



George Meehan,
Exalted Ruler



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Reaching Out in Elkdom

Mother's
Day



Annual Champagne Brunch Buffet
Sunday May 11, 2008

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$12 adults

\$5 children under 12

Mother's Day Service 11 a.m.

Flowers for the Moms Reservations 496-4550

OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder, PDDGER



The “OPERATION FACELIFT” committee has been 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 we are staying where we are and will try to make the best of it!

Operation Pride – 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!

Parking - Funding has been approved by the Officers and House Committee for trimming the bushes and trees in front of the rental house. Part of this clean up is the relocation of some of the wooden fence in front of the rental property. This will provide more needed parking and a bigger area for garage sales, swap meets and other fundraisers that we hold several times a year.

Operation Green Up – Now that dry weather is here, the “shaggy” fence behind the new flowerbed is to be painted so as to blend in with the new apartment buildings on both sides of us. Paint has been donated.

Outside Painting Of Facilities – A member has volunteered to paint our building for a minimal cost. We are awaiting an estimate of his costs and when he could paint the building. Now that the rainy season is over the only thing impacting our schedule is Conejo Valley Days. Tom Hartin coordinating. Funding is required.

Repair/replace Lodge Building Roof. 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 is being considered.

Remodel Ladies Lounge – Need a major upgrade of this lounge. 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 are coordinating this effort. Funding is required.

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. Recommendations and estimates are being evaluated. Boyd Lindquist is coordinating work required. Funding is 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 we should find out from the city what the status of the building plans are. Tom Ryder is coordinating.

Saturday BBQ Area - Fence and Gate. - Our outside patio and eating area is a success with the Saturday people who 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 it will make the area more private to members wanting to use this area for their happenings. Estimated cost is \$600. Tom Ryder is coordinating.

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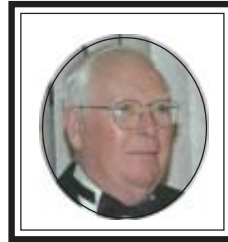
2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Jerry Serota, Photographer
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HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:
GREETERS: Dorothy Murray
PUBLIC RELATIONS:
OPERATION FACELIFT: Tom Ryder, PDDGER



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LODGE VISITATIONS:
BBQ WAGON:
AUDITING: Chet Kozlowski, PER
ELKS TRAINING: George Meehan
SHOE TOURNAMENTS: Mike Budenski
BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS: Robert Jones
PLANNING COMMITTEE:

What's Happening.....

Here we go on a new year in Elkdom. The installation of officers took place on March 26 and it really was a fine evening. It started out with a great meal, presented by Chuck Busch and crew and served by June Leadam's grand daughters, Taylor and Chelsea Anderson and by Susan Montgomery. The Installing officers, all PERs, did a fine job and we are grateful to them for being there and supporting us.

The Inaugural Ball was held on March 29 and it too, was a wonderful time. The TO Inn was decorated to the 9's, the band, "Moon & Sol", was fabulous and the food was delicious. Everything was just perfect. It took the efforts of many people to make the ball a success. I would like to thank Leading Knight, Raven West, for coordinating the event; Carol Saynay for all the printing she did for both events; Kathy Ryder for ticket sales and seating arrangements; Angie & Carmine Prizzi for flowers and being greeters; Shirley & Chet Kozlowski and Eddy & Joan Ayril for being escorts; Dave & Karen Naccarato for being co-coordinators of the Grand March; and Tom Ryder for doing a fine job as MC. Also thanks to Herb & Pat Jellander for hosting a lovely Cocktail party. Thank you to all who came to the ball and gave the officers a great start into this new year of Elkdom.

On Friday, May 2 we will have a Youth Appreciation dinner. It would be nice to have as many Elks as possible there to support this activity. Maybe among them will be some future Elks.

Mothers' Day brunch will be held on Sunday, May 11. That's always a wonderful time to celebrate our mothers. Bring YOUR Mom and family to brunch and treat her as the fine person she is.



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED
AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS
SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN,
WITH US--

**"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
RECOLLECTION"**

Leroy Russell

Born: 5/10/1920
Initiated: 3/12/1986
Died: 3/10/2008

Michael Tanner

Born: 2/28/1947
Initiated: 1/22/2003
Died: 3/14/2008



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

A Smorgasbord

This month offers a wide variety of activities for us Elks to participate in...a volunteer if we choose, a fine diner if we choose, a golfer if we choose, a cabaret goer if we choose....BUT choose. May is always one of the most active months in the Lodge. And as always our Lodge does not only offer events for our members, but we are also serving the community. Be part of the smorgasbord!!!!

OFFICERS HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

New member protocol was explained and Terry Gicking will include in his article.

Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

A motion to spend \$3500 on lodge beautification passed.

All officers are encouraged to attend DDGER and State Vice President visitations.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS 805-495-0577

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dean Nash, Bob Arbetman's mom is in rehab

ON THE MEND: Myrna Block from surgery; Bob Saynay from surgery; Jack Loughran, PER, from reaction to chemo treatment

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 1/4-Conejo Valley Days
 May 2-Youth Appreciation Dinner
 May 10-Cabaret Night
 May 11-Mother's Day Brunch
 May 16/17-Konejo Kampers at Kenney Grove
 May 19-Golf Tournament
 May 23-Annual Polish Nite
 May 24-Cabaret Night

**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.**

TRUSTEES REPORT

Continuing budget process for 2008-2009

Drafted recommendations for auditing/accounting procedures for groups in Lodge

<p>2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>	<p>LEADING KNIGHT Raven West</p>	<p>2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</p>
<p>MAJORPROJECT/PURPLEPIG: David Naccarato SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch INVESTIGATION: Bob Arbetman ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Tom Ryder, PDDGER</p>		<p>CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Raven West INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: Herb Jellander CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CHARITY DINNERS: Raven West</p>

**LIFE IS A CABARET OLD FRIEND,
COME TO THE CABARET!!!**

What good is sitting alone in your room on a Saturday night? Come hear the music play!

Come taste the wine, come hear, play and SING with the band. Come blow your horn, your harmonica, your kazoo, start celebrating; Right this way, your table's waiting

...at the LOW LOW price of \$10.00 per person which will also include TWO FREE DRINKS and a chance to win one of the ELKS items in the display cabinet!

To raise funds for Elks National Foundation, our Leading Knight will be leading all members and guests into the lodge room for Saturday night CABARET! Yes, there will be a show to see, a special guest star to entertain, but also our very own members will perform in front of a LIVE audience twice a month beginning in May.

On Saturday, May 10 our first event will feature "Colorado Rodeo Nights DJ Karaoke Jockey" Larry Messoline from the Ventura Elks Lodge. Audience participation and laughter is his forte and we were fortunate to grab him away from Ventura Lodge for a once night special appearance. Let's show Ventura Lodge how Thousand Oaks can really party!

On May 24 we will have our very own poetry night, featuring our special guest, world famous "Cowboy Poet" J.P. Gorham. All aspiring poets in our Lodge are invited to share your own creative poem, or read one of your favorites, even limericks are welcome!

Tickets will be on sale at the door starting at 6pm with the entertainment from 7 - 9:00 followed by the drawing for an item from the ELKS store!

Future CABARET nights will feature:
 Comedy night - showcase your best schick, read your favorite jokes, laugh until your sides ache!
 Belly-Dancing lessons, Magic show, hypnotist, ELKS "Jeopardy", Oldie-wed game, (without any commercial interruptions) and more!

No use permitting some prophet of doom to wipe every smile away.

Life is a Cabaret, old chum, Come to the Cabaret!

Our Purple Pig recently had a litter and these little piggies are HUNGRY. They've positioned themselves throughout the bar and patio in order to be "fed" \$1.00 by forgetful members who "buzz" the door to be let in. For members, or their guests who occasionally use one of "George Carlin's Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television", it will cost you \$2.00 per word, and if one of them is used towards or in reference to any member of this Lodge, it will cost you \$10.00!

Now, I know we would all like to feed the piglets without being fined, so feel free to give \$1.00 to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, a sunny day, a full moon, or just the fact that Charity IS the greatest of all the virtues!

Your Lodge Serving the Community

Providing monthly Bingo Party and outings for the Vets by Jim Kellogg and Crew

Hosting Youth Appreciation Dinner honoring essay contest, scholarship winners, and scouts



Cooking for the staff of the Conejo Valley 31st Camporee L-R Greg Metzgus, SVP, Bill Sternberg, PER, Bart Vanderlip

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

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LOYAL KNIGHT

Terry Gicking

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato, PER
SCOUTING: Bill Miller
HOOPSHOOT: Dave Naccarato, PER
WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Terry Gicking
DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones
STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander



MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
ENTERTAINMENT: Corinne Richeson
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Leo Rodriguez
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool
PRESIDING JUSTICE:
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

Wow, the view inside our kitchen is incredible. If you have never worked in our kitchen, you should try it sometime. The work is fun because of our members & the food is great because of our members. And speaking of members, (here's a stretch) let us (not lettuce, a ritual joke) take a look at what it takes to bring a member into our lodge I know some of you are groaning that I might be wasting my time, but I noticed during a recent meeting that some of us officers didn't even know the whole process on what it takes to sponsor a member according to the statutes & the bylaws of this lodge

First, we SPONSOR new members. We ask them if they would like to join OUR PRIVATE FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION. We tell them that we pay yearly dues to enjoy our private lodge & other lodges thru-out this great country of ours. If they would like to join, we should then explain to them there is an initiation fee of \$75.00 and that our dues are \$125.00 per year (+ Grand Lodge assessment fees, usually an extra \$10-\$12). This year the fees are \$11.50 for a total of \$136.50.

Ok, so now they want to join our lodge. The SPONSOR gets them an application & TOGETHER THEY FILL IT OUT! You then attach the \$75.00 application fee with the application and the SPONSOR gives it to the secretary at the office during business hours or the SPONSOR can give it to a bartender during lodge lounge hours. You should get a receipt. Once the secretary receives the application with the correct fees, he then sends out a letter to the prospective member and the sponsor informing them of the date and time for investigation. (The first Friday of the month. Maybe the sponsor can buy dinner! Wink wink!). REMEMBER, THE FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION!!

Now, once investigation is complete, the name is then turned over to the editor to put into the Antlers. (hopefully there's room after this article!) that's usually by the 10th of the month. Once it gets published for all the members to see, usually by the end of the month, we then set up the names for balloting, typically the second meeting of the month. If the ballot is favorable, the sponsor & prospective member are then informed by the secretary

about coming to the lodge for Indoctrination & Initiation, which is typically the 4th Tuesday & Wednesday of the month. So as you can see, the process takes some time. Also, you as a SPONSOR have an important role in the whole process.

Well, that's about all the space that I have, let alone anybody else who wanted to put an article in the antlers. I apologize for the length, but my mentor, PER #13, 1986-87 V.O., taught me how to take a short story & make it even longer! (LOL!)

I almost didn't have enough room, but Friday, May 2nd is the Youth Appreciation Dinner which co insides with the first week in May as Youth Appreciation Week.

Youth Appreciation Dinner



May 2nd
Spaghetti Dinner
\$7

Honoring our scholarship winners, scouts, essay contest winners

Honor them with your presence

ENTERTAINMENT



May 9-Live Band
May 23-Polish Karaoke
May 30-Bingo
One Last Dance

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

I say a great thank you to Chris Prince and his company for donating the landscaping rocks and to the Elk Ladies for their donation towards the purchase of a new ice machine. Now all your favorite beverages will be well chilled.

**Corinne Richeson
Bar Manager**



ATTENTION!

If you have CHILDREN, Grandchildren, Friends ages 7 & up that would like to be involved in T.O. Elks Lodge #2477's Jr. Elks Program, we want to hear from you! Please give the Lodge office a call at (805) 496-2477 with your Name and Phone # and we will contact you and let you know when the FIRST Jr. Elk Meeting is going to be held!

Heather Maddox



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR LODGE



The Easter Bunny hopped to our Lodge on Easter Sunday and greeted ER, Catherine Koeritz before giving out toys to 50 children.



PER, Buggy Ansell (L) chairperson and supplier of the toys watched the children enjoy the party.



Secretary, Jerry Serota, and Patti trying out the new ramp at the office. They thank Brothers Max Maxwell and Tom Hartin

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR LODGE



Newest members of the Century Club with Major Project Chair, David Naccarato, (L) John Quinn



(R) John Peterson



PER, Jim Wallace was welcomed back by ER, Catherine Koertiz, and his fellow PERS to receive his 55 year membership pin.



PER, Chet Kozlowski and newly installed Treasurer, Tom Ryder, PDDGER, share the moment.



Elks Ladies President, Jessica Stull giving ER, George Meehan a check for \$2000 for Major Project. Thank you Elk Ladies!!!!



Scholarship Chair, Rick Herrera, accepting a check from June Leadam for \$200 from the FarSiders in memory of Leroy Russell.

Installation of Officers



Continued from page 2-Operation Facelift

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

I have prepared a budget request for submittal to the Trustees for inclusion in the upcoming year's budget. Also we looking for donations and some fundraisers to cover some of the tasks planned.

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

Volunteers

Your lodge is always in need of volunteers to help with various Lodge functions. If you have some time on your hands, consider lending a hand at an upcoming event or project. Contact the office or any officer or me to volunteer your time. Thank you to all those who already given of their time! You are greatly appreciated

NEEDED

Kitchen – Cooks, helpers, specialty cooking teams

Painters – General - no talent required!

Manual laborers (Grunts)

Grounds keepers (gardeners)

Another Eagle from Troop 754

On Sunday March 16, 2008 a Boy Scouts of America, Court of Honor was held for Corey Matthew Somarriba at the Teledyne Scientific Company in Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Corey is a member of BSA, Troop 754 and sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477. Troop 754 has a proud heritage of which Corey is the 44th Eagle Scout to spread his wings from this Troop.

There were 100 friends and relatives who came to pay homage in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Corey is a student at Newbury Park High School and plans to attend San Diego State College.



L-R Troop Leader Lewis, Bill Miller, Scouting Chair, TO Elks Lodge, Corey, Bill Sternberg, Area 7 Scouting Rep.



Bill Miller, Scouting Chair

On Friday April 4th, 2008 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 donated free dictionaries to all the third graders at Westlake Elementary School. 115 dictionaries were presented to five classes, including one combined 2nd and 3rd grade group.

Making the presentation was Richard Goldner, retired Vice President of Xerox Information Systems and Elks Grand Lodge Public Relations Chairman, who is also a Past Exalted Ruler Of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.

Westlake Elementary Principal, Dr. Paula Willebrands, welcomed the Elks and presented them with a Thank You folder from Mrs. Claire Orr's 3rd grade class.

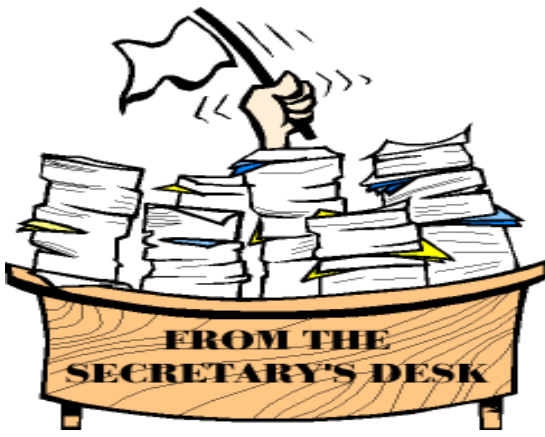


Community Service Project finished in time for Spring Hiking Season!

Junior Girl Scout Troop 711 completes a community service project which earns them the Girl Scout Bronze Award and gives Wildwood Park visitors valuable information for the hiking season ahead. The troop started back in August by sanding and painting the kiosks, followed by researching and creating many new documents, and finally reassembling the kiosks. Look for "Hiking with your Dog", and "Hiking with your Kids", as well as details on the declining Conejo Buckwheat species; all a valuable reminder to stay on the trails and you'll protect both the animals and plants by protecting yourself!



L to R: Troop 711 Leader Kay Sternberg, Junior Scouts KaLani Campbell, Lindsay Delaney, Rebecca Llewellyn, Paige Sternberg, Co-Leader Jeanne Llewellyn, Junior Scouts front row: Ashley and Brittany Pimental



Dave Naccarato, PER
Major Project Chair

April 1, 2008

Jerry Serota, Secretary

The first day on the job and we can tell you we are very proud of what we see. Proud of the way Carole Saynay has helped our new office assistant Karen Naccarato make the transition for the coming year. We are proud of 60% of our members who as of March 31st have paid their dues for the coming year 2008-2009. We are proud that the staff have been able to get your membership cards in the mail the same day they are received.

During the Initiation into the order you were instructed, ***“The membership card, will be presented to you by the Secretary, is a means of identification. It shows that you are a Member in good standing in this Lodge. You should carry it with you at all times. You are required to present it in order to gain admission to this Lodge, and without it you cannot gain admission to another Lodge.”***

When you get your membership card examine it and take pride in the number of years you have been a member. Take pride at being a member in the Elks National Foundation. Take pride in your contribution to the Aid of Disabled Children.

The new card readers are in place so you can use your new key card. As of April 1st when you ring the bell for admittance you will be required to show your new membership card. There is nothing personal about this and please take as I do the pride of membership in the greatest organization on earth.

It is said, "a coin a day they will walk, talk, see and play", those coins add up

Checks are nice but the program was set up with saving your coins and turning them in. Now enter Dave Pearson, active member in our lodge for many years. David always with the lodge and its programs on his mind brought in a cigar box full of coin that came out to \$206.00 that figure had help from Cheryl Templton and Jim Weins. Good work

Micro Beer, What's that small beer? Just kidding.... Our past Elk of the year Max Maxwell is donating cases of micro brewery brew to be auctioned off to fund our lodges many programs. One month Major Project next month Scholarship then back to major Project then Scouts then back to Major Project.

guess which program I'm the chairman for? So Friday May 2nd we will start a silent Auction of the Micro Brew. Come down for dinner and preview the Micro brew on display and help out our programs and take home some good tasting brew. What's better on a hot day, working in the yard and cooling off with a crisp cold beer.

All of the Elk lodges in California and Hawaii work together to fund a state association charity program for disabled children. The program has been serving our children since 1950. You've seen the purple pigs around the lodge.

The pig is our mascot for the program. New members at initiation receive their very own Purple piggy bank. Giving doesn't hurt. In fact we have allot of fun once a month at bingo. We play bingo where 20% of the proceeds go to our part of funding the program. We were able to finally present a Century Club certificate to John Quinn for his donation of \$100.00 to the Major Project. But it doesn't stop there. John's wife does very well at Bingo but John takes her winnings and donates them back. We had a good game in March, grows bigger every month so come on down.

Share the Excitement

Sponsor a new member.

Applications are available in the Lounge or office

Have you filled your Purple Pig this month????





**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**



MARCH AT CAMP COMFORT

The camping gods are certainly smiling on the group so far this year - - what a marvelous campout, weather wise and attendance wise.

Bill and I arrived on Wednesday to find that we were the only early arrivals. The Ericksons are usually early arrivals, but granddaughter, Lizzie's birthday was Thursday and she really wanted grandma and poppa home. At that age, who can resist.

Thursday, first to arrive were the Flannerys and then they dribbled in one or two at a time. I swear, Chuck Kudra takes longer to set up his site than any two people. Mr. Type A personality and perfectionist. The broom is always at the ready, just in case a few leaves get on his mat, and Camp Comfort is FULL of leaves.

Speaking of Chuck, the guy expanded his horizons. Don't know how many of you know that Don Newcomer has made a CD (which is fabulous). Chuck is more of an oldies but goodies fan, not too much on Country Western. He had an epiphany! He put Don's CD in the player, turned up the volume so we could hear outside the rig. It took all of two seconds, his foot was keeping time with the music and he sat there grinning like some kind of idiot. Course the look on Don's face was pure ecstasy, I had Goosebumps and Chuck played the CD several more times I THINK he liked it! Couldn't wait for Judy to arrive so he could play it for her.

Although we are all concerned about Walter Ogden's pending heart surgery, and wish him nothing but the absolute best - he is "playing it to the hilt!" Actually it was very kind of his sons to bring the rig up and set everything in place for him. But when he went to view the Lamar's new rig with several women - and kept saying "remember my heart, remember my heart" it seems he was using "his condition" any way he could to his benefit. (laughing out loud).

It is amazing, we have a coupla campers, who aren't actually campers and attend more campouts than those who have rigs. Yup, Scott and Crystal Dool show up as often as possible, or at least when there are lodgings nearby, and we truly appreciate their support. Besides that they are a lot of fun. One of these days, perhaps we will see them in their own rig.

Speaking of which, although John and Gladys have sold their rig, they came up to share Saturday with us. Sort of, seems the Ogdens, Kozlowskis and Ennises went out to

dinner more than hanging around camp. Seems Shirley had found a coupla restaurants in the area and they all checked them out. NO COOKING - - well that ain't all bad!

Being wagon master is not all that challenging, however, some take it to a higher level. Jimmy and Patty Milller (Jimmy most probably) decided they'd do omelets for Saturday brunch and a yeoman's (men's) job they did. Again, if anyone goes away for the Kampers' meals hungry, gotta be something terribly wrong. Difficult to loose weight!

The co-wagon masters were Mike and Mary Flannery but they maintained a real low profile.

Saturday evening, John and Cheri with the biggest, most expensive boom box - their car - played Don's CD while we were eating (again) and Mollie Chiszar thought it was Willie Nelson. Ya know folks, everyone was enjoying the music.

Steve Chiszar brought out his "Redneck Horn". I couldn't leave it alone - found it hysterically funny.

Allegedly, the identity of the Sheriff is to remain unknown until the wagon master announces it. Somehow, it was NO BIG secret this time. John and Cheri Peterson were very good and creative. A good time was had by all.

On a personal note, I cannot tell how I appreciate you folks who tell me how much you enjoy reading my article. I apologize to Ed Bianchi's mom, try to ignore my perverse sense of humor - I truly enjoy writing and hope the powers that be will allow me to continue until I cry "Uncle".

Upcoming Campouts

May 16-17 Kenney Grove-Chili Cook Off

June 13-14 Lake Casitas

July 11-12 Flying Flags

August 8-9 Malibu

September 12-13-

Santa Barbara Lodge

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715





2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LECTURING KNIGHT Greg Metzgas, SVP

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AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle
FLAGDAY/FLAGRETIREMENT:
 Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
GOVT.RELATIONS: Scott Dool
MEMORIALSERVICE: Rick Herrera
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg
KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER



GOLFTOURNEY: Dave Pearson
LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
 David Naccarato/Tom Hartin
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Herb Jellander
 Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker
EL KONEJOKAMPERS: Mike Flannery

Membership Is Key

Here I sit writing my second article for the Antler Antics as the lodge's Lecturing Knight and I haven't even had a chance to stand at my station this year. The articles we write are written one month in advance and this one is due to the editor before our first meeting in April.

I would like to start by thanking Raven West and everyone else involved in the planning of the Inaugural Ball for a great time. Outside of me being a little sore from too much dancing, it was a great evening.

We are entering the season of visitations to other lodges in our district. Please keep in mind that our lodge is part of a larger organization and without that larger organization, we cannot exist. When the district Vice President or District Deputy visits a lodge in our district, every Elk is invited. I know that our district is large; almost 200 miles north to south, but Ventura, Oxnard and Simi are not that far away. These visitations are an excellent opportunity to meet other Elks and to form a network with other lodges. That network makes clinics, ritual contests and conventions much more enjoyable, not to mention the friendships that can be formed. Please plan on attending some of these visitations and further your circle of friends with brother Elks in our organization.

Our Youth Appreciation Night is scheduled for the 2nd of May. If this issue of the Antler Antics arrives to you before that date, please plan on attending and see how our charity money is spent. These kids are from right here in Thousand Oaks and it is heart warming to see them rewarded for their efforts in scholarship, sports and scouting.

The lodge will be conducting a charity fund raiser golf tournament on the 19th of May at the Tierra Rejada Golf Course in Simi Valley. These tournaments are always fun with lots of awards, raffles and prizes. There is still time to sign up so please come out and support this charitable event. Dinner will be served at the lodge afterwards.

I will close by again making an appeal to each of you recruit a new member to our lodge. The dues and the initiation fee have been lowered and the word around the

lodge was that it only took this action to increase our membership. We all know that it takes a little more. It takes us inviting new people to join us. And keep in mind; we need quality members, not just numbers.



Golf Tournament for our charities

May 19th
Tierra Rejada Golf Course
Noon-shotgun
\$110

See flyer
Reservations: Dave Pearson
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Elks Ladies News

By guest reporter Jeri Miller

Spring has sprung and the new buds are turning into leaves on the trees. It's a fresh new beginning but I would be remiss if I didn't say how much we all were blessed by the wonderful year that June gave us. Thanks June and also John for putting up with her long busy schedule.


Spring is the time of year when we install our 2008-2009 officers and they unveil their plans for the new term. In a lovely ceremony conducted by outgoing President, June Leadam, Jessica Stull was presented the gavel as President, with Pat Peterson moving up to Vice President. June Leadam who enjoyed the camaraderie of the board will return as Secretary and Diane Isaman is our new Treasurer.

The much-anticipated Elks Ladies Appreciation Award, a standing heart shaped engraved plaque, was presented to the very deserving Myrna Block. She has been there year in and year out filling offices and any other job that needed doing. She was also First Lady when Jay was Exalted Ruler. Congratulations again, Myrna.

Chet Kozlowski and crew and many of the Lodge officers cooked terrific prime rib and salmon dinners and served them in the Lodge hall. We really appreciate it when you treat us in such a grand manner. Kudos to all of you who helped make it so special!


Now, get out that old vest, put all of your past CVD badges on it and show some real spirit. The contract has been signed for the Elks Ladies to be the GATEKEEPERS once more at Conejo Valley Days carnival. Thank you to Marilyn Cissell and Alice Kennedy for attending the meetings this year and assuring we will have the same kind of contract as in the past. There are sign-up boards on the dance floor near the door for this and the Streaker dog wagon. We welcome couples and Elks to help fill all of the time slots. It really takes a lot of people volunteering to pull off this whole CVD weekend.

If you are free on Friday, 9:00 AM, of CVD week, there is an event for "Special Kids". Busloads of these kids arrive and volunteers each take a child, one on one, to help them enjoy as much as possible of their day at the carnival.



May

7 Barb Metzgus
17 Patti Serota
20 Diane Isaman
29 Alice Kennedy
30 Iris Schwartz



What would we do without you, Lord?
 you know our every need.
 With hugs you soften losses,
 you smile when we succeed.

We're given friends to love us,
 and challenges to help us grow.
 Your Spirit dwells within us,
 because "The Bible tells us so."

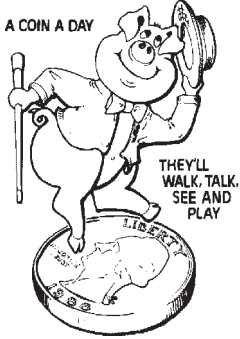
Amen

Some can enjoy the rides or the petting animals while a few others are limited to just being pushed in a wheel chair in the carnival atmosphere. Then they rejoin their friends and get to eat a lunch of hamburgers and other goodies prepared by the Elks. The Lodge usually serves about 600 people including the kids and volunteers so help is needed on the lunch end of things too. Ever wrap hamburgers?

We thank all of the Elks for your support, we know you like the ice cream nights and our bake sales are popular and of course, we couldn't have had the successful Major Project event, the Sweetheart Ball without your valued participation. Congratulations to all of the new Elk officers and good luck in your Ritual Event this year.

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A COIN A DAY



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MAY

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| 2 James Stephenson | 10 Herb Jellander | 26 Ron Watkins |
| 3 Jack Miller | 11 Gerald Reingans | 27 Mike Murray |
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| 9 Jim Wagner | 23 David Stull | |
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May 14, 2008

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Rick Gorino sponsored by Heather Maddox
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	Lucky 13	No Winner	
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	Lucky 13	No Winner	
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	Lucky 13	No Winner	



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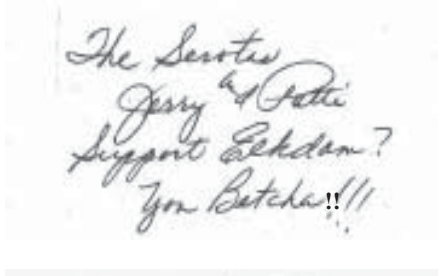










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