



Terry Gicking  
Exalted Ruler



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## Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

**THOUSAND OAKS PAST EXALTED RULERS**

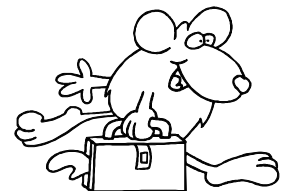
**ARE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL**

WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT  
EXALTED RULERS GOING AWAY PARTY

~ ~ **PASSAGE TO PORTLAND** ~ ~



**Exalted Rulers Going To  
GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**



**AT THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE**

**FRIDAY ~ ~ JULY 3rd, 2009**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS: 5:30 PM      DINNER: 6:30 PM**

**FAMOUS THOUSAND OAKS BABY BACK RIBS AND CHICKEN**

**Fun and Games: 7:30 PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS**

ALL ELKS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND GAMES

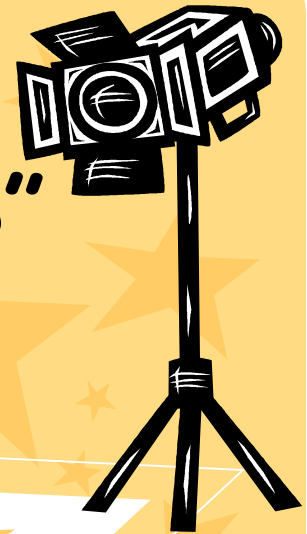
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# THOUSAND OAKS ELKS

## "SPOTLIGHT SERIES"

DINNER & SHOW

JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>



PRESENTS...

### BROADWAY & BLOCKBUSTERS

#### SONGS FROM:

EVITA \* OKLAHOMA \* TITANIC  
 JOSEPH & THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT  
 HELLO, DOLLY \* EDELWEISS  
 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA \* CINDERELLA  
 And more...

#### FEATURED SINGERS:

David Naccarato, Catherine Koeritz, Kira Wagner,  
 Terry Gicking, Robert Jones, Falon Naccarato, Carol  
 Fredericks, Cornelia Meahan

#### PRICE:

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20.00

BOX SEATS \$25.00

Donation includes Dinner and Dessert at Intermission

#### WHEN:

Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### WHERE:

T.O. Elks Lodge

#### TICKETS:

On Sale at the Bar

#### QUESTIONS:

See David Naccarato or Catherine Koeritz



### A FUNDRAISER FOR NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



**EXALTED RULER**  
**Terry Gicking**

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:** Robert Jones

So there I was, ready to go to the Santa Maria Rodeo Parade, when boom! The rear end of the Thousand Oaks Elkamotive train goes out and we find that we cannot go. So I have 2 choices. Do I get upset that I can't go away for the weekend in beautiful Santa Maria, enjoying all that the Santa Maria Elks Lodge has to offer, then stopping at the Lompoc lodge to say Hi, then the Santa Ynez lodge, then Santa Barbara lodge, then on to Ventura Lodge, spreading our joy and enjoying the hospitality from all those lodges, as I head home to our lodge.

Or do I stay here and enjoy the fidelity of our lodge, the camaraderie of our members, our own Brotherly Love along with cook your own Steak, Our award winning Saturday BBQ, and our own cooks going to Simi Elks to do breakfast on Sunday.

Such a dilemma! But looks like a win-win situation to me. Either way, I'm having a good time with fellow Elks. Some I don't know yet and some who are great friends.

My point with all of this is, with Elkdom, you get out of it almost twice as much as you put in. Donate \$100 to ENF, we get back (approx) \$170 in; scholarship awards, therapy for disabled children, help for our Vets, dictionaries for the third graders, help with our drug awareness program and hoop shoot. Or when you visit another lodge, you went in with no friends, but when you leave, you came out with a whole new set of friends. I think I'd call that a win-win! With odds better than Vegas! LOL!!

So as the summer rolls along, why don't you check out our calendar and see what it is you would like to come down and do. Or maybe there is something that you would like to help with. Or maybe you have an idea for something! We would love to see or hear from you.

Some of the new ways to communicate with our lodge is by snail mail, (address is on back of Antlers), OR by e-mail @ [toelks@yahoo.com](mailto:toelks@yahoo.com). We also have upgraded

our website thanks to Paul & Kira Wagner, with more interactive ways of communicating. You need to go check it out. We have videos, a blog section, up to the minute news and pictures of events. You can even link with the Grand Lodge website & the California/Hawaii Elks Assoc. (CHEA) website. Thru those websites is a bunch more info on Elkdom and you can find out where there are other lodges. There will be more on all of that next month. So I advise you to go to our website, at [elks2477.com](http://elks2477.com), and see for yourself all the changes that have taken place with more to come. We even have the calendar on there so you can see what's happening at our lodge. So come on down!

Terry, (805) 231-9788 or [tgicker@yahoo.com](mailto:tgicker@yahoo.com). Call or write!

**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”**

**Fred Britton**

*Born: February 4, 1930*

*Iniated: February 25, 1981*

*Died: May 12, 2009*

**Rich Gorino**

*Born: May 8, 1940*

*Iniated: May 28, 2008*

*Died: May 8, 2009*



Jerry Serota, Public Relations

## Your Lodge Serving the Community



Terry Baker, Gerry Gilies, Tom Hartin, Grant Thistle, Bill Miller, (GSA Gold mother) Catherine Caloway Jeri Miller

May 30, 2008

Our BPOE #2477 Elks were there cooking for the Girl Scout Brownie Olympics . Just got back from witnessing the Brownie Olympics in action. To see the young ladies in action doing the obstacle course of kicking a soccer ball through designated markers, carry a tennis ball under their chin, balance on a beam, crawl through a tunnel, get in a potato sack and hop to the finish line brought a smile to my lips.

Bill Miller our Committee Scouting Chair and his side kicks Jeri and Terry Baker, Tom Hartin, Grant Thistle and Gerry Gilies were on the scene cooking up over four hundred twenty eight hot dogs at California Lutheran University football field for the hungry young Olympians. They not only cooked but were responsible for donating all the food. Over \$250 was earned to fund this worthy event ; a demonstration of Elks committed to our youth and scouting.

**BE AN ELK VOLUNTEER---SHOW  
ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE--  
CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR  
NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Bob and Carol

Saynay on the passing of her father

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pat Smail; our troops  
defending our freedoms; Jim Kellog

**ON THE MEND:** Pete Padilla from prostate cancer  
surgery-now is accepting emails joles again

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



**Sally Claunch, PER, Editor**

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articles are due the 5th of the month  
send as a word document

## COMING ATTRACTIONS



June 27-Meet, Greet, and Eat

June 27-Legends in Concert Hollywood  
Fundraiser for new PA system

July 3-ERs Going to Convention Party

July 25-Meet, Greet and Eat

\*\*\*\* July 24-26\*\*\*\* Garage Sale

**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.**

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>Catherine Koeritz, PER</b>	2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> David Naccarato, PER <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:</b> Sally Claunch, PER <b>INVESTIGATION:</b> Bob Arbetman <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:</b> Tom Ryder, PDDGER		<b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS:</b> Catherine Koeritz, PER <b>INDOCTRINATION:</b> Dave Naccarato, PER <b>MEM. CONTROL. COM.:</b> <b>CVAC:</b> Tom Hartin <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS:</b> <b>CHARITY DINNERS:</b> Catherine Koeritz, PER

**Goodbye Exalted Ruler Terry!**

Things keep right on rolling for our Officer Corps. We finished the Ritual Contest, attended the State Convention and now our Exalted Ruler will be attending the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. We will be having a Going Away party on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for all the Exalted Rulers in our District. But it's not just for the Exalted Rulers! Everyone is invited. We hold the party because we are the closest Lodge in our district to LAX. We have a great dinner followed by entertainment. They can spend the night in town and collectively they depart from our Lodge in the morning for their "Passage to Portland". Portland will never be the same!

Please plan on attending the Going Away party. Give our ER Terry a good sendoff or boot. You will have a great time.

**Independence Day (Fourth of July) is coming – Did you know?**

(For all you History buffs, or NOT)

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a committee but with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. (from Wikipedia)

A salute of one gun for each state in the United States, called a *salute to the union*, is fired only on Independence Day

at noon. (More about military gun salutes can be found at <http://www.history.army.mil/faq/salute.htm>)

**SPOTLIGHT SERIES (formerly Legends in Concert)**

We changed our name from Legends to SpotLight Series so we can have a variety of theme shows. We (Dave Naccarato and I) want to thank you for attending and participating in the new SpotLight Series: Broadway and Musicals. It is a lot of fun putting on these shows. CatDave Productions plan on organizing another show in the near future, so be sure to look for SpotLight Series.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Greet, Eat and Meet Event:** This is a two time event held at the picnic area at our Lodge on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide information on what the Elks are about, our community involvement and programs both nationally and locally.



**PERs Catherine Koeritz and Jack Loughran**

The energizer PER, returns for a visit. His name is Jack Loughran from a northern county in California. It seems his grandson was graduating from college and he thought he needed a Thousand Oaks Elks fix. Thus he attended dinner and a meeting. We are glad to report that he has recovered from cancer treatments and has received a clean bill of health. Before Jack relocated, he was known as the energizer PER. He served as Officer at Large, Ritual Coach, Greeter, a volunteer whenever needed and most of all--- a friend to all.

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

First let me wish our Exalted Ruler Terry and his entourage a safe, fun and productive Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon this July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure you'll agree, we will be well represented.

**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** April, May and June were whirlwind months with Ritual Contest, Youth Appreciation Dinner, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Flag Day and all the rest of the breakfasts and dinners. My thanks go to our PERs for their preparation of the Mother's Day dinner, the Elks Ladys for the Champagne Fathers Day Brunch and to Boyd Lindquist for the Youth Appreciation dinner. I'd also like to express my appreciation to ER Terry and Corinne Richeson for their valued oversight and guidance without which I'd be lost.

**SCOUTING:** Our Lodge's support of scouting promotes the nurturing of character in the youth of our community. For those of you who have forgotten that our meetings are held on the first four Wednesday evenings of each month at 7:30p.m., I think it's worth mentioning the exemplary efforts of our Scouting Chairman, Bill Miller. His dedication to scouting is seen in the numerous recognitions and awards he has received for his efforts. With Bill Sternberg and Greg Metzgas at his side they have put our best foot forward in support of scouting. Thanks fella's.

Now on to the theme of this article, Justice. I hope I'm not taking the motto of the Loyal Knights station too far, but I thought this might be of interest to many of our members. The Magna Carta is on display at the Ronald Reagan Library and Museum. I don't know how much longer the exhibit will last. If you get the chance, I recommend you see it. Understanding its history and how it impacted our founding documents is interesting. The following was taken from Wikipedia on the Magna Carta.

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Magna Carta, also called Magna Carta Libertatum (the Great Charter of Freedoms), is an [English](#) legal charter, originally issued in the year 1215. It was written in

[Latin](#); its name is usually translated into English as Great Charter.

Magna Carta required King [John of England](#) to proclaim certain rights (pertaining to nobles and [barons](#)), respect certain [legal procedures](#), and accept that his [will](#) could be [bound by the law](#). It explicitly protected certain rights of the King's subjects, whether free or fettered — and implicitly supported what became the [writ of habeas corpus](#), allowing appeal against unlawful imprisonment.

Magna Carta was arguably the most significant early influence on the extensive historical process that led to the rule of [constitutional law](#) today in the [English speaking world](#). Magna Carta influenced the development of the [common law](#) and many constitutional documents, including the [United States Constitution](#). Many clauses were renewed throughout the [Middle Ages](#), and continued to be renewed as late as the 18th century. By the second half of the 19th century, however, most clauses in their original form had been [repealed from English law](#).

Magna Carta was the first document forced onto an [English King](#) by a group of his subjects (the barons) in an attempt to limit his powers by law and protect their privileges. It was preceded by the 1100 [Charter of Liberties](#) in which King [Henry I](#) voluntarily stated what his own powers were under the law.

In practice, Magna Carta in the medieval period mostly did not limit the power of Kings; but by the time of the [English Civil War](#) it had become an important symbol for those who wished to show that the King was bound by the law.

Magna Carta is normally understood to refer to a single document, that of 1215. Various amended versions of Magna Carta appeared in subsequent years however, and it is the 1297 version which remains on the statute books of [England and Wales](#).

**ENTERTAINMENT**



- JULY 3-Races & Fun-PERs
- JULY 10-Moon & Sol -music
- JULY 31- One Last Dance-music



**Corinne Richeson**  
Bar Manager



**NEW BAR HOURS OF OPERATION**

- MONDAY:  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- TUESDAY:  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:  
10:00 am - Closing
- THURSDAY:  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- FRIDAY:  
10:00 am - Closing
- SATURDAY:  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
- SUNDAY:  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

The lounge is to remain open until the hours posted above but can be closed at the discretion of the bar steward on duty, due to an insufficient amount of members to warrant the lounge to remain open.

The lounge cannot remain open after 2:00 am.

Holidays are exceptions and subject to change



**PULL TAB COLLECTION**

It has been another great month for pop tab collecting. Because of Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks, I just dropped off 64 pounds of pop tabs, that's 81,158 pop tabs, WOW. The generous contributors that I know about are, Alan Hardie 13 #, Beverly & Louis Reis, Eula McKee, Jim Wiems, Dean & Kathie Reichle, Dee Swamson, Sharon Mello-Justin Elementary, Big Momma (Dorothy)-Jafra and Metzgas family. Dorothy says THANKS to her major contributors, Erin, Carlos and Jackie Andress. On behalf of the kids and their families at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House.....

Gerry Gillies

**Garage Sale for Charities**

Set Up July 23                      July 24-25-26  
9 am                                      8 am-3 pm

**Bin will be available for drop offs**  
**Large items drop off-July 23**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Contact Pat Von Wittenberg**  
**805-523-7758**

**No Junk Please-label drop offs**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

**Tex-Mex Dinner by Paul Wagner**  
**followed by website information, and fun**

**FUNDRAISER FOR WEBSITE**

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

**www.elks2477.com**

**Thanks to Kira & Paul Wagner**

# T.O. Elks Greet, Meet & Eat Event

**A Community BBQ Fest**

**July 25, 2009  
11 am to 2 pm**

**Help Wanted  
Call Crystal or  
Scott Dool  
495-0624**

**158 Conejo School Road, T.O.**

**TOURS, MUSIC, BBQ  
MEMBERSHIP Q & A &  
GARAGE SALE FOR CHARITIES**

**GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT  
PAT VON WITTENBERG @ 805-523-7758  
LABELED DROP OFFS AFTER JULY 23RD.**



## THEME CHILD 2009

The Theme Child for the Year 2009 is Mia Burton. Mia made her debut into the world in Redding, California two months before her mom, Christina's due date. She was a welcome addition to the family, which included her dad, Stanley, and her big sister, Hailey, who was five years old at the time. Her loving grandparents,



Warren and Nancy Stephens, also warmly welcomed Mia.

Mia weighed four pounds, 15 ounces at birth. Complications were initially few. She required a feeding tube for a few days until she was able to coordinate her sucking and swallowing. She stayed in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit for one week and was then discharged to go home.

Initially, all appeared well. After several months it was obvious that there was a problem with Mia's left hand and leg. Her left hand remained tightly fist. When she kicked, her left leg remained stiff. She was able to use her right hand well, but was unable to pick up toys with her left hand and when she began feeding herself, it was with her right hand only.

Despite these differences, Mia was very active. She encountered challenges with some motor skills and skipped some of the vital components, such as crawling on her hands and knees.

When she began walking, she was up on her toes. Because of tightness in her calf muscle, Mia had problems dragging her toes and tripping frequently.

Mia's doctor informed her parents that most likely, Mia suffered a stroke before she was born. The doctor ordered physical and occupational therapy funded by a state agency. This helped Mia until services were abruptly discontinued when she turned three years of age. It was vital that therapy be continued. Her family was at a loss until Mia was referred to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for help.

Grandpa, who is a member of the Redding Elks Lodge, called Denise Wilson, Physical Therapist. He explained Mia's problems and was eager to resume physical therapy for Mia. Since Mia's parents work full

time, she stays with grandpa and grandma during the day and they coordinate Mia's therapy and other appointments.

When Denise evaluated Mia she was surprised that Mia had not been referred to an orthopedic doctor. Mia's calf muscle was extremely tight and because of this Mia continued to trip and fall. She will soon receive serial casting, which will progressively lengthen her heel cord tendon. She will then be fitted for a brace. This will prevent her from going up on her toes and tripping so much. In the meantime Mia continues with stretching and strengthening exercises. The exercises are tailored for her age and abilities and her home therapy program is adjusted as needed.

Mia is a bright and delightful preschooler. Mom describes her a "girly" girl who love all that this entails. She enjoys dolls, playing dress up and make believe.



**Gerry Gillies presented Jim Mullen with the famous?? brunt bread award for his contribution to the Moorpark College BBQ**



**Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge Public Relations Chair, presented Katherine Koeritz with the "best image of Elkdom" photo award.**

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Ben Morris with Terry Gicking, ER standing in for Jim Allen

David Bowman with sponsor Heather Maddox



Debbi Irish with Erine Pierle standing in for Beverly Reis



Karen Martyn with sponsor Olivia Corio



Brian Burns with sponsor Robert Iritano



Joseph Nwmatuak with sponsor Steve Chiszar



Lydia Maccaldi with Catherine Koeritz, PER standing in for Cherri Peterson



Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, receiving award from State Vice President, Lance Erickson, at his visitation



State Vice President, Lance Erickson and Exalted Ruler Terry Gicking at the conclusion of his inspection of our lodge as part of his visitation tour



Lance Erickson and his wife Karen enjoying dinner at our Lodge during his visitation



Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Tony Markarian and his wife Sherry partaking in the State Vice President's visit to our lodge.



Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, and his designated First Lady, Marva D'Ambrogio, giggling over a joke at the SVP visitation



**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**



## CAMPIN' AN COOKIN' AT KENNEY GROVE

Joel and Beverly again headed up this affair – doing an admirable job of organizing the May Chili Cookoff/Campout. But I'm getting way ahead of myself.

Being a favorite campground of at least a few of us, arriving early seems to have become the norm rather than the exception. Perhaps it comes from having been an only child; I can always find something to entertain myself (sometimes others too, giggle). The enjoyment of being away from the house, were there's ALWAYS something that needs doing, the pure pleasure of relaxing, reading, socializing or sitting enjoying nature and just being is very attractive.

Although the turn out was small, only 8 rigs from El Konejo Kampers, the upper level was well occupied by the San Fernando Elks group, they sure seem to have a great deal of fun.

Can you believe, Cheryl managed to get her rig in and situated without hitting one thing. Now that's one for the books! Eager to establish her "cooking site" she had her table out and set up almost immediately. Man, that gal can really move when she's motivated.

The Flannerys didn't arrive till late Friday afternoon. Grandbaby sitting, till Patty Miller could take over as soon as she got off work.

We have really missed our own "camp crooner" for the past few campouts. The Newcomers were otherwise occupied and Doris was in the pre-op process for the upcoming surgery on her neck June 3rd. Our good wishes and prayers for a successful and speedy recovery are with ya gal.

Now for the results of the Cookoff:

Deb Lafarr's M & M Chili - 3rd place )

Mike Flannery's Firehouse Chili - 2nd place

And once again - - - -

Donna Colleran (? Chili name) 1st place

We missed Deb Drake's contribution this year, Jeff had a fer-real work project that took president over camping! Imagine that.

It's very interesting to see/taste the progression of non-competition chili cooks. Cheryl's pot (chili that is) shows improvement every year. When her friend

Carl showed up without his infamous guacamole it was almost "tar and feather" time. Granted his salsa was very good –but . . . . his guacamole is outstanding!

For first-time participants, Kim and Mark Rediger produced a decent tasting pot of chili.

That's a compliment kids, Bill and I have judged some sanctioned cookoffs and tasted some concoctions that we would have loved to go - "pa-too-ie", unfortunately that's rather frowned upon.

Beverly can really come up with some awesome raffle prizes, she is one fabulous shopper. Like some others of us, she/we know we will be wagonmasters at some point in time, and pick up useful items on sale throughout the year.

Several campouts ago, Donna Colleran showed up with a carrier for the crockpot. Wanted one of those in the worst way, but ya think she remembered where she got it – NOT! One showed up on the raffle table and - YIPEE it is now mine. The choices were so cool, even camp host Ronna participated – and made out like a bandit. At least she didn't scamper away with her treasures like Jim Mullen did with his 50/50 last month.

Although small a good time was had by all!

## Upcoming Campouts

July 10-11-Pechanga, Temecula

August-7-8 Oak Park, Simi Valley

September -11-12-Palmdale Elks Lodge

October-9-10-Tapo Canyon, Simi Valley

November-13-14-Kenney Grove

December 13-Brunch-Grand Visita Hotel

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715

## PATTI'S CRIBBAGE CORNER

Our cribbage tournament on May 17th was very successful. Twelve players played and had a good time which included lunch.

1st Place = Lee Lamoreaux  
2nd Place = Tommy Claunch  
3rd Place = Floyd Lindquist

Thank you Chris from Canoga Park Lodge for being our score keeper. Also thanks to Bob Koeritz, Abe Gamble, and Robert Jones setting up the Lodge and Bob Arbetman for fixing the lunch.

## MAJOR PROJECT-PURPLE PIG

Now that I spent a month at a spinal rehabilitation hospital, I've come away with a different idea of what our therapists go through every day.

There are three types of therapy. First, physical therapy is muscle training to strengthen the upper body to help these kids transfer from a wheel chair to a sofa or maybe a wheel chair to a bed. A lot of the time their legs muscle need building to hold their weight when using a walker.

Occupational Therapy is not getting these kids ready for the job market Occupational Therapy teaches these kids to comb their hair, brush their teeth and dress themselves.

Recreational Therapy is sports therapy throwing the ball around while seated to strengthen their trunk and balance control.

Our Therapists for Major Projects made 15,000 home visits last year with over 60,000 eye screening and gave out scholarships to 35 disabled children at no cost to the family.

The Pre School Eye Screening covers kids 3-9 years old. If a child is found with a problem, we notify the parents and then follow up for a year to make sure they get handled.

Our State Association donated \$2,825,771.00 from members and ENF kicked in \$425,800

Bequest and Living Trust donated \$237,000 and other income totaled \$444,284 bringing a total of \$3,932,055.

The working budget for Major Project was \$3,605,872.00 for professional services \$228,183 for administration and \$98,000 in grants and scholarships total \$3,932,055

David Naccarato, PER, Major Project Chair

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER  
SHARE THE EXCITEMENT**



**Dave Naccarato, PER**  
as researched by Tom Ryder, PDDGER

## OUR HISTORY



- \*April 1<sup>st</sup> 1990- Donald "Buggs" Ansell is the new Exalted Ruler.
- \*June 9<sup>th</sup> 1990 T.O. Elks host a community wide Eric Langer Day at the lodge. Eric is a young man who as a result of a diving accident will be confined to a wheel chair for the rest of his life. A large amount of money was raised for the remodeling of his home for it to be more suitable to his wheel chair confinement. Rick and Diane Gomez chaired the Elks effort.
- \*March 1991- Don Steinhelper becomes Elk of the Year
- \*March 2<sup>ND</sup> 1991- lodge hosted Jack Heister day. Jack terminally ill with cancer and a hard worker for the lodge over the past years is honored with a fund raising day in his name.
- \*March/April 1991- The Elks get behind Jay "The Cowboy Capt'n" Schmidt the Elks 1991 Conejo valley Days Candidate for Grand Marshall
- \*April 1<sup>st</sup> 1991- Gary Sleigh becomes twentieth Thousand Oaks Exalted Ruler.
- \*April 1991 -Jay Schmidt wins Grand Marshal race
- \*September 1991- Thousand Oaks Elk Ladies donate \$2,900 to the lodge to purchase new jewels, contribution to the Major Project and the purchase of a much needed computerized publishing program for the lodge bulletin.
- \*September 26<sup>th</sup> 1991 - Past Grand Exalted Rulers Marvin Lewis, Gerald Storm, Don Depelo  
Grand Trustee Moore, CHEA President William James, adviser Dick Owens and director James Spalding and their ladies have lunch at the lodge as part of their Safari around the state.
- \*Thanksgiving 1991-Jerry Serota and crew feed seventy members at the Elks annual Thanksgiving dinner
- \*January 1992 -Elk Ladies celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner and dance. Without them we could not do all the things we do for Elkdom.
- \*February 28<sup>th</sup> 1992- Sherwood "Mac" MacDonald is honored as Elk of the Year.
- \*March 21<sup>st</sup> 1992 -T.O. Elks lead by event chairman PER Bob Hardy celebrate their twentieth year serving Elkdom
- \*April 1992 -Thomas "Tom" Ryder is in the chair of Exalted Ruler for the 1992/1993 year.
- \*May 1992 -Exalted Ruler Tom Ryder presents lodge check for \$8,230 for Major Project at State Convention. \*Elk Ladies donated \$1,500.00 and the Elks Kampers \$1,000.00
- \*October 31, 1992- Elks Western BBQ dinner at Miller Ranch and Museum as a new facilities fundraiser is a huge success
- \*February 1993- Preparations for a gala mortgage burning party. Thousand Oaks Elks out of debt!
- \*March 1993- Jeff Enger accepts Elk of the Year award

**Happy Birthday**

**In your birthday month-  
-have a free drink on the Lodge-  
coupon on page 17**

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LECTURING KNIGHT Leo Rodriquez

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**AMERICANISM:** Grant Thistle  
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**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Herb Jellander  
 Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Mike Flannery

Oh, the wonderful month of July is upon us once again. The beginning of summer is the smell of barbeques and the feeling of freedom. As the month starts, your thoughts go to the great understandings of the freedoms that we have as we celebrate that wonderful day of independence. As we think of our men and women in uniform protecting us, we should also think of the freedoms that we have and be proud to be Americans. The Fourth of July is not only a reminder as to what we as Americans are, but as to what we represent to the world. We cannot forget that being good Americans also means that we have a responsibility to all humanity. As we enjoy the summer with good food and having our friends around us, let us think about the less fortunate by thinking of ways to helping them not only with kind words, but with kind deeds. Not only is the Fourth of July to remind us of the beginnings of freedoms that we have, but to know that we must always be vigilant to protect those freedoms.



### Memories For The Future

At the Conejo Valley Days carnival our Exalted Ruler achieved the dream of every father. His oldest son Steve, decided to help out the Thousand Oaks High School cheerleaders to raise money. He volunteered to sit on the hot seat of their dunking tank. Terry threw the first ball, hit the target and into the water went Steve. What a great memory for our Exalted Ruler and his son.  
 An anonymous witness

### Special Kids Day, CVD Days, May 8, 2009

Just a special Thanks and a little recognition for the good thing we do as Elks.

This event is very special for Shirley and me as we have been doing it for as long as we can remember. We never ask for volunteers as they just show up each and every year, or just call us and tell us they will be there and ask for the time they should be there.

Our usual helpers are Walter and Anne Ogden, John & June Leadan, Sharon Baker, Jeanne Sandt, Carol Fredericks, Heather Maddox and her daughter, Carol Neuner and her daughter and those people like Ruth Mullen who check in to see if we need help, then go to help escort one of the special ones, and those who call and offer to help if needed.

In the kitchen we had Tom Ryder cooking the hamburgers. The Elks Maintenance crew of Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell and the BBQ.s members Ed Rice, Ben Reiger and Terry Baker who made sure we have everything we needed and helped put the our area together with shade for our workers and of course our Lounge Manager Corrine who ordered our food supplies and made sure we got it when we needed it.

I would be negligent if I did not mention those people who made generous donations in order to make this happen. The Elk Ladies Organization, the El Konejo Kampers, and PERs Sally Claunch, Greg Metzgas, and Jim Wallace. But most of all the driving force of this entire operation, is Shirley Kozlowski.

I love you all and with your help anything is possible. THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU. See you again next year.  
 Chet & Shirley Kozlowski

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2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> <b>Patricia Peterson</b>	2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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Greetings:

For those of you I haven't met, let me introduce myself. My name is Lynn Rodriguez and I am this year's Secretary of the Elks Ladies. I married Leo Rodriguez last November and being the wife of an Elk, I was invited to join the Ladies. My first meeting was in December of last year and I have been a member of the Elks Ladies since January of this year. Although it has only been a short time for me, I am really enjoying myself being a part of the Ladies and looking forward to being a part of all the great things the Elks Ladies do for charity. I have recently been sponsored to become an Elk, and hopefully I should be initiated in June.

**CONGRATULATIONS RENA DYER FOR BEING THE WINNER OF THE 50/50 AND BUBBLE DRAWING FOR JUNE**

The ladies have decided to publish the name of the winner each month. Also the money will roll from one month to another and the name will be published each month.


Next month's drawing is worth \$20.

**REMEMBERING WHEN!!!!!!**

On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.


Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust out laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bette Pape-11  
 Audrey Huffman-22  
 Frances Bodenhammer-28  
 Barbara Booker-30



### YOUR WILL- NOT OURS

Too easily we may forget  
 you give us everything,  
 And to all these possessions  
 may we not so tightly cling.

If joy in our possessing them  
 is greater than our love for you,  
 How quickly they could all be gone  
 your will is what we're meant to do.  
 Amen

MEMORIES from a friend:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to "sprinkle" clothes with because we didn't have steam irons – Man, I am old. How many do you remember?

- Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
- Ignition switches on the dashboard.
- Heaters mounted on the inside of the firewall.
- Real ice boxes.
- Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
- Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
- Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

**HONOR ROLL**



David Mcguire  
 John Quinn Century Club  
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 Randall Krzesinki, B. Micheal  
 Haak and Dawn Kozlowski

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 Scott Dool  
 Sally Claunch,PER  
 Kira Wagner  
 Robert Jones  
 Max Maxwell  
 Greg Metzgas,DDGER  
 Jerry Gillies  
 Carol Fredericks



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Marshall Matz -2	John Ennis-20
Marc P. Donovan-3	Marshall Schrieiner-21
Donald Booker, PER-5	Debra Hawthorne-22
Steve Santa-5	James Rochford-24
A.L. Mc loud-9	Don Ansell,PER-26
Micheal Flannery-10	Donald J. Kerins-26
Chester Kozlowski,PER-12	John H. Leadman-26
William Smail-13	James Moy-26
Lester R. Hight-14	Walter Egan-28
Robert Maddox-16	Dee Pederson-28
Alotn W. Larson-17	Thomas L. Wolf-30
Patrick lynch-17	
Leroy Sapp Jr.-17	
Micheal Brunton-19	
Donald Sabol-19	

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

**July 8, 2009**

<b>Candidate:</b>	<b>Sponsor:</b>
Ralph "bud" Vashaw	Heather Maddoxman
Robert Wyman	Harry Isaman
Carl Lanterman	Harry Isaman
Chuck Costigan	David Macfarlane
Robin Foley	David Macfarlane
Krista Eyestone	Boyd Linquist

Transfer demit William Pinner from Huntington beach lodge #1959; James Brown, Jr.

Candidate for life membership Chet Koslowski

**CRYING TOWEL**



May 6th 2009	Cap Drawing \$150.00	Howard Johnson #1843
Lucky 13	No Winner	
May 13th	Cap Drawing \$175.00	Liz Bell #1987
Lucky 13	Allen Hardy ! WINNER !	
May 20th	Cap Drawing \$ 200.00	Donald Rue #2218
Lucky 13	No Winner	
May 27th	Cap Drawing \$ 225.00	Jay Block #1865 Winner!!!
Lucky 13	No Winner	



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 Bring in this coupon and receive a  
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We look forward to seeing you!!!  
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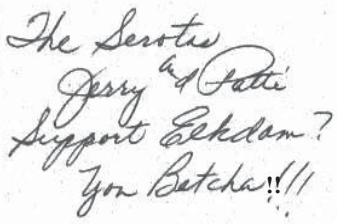











Drop off at Wed. meetings  
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Thanks-  
**Rich Herrera**  
**Scholarship Chair.**








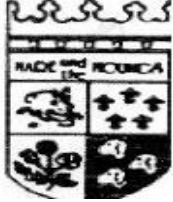


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