen. For any ideas or information see Marc Kennedy or Chuck Busch.

Thank you Marc & Chuck



Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

Jerry Serota and Myrna Block have enthusiastically created a New Beginnings Program which several members, Officers and I have been in support of.

In short, the program was to be implemented for the next two months, which will enable members who have lapsed their dues to re-instate their membership for a \$1.00 re-instatement fee (regular dues will apply) and to invite them to the New Beginnings Special Fish Fry to discuss the offer and fill out a re-instatement application.

However, it has come to our attention that the Grand Lodge Statutes (G.L.S.) would not allow us this program to be implemented at this time. According to Section 14.180 of the G.L.S., "...the Lodge may, by By-Laws, establish a sixty (60) day consecutive period during the Lodge year in which any reinstatement fee otherwise required by this section is reduced to one (1) dollar, except the months of February, March, April and May". In addition, when a Member whose name has been stricken from the Roll of Membership for nonpayment of dues is considered an unaffiliated Member. According to Section 14.190 of the G.L.S., "...an unaffiliated Member shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge".

It was suggested that I request a special dispensation from the District Deputy and/or the Grand Lodge Representative to allow us this one-time special program. With the help of our Lodge Secretary, Bob Saynay, we have tried to get this dispensation. The Statutes are pretty clear on this issue and it is not permissible at this time. A similar program can be started (for a very short timeframe), just not in the months of Feb, Mar, Apr, or May.

I hope that with the vote to reduce our membership dues, we can entice our members to return and/or get new members to sign up.

Please be active in recruiting members to our Lodge. Applications are in the Office and behind the bar.

**BRO. ROY COOPER & CREW STILL HAD THE FISH FRY DINNER ON FEBRUARY 15th!!!**

Fraternally,  
Catherine Koeritz  
ER, Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477



## **PIN NIGHT MARCH 5 WEDNESDAY**

All members who have attained 5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50, 55 years of Elk membership will be honored with dinner and an accompanying pin. Celebrate with your fellow Elks at this occasion .



# Welcome Aboard Our New Member



New member Jim Weins with sponsor Scott Dool

## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR LODGE



Joe and Betty Smith with imported Swedish cooks who served Swedish treats. Encore dinner March 28

## JOLLY CORKS

In 1867, Charles Vivian formed the "Jolly Corks," a general purpose social club, the forerunner of the Elks we know today. A spirit of benevolence came quickly to our founders. In 1867, one of the members died leaving his wife and family destitute. This made them recognize the need for a more enduring organization to help family members in need. On February 16th of 1868 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was founded.

Since then, the B.P.O. Elks have become an integral part of communities nationwide. It was our order that was first to observe June 14th as Flag Day in 1907. President Harry S. Truman, an Elk himself, declared it a National Holiday in 1947. During World War I, Elks funded and equipped the first field hospitals in France. They built medical centers and community houses in the United States.

It was our order that first loaned money to 40,000 returning veterans for rehabilitation and education, the precursor to the modern G.I. Bill. The Elks recruited construction workers for the military in World War II, donated millions of pints of blood during the Korean War, helped wounded soldiers in Vietnam, and undertook letter writing campaigns to support the men and women of Operation Desert Storm.

Elks also serve youth and others in need through a variety of programs. The annual "Hoop-Shoot", scholarships and grants from the Elks National Foundation are second only to the Federal Government. State Major Projects help handicapped children and bring health care where it is needed. Elks Drug Awareness programs sponsor P.E.E.R. and D.A.R.E. groups and distribute motivational pamphlet to grade school children. These extensive charitable works of individual lodges and members enrich the lives of millions of Americans each year.

Where we've come from is yet only a part of where we may be in years to come.



Our own Al Lenahan and Terry Gicking-far left front and back row, before their initiation into the Jolly Corks



Now can you spot them???

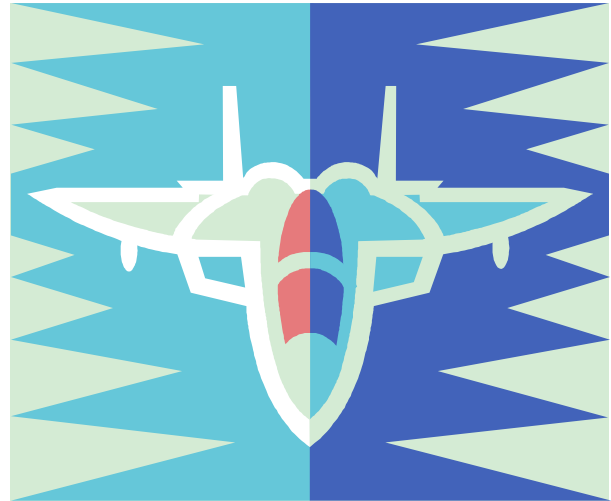
# WANNA DOGFIGHT?

Konejo Air Kombat Squadron  
Fighter Jet Simulation

F-16 Falcon / FA-18 Hornet

Sunday, **02 March**

Wheels up at Lodge: 0900hrs



F-16 Falcon



FA-18 Hornet

*Next Monthly Sorties*

**Air Combat Center Hq - Anaheim / Miramar**

Special Pre-flight Session: 1130 hrs

Flight Deck Briefing: 1200 hrs

Mission: 1215 hrs

Contact:

**Tom Hartin**

**Richard Goldner**

805-497-4902 or 805-813-5789

805-491-2790 or 805-443-5000

# Konejo Sporting Klays



Next Monthly Shoot

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – **12:00** noon

Angeles Shooting Range  
(Osborne exit on 210 Fwy)

**Transportation Provided**

Fun Sporting Clay Pigeon Shooting

**12 Stations**; each with 2-views

Picturesque Surroundings

Contact :

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**Tom Hartin**

**Richard Goldner**

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805-491-2790 or

805-443-5000©

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Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers



## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR LODGE...

### ELKS LADIES SWEETHEART BALL

#### JANUARY - TRAVEL VILLAGE - - FOOLED YA! !

Some were sooo concerned that Valencia would be cold again this year - WRONG! It was warmer there than in Palm Springs.

Judy and Chuck did an awesome job as wagon masters, their BBQ'd beef sandwiches Saturday night were really good. Mother Judy wanted to contribute to everyone's good health and supplied some vitamins as raffle prizes - - good thinking Judy. Was that promotion too (giggle)?

Although it is wonderful to have large turnouts, it is not so bad with smaller groups. We had only 9 rigs - - the "core group", but had a great time. Over New Year's, Donna Colleran and Judy Kudra got a couple of us to play Rummyque. Guess who the non-game player is? Sure is a lot of fun and Debi Drake even gave up playing poker to play with us.

Speaking of the poker players. What a group - - listening to them sometimes, their not so gentle jibbing, you'd think there was thousands of dollars at stake. I think I've alluded to this before, that group speaks a totally different language. They were close enough to the Rummyque table for us to over hear, occasionally cracking us up!

We're gonna have to duct tape Ed Colleran's mouth next campout. Apparently he clearly recalls his first meeting as Pres of this group - (one of the longest on record); he wasn't going to let Mike Flannery struggle with his first meeting. Ed needed to be gently reminded on several occasions - - he's a HAS-BEEN!



The Case and Kozlowski Families--chairpersons, chefs and servers. These families do it all!!!!



Co-chair Niki Case(L) and Beth Kozlowski(R) crowning the king and queen of the ball Shirley Kozlowski and Walter Ogden

### Upcoming Campouts

March 9-11 Camp Comfort

April 11-13 Lake Piru

May 16-17 Kenney Grove-Chili Cook

**VISIT THE KAMPERS WEBSITE**

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

for upcoming campouts  
& photos of events



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



Jay and Myrna Block joining other couples for a romantic waltz.



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair**

On Wednesday, January 23, 2008, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge held a meeting open to the public and conducted its 31st Annual Law Enforcement And Firefighter Appreciation program.

The geographic area for membership of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge includes Agoura Hills, Oak Park, Westlake, Hidden Valley, Thousand Oaks and Newbury Park. As this area is served by the California Highway Patrol, Ventura County Sheriffs Department, and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, we presented a plaque as did the Mayor of Thousand Oaks, and the Ventura County Supervisors to honor the outstanding law enforcement officers and firefighters from each of these area agencies.

To Row L-R

Catherine Koeritz, Exalted Ruler, Scott Dool, Committee Chairman

Middle Row

Brian DeNike, Wayne Goral, Guy Peach

Seated

Captain Don Schwaiger, Michel Ranes, Jim Arledge



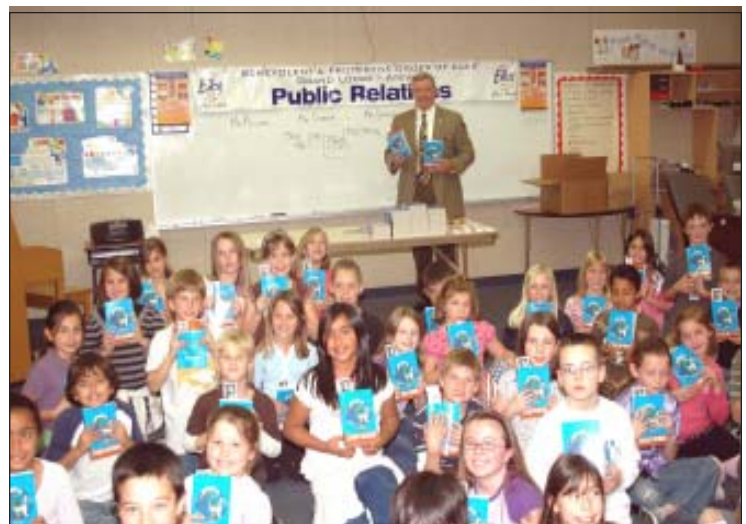
**Today we witnessed dedication over monetary value.**

Our Bill Miller crafted a balancing beam for developmentally deficient children so they could learn balance and coordination. Total cost of materials was around \$30.00 and to order if from a catalogue would be \$300.


Occupational Therapist Paul Filkins demonstrated infinite patience in introducing this to Autistic, and Down Syndrome children. The enthusiasm the children displayed was very rewarding. Paul has a Ph.D. degree from USC but chose this occupation not because of it's wealth but because it is most rewarding helping children.



**Bill Miller, Paul Filkins, and George Meehan, Leading Knight**



**Richard Goldner, GL Public Relations Chair, giving 3rd graders at Aspen Elementary School dictionaries and promoting Elkdome.**

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



Several of our Grand Exalted Rulers have stated that in their travels, they found those associated with the National Veterans Service program to be the most dedicated of the dedicated. Furthermore, many Chiefs of Voluntary Service at VA Medical Centers have told us, "Whenever we want something, we can count on the Elks."

In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers there is an Elk committee at work. Literally, thousands of Elks and their families give generously of their time, energy and resources so that the lives of our ill and aging veterans will be enhanced. Hundreds of thousands of hours and like numbers of dollars are devoted to programs that are designed to keep us true to our pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

In our Lodge Jim Kellogg and crew, visit on a monthly basis to provide outings and bingo games to hospitalized veterans. If you wish to partake in this noble work, please call the office and volunteer your services on the committee. Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated. And now we've broadened our program to include outpatients and veterans who are homeless.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission has become a collecting partner of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, which collects and preserves the extraordinary wartime stories of ordinary people. Learn how you can participate by collecting interviews with veterans from your lodge and your community.

## Scholarship Program

Every year our Lodge awards scholarships to local high school students. Our winners then compete at the District level. If they qualify their names are submitted to CHEA for consideration. We are proud to announce that some of our local winners have been also recognized at the District level and went on to the state competition. Our lodge is proud of Scholarship Chair, Rick Herrera and his committee for all the hours of judging scholarship applications both locally and at the District level. At the Youth Appreciation Dinner in May we will honor the winners.

You can contribute to the Scholarship Fund by recycling your cans, bringing them to the Lodge, and depositing them in the bins by the side door of the kitchen.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sun. March 23**  
**1 p.m.**  
**Lodge Grounds**

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by  
**Bugsy**  
**Ansell, PER**



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**What's Up Doc?**



- Superbowl Sunday came and went and I didn't win a dime. I'm going to have Carol Fredericks pick my squares next year. She won on every quarter!
- q Save your new and slightly used books, the Ladies are having a B & B (Breakfast and Books – we're not opening a hotel) Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We have cooks for the breakfast, and we think Angie Prizzi may be our book chair. We need helpers with the books and your book donations. Finally, we'll need your support to come out, have a delicious breakfast (I'll be cooking too), and shop for books, books, books.
  - q We have our first volunteer to write an Antler Antics article. Without a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, we've decided to have guest writers. You choose the month and the topics and the officers will help you out. It's fun – come on, volunteer.
  - q Myrna has proposed a slate of Officers for next year with me, Jessica Stull for President; Pat Peterson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Diane Isaman, Treasurer; and June Leadam, Secretary. We can use another VP. Thanks Myrna, it's a dirty job, but you did it.
  - q Check the mail for your invitation to the Elk Ladies Installation Dinner on March 11. Choose prime rib or salmon for only \$10 and all are welcome including husbands and non-members. Deadline for tickets will be March 8.
  - q We're getting ready to send out the dues notices, so watch your mail.
  - q Hey, doesn't the outside of the Lodge look really nice? Love the new landscaping. Kudos to all those people that made it happen.

**Test Your Knowledge**

Which Elk Lady met her husband of 38 years at a friend's wedding where they were partners in the wedding party? Her future husband told her mother at the reception that he was going to marry her. She won an award for being a top seller with Avon, but was never an Avon lady in California. Hint: This lady has four children six grandchildren, including a set of twins.

**ANSWER: Jeanne Sandt**

What former Ladies Appreciation Award winner will be attending her Family Reunion in February at Mammoth Lakes? She loves travel, golf, bowling and so much more. She and her husband are members of the El Konejo Kampers. She has three

**March**



- 1 Rubye Metzgus
- Angie Prizzi
- 5 Phyllis Riding
- 6 Dee Ansell
- 11 Crystal Dool
- 23 Jeanne Stermolle
- 25 Jessica Stull

**WITH YOU GOD IT'S NEVER TOO LATE**  
**Marilyn Cissell**



Exactly what should we do now when something known to us is bad? Our diets, our thoughts or relationships, secrets, broken promises or being sad.

No matter what the problem is to some it's small, for others great. When we can pray to you Dear Lord, with total faith, it's not too late. Amen

children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren and has been married to John for 57 years!

**ANSWER: Gladys Ennis**

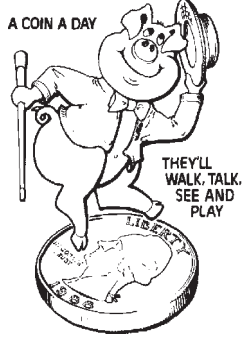
Try these on for size!

This Elk lady grew up in the valley across the street from her husband. They "hooked up" again after both had married and divorced. She has won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a cooking contest for her Spanish Rice and has a blue and gold Macaw, a cat and a black lab. She loves children – has three and also 4 grandchildren. She and hubby will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Years ago this Elk Lady was a member of an accordion group and is affiliated with a barbershop chorus. She had volunteered with the Free Clinic locally since 1976 and loves to create candy combinations. She has been married almost 57 years and has two children. She majored in English and minored in Art at Santa Monica College. Who is she?

Answers will be revealed next issue. Fill out your "Getting to Know You" form and get it to me. See how well your friends know you.

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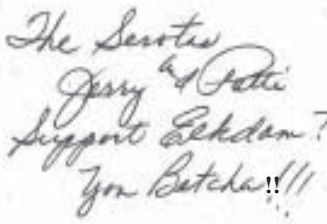










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