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Exalted Ruler



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ELKS 2477 ANGELS FOR MIA

Halloween Saturday October 31

Join our fundraising Angels to raise \$\$\$ for
A local teen diagnosed with SAA in need of
A bone marrow transplant
(Severe Aplastic Anemia)

Drinks, Music, Tri Tip Sandwiches, Silent Auction
6-9 pm



Costume Contest

Best Angel Costume

Best Halloween Costume

Best Couple



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THE GREATEST TEAM

As we start our second half of the Elks fiscal year, we need to put into our sights the running of our lodge for the next year. As in any volunteer organization, we get our officers from our members, and the dedication and hard work that comes in running this lodge is very rewarding. People have said to me that they can't believe that I can run my businesses and at the same time, be the leader of this lodge. Now I don't take offense to that, but what I do reply, is that I could not have done this without the support of all the members & officers. First off, I have been blessed with a great core of officers. Steve Smith & Leonzo Rodriguez have stepped up and done superb jobs as your Loyal & Lecturing Knights. And as they move up the ladder and get more experience, they will only get better.

With two new Trustees (Chuck Kudra & Robert Koeritz) and 1-second time around Chairman of the Board (David Pearson), working along side Trustees Tom Hartin & David Stull, we are blessed with some very smart businessmen. What they did in getting a budget together for this year, any officer would be proud to be a leader in this lodge. Now, they could not have done it easily without the help of Cherri Peterson, our Treasurer, who got all of the info together so that Trustees could put the budget together. Even though Cherri had to move on, she still deserves a lot of the credit for helping lay the strong foundation that the lodge now sits on. Cheryl Templeton has been able to transition into the position rather easily because of the efforts that Cherri put into it. Secretary David Naccarato, PER, along with his wife Karen, have stepped up to the task of making the office run like a well oiled machine. And believe me, you need a smooth running office, and as they get more seasoned and familiar, they will only get better. I would put them up against any in the district.

Esquire Robert Jones, Chaplain Grant Thistle and Tiler Chris Prince have all stepped in and done

outstanding jobs. Kira Wagner, our China Doll, Inner Guard, has done a wonderful job guarding well the inner door. Let alone she and her husband, Paul, stepping up by taking our website to the next two levels!

Sally Claunch, PER & Officer at Small, staying on as Editor of the Antler Antics, has been a very important part of the team.

From the start of Ritual practice to today, all of the officers of this team have shown great teamwork in the day-to-day operations of this lodge. (Thank You Everyone!)

Also, we have the PERs to go to for great advice. Most of the time it's "been there done that", with them! So their advice is immeasurable.

Now I bet you thought I forgot somebody, but I am leaving the best for last! Catherine Koeritz, PER as Leading Knight, is without a doubt one of the best Officers that any Exalted Ruler could have. Not only did she guide this Lodge thru the rough seas of division during her year as ER, she continues to help this lodge with the day-to-day operations. Anything or anyone that has needed help in putting together ideas, to cooking in the kitchen, to helping with Ritual, to giving me advice, and pretty much being your lodge cheerleader, she has done over and above the call of duty! (Thank You!)

*So it is with a **great team**, not one individual, who makes this lodge work! **Please take some time to think about being part of the team. I can speak from experience, I have had the best time of my life, and the rewards far outweigh any setbacks, and your Lodge can only benefit from it! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Catherine, Steve, Leo or Me. We will be more than glad to help!***

**BE PART OF THE GREATEST
 TEAM IN 2010-2011
 STEP UP TO THE PLATE ..
 BECOME AN OFFICER**

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: Jerry Serota CHARITY DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz, PER

CHARITY BALL IS COMING!!!
Save the date

This year we are planning a Cruise on the "Elks Love Boat" on Saturday night, October 10th at our Lodge. You will have a chance to sit at the Captains table, win some raffle prizes and dance the night away towards our mystery destination. The Cruise will be complete with a spectacular buffet table featuring a wonderful cuisine by Marva and Johnny D' Ambrosio and Ruth and Jim Mullen. And let's not forget the fabulous dessert table too! Dave Naccarato and I (CatDave Productions) are planning the entertainment. Of course, we will put on a show as one would expect to have on a cruise.

This event will provide for the baskets for the needy families in the community at Christmas time. This takes a lot of effort (volunteers) and money, of course! Once again, we will be mailing out raffle tickets to each Elk household for chances to win prizes for \$20. Please send back in the self-addressed envelope your \$20.00 and half of each ticket. The lucky winners will be pulled and announced at the USS Elks Charity Love Boat Cruise dinner. Please be generous with your donations and your time. If you have any questions, you can contact me via email at talktoc@hotmail.com. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The Bar/Lounge:

Some members talked and we listened! It was very frustrating for some members to come to the Lodge only to find that it was closed. So now, we have adopted and incorporated the new hours into our By-Laws to accommodate our members' request to have the lounge stay opened until a the posted time. That way anyone wanting to stop by, maybe after work, for some libations and fine company, they can expect the lounge to be opened until 8:00pm. This seemed like a win-win for the lounge and for the members.

So as Bar Liaison once again, I see and hear the same problems or complaints over and over. We have addressed issues from the members and made adjustments (like the bar hours) and I hope by bringing these issues to your attention we can address some concerns from the bar management.

1. Please don't stand at the well (the spot you order drinks at) and talk. It creates a backlog of people waiting to order drinks and delays their service.

2. Use your key. We know it's easier to ring the bell, but it is very disruptive to the bartenders and to the members. Non use of your key card will result in a fine to the Purple Pig.
3. All bar tabs are due before you leave the Lodge on the date of service. You can authorize the bar to charge your credit card as an option.
4. Last call is made typically 30 minutes before closing. If the bar is closing at the posted time, please finish your drinks and depart. Come back the next day!
5. If the Bartender is not behind the bar, please be patient. They will return shortly.
6. Just a reminder: please DO NOT go behind the bar. It is against all the rules.


Please don't complain to the Bartenders. If you have a real concern, please tell me or Corrine (Bar Manager). We would discuss the problem and if need be, take it up with the House Committee.

I'm looking forward to our fun and delicious "Love Boat Cruise" – see you all there!

Your Lodge Serving the Community

- * Providing monthly outing for the veterans to Reagan Library
- * Hosted Blood Drive on 10/17
- * Cooked for Girl Scouts outing
- * Made lunch for workers at Memorial Wall on Labor Day

**BE AN ELK VOLUNTEER---SHOW
ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE-
CONTACT THE OFFICE-496-2477 WITH
YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

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Recruiting New Members

The following is an article I found on the National Elks web site. It addresses the topic of member recruitment. And next month I will talk about some of the incentives offered to you, as one of our many recruiters.

Building Member/Lodge ties

by Melvin B. Hendrickson

Grand Lodge Membership Committee Member

How do we get new Members to join? We ask them.

That personal face-to-face interaction remains our best recruiting tool.

How do we get our new brothers and sisters to become active and productive Members once they are initiated? We continue the personal contact we used to obtain their application. Unfortunately, we often fail to make them feel welcome and needed. Has your Lodge considered establishing a "mentor" system to help new Members become familiar with the Lodge facilities and activities?

Have you ever entered a social gathering, not knowing anyone there, and left feeling like no one cared if you were there or not? This is a situation many of our Members experience and, if left uncorrected, they will soon lose interest in visiting the Lodge.

Building the Member/Lodge relationship can be as simple as greeting Members when they enter the Lodge or club room. That welcome is why many Members join and remain Members.

Each Member is an equal "stakeholder" in the success or failure of his or her Lodge. Has that message been communicated to all of your Lodge Members? Our +1 Program to obtain new Members can be very productive in bringing new Members. It is also very effective in retaining current Members. All this program involves is asking each Lodge Member to do one additional thing over and above his or her current Lodge participation – be it going to a lunch, dinner or special function, or helping clean the building or grounds. Such actions help to build both a feeling of ownership and contribute to the success of the Lodge.

How do we get new Members to join? We ask them. How do we get our Members to become active and productive? We ask them.

For additional information, visit the Elks Web site under Grand Lodge Committees – Membership or contact your State Association or Area Grand Lodge Membership Committeeman.

Happy Anniversary



Johnny D' and Marva celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at the Lodge with a cake for their Elks family.

While the efforts of your local Elk is seen throughout the many programs sponsored by Elks Lodges all over America, the simple fact that Elks consider each other "family" is enough to bring thousands together year after year.

The evidence of camaraderie was made obvious once again when our own Johnny D' and Marva chose to celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this past weekend at the lodge by bringing a cake and having a good time with their Elk family.

You will often find both of these notables down at the lodge filling in when needed, serving as the perfect host / hostess and, in general, being part of the foundation that keeps Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 the friendly, fun and benevolent group of people they are.

Through thick and thin – the BPOE will always be shining examples of the best people on earth!
Kira Wagner

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- October 10-Cruise Nite Fundraiser for Charity Baskets
- October 17-Blood Drive 9am-2pm
- October 17-Bus Trip to Lodges
- October 23-Jr. PER Roast of George Meehan
- October 31-Costumed Halloween Party

- November 1-Veterans Brunch
- November 13-14-Kampers Thanksgiving Kampout at Kenney Grove
- November 25-Thanksgiving Dinner

- December 1-Elks Memorial Service
- December 4-Tree Trimming Party
- December 8-Elk Ladies Christmas Party
- December 9-Greg Metzgas, DDGER Home-coming
- December 11-Exalted Ruler's Christmas Party
- December 12-Kids Christmas Party
- December 13-Kampers Brunch
- December 14/19-Christmas Basket Setup
- December 31-New Year's Eve Party

Happy Birthday
In your birthday month-
-have a free drink on the Lodge-
coupon on page 13

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: Tom Corrigan on the passing of his wife Marilyn; Jim Brown on the passing of his sister

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:All members of the Armed Services who help keep us free

ON THE MEND: Norm Panczak is home from rehab after his stroke; Shirley Kozlowski is recuperating from an inner ear infection

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



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

MARILYN CORRIGAN
LOVED CHALLENGES
 Oct. 12, 1934 - August 21, 2009

She loved the challenge of horses and was an accomplished horse woman.

She loved the challenge and roped in a young hellion named Tom and together they walked down the bumpy road of life together.

She and her good friend Joyce Henry saw the challenge in starting an Elks Ladies and she was their first Elks Ladies president.

When she decided on the challenge of a new career in real estate, she was a million dollar seller.

When the opportunity of going into business came, she rose to the challenge as an equal partner in purchasing the late Mike Rizzo Bar. It was named Corrigan's and they were successful. Next the Steak House on T.O. Blvd., and it is successful to this day.

When Marilyn walks through the Pearly Gates I'm sure she is going to be greeted by her dear friend, Joyce, and the first thing Joyce is going to say is, "Guess what Marilyn, I've got a new challenge for you to work on."

Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair



ENTERTAINMENT

October 2-Renegades
October 16-Moon & Sol
October 31-Halloween Party



Corinne Richeson
Bar Manager



Find the hero in yourself and stop by the Lodge to help our neighbors.

On October 17, 2009 from 9am to 2 pm, T.O. Elks Lodge along with United Blood Services, will be hosting a blood drive. The Lodge is located at 158 Conejo School Road. Also, our weekly BBQ will be available, with prices starting at \$6

With over 140 years of accomplishments, our efforts in just the past year gave thousands of dollars to local charities. We are also the largest source of scholarship money in the United States. Visit the Lodge website at www.elks2477.com. Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has been serving the Conejo Valley since 1972. Should you have questions please call David @ 805-496-2477. Thank you.
Crystal Dool

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

- *Greg Metzgas for the cash donation for new tvs in the lounge
- *Carl Lanterman for preparing the fundraiser dinner for the tvs Co
- *John & Cherri Peterson for the tv on the patio

PULL TAB COLLECTION

A pull tab by itself doesn't mean much. When collected, pull tabs add up to a valuable donation. The money raised from the recycling of those tabs will benefit the children and their families at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. Though the whole aluminum can is valuable, the tab is made of a pure form of aluminum. Therefore, when that little tab is turned in for scrap metal, it can make a big impact on the Ronald McDonald House fundraising. It's smaller and cleaner than collecting the whole can so it's easier for the Ronald McDonald House to handle. A special thanks to Dolores Swanson, Virginia Gabel, Abe Gamble, Carol Stewart, the Metzgas family, Bud Washaw, Cherri and John Peterson, Jim Wiens, Kathie & Dean Reichle Dorothy Murray and Pat Von Wittenburg, (who spent five hours pulling tabs at her cousin's home in Napa). Thanks to all. Please keep collecting tabs and toiletries. All donations large or small count.

Thank you,
Gerry Gillies



**Jr. PER George Meehan
Roast**

Come join the fun..

**delicious pork
tenderloin dinner
scalloped potatoes, salad
veggies, dessert**

**then the main event...
Be part of the audience or be
a roaster or toaster to George
for his year as ER.**

**Contact Sally Claunch
495-0577 to be put
on the roaster/toaster list**

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



William Stukes sponsor John Quinn



Kevin Boyal sponsor Tom Hartin



Ralph Bud Vashaw sponsor Heather Maddox



**Doug Bevan standing in for sponsor John Bevan
Catherine Koeritz, PER**



Stephen Buczinski sponsor Kenneth Kolde



Krista Eyestone sponsor Boyd Lindquist

**Daniel Martyn sponsor Catherine Koeritz,
PER**





Pat Von Wittenberg
El Konejo Kampers

August – Malibu RV Park – THE AGONY & THE ESTACY

The scenery and weather were phenomenal.

Chuck Kudra was superman and Judy Kudra was less than happy. The office and or management were more than a bit disorganized. Although our reservations were made approximately a year ago, mass confusion abounded.

Several of our Kampers had to play musical campsites and some got to remain where they were originally located. This was NOT Chuck's doing although he sure caught a lot of flack about it and ran his tail off in an attempt to placate and accommodate.

John and Cherri Peterson were REAL smart. They reserved a site away from the "group" area, set up their campsite and stayed in one spot, for a week. LUCKY dogs! When they wanted to socialize – jumped in their vehicle and drove up. That is until someone left the key on in the car and the battery got a tad weak. If you want a good laugh, imagine John in our little Saturn taking it to jump-start their car. It appeared he was wearing 4 wheels and holding a steering wheel. Steve Chiszar returned the car don't know if they had to grease John to get him out or not!

In all the miles we, personally, have traveled and numerous campgrounds in which we've stayed, never have we seen so many "rental" rigs. Realizing this is a primo beach campground, didn't think a whole lot about it until several Kampers remarked about "foreign" visitors. It was finally brought up -- the Euro vs. American Dollar. These people were having the vacation of a lifetime.

Gene Ewald was back, bunking thither and yon, itching to play Poker. Seems the poor guy hadn't played since his last campout with us. He did admit hitting a casino near where he's now living in Red River, New Mexico. He has been sending emails to those of us who have email addresses, but the one he's missing is Marilyn Cissell. Gene says she would be in a state of euphoria with all the wild life in his yard. Deer walk down the street, he's buying sugar in large quantities cause he's got a LOT of hummingbirds and they are very thirsty little devils, just lots of lovely critters. Apparently he hasn't had any unpleasant encounters. YET!

Steve brought awesome Salmon from his recent visit to Alaska. INCREDIBLE!

Haven't a clue what happens when Molly Chiszar shows up. Poor thing gets blamed for all sort of malfeasance. Mary Flannery was whining about being really, really tired. Course that's not a big surprise, she gets tired when she eats, she gets tired if she sits around, so what was causing this episode of fatigue wasn't really clear until she said that she, Patty Miller and Molly had stayed up till 3 o'clock in the morning -- talking. What, pray tell, can those three find to talk about for so long? Actually, that's a pretty scary thought, wonder who was left out (giggle).



This also had to be a record for Mary; she didn't come out wearing a minimum of five layers of clothing.

There was a lot of coming and going! The Drakes were having concrete poured, Wayne LaFarr was working a Trade Show and there was Cherri's group to visit a local winery.

All things considered, the campout was very nice, kudos to the Kudras! ! !

NOW HEAR THIS!

NEWPORT DUNES – MARCH 2009. (800) 765-7661 or (949) 729-3863 [Nick]

We have 21 sites reserved, since there seems to be a lack of El Konejo Kampers reserving sites, it was decided to throw open reservations to the Simi Lodge campers, etc.

Some confusion as already reared its ugly head. It was made clear when the reservations were made, the office would assign the sites, but there has been different information floating about. I'm checking into it -- not that I can see it matters greatly -- ALL SITES ARE 20 X 40 FEET...

RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME --- FIRST RESERVED!

IF YOU PLAN TO AVAIL YOURSELF OF THIS AWESOME DEAL – BOOK YOUR EXTRA DAYS NOW AND IMMEDIATELY CALL THE WAGON MASTERS (that would be the von Wittenburgs 805 523-7758) and send your \$60 check for Friday and Saturday.

Donna Collieran has learned about the availability of rental Segways (hope that's spelled correctly). She will be in charge of obtaining all pertinent information and organizing those who want to go rolling round the bike paths in Newport. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Upcoming Campouts

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



David Pearson
Chair Board of Trustees

Trustees Corner

By the time you read this article, your lodge should be ready for football season with the addition of four televisions and the switch over to high definition. We have two TVs behind the bar purchased with funds donated by Greg Metzger, one 53" TV in the patio thanks to John and Cherri Peterson, one new 50" Plasma in the lounge purchased with funds thanks to the Elk Ladies and Carl Lanterman's fund raising dinner. The 42" LCD TV purchased last year was moved to a new location in the lounge for increased viewing. A big "thanks" goes to ER Terry for saving us some bucks by installing the TVs and brackets. So come on down and join us for your favorite sporting events. I'm sure you will have a good time.

If all went well in September, we should have received the OK to proceed and install a video camera protection system for our main lodge. This security system will help to ensure the well being of both our members and our assets. As previously reported, a security system was also installed into the Elks office. I would like to thank Robert Koeritz for all of his efforts on this project.

We also had a meeting last month to determine what path the membership wishes to take as to repairing lodge roof and other surprises that may come up as a result of that action. Discussions should have been made on how to pay for these repairs, and if the repair money is borrowed, how to repay this money. Hopefully, all went well and we came to a conclusion, voted on the appropriate actions, and are in the process of making the results happen.

I would like to thank everyone for the support you have given to your officer corps. It is greatly appreciated. We will continue our quest to increase your membership experience. That's it for now. Take care and may God Bless you all.



Dave Naccarato, PER

Our History



- * May 9, 1961 The Grand Lodge Session created the Americanism Committee
 - * December 1 1893, The B.P.O.E. banned Sunday meetings on a resolution made at the 1892 Grand Lodge Session by Percy G. Williams of Brooklyn Lodge No.22.
 - * 1972 the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service requested that the Elks start a local, State, & national Veterans Arts & Crafts competition.
 - *The "Hotel Bedford" now the Elks National home in Bedford VA, was purchased for \$12,500.00 in 1902
 - * May 26, 1969, the lodge Esquire's instructions on procedure was moved from the end of Initiation ceremony to its present position following the obligation
 - * On June 14, 1949 President Harry S. Truman, a member of the Kansas City, MO lodge No.26, signed public law 203 designating June 14th as flag day in America. Flag Day has been a mandatory Lodge activity since 1911
 - * April 12 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a member of the Poughkeepsie, NY, Lodge No.275, died at Warm Springs, Georgia
 - * In 1919, the use of the "Eleven O'clock Toast" on occasions when non Elks were present was given official Grand Lodge Permission.
 - * April 18, 1906, the great San Francisco Earthquake took place and the B.P.O.E. beat the U.S. Government in setting up a tent city for refugees
 - * In 1903 the original Elks National home was dedicated in Bedford, VA.
 - * In 1952, the Elks discontinued the use of a blindfold during the Initiation Ritual
 - * In 1972, GER Francis M. Smith, proclaimed November as the first Elks "National Veterans Remembrance Month"
 - * From 1950 to 1952 the members of the B.P.O.E. supplied 600,000 pints of blood for GI's in Korea
 - * In 1895 the B.P.O.E. was incorporated nationally
- More spine tingling trivia next month



SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER
SHARE THE EXCITEMENT

Did you Know?

- The Elks provided over \$160 million in charitable works last year.
- Over \$3.4 million in college scholarships is awarded annually by the Elks.

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Leo Rodriquez

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



GOLFTOURNAMENT: Dave Pearson
LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
MEMBERSHIP: Every Lodge Member
CHRISTMASTREES: Herb Jellander
Bill Sternberg, PER/Terry Baker
ELKONEJOKAMPERS: Mike Flannery

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE--



Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge Publicity Chair, received his certificate for being a BEQUEST AND LIVING TRUST participant from ER, Terry Gicking. This means he is providing a trust fund for disabled children, which is a CHEA charitable donation for children we support thru Major Project.



Angie Prizzi was awarded the People's Choice Award by President Pat Peterson at the Elk Ladies Appreciation Luncheon --a well deserved honor to one of the unsung heroines of our Lodge. She is always there to help at functions, dances, and charity events.



Terry Baker and the Irriatanos showing off their bikes at the Meet and Greet motorcycle show



ELK LADIES MEMORIES OF MARILYN CORRIGAN

Our most holy God we thank you
As Elks Ladies we celebrate a life today
You gave Marilyn talents to undertake
And guided her in an awesome way.

To go back 33 years ago
Marilyn with visions and a plan
Did the needed background prep
With that our Elks Ladies began

To be our very first president
An honor only one can hold
1976 through 1978 she led us,
A new organization we saw unfold.

We're fortunate- the ones who knew her,
Accomplishments only newer members heard
Elkdom friendships are to be treasured
Forever memories will rever.

Uncertain how things happen Lord,
At times like this, all look to you
We pray there are horses in heaven, God
And waiting for Marilyn--was her horse named Boo.
Amen-Marilyn Cissell

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THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson

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CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell
MAJOR PROJECTS: Niki Case
SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski
HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks
CVD: Alice Kennedy & Marilyn Cissell

Hi....

It's me again. This past month has been most exciting, on August 29th we had the first ever People's Choice Awards luncheon, and the most deserving winner was ANGIE PRIZZI. We had a wonderful turnout of 46 people. The food was wonderful, and we were entertained by K.C. Phillips. At our September meeting, Shirley Kozlowski won the bubble drawing of \$20, and Kathy Ryder won \$25 from the 50/50, and donated it to the Major Project. So, I urge all the Ladies to attend our monthly meetings where you could be winners also.

I'm sad to report, that two of our beloved members have passed away, Doris Dellinger and Marilyn Corrigan. Marilyn was the Founder of the 2477 Elks Ladies Organization, and its first President. Both she and Doris will be greatly missed by all.

To conclude on a happier note, I thought you would enjoy the following.....

Fondly....

Myrna Block, Vice President

The History of 'APRONS' !!

I don't think our kids know,
what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears,
and on occasion was even used for
cleaning out dirty ears..

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs,
fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished
in the
warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal
hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma
wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring
brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and
kindling wood were brought into the kitchen
in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of
vegetables. After the peas had been shelled,

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Rena Dyer-7
Deanna Savokinas-12
Rosemary Russell-16
Charlotte Gessler-22
Betty Vega-25
June Leadam-27
Sarah Ely-29

TOGETHER WE WIN

At whatever time we call on you,
our Father, God, all prayers are heard.
Your answers come in different ways,
surprising, quickly or waiting for a word.



Marilyn Cissell

Because your love surrounds us, Lord,
and Holy Spirit deep within,
apart from you, we're nothing, God,
with added grace, together we win.
Amen

it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in
apples that had fallen from the trees.
When unexpected company drove up the
road, it was surprising how much furniture
that old apron could dust in a matter
of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked
out onto the porch, waved her apron,
and the men knew it was time to come
in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will
replace that 'old-time apron'
that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple
pies on the window sill to cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the
window sill to thaw.

They would go crazy now trying to figure
out how many germs were on that apron.

* I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron !!!! *

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Greg Metzgus, DDGER , receiving Century Club award from ER, Terry Gicking



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Ben Rieger-2	Tom Bolton-17
Jack Paulson-3	Jeff Enger-17
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Kenneth Kolde-11	Jack Loughran, . PER-26
Liz Bell-12	Dennis Gillette-27
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Glenn Wellman-14	Pete Nolan-27
Olivia Corio-15	Jay Block-31
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FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON: October 14,2009

Richard Herrera proposes Allen Ericson
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Reinstatement for Marc Lowman
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August 5th Capsule drawing Mike Ramirez #2128 not present
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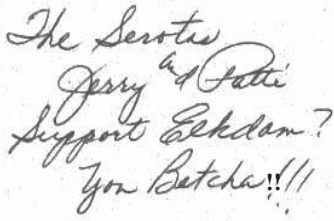











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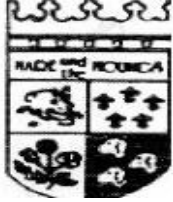
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