



Terry Gicking
Exalted Ruler



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Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

TERRY GICKING

Exalted Ruler 2009-2010

Terry was born in Inglewood ,CA in 1956, but moved to Thousand Oaks at age three. There he attended Park Oaks School, Waverly Middle School and graduated from Thousand Oaks High School in 1974. During the housing boom of the 70's, he chose construction as a career, becoming a contractor in the mid 80's. Currently he is an insurance restoration contractor.

With his Father as sponsor, he became a member of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 along with his two brothers on May 27, 1981. Soon afterwards his construction talents were used to help remodel the lounge. Because of the friendships he made as a new Elk, he knew this Lodge was a special place. A place he thought he wanted to become more involved as an officer or someday perhaps even Exalted Ruler. His first step in this pursuit was being secretary during Vern Ogden's year.

In addition he assisted the ritual team, acting as the candidate on our Lodge's first place win in district competition.

After the death of his Mother in 1985, he first hand experienced Elks' Brotherly Love by the outpouring of respect and love our Lodge members showed for his Mother. During this time Terry's Dad was the Inner Guard. When his Dad passed away in 1988 the outpouring of Brotherly Love again was shown. Taking up the mantle of his Father, Terry was appointed Inner Guard. An office he held two separate years and later he held the office of Chaplin. Throughout the '90s for fun he bowled in the Elks league at Conejo Bowl and Harley's, worked the BBQ, and helped with building maintenance

The necessity of raising children and moving to Ventura for employment opportunities in 1999 kept him away from Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge for 7 years. Upon his return to Thousand Oaks in 2006, again he became involved. As his children had grown and his employment was local, now was the time to pursue his desire to go "through the chairs" and become Exalted Ruler.

He states that his children now see firsthand the legacy of this great organization, and have chosen to follow his commitment. His oldest son, Steve is a member who volunteers on the BBQ and breakfast teams. His daughter Carol Ann, the jewel of his life, has been there pinning him and escorting him at installations and balls. At the age of twenty-one, she is eligible to be a member. Youngest son, Bryan, not yet old enough to be member, but he assists with breakfasts and lunches or wherever needed.

During his 28 years of being involved with this lodge, Terry has always remembered, the primary goals of the men who started this lodge. Our Lodge is a place to have fun together while doing activities that benefit our community. We have been called the "friendliest lodge in the district" and Terry believes it to be true.

Terry's goal for the coming year is to get the membership to work together for the benefit of the lodge which will also benefit the community. However he also realizes in order to do this, we need to patch up this old neglected building. People working together gets others excited in what we do and they too wish to be a part of the excitement. More members mean we can do the things it takes to make this, "the friendliest lodge in Elkdom." His motto is: **MEMORIES FROM THE PAST TO REBUILD OUR FUTURE.**

IT'S BACK !!!

Blackout No-Tap Bowling Night

**Saturday, May 9th
from 6pm - 9pm**

**Harley's Simi Bowl
480 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley**

You DO NOT have to be a good bowler to have fun and win prizes at this great event! The lights will be turned off and you only have to knock down 9 pins to get a strike! Finger food will be provided and the Coffee Shop will be available for your dinner purchase. BOWLING NO-TAP IN THE DARK IS REALLY A LOT OF FUN, SO DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!!

\$ 22.00 PER PERSON

To reserve your spot or team:

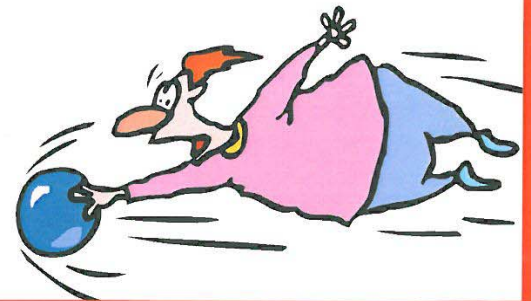
Contact:

Annie or David Pearson

805 492-3707

Profits benefit

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge



2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



EXALTED RULER
Terry Gicking

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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



BUILDING MAINT.: Max Maxwell
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:

HAVING FUN

PINCH ME! I can't believe it. Wow, Exalted Ruler!!! Thank you for your vote of confidence in me. And with your continued support, we can keep rebuilding this lodge back to being the friendliest in Elkdom. It's one of my goals, but I can't do it alone. My motto for the coming year is **"MEMORIES FROM THE PAST TO REBUILD OUR FUTURE"**. The lodge needs to work together as a team with that goal in mind. I know it can be done as I saw it that way when I joined this lodge.

And everybody wanted to be part of the excitement, the FUN!!! Working on the BBQ was a blast. Rebuilding parts of the lodge was fun. Working in the kitchen was fun and people were climbing over each other to put on a meal. We did special events for the community and had fun. Entering Grand Marshall candidates into Conejo Valley Days, contest was fun. Heck helping put on CVD was a lot of work, but it had great rewards. And FUN! Being involved on the ritual team was fun.

OK, I know I'm pushing it, but I hope you see my point. When we have fun doing things as a team, we can do a lot of great things! People want to be a part of the excitement. More members are coming to the meetings because of the excitement, (wink wink!), Friday dinners are starting to grow in popularity, and people are staying. Sunday breakfasts are beginning to grow in attendance! Come be a part of the excitement! This is why our lodge will be the friendliest in the district, heck, in the nation! I'm excited for our lodge, ARE YOU?

SHARE THE EXCITEMENT
SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER

Garage Sale
at the Lodge
July 24,25,26

Start Cleaning Your House
NO JUNK PLEASE

Your Lodge Serving the Community



- * Sponsoring Blue and Gold Awards luncheon
- * Providing monthly bingo party and local outings for veterans
- * Participating in Conejo Chili Cook Off serving bbq for attendees
- * Hosting Easter egg hunt for lodge members children, grandchildren and friends
- * Conducting Americanism essay contest for 5th-8th graders

BE AN ELK VOLUNTEER---SHOW
ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE--
CONTACT 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

REBUILDING OUR FUTURE

The coming of spring and a new Elk year always bring promises of growth and renewal. We wish the officer corp God speed in guiding our Lodge to rebuilding our future. May their year see growth in membership and participation in the good works that we do. May their year see members' renewal to the virtues all Elks pledge at their initiation. May their year see harmony and a common focus about the direction of our Lodge's future. And lastly may their year be blessed with joy while fulfilling their obligations.

OFFICERS/HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG.

- * Corrine gave monthly update on Lounge income
- * Credit card charge will be \$10 minimum effective April 1, 2009
- * New cash register has been purchased
- * New guest books have been ordered
- * Leo Rodriquez is forming entertainment committee
- * \$250 was approved to bring exit signs and emergency lighting up to DDGER standards
- * Bids are being prepared for fire suppression system, lighting and sound system for lodge room
- * Dance floor trim has been repaired-thank you Dean and Kathy Reichle

TRUSTEES REPORT

New Trustees are working diligently to develop the 2009-2010 budget which will be presented on the floor in April.

House Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Trustees meet the first Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Families who have lost loved ones this year

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our military men and women who keep our country safe with their sacrifices; Fred Britton is having dialysis

ON THE MEND: Paul DeNubio from back and knee surgery; Ruth Mullen from hip surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS



April 1-Officers Installation Dinner
 April 4-Inaugural Ball
 April 5-Meet the Officers Breakfast
 April 12-Buggs Ansell's Easter Egg Hunt
 April 25-Karaoke Afternoon
 April 29-D'Ambrogios Fundraiser Dinner

May 1/3- Ritual Contest Lompoc
 May 8-Youth Appreciation Dinner
 May 9-Bowling Party Fundraiser
 May 10-Mother's Day Brunch
 May 13/16-State Convention
 May 17-Cribbage Tournament

**** July 24/26**** Garage Sale
 Fundraiser

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LEADING KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz, PER	2009-10 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: Catherine Koeritz, PER INDOCTRINATION: Dave Naccarato, PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.: CVAC: Tom Hartin COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CHARITY DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz, PER

I'M BACK

I'm back and I'm bringing a truckload of enthusiasm!
 We have a couple of goals to meet this year. One of them is to have F.U.N.

First, we need to have a positive attitude about our Lodge and its members and this will translate into more members participating in events and more members joining our Lodge.

Understand that our Lodge needs everyone's support. Without it, we cannot make our Lodge work financially or otherwise.

Never say Never!

Robert Koeritz used to tell me that he would never be an Officer. Well, guess what? He is now a Trustee. Although David Pearson has already gone through the Chairs as Trustee, he has returned once again. We will have another new member to the Trustees, Chuck Kudra. Coupled with Tom Hartin and Dave Stull continuing on as Trustees, we have a good team.

To start off an extra fundraising event, Annie and David Pearson will have a black-out bowling fundraiser in May! Yeh.

The other goals are to inform members of what the Elks are all about, have more functions in our own Lodge, come up with entertainment ideas and get members more involved, both with participation or ideas. We (our members) have a lot of great ideas that have already been brought to my attention that will be enjoyed by everyone.

I look forward to a great year!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

- * Dean and Kathy Riechle for repairing the dance floor
- * Max Maxwell for installing the emergency exit lights
- * Chuck Busch for cooking Wednesday night dinners
- * Tom Ryder for preparing dinner for Initiations and Atom Club
- * Alice Kennedy for mailing the Antler Antics each month

PROVING ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE

The bread we cast upon the water sometimes comes back to us years later. A man down on his luck with a son recovering from heart surgery was one of our Christmas basket recipients. When he was over in Iraq as a soldier he obtained a flag flown in the Green Zone, and delivered it to our Lodge in appreciation for our kindness. Tom Hartin was the person who delivered his basket.



Tom Hartin receiving the flag flown in Iraq from Exalted Ruler, George Meehan

THEY ARE BACK TOO

D'AMBROGIOS DOING DINNER
APRIL 29TH
TRAIN FUNDRAISER---

Homemade Italian Dinner--Raffles--
Train Pins Available

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	LOYAL KNIGHT Steve Smith	2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
LODGE ACTIVITIES: SCOUTING: Bill Miller HOOPSHOOT: Dave Naccarato, PER WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Steve Smith DRUG AWARENESS: Robert Jones STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander		MOTHER'S DAY: Grant Thistle ENTERTAINMENT: Corinne Richeson WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Kira Wagner LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool PRESIDING JUSTICE: YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Robert Jones

I'M EXCITED.....

It's April, Springtime, the dawning of a new Elk Year and a reinvigorated lodge membership. Congratulations to Terry Gicking on being elected as our Exalted Ruler. Terry has a lot of good ideas for fund-raising, excursions and lodge events which I believe will provide us with the productive and enjoyable lodge we all long for. He is well aware of the challenges before him, and has expressed his intentions to enthusiastically address them head on.

However, in order to make this a banner year as in days of yore, Terry will need considerable help. From what I've seen so far, that help is waiting in the wings. I'm confident many more will be inspired by his leadership and become involved in a multitude of ways, creating a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie and fellowship.

As for the kitchen, I'm like a fish out of water, but willing to learn. I can cook, but I've never cooked for such large numbers as I've seen attend our dinners or breakfasts. I'll be bending Terry's ear for an ease of transition and assistance on "getting out of the blocks." I'm also looking forward to drawing from the knowledge and experience of those who have "been there and done that" in days gone by.

And now, committees: Unless otherwise notified I will assume (and pray) the chairpersons will remain the same. As of the time of this article I do not see anyone listed as chairperson for Community Relations or Charity Dinners. Please let me know if you would be interested in becoming involved in either of these areas.

I will try to keep those in the Loyal Knight committees informed about dead lines and dates as they become available from our district. In order to do so I will need current contact information from each committee chairperson and anyone else who may be actively involved. This should include at least one telephone number and an email address if possible.

I can hunt some of this information down on my own, but it would be helpful if all of you could forward that information to me. My information is as follows:

Home: 805-492-5718

Cell: 805-857-9789

Email: smithlasdret@gmail.com

...and if those don't work come see me at 2396 Northpark St., Thousand Oaks.

Although my time will be limited this year, I want to help you in any way I can. I am truly looking forward to my term as Loyal Knight.

Again, congratulations to Terry Gicking our 2009-2010 Exalted Ruler. I am certain he has exciting happenings coming our way.



ATTENTION SINGERS

Legends in Concert III Broadway/Hollywood is underway. If you can sing and would like to participate in our lodge production, please see me or call 375-1089 with your name and the song you wish to sing. Between Robert and Catherine or myself, we probably have the music or we'll get it. The music we are targeting is songs from plays or movies.

Thank you,
David Naccarato

COMING SOON
LEGENDS IN CONCERT
ON BROADWAY

ENTERTAINMENT



April 10-Moon and Sol
 April 11-Karaoke at 3 pm
 April 17-One Last Dance
 April 24-Juke Box Nite
 April 25-Karaoke at 3 pm



Corinne Richeson
 Bar Manager



Credit Card Minimum
 Effective April 1, 2009
 There will be a \$10 minimum
 for credit card charges.



PULL TAB COLLECTION

The Elks do make a difference in the lives of the families of children fighting life threatening illnesses. How?? A small yet significant way is by collecting pull tabs. Over the past year the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks collected and donated over a million pull tabs. One million pull tabs when recycled will provide a night's lodging for 25 families at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. A job well done. Keep collecting those pull tabs and also travel toiletries. Fill the container in the Lounge.

Gerry Gillies

**WILD WOMEN ON WINE
 THIS SUMMER WITH DINNER
 AND A MOVIE---**

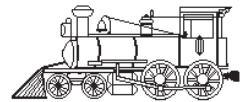


Homemade Italian Dinner by the D'Ambrogios

Wednesday, April 29th

6 pm \$12

Cooking Commentary by John & Marva



Train Fundraiser

- Antipasto Salad
- Homemade Beef Ravioli
- Sausage and Peppers
- Ice Cream & pizzelles

Raffles-Train Pins Available



Easter Egg Hunt

by Buggs Ansell



www.jucytoerns.com

Easter Sunday
April 12
1-3 pm
Elks Lodge Grounds

Egg Hunt
Prizes
Pinata & Candy

Bring your Easter Baskets for the Egg Hunt

Elks National Home and Retirement Center BUY-A-BRICK PROGRAM **4" x 8" Brick Order Form**
 Please make checks payable to ENH Brick Project
 Send to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523-1399

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY **A \$100.00 contribution is enclosed** (Note: \$60.00 is Tax Deductible)

Line 1

Line 2

Line 3

Purchaser's Information

NAME _____ STREET ADDRESS / BOX NUMBER _____ CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 () - _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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A \$200.00 contribution is enclosed (Note: \$120.00 is Tax Deductible)

Purchaser's Information

NAME _____ STREET ADDRESS / BOX NUMBER _____ CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 () - _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Dear fellow Elks,

There has been significant demand for the attached (easy to use) Buy-a-Brick order form to help sustain the Elks National Home.

Simply select the \$100 3-line or \$200 6-line version, attach your check, and send it in ... that's all it takes.

Oh yes, if you've already remitted your much appreciated donation, please help attract other "great-hearted" Elks like yourself. So far the response to this need has begun increasing, but there is much more needed. We are counting on your active and continued promotional efforts. This worthwhile program truly represents a charity which starts at home.

Together Elks Achieve More

Regards,

Richard
 Richard J. Goldner
 Elks - USA
 National Chairman, Public Relations
 805-491-2790
 805-491-2787 fax
 805-443-5000 cell

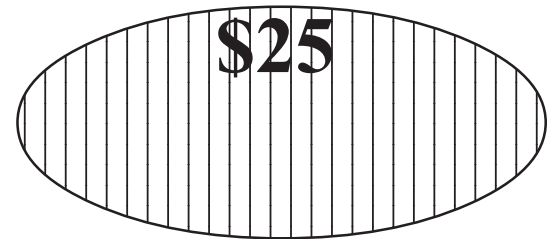


CRIBBAGE

**Sunday
May 17, 2009**

Sign up at noon

**The more players
The Bigger the prizes**



Please! Reservations by May-11-09

Lunch included



**For Cribbage reservations Call
Patti: 805 497 1197**

**Elks Lodge #2477
158 Conejo School Rd.
805 496 4550**

**You may be playing with Rick
Herrera or Patti Serota in May.**

PIN NIGHT--HONORING LONGEVITY MEMBERS



ER, George Meehan, with 5 year pin members (l-r) Irv Koeritz, Jim Mullen, Catherine Koertiz, PER, George Estock and Gary Erland



25 year pin members (l-r) Bill Doody, Dick Johnson, Robert Jones and Jerry Serota



10 year pin members (l-r) Louis Wolff and Norm Panczak



30 year pin members (l-r) Jon Preston and Don Allen



15 year pin members (l-r) Joel Erickson, Bill VonWittenburg and Jim Kellogg



35 year pin members (l-r) Edward Cassese and Anthony Federico



20 year pin members (l-r) Kenneth Kolde and Neils Blickman



40 year pin member, Bob Thornton, PDDGER



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations
as appeared in Your News**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (YN) - There was a Girl Scout of USA ceremony Sunday March 1st at the Teledyne Scientific and Imaging Auditorium where all the Gold winners for the year were honored. One of the girls, Catherine Grace Solway from Troop 60480 sponsored by Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 was honored for her Gold Project of establishing additional places to recycle batteries and save the toxic minerals from contaminating the ground water.

The other girl in the picture is Katie Foster not sponsored by our Lodge but deserves credit for her Gold Project for the wonderful thing she did for her cousin. In addition to her bio she went to every community event where a microphone was present and made a plea for bone marrow volunteers in the hispanic community and collected 750 volunteers DNA samples but unfortunately the cousin died before a donor could be found.



**Catherine Solway, Bill Miller, Committee Scouting Chairman
and Katie Foster**

A NORMAN ROCKWELL MOMENT

On Thursday Feb. 26, 2009 we came home to find a paper bag hanging on our doorknob from the Boy Scouts of America with a list of groceries needed for people in distress.

On Friday when we went shopping at Smart and Final we took the bag with us. As we selected items we marked them off the list. Cooking oil, pasta, peanut butter, cereal, condensed milk were on the list. And as I placed them in the bag, it gave me a good feeling.

On Saturday 9:00 a.m. morning there was a knock on our door and there was two young men about 8 or 9 years old dressed in their clean and pressed scouting uniforms. Again I was possessed with a good feeling. They were so handsome that it looked like they

graced a Saturday Evening Post magazine. If the late Norman Rockwell would have seen them they would have stolen his heart away.

As I handed the bag to the boys they looked inside then gave me a big smile and a big thank you. That one gesture gave me a good feeling like I was a good fellow and had done something special instead of just a small charity.

Jerry Serota



VETS CAN NOW SALUTE THE FLAG

For years, Veterans have wanted to salute the U.S. flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem instead of just placing their hand over their heart. Now they can.

A Congressional Amendment sponsored by Senator James Inhofe(R-OK) in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 specifically states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute." Veterans can salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and passing of the flag."

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," said Inhofe. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for Veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute."

**reprinted from The Salute-winter 2009
as given to the Editor by Maj. Jon Preston**

The Elks being a patriotic organization that serves and honors veterans, it was only natural that this new act would not escape the attention of our own Dick McCann, a proud Marine. At the first meeting in March he announced on the floor that he would now always proudly salute our flag during the Pledge of Allegiance. Following his example all the other veterans present also proudly saluted our flag. As I glanced around the room and saw the veterans snapping to attention and giving our flag their smartest salute, it made me feel so proud to be an Elk.

Sally Claunch



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

CALIFORNIA RV PARK--ACTON

There are **KAMPERS**, who fink out for any flimsy excuse, and there are **KAMPERS** who go camping regardless. Did we have a blast in Acton this month? You bet we did. It was a tad on the cool (cold) side Thursday. The **REAL** Kampers were out socializing. Apparently, the Flannerys had taken the Newcomers out for a bit of "entertainment". Not sure where this entertainment was found, but Doris sure had a good time.

YUP it **SNOWED** on us on Friday. You wouldn't have believed the giddy bunch out in the snow, for a while. Personally, I haven't seen snow fall for a very long time. At first I wasn't sure I was seeing snowflakes mixed in with rain. To see the flakes start out small and get increasingly larger till there were some about the size of nickels falling becoming thicker and thicker, then snow sticking to the tree trunks, bushes, etc. it was truly a beautiful scene.

The Drake's dog, Blazer, our Clyde and Bailey couldn't quite figure out what that cold white stuff was on the ground. First it was very large leaves at Travel Village in January, then this damp white stuff in February.

The staff at California RV Park is very congenial. They had the tables all set with Valentine tablecloths and various decorations around. Although the registration desk is in the main recreation "room" area, it isn't all that distracting, and there is a very nice kitchen area, as well as their "library". Neat place.

Jessica Stull and Cheryl Templeton had great plans for the campout and pulled everything off without a hitch. Poor David was empanelled on a jury, but he managed - and fortunately finished Friday afternoon, so he hardly missed anything.

Friday night five of us gals had a rousing game of Mexican Train. What fun - we hadn't played in a long time and the poker players in the other room were very quiet by comparison. Guess we did get a bit rowdy, specially when Donna Colleran whacked me on the shoulder with her board - - have not a clue what got into her!

After the incredible snow on Friday, Saturday dawned bright and sunny with nary a cloud in the sky. Brunch, as usual was extremely good. Just try to stick to any reasonable eating plan, cause just a spoonful of all the stuff, fills a plate.

Jessica and Cheryl scheduled more games for Saturday afternoon, but guess who was drafted into going to Costco in Lancaster. You got it - - that would be me. I think the whole of Lancaster and Palmdale was at Costco. Of course, being only a few blocks from a really neat quilt shop in Lancaster, just had to take a run by there. By the time I returned from my mercy run, all the fun was over. **OH WELL** - - a good afternoon to read.

The Stulls acquired a new GPS. I'm not certain exactly how this transpired since I was at Costco (bah) but when I got back, there's good ole Ed Colleran with Jessica's laptop set up in the library of the rec room giving Jessica instructions on the operation and downloading of pertinent information for their GPS.

Ed is very good with the "gadgets", and is extremely patient. If I could just absorb and remember how to transfer music from the computer to the iPod, I'll really be a happy camper.

After hearing some stories of more anticipated inclement weather in the forecast, and past occurrences of campers being snowed in, everyone was concerned about getting an early start for home on Sunday. Typical of weather forecasting, the trip home was uneventful.

Either the group was very quiet this campout or perhaps my memory has failed me (again), but it's a struggle to get a lot to write about. Is this what is commonly known as "writer's block"?

With all the attendees scheduled for Newport Dunes in March, there will be much more interesting things to talk about. Really looking forward to the Segway adventure.

Upcoming Campouts

April 17-18-Camp Comfort

May 15-16-Kenny Grove

June 19-20-Santa Barbara Lodge

July 10-11-Pechanga, Temecula

August-7-8 Oak Park, Simi Valley



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



Kampers enjoying the snow in Acton(l-r) Debbie Drake, Bev Erickson, David Stull, Cheryl Templeton, Jessica Stull, Mike Flannery, Mary Flannery and Chuck Kudra



Dave Naccarato, PER

OUR HISTORY

as researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER



CALLING ALL CARS !! CALLING ALL CARS!!

All lodge members, I am looking for vintage cars for a small car show during one of our barbeques in the preferred parking lot next to the picnic tables. The idea occurred to me when Bobby Williams showed up at our last barbeque in a '57 Chevy. All interested members please call me with your name and model of car or motorcycle at 375-1089 or see me at the lodge. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Thank you,
David Naccarato, PER

Our Mission

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 serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

- *March 1983- Bill Caims is announced as Elk of the year
- *April 1st 1983- John Nau is in the chair as Exalted Ruler
- *April 1983- Tom Corrigan is this year's Elks Conejo Valleys Days candidate for Grand Marshall. PER, Jack Henry, is coordinating all Elk efforts to get Tom elected
- *Winter 1983- Bud Shelby, Harvey Johnson, Walt Chaney, Steve Waller and Doug Routh complete construction of the cabinets that is now the back bar.
- *May 1983- PER Frank Rindone becomes WCCD State Vice President
- *1983- Thousand Oaks Elks raise \$18,000.00 for an operation for a boy born blind in the Philippines. The Stein Eye Institute in Los Angeles handles the operation.
- *September 1983- State Vice President Frank Rindone leads a number of Thousand Oaks Elks on a visit to the Oxnard lodge to liberate our chalice, which was missing and rumored to be in the custody of the Oxnard Elks
- *March 1984- Dick Churik awarded Elk of the year
- *April 1984 -Tom Corrigan rides again is this years 1984 Conejo Valley Days Grand Marshal Candidate
- *April 1st Vernon "Vern" Ogden takes over as Exalted Ruler
- August 1984 -Donna Fargo a community activist and a long time supporter of the Elks died after a long time bout with cancer.
- *September 1984-Tim Mckean chairs first Thousand Oaks Elks Rabbit Run bowling tournament at the Conejo Bowl. It's was a rousing success
- *March 1985- Elk of the Year honors go to Bill Witney
- *This year's Conejo Valley Days candidate is Walt "surefoot" Schaedie
- FYI:** For those of you who have not been to many meetings:
- *Before 1952 "One Rap" of the gavel called the lodge to order or seated it when standing.
- *"Two Raps" called up the officers
- *"Three Raps" Removed the blindfold (removed from ritual in 1952)
- *"Four Raps" Called up the entire lodge. In 1963 the call up the entire lodge was reduced from four raps to three raps of the gavel.
- *April 18,1906 the great SanFrancisco earthquake took place and the B.P.O.E. beat the U.S. Government in setting up a tent city for refugees.

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LECTURING KNIGHT Leo Rodriquez

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

THANK YOU...

I would like to thank everyone for voting me in as your new Lecturing Knight for the 2009-2010 year. As you know this is the first time I have actually had to sit down and write to you with my plans for this year, so bear with me while I get acquainted with all the duties under my station.

I intend to make every effort to assist the Chairpersons under my station in any way possible. I will consider my role as one of support. I don't see any reason to change the way these committees are operating, as they have worked so well in the past. I feel that communication is an essential part of my support and I will make myself available to all.

I will strive to keep everyone updated and in the loop with any information that develops which could support them in their committees. I would be very appreciative if there is anything that should be brought to my attention or communicated to me. Then I can assist in any way that I can.

I hope that by now everyone knows me as Leo and I may be reached by telephone or email at the following:

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I am looking forward to my term as Lecturing Knight with enthusiasm.

inally, let me congratulate all the new Officers for this year, and I am sure that we will all work together in bettering our Lodge by bringing in new members and having a great year.



(l-r) Elk Ladies president, Jessica Stull's last duty as president was presenting Niki Case with the Appreciation Award.



Exalted Ruler, George Meehan pointed out the many accomplishment and contributions that the Elks Ladies had so generously provided this past year and wanted to express his sincere appreciation. (l-r) incoming president, Pat Peterson and outgoing president, Jessica Stull




Scholarship Chair, Rick Herrera, graciously accepting a \$1000 donation to the committee from the Konejo Kampers' VP, Chuck Kudra

**In your birthday
 month --have a free
 drink on the Lodge--
 Happy Birthday**

2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriquez TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski TELEPHONE: Patti Serota		PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski HISTORIAN: Carol Fredricks

It has been a pleasure to serve...

Coming into the office of President is intimidating to say the least. When you are aware that the majority of the women you sit facing have much more experience and are much more knowledgeable of the history of this fine organization than I am, one becomes humbled. But the experience of serving has been most enjoyable and has given me the opportunity to learn so much. One of the first challenges I was faced with was setting up a vote to determine if we would turn our money over to the Elks or become autonomous and obtain our own tax ID. The arguments from both sides were compelling and feelings ran high on the issue, but we came through it in great form. In April, the Ladies hosted a very successful breakfast and book sale with the leftover books being donated to the TO Library. Due to the overwhelming generosity of books and time, the Ladies repeated the book sale the following month. Because of the success of the Sweetheart's Ball under June's year, we were able to donate \$2000 to Major Project. We voted to donate \$1500 toward an ice machine for the bar and \$1000 toward improvements to the upper parking lot. And that was all before Conejo Valley Days, which began the end of April! CVD was another success and with all the ladies volunteering, we were able to add \$1800 to our coffers. In June, we provided another fine Father's Day brunch to honor our dads, husbands, etc. The lodge lost their Memorial Team this year and who stepped up to the plate, why Myrna Block and several of our own ladies. We did ice cream socials, helped with bingo, the bbqs, serving dinner for ENF, making raffle baskets and just about anything else the lodge asked of us. Our Ladies Appreciation Luncheon, paying tribute to our Charter Members, was indeed special. We lost Donna Hardy, one of our Charter Members, this year and once again we stepped up to the plate and honored her in a way only the ladies (and of course her camper friends) can. I was very proud to be representing you. With our ducks in a row, we purchased red and green napkins for the holidays, bins to organize our bulging linen cabinets. Our ladies worked to provide a Halloween party, tree trimming and Children's Christmas party as well as our own memorable Christmas dinner. We helped with the ER Christmas party, wrapping toys for children to be given with the charity baskets, sorting food for the baskets and so much more. We bought a big screen TV for the lounge, and new Christmas centerpieces, never missing a beat while keeping our affairs documented and within budget. Our books were audited and found to be in




APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ginny McNaboe-14
Mertice Nichols-14
Theresa Kingsland-21

A belated birthday to--
Jet Perry, Past Elk Ladies President
March 1

PROCRASTINATION-NOT GOD'S WAY



Marilyn Cissell

Now everyone has equal time to do the things we need to do. Decisions may be made ahead and stress was not designed by you.

So Lord, when we procrastinate, whatever goal has been our choice. We know you're there to help us when we start to listen for your voice.

Amen

order. We remembered our sisters for their birthdays and in sadder times with cards, flowers, visits and kind words. During my year we began to realize that the organization needed some shoring up of our by-laws and we have begun that process. February 7th was the date of the MASH BASH. What a wonderful time we had. I have not seen the final figures yet, but I know we will be able to donate handsomely to Major Project during the next fiscal year. Thank you for sending me out in a blaze of glory on that event. It is just another jewel in the crown of Elks Ladies accomplishments. We really have a lot to be proud of. These accomplishments are a result of all our teamwork and continued positive attitude. This is one of the finest organizations I have ever had the pleasure with which to be associated. I offer my best wishes to the incoming board. They will need all of our support, cooperation and prayers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. Sincerely, Jessica Stull

HONOR ROLL

A COIN A DAY



- George Meehan
- David McGuire
- Bev Reis
- Max Maxwell
- Sally Claunch, PER
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- Harry Brockwell
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- Karin Speights
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Greg Metzgus, PSVP-2 | Robert Foley-10 | George Thompson-18 |
| Leo Rodriguez-3 | Gary Lasasella-10 | Jef Harriott-22 |
| Jim Bragg-6 | Erin Pierle-11 | Steve Chiszar-24 |
| Alida Hartley-6 | Tom Walsh-11 | Jerry Case-28 |
| Henry Vega-6 | Joe Clancy-12 | |
| Neils Glickman-9 | Jim Hamilton-13 | |
| Richard Ibarra-9 | Chuck Busch-16 | |
| Ken Krabel-9 | Richard Dahse-16 | |
| | Carol Stewart-16 | |

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

April 8, 2009

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| James Cordell | proposed by Jim Allen |
| Jane Watson | proposed by Heather Maddox |
| Teena Jones | proposed by Heather Maddox |
| Lydia Moccaldi | proposed by Cherri Peterson |
| Homer Garten | proposed by Pete Jackson |

Life Membership
Sterling Wetzsteon # 806

CRYING TOWEL



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| 2/4/09 | \$375 | #1872 | Lawrence Savokinas |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |
| 2/11/09 | \$400 | #2225 | Bill Dyer |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |
| 2/18/09 | \$425 | | Chris Vrakaelos |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |
| 2/25 | \$450 | #1950 | Steve McKee |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |

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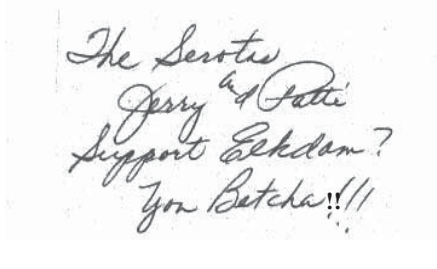










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