



George Meehan,
Exalted Ruler



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Reaching Out in Elkdom

ELKS COMEDY CHARITY BALL



Saturday, November 15th 2008
6:30 pm Social
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Entertainment by
The Los Angeles Comedy Machine
Magic by the Great Robért

Tickets \$20.00
\$25.00 after November 1
\$30.00 at the door

Dinner Menu:
Antipasto
Linguini with either Clam or Marinara Sauce
Garlic Bread
Italian Ices for Dessert
Chianti on every table!

Reservations
805-496-2477

PROCEEDS FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAY BASKETS



Sunday November 2, 2008



**Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477
Hosting a Veterans Brunch**

\$8

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**The month of "Remembrance"
honoring those who served our country.**



Flag Retirement Ceremony



**November 16th 1 p.m.
An Elks in Scouts Partnership**

Ice cream social to follow

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
George Meehan

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor,

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Calendar: Tom Ryder, PDDGER

NEW BEGINNINGS:

HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:

GREETERS: Dorothy Murray

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OPERATION FACELIFT: Tom Ryder, PDDGER



BUILDING MAINT. : Max Maxwell/Tom Hartin

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL

LODGE VISITATIONS:

BBQ WAGON:

AUDITING: Chet Kozlowski, PER

ELKS TRAINING: George Meehan

SHOE TOURNAMENTS: Mike Budenski

BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS: Robert Jones

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

November is almost here and I can't believe how fast the year is flying by. The officers are preparing to go to Midterm in Redding. Those officers and their spouses are Leading Knight, Raven West, Secretary, Jerry Serota, Trustee, Tom Hartin and your Exalted Ruler. These meetings are very stimulating and informative no matter how long you have been an Elk. There is always something new to learn. We are all looking forward to Redding.

The Charity Ball is coming up this month and I hope you all get your tickets early. The Ball, of course, is an event to raise money for the food we give out at Christmas time for the needy. I do not know at this time how many families we will be providing for, but the way the economy is, I would imagine that it would be more than last year. From what I have been told, it sounds like it will be a fun evening with comedians and music and food. What more could anyone ask for?

A proposal was made at the lodge meeting on Wednesday, October 8 to put our property on the market to give us an idea as to how much we could sell it for and then to know how much we could offer if we found a new building. Well the conversation got to a point, that more members were against the idea than were for it because of market conditions and the general economy. Therefore, a motion was never made and the idea was dropped. So, for the time being, the search will come to a stand still and we will see what happens in the future.

The Veterans Brunch will be held on Sunday, Nov 2 from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM. I hope there will be a good turnout for the Vets. It is a wonderful experience to greet them, serve them and talk with them. It is a wonderful way to make their day. They are always so appreciative.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the ER Christmas Party would be held on Friday, December 12. Again, we look forward to seeing all of you.

Help Wanted

Saturday November 1st

Lodge Clean up Day

9 a.m.-noon??

Meet at the lodge parking lot

Lunch to follow



Your Lodge Serving the Community

Hosting a Veterans Brunch at our Lodge

Giving swimming lessons to Boy Scouts at Casa Pacifica

Serving BBQ dinner at Lang Ranch School, and providing food at TO Street Faire

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



Sally Claunch, PER Editor
 claunchsally@gmail.com
 articles are due the 5th of the month
 send as a word document

SHOW YOU APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE

When I became an officer, I attended the veterans brunch for the first time. Afterwards, I had a greater appreciation for the elderly gents and ladies who visited us that day. Their stories were humorous and touching. Now I never miss the opportunity to be part of the welcoming committee. Show your support this year and enjoy a wonderful buffet breakfast besides.

OFFICERS/HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG.

After Health Department inspection corrections to kitchen floor were made.
 There was a discussion to purchase flat screen TV in the lounge.
 Budget line item will be created to make a restricted maintenance account for bbq operations.
 Authorization was made to spend up to \$1900 for fixing awning on streaker dog wagon and electric brakes on new truck.
 CLEMS system to be implemented this month.
 Dictionaries will be purchased for Pleasant Valley and Conejo School Districts.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Monthly financial statements have been delayed due to illness of bookkeeper.

Reports for DDGER visitation are being readied.

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.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Donna Hardy on her passing and to Alice Kennedy and family on the passing of Rusty

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pat Smail is undergoing chemo treatments; Karen Naccarato's mother from brain surgery

ON THE MEND: Patti Serota from hand surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

The Saynay's (Bob & Carole) wish to thank and appreciate the goodwill and comments received from our many Elk Friends on their 1st "Elk Night Out" since April 1, 2008.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



November 1-Work Day
 November 2-Veterans Brunch
 November 6-8-MidTerm Convention
 November 14-15 Kampers Kenney Grove
 November 15-Charity Ball

December 5-Tree Trimming Party
 December 9-Elk Ladies Xmas Party
 December 12-ER Christmas Party
 December 13-Kids Christmas Party
 December 14-Kampers Christmas Brunch
 December 20-Delviery of Christmas Baskets
 December 31-New Year's Eve Party

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT Raven West	2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: David Naccarato, PER SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch, PER INVESTIGATION: Bob Arbetman ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Tom Ryder, PDDGER		CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Raven West INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CHARITY DINNERS: Raven West

COMEDY TONIGHT!!!

Something familiar, Something peculiar, Something for everyone: A comedy tonight!”

Laughter is, as the saying goes, the best medicine and what better way to cure the “ills” of all that has transpired over the past several weeks then by a night full of comedy and fun and of course charity for a cause?

On November 15th, our Lodge will be center stage for some of the very best of Los Angeles comedians when The Los Angeles Comedy Machine entertains our members, along with our very own Magician Extraordinaire “The Great Robert” at a one night only performance; Comedy Charity Ball, 2008!

The event begins at 6:30 with an Italian Dinner served by the Jr. Elks, of Antipasto, Linguini with clam sauce or marinara, garlic bread, a bottle of Chianti at every table, donated by Cheri and John Peterson and Italian ices for dessert.

Dinner begins at 7:00 pm, Magic at 7:30 and the Comedy begins at 8.

Tickets will be sold for Sharon Baker’s beautiful gift baskets, 50/50 and additional prize drawings will be held throughout the evening.

All of the proceeds will go towards the purchase of supplies for our annual Christmas Baskets, which will be delivered this year on Saturday, December 20. Sign-up sheets will be in the bar for everyone who wishes to share the joy of the Holiday season with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Tickets for the event are on sale behind the bar, or from your Leading Knight. Call the office to make reservations by November 10th.

Invite your friends, bring your co-workers, and fill our lodge with laughter from the rafters, Saturday night, November 15th, 2008.

Nothing that’s formal, Nothing that’s normal, No recitations to recite; Open up the curtain: Comedy Tonight!



ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – 2008

Once again, it’s time to start spooling up for the Elks Christmas Tree Lot. As always, it will be a lot of hard work but provides a significant return for our charities and building fund. We had a very good year in 2007, despite increased competition, in large part due to a record participation by our membership. At least 80 members helped out – some a lot, some a little – but everyone was needed and appreciated.

CARLSONS BUILDING MATERIALS has again made a part of their street front property available to us on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Please be sure to patronize this valued sponsor whenever possible.

Please mark your calendars with these dates and times:

December 1 & 2	(Mon/Tues) 9am-1pm	Setup lot & trailer at Carlsons
December 3	(Wed)	TBA
First Tree Delivery		
December 3 - December 21	9am-8pm	T r e e Sales
December 10	(Wed)	TBA
Tree Delivery		
December 21	(Sun)	
Last Day of Sales		
December 22	(Mon)	T e a r Down Lot

The lot will be open from approximately 9 am to 8 pm every day. Food, drink, campfire and camaraderie always included. Thanks in advance for everyone’s help!

Fraternally,

- Herb Jellander 805-497-2624
Cell 805-905-8146
- Terry Baker 805-495-6127
- Bill Sternberg 805-933-9020

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LOYAL KNIGHT Terry Gicking	2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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 Rodriquez LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool PRESIDING JUSTICE: YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

IT'S NOVEMBER

OMG! It's November! The holidays are right around the corner and as I was sitting on a fishing boat in the sea of Cortez (we did more sittin than fishin') thinking about the calendar, (I was still drinkin' beer!), I realized that with November comes Thanksgiving! , Charity Ball, Veterans Remembrance and getting' ready for the holidays!

So as I see it we start out with the Halloween dance on the 31st of October, then we slide into a work party on Sat. Nov. 1st, from 9AM to 3PM, just cleaning things up around here so we can find things a little easier! Then on Sunday, the 2nd, we have the Veterans Brunch, buffet style, from 10A till 1P. Please come down and show our visiting Vets your support! It will make you proud to be an American and glad that we have the right to vote!! Of course that ties into Tuesday, Nov 4. Election day. Make your vote count. And after you vote, come down and proudly show your voter stubs, and get a free cocktail on Justice. Yes I am buying your vote! Nuff said! Wed nite dinner will be meatloaf by Chuck Busch, Friday will be pork roast by Chuck Busch, Sunday will be breakfast by Power Dave. Check the calendar for the other Wednesday & Friday meals.

Now on Saturday, the 15th, we are having our Charity Ball, which will be a comedians nite with dinner. If it is anything like the last time we had the comedians stop by, you might want to wear some Depends, cause I am telling' ya, you are gonna pee your pants laughing your head off! It was that good!

Now the last thing I want to bring up is Thanksgiving Brunch. You will need to call the lounge to get your reservations, as we need to know how many we will be feeding so we can get the right amount of turkeys. Could also use some help with serving. Fred T has once again volunteered to work the bar so the lounge will be open from 10AM to 4 PM. Now there will not be a dinner or a breakfast over the holiday weekend, but the PERs have agreed to put on the BBQ with some help from others, so don't forget to stop by while you are out shopping for the next holidays.

Please pick a few of the meals that we are putting on for you and come down for the food and stay for the fellowship!!



On September 20th Tom Ryder, ENF Chair, and myself put on a dinner dance. Tom Ryder handled the food and I handled the entertainment. We had a good turnout with music by Ed Lafata and the Star Lighters. Special guest Buddy Teachout sang the songs of Frank Sinatra. He then sat in with the band doing Engelbert Humperdink and other popular singers. I want to thank all who attended and a big thanks to PER, Catherine Koeritz. She stepped up to help me when my wife was ill and unable to attend. I was having a 50/50 drawing, raffle tickets, and a silent auction of micro brew beer that Max Maxwell donated. When she saw how poorly I was doing with sales, she commandeered others and worked the room for me and raised the money for two of our major charities. The ticket sales covered the expenses of the food and entertainment. The raffles went to the charities directly. Did I mention that Catherine was dressed to the nines(What does that mean? one of my Dad's sayings) Anyway if Robert lets me live, we'll do it again in January more on that later.

David Naccarato, Major Project Chair



More than \$2.9 million has been contributed this past year by members of Elks Lodges throughout California and Hawaii to be used in treating children with disabilities. Since 1950, the 94.000 members from throughout California and Hawaii have turned over more than \$85.5 million to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc., which administers the non profit charitable corporation. All funds are devoted solely to providing vision screening and therapy treatment to children with a broad range of disabilities.



ENTERTAINMENT

Nov. 7 Karaoke



Corinne Richenson
Bar Manager



Dave Naccarato, PER
Major Project Chair



Little Bags Make Large Amounts

September was a good month for pull tabs. Many small bags added up to a large amount. Thanks everyone. A special thanks go to: Dolores Smith(Soman Christan Church), Sally Claunch (Santa Susana High School), Sharon and John Mello (Aspen School), Rick Herrera (Paul Revere Middle School), and the janitorial staff at Aspen School. Every tab counts. Please keep collecting.

Our lodge held our mandated by Grand Lodge Hoop Shoot on October 4th. Our lodge joined forces with the Newbury Park Basketball Assoc. The last two years we were invited to hold our shoot at one of their traveling tournaments. The problem we had was many kids at the shoot were from out of the area. When I spoke to the board of directors and told them of my concerns, they suggested we hold it at the basketball sign ups. We would only have local kids. That's what we did and it was very successful.

For an afternoon we had the name of Elks on the minds of parents and "Say No to Drugs" literature in the hands of children. Also we had some time to discuss Elkdom with some of the parents. It amazed me how many people do not know who we are, and what we do. That tells me, we do a lousy job in letting the community know we are out and doing the work of Elkdom.

We will be having an awards lunch and presentation to our first through third place winners. I encourage all of you to come out and show your support and have lunch. It will be on a Sunday. Ed Bianchi has agreed to prepare one of his Mexican dinner plates for us. I will let you know what that date is. The helpers I had at the Hoop Shoot were: Exalted Ruler George Meehan, Leading Knight, Raven West, Americanism Chairman, Grant Thistle, Investigations Chairman Robert Arbetman and Maintenance Crew Chief, Tom Hartin. We had a good afternoon out in Newbury Park and look forward to taking our kids to the district shoot David Naccarato, PER, Hoop Shoot Chair

ATTENTION ALL BIKERS..

SEEKING INTERESTED PARTIES IN A TOY/ POKER RUN THIS DECEMBER. ENTRY FEE WOULD BE \$10.00 AND A TOY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM. I CAN NO LONGER RIDE BUT" THOSE WHO CAN DO THOSE WHO CAN'T TEACH" OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU CATCH MY DRIFT. WE WILL LEAVE THE LODGE HAVE 5 STOPS WITH A PLAYING CARD GIVEN AT EACH STOP. THE TOP HAND AT THE END OF RUN WINS. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED AND OUR KIDS WIN TOO. SEEK ME OUT AT THE LODGE AND LET ME KNOW IF INTERESTED THIS WILL BE THE ONLY CORRESPONDENCE. DAVID NACCARATO, PER 805-375-1089

Tom Hartin and I went up to Santa Maria to assit them in the District Soccer Shoot. Tom is the District chairman and Santa Maria volunterred their Lodge property to hold the shoot Santa Maria has a very nice area suitable for the shoot. It was a rewarding day. David Naccarato, PER



Junior
PER
Catherine
Koeritz's
Roast
Oct. 3rd

Catherine's last



word ---- Amen



Loyal Knight, Terry Gicking with new member-son Steve Plymate who he sponsored



,Sponsor, Dena Pederson, with new member Bev Reis



Bingo PER, Dave Naccarato with the stand-in for Vanna White, Tom Hartin



Jerry Gilies, Pull Tab Chair accepting grocery bag of tabs from Sally Claunch collected at Santa Susana High School





Tony Markarian, DDGER and his entourage made their official visitation



The winner of the Scholarship Wagon of Spirits was Ted Poliskey



SEPTEMBER AT THE SANTA BARBARA LODGE

Absolutely love the people at this Lodge. We couldn't feel more welcomed and "special". That aside, the food is wonderful and the selections plentiful. The majority of us favor their pork dinner on Friday night. Haven't a clue what they do to the stuff but it is truly melt in your mouth.

Most of us chickened out on Wednesday night for their spaghetti dinner cause we heard they were having upwards of 350 people and figured it might be a long wait to get your dinner. WRONG, Jim and Judy Hamilton went, not only did the serving line move quickly but the spaghetti was wonderful. I think the fact that Jim and Judy's camping neighbor was cooking and told them there was 40 pounds of Italian sausage and 40 pounds of ground beef in the sauce may have influenced their decision. YA THINK?

Speaking of Jim and Judy, I have a vague recollection of the last time they came camping but it's SO vague I can't recall. It was very nice to see them even if Jim was in rare form. As I hobbled up in my walking boot, they asked how I was doing. I responded "I'm wonderful!" The words were barely out of my mouth when Jim said, "You've never been wonderful!" Luckily, my balance wasn't good enough on my good leg or he just may have had the walking boot planted in an undesirable location.

I hadn't yet arrived on Wednesday to observe this struggle, but I understand Mike Flannery had a bit of a problem getting that danged fifth-wheel exactly where he wanted it. I heard several varying descriptions of this plight and there was no denial from Mike so they must have been relatively accurate. Mike do ya think perhaps Jim Mullen could give you a few pointers (giggle)? I do recall that Jim is pretty skillful at backing his fifth wheel into a site. Beverly Erickson even went so far as to suggest Mike might wanta investigate getting a motorhome. Suppose that would help?

Nick Sheeley and Nick Jackson showed up on Friday with their lovely ladies along. They were motelling it and visiting John and Cherri Peterson. I'm here to testify to the fact these guys left their manners (if they have any) at home. I had to get up from our table and walk over and introduce myself to Gail and eventually I was introduced to Lisa. I did NOT cut these guys any slack, continuing to apologize to the ladies for their bad manners. I must say I'm sorry if any of these names are



wrong or misspelled, I'm writing this with no notes from Lebanon, Missouri.

And "what" you may ask am I doing in Missouri? Those of you who were at last November's campout may recall my friend "Crash" being delivered to Kenney Grove by Roadrunner. Yup, I came back to attend a quilt show in Springfield, do a bit of sewing and eventually spend some time with my cousins. So far, it has been an outstanding experience.

Okay back to the campout. Chet and Shirley, as usual, did a fine job as wagonmasters. But it's really interesting; it started out with having all the spots filled plus a waiting list. OOPS, we lost some along the way and in the end had only 13 campers. (as I said, I'm operating without notes, so if the number isn't quite accurate, excuse please.)

Wild Walter was the sheriff, he's sure feeling spunky these days, which is truly great to see, he only oinks occasionally.(giggle) He managed to zing almost all of us for one thing or another.

As of this date, all the sites for the March 2009 campout at Newport Dunes are filled, plus. Due to the fallout we have experienced in the past, there will be no additional sites procured. We experienced the same thing a year ago August at Morro Bay RV Park. The wagonmaster and vice president were made to jump through hoops, subjected to all kinds of abuse to obtain additional sites - - only to have them go un-filled.

The best predictor of future behavior is PAST BEHAVIOR!

Upcoming Campouts



November 14-15 Kenney Grove
December 14-Brunch-Grand Vista Hotel
January-9-10-Valencia Travel

visit the website:
<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

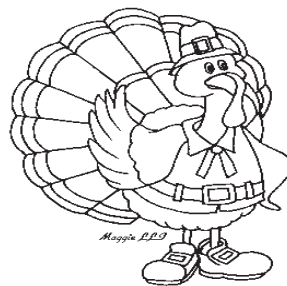
to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



Childrens Christmas Party
 Saturday, December 13, 2008
 11 am to 2 pm
 (all Children, Grand Children, and Those
 who want to be kids again are invited)
 Hot Dogs, Chips, Ice Cream and
 Magic, Clowns, Sing Along with Rich,
 and
"SANTA"
 hosted by Shirley & Chet
 Kozlowski

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH
 NOVEMBER 27TH
 1 P.M.

Adults \$9
 Children \$6



Lounge open
 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

BY CHUCK BUSCH

Make reservations by Nov. 20th 496-4550

2008-09 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LECTURING KNIGHT Greg Metzgus, PSVP

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



GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMAS TREES: Herb Jellander
Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Mike Flannery

I will start this months Lecturing Knight article by sharing a discussion I had recently with a fellow Elk from our lodge. We were discussing the letter you all received concerning relocation of our lodge and specifically putting it up for sale. The comment was made that this particular member hoped that there would be no “secret meetings” like there were last year when we were trying to build a new lodge on our present site. I was taken aback because in all of the years I have been a member of our lodge, 5 of those as an officer, I have never attended a “secret meeting”. I have attended closed meetings but only when they were to discuss disciplining a member or standing relief for a member and Grand Lodge dictates that those meetings are to be closed, not secret.

I was not in a position to discuss this issue with the member at the time but after thinking about it, I tried to remember the last time I saw this member in the lodge at a regular meeting. I couldn't. I then realized that this particular member was relying on information he received second hand and probably information passed around the lounge. I don't know if all of you are aware of this or not but, information passed around the lounge and bar area is not always 100% accurate.

Where then is a member to get up to date accurate information on what is happening with issues such as the proposed relocation of our lodge? At a regularly scheduled meeting; we have them on the first four Wednesdays of every month. At these meetings our various committees make reports. There is also a time set aside during the meeting for members to ask questions. We cannot afford to send out weekly or daily information about affairs of our lodge. You, as a member, have to put forth a little effort to keep informed. To keep up to date, you have to attend regularly scheduled meetings. If you miss a meeting, we have a portion of the meeting set aside to read the minutes of the previous session. If you miss several meetings, the minutes are available in the lodge office.

To summarize, attend the regularly scheduled meetings and you will be kept up to date. If you rely on second hand information or lounge gossip, you will no doubt be misinformed most, if not all of the time.

Please remember, our Army of Hope cans are placed in our lounge and at several businesses around town. The proceeds from this donation are being used to help our veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The Vietnam Veteran's Association has partnered with the Elks in this effort. Please dig deep and give what ever you can. There are additional cans available for placement in local businesses. See me if you would like to work with th

WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

On September 18th, the El Konejo Kamper Club of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 counted their blessings and donated a check to John Gorham, Executive Director of Manna for \$500. Manna is the local food bank that serves more than a thousand clients and helps 22 other agencies.

Making the presentation was Chuck Kudra, Vice President of the camper club and George Meehan, Exalted Ruler. Also two mystery bartenders, Catherine Koeritz, PER and Sally Claunch, PER donated all their tips \$275 as did individual members of the lodge count their blessings kicked in an additional \$100 for the purchase of canned tuna, mayonnaise, pasta, soup as part of the presentation.



(l-R) John Gorhama, George Meehan, Catherine Koeritz, Sally Claunch, and Chuck Kudra

2008-2009 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES

Jessica Stull

2008-2009 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Pat Peterson
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:
3RD VICE PRESIDENT:
SECRETARY: June Leadam
TREASURER: Diane Isaman
AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski
TELEPHONE: Patti Serota



PARLIAMENTARIAN: June Leadam
CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell
MAJOR PROJECTS: Niki Case
CVD: Alice Kennedy & Marilyn Cissell
HISTORIAN:
SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski

Donna Hardy was more than just the Elks' bookkeeper. Wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, camper, Elks Lady and much, much more, Donna led a rich and fulfilled life. As a Charter Member of the Elks Ladies and the group's Treasurer for many years, every lady in the group had an opportunity to meet Donna at some point. All of us are deeply sorrowful at this time of her passing.

Despite losing her beloved Bob a few years back, Donna carried on and took care of the business of living both personally and professionally. She never stopped being "Donna" even when life dealt her lemons. Many will recall the breakfast held in Donna's honor last August, after her illness forced her to give up working in the Elk's office. She told us at that time she had been feeling so poorly that she doubted she would even be able to attend the breakfast. She pointed out that all of our prayers and good thoughts had worked because upon waking up on Sunday, she felt marvelous. Donna was a spiritual person.

Sally Claunch recalls that prior to her going through the chairs for the Elks, Bob Hardy was her mentor to help prepare her. Sally chuckled as she told me that the best information came from Donna who knew everything there was to know about this lodge. This of course, was right in keeping with Beverly Erickson's comment about Donna being the "go-to" person. If you wanted an answer and you wanted the right answer – Donna was your man, so to speak.

Dee Swanson can tell you stories that cause belly laughs about the bowling leagues they were in together and about parties at the Hardy home complete with Dee training for the Olympic swimming team in the Hardy Jacuzzi. Donna loved to have fun.

Donna was very protective of children and particularly her family and grandchildren. Shirley Kozlowski says Donna's home was always full of children. Donna even helped raise her grandchildren. Sally recalls a time when Donna took her granddaughter camping. The young lady was making the transition from childhood to adolescence and Donna shot warning glances to those young men whose grins at Shannon



1 Eula McKee
Marva D'Ambrogio
5 Flo Lloyd
9 Jeri Miller
30 Vera Bailie

WE REALLY WANT TO PLEASE YOU, LORD



**Marilyn
Cissell**

Like pieces on a game board, God,
you see our every move.
With all the choices given us
of which actions will you approve?

In many ways we could do more,
and yet at times seem bored.
How often can we end our day
with have we pleased you, Lord?
Amen

betrayed their intent. Donna made sure they kept their distance. Donna held high family values.

For many years Donna and Marva D'Ambrogio played Bunko and cards together. Marva relates that because they shared a ride to Bunko, they were each other's confidants and that they were never at a loss for things to talk about. Marva says Donna was so easy to talk to, an excellent listener. One story Donna shared with Marva was that prior to marriage, both Bob and Donna were very quiet and shy, but after a time he got up the courage to ask Donna out to coffee. Many years later, they admitted to each other that neither of them even liked coffee at that time. But, things go full circle as Debi Drake, an El Konejo Kamper and close friend tells it. Donna's favorite drink is Kahlua and coffee and she has a special way to make it. Debi loved Donna's sense of humor and the playfulness they shared. Debi is the holder of Donna's secret recipe for her famous peanut brittle candy.

Donna, you have touched the hearts of many and you leave a fine legacy for everyone you loved and for those that love you.

HONOR ROLL

A COIN A DAY



- 2 Glenn Miller
- 3 Andy Matsunaga
- 4 Bill Wagner, PER

- 10 Jack Carter
- Joseph Ratto
- 11 Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER
- 12 Wayne LaFarr
- 13 Jacob Panczak
- Ralph Vester, PER
- 15 George Thompson
- 17 David Ely
- John Kelly, PER
- 18 Bill Ratcliffe
- Bobby Williams

- 21 Gerry Gillies
- 22 Betty McFarlin
- 23 Fred Anderson
- 24 Don Allen
- 26 Carlos Carbajal
- Pat Hartin
- 27 Bill McIntyre
- Larry Morris
- Harold Rasmussen
- 28 David Burrows



Greg Metzgus, PSVP
 George Meehan
 Rubye Metzgus
 Bob Arbetman
 Robert Jones
 Max Maxwell

**FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
 PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:**

November 12 ,2008

Paul Wagner
 Kira Wagner
 Donald Rue

Sponsor- Rick Herrera
 Sponsor-Rick Herrera
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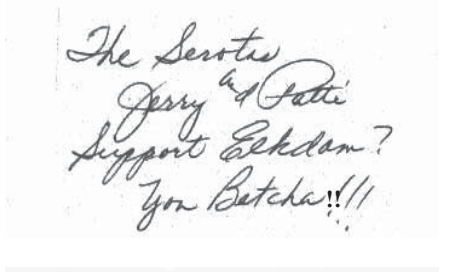










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