



Terry Gicking  
Exalted Ruler



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## Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future



### 33rd Annual Law Enforcement & Firefighters Appreciation Night



January 20, 2010

\$12

chicken & ribs

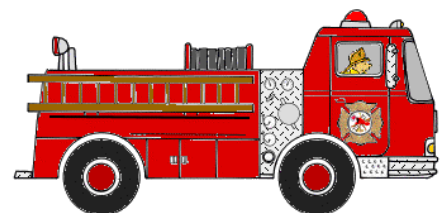


6:30 pm social hour

7:00 pm dinner

8:00 pm program

Come and show your appreciation  
for their noble work.



2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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

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**ELKS TRAINING:** Terry Gicking  
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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

What a festive holiday season we had for you at the lodge. If you did not make it down for any of it, you missed a lot. From the Ladies tree trimming party, to their Christmas dinner, DDGER Greg Metzger's Homecoming, ER Christmas Party Chinese, with hot buttered rum by the Blocks, Kampers Brunch, Christmas Basket set up & delivery, to Christmas itself, we had a lot of Holiday to Cheer about.

When we delivered the Christmas Baskets, we put smiles on the children's faces, which put smiles on the members' faces. When they came back to the Lodge, they put smiles on the other members' faces! It's a mouthful, but it is sooo o o worth it! So January won't be as exciting as December, but we still have lots of fun coming your way! Please check your calendar in your copy of the Antlers, or go online to our website ([www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com)) to see the most updated version. It's an interactive calendar that will give you more detail to what is going on for a specific event.

Last month, on Sunday, December 6, we had the Elks Memorial service at our lodge. During that service, I gave a small speech about some of our absent members who helped shape the lodge into what it is today. I was asked if we could post it to our website. So if you go to the members section of our website, and then click on the blog, you will find it. I mention this for some of our new members, who might want to learn a little more about our fraternal side.

Now speaking of memories from the past, we are having an Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 23 for Dee Swanson, put on by Tom Ryder & the PERs with proceeds going to ENF! It will be a special night, with special guests, special surprises, (one surprise might be that Dee will try to skip out of town, but I think we got

that covered!). In the short year and a quarter that I worked for, I mean as her boss, she did everything I told her to do! Hehehe! So please come down for her Party! It will be a blast, and we can make some money for ENF!

Also, two reminders, first if you haven't gotten your tickets for the New Year's Eve, I suggest you hurry up cause this is going to be the party that everyone is going to be talking about next year! Second, Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 9:30AM is the DD clinic in Santa Barbara. All members who even think they might be interested in becoming an officer of this lodge, I encourage you to attend. The info from these clinics is invaluable to helping you understand what it takes to run a Lodge. Till next month, thank you for your support!



(l-r) Hector Morales, ER, Simi Valley, Heather Maddox, Ted Polinsky, and ER Terry Gicking is accepting a check for Veterans committee as a result of a joint bus trip with Simi Lodge. The event was chaired by Heather and Ted. Over \$600 was raised for each lodge.



ER, Terry Gicking, accepting a check from Chuck Kudra for \$500 for Christmas Basket Program

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**LEADING KNIGHT  
Catherine Koeritz, PER**

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**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**



**ELKS AT WORK FOR FOR CHARITY BASKETS**

On December 2, 2009 our Christmas Trees arrived and over a dozen members were there to unload and assemble them. Thanks to the Carlson's Building Center for allowing us to use their facility for this charity event. The money earned from their sales will help us meet our quota.

This year we will deliver 64 baskets to grateful families. They will contain a turkey or ham, toys for all the children, and enough staples to last a family a week. Over \$5,000 was earned by our annual Charity Ball, Christmas Tree sales and donations by our members.

A special thanks to the El Konejo Kampers for their \$500 donation.

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**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
Steve Smith

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**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Dave Naccarato, PER  
**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:**  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Kira Wagner  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER**  
**APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Richard McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Robert Jones

### ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE



At our annual Elks Memorial Service, the first Sunday in December, we honored the spouses of departed Elks in a moving ceremony. This year PER Association President, Johnny D'Ambrogio, presented Gladys Ennis with a butterfly as a token of Elks never forgetting their deceased members. The officers in tuxs gave the ritual. On hand was the cooking crew of Al Hardie, Bob Arbetman, Dave Anderson and Jane Watson. David McFarlane and his mother Colleen were greeted by ER, Terry Gicking

### DDGER, GREG METZGUS AT HIS HOMECOMING



On December 9th with over 100 guests in attendance our lodge welcomed home our own Greg Metzgus. A prime rib dinner preceded the message given by Greg, and Boy Scouts presented the colors.



**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"

**BO ANDERSON**  
*Born: No. 23, 1919*  
*Iniated: Oct. 3, 2003*  
*Died: Nov. 11, 2009*

**RALPH VESTER, PER**  
*Born: Nov. 13, 1928*  
*Iniated: Aug. 15, 1953*  
*Died: Nov. 20, 2009*

**LARRY SAVOKINAS**  
*Born: Jan. 18, 1934*  
*Iniated: July 28, 1999*  
*Died: Nov. 20, 2009*

**LARRY MORRIS**  
*Born: Nov. 27, 1941*  
*Iniated: Sept. 23, 1987*  
*Died: Dec. 7, 2009*



**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

January 20-Firefighters and Police  
Appreciation Dinner  
January 23-ENF Fundraiser  
January 23-E Waste Drop Off  
  
February 6-Elk Ladies Fundraiser  
February 7-Super Bowl Party  
  
March 19-St. Patrick's Day Party

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**  
**805-495-0577**

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Bo Anderson on his passing; to the family of Larry Morris on his passing; to the family of Ralph Vester on his passing; to the family of Larry Savokinas on his passing; Karen and Dan Martyn on the passing of her father

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Bev Erickson had lung surgery; the men and women of the Armed Services who protect us; Chuck Kudra's brother

**ON THE MEND:** Jim Wallace, PER from broken ribs; Molly Chiszar from surgery infection; Karin Spreights from minor surgery; Bill Lloyd, DL from surgery; Chris Prince; Terry Gicking's cat Dork from leg injury

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



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send as a word document

**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.**



Did you know your old computer, monitor, television or any thing electronics is worth something? It is probably not to everyone. To us it's just a piece of equipment that takes up room in the garage. We can't throw it in the trash and we are not sure what to do with it.

Thousand Oaks Elks is teaming up with E-Waste fund raising, to be a drop off point for a free E-WASTE recycling event. This event will help a local 3-year-old fight Leukemia. Quinn is a local 3-year-old girl who has been battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia since being diagnosed in January 2009. This fundraiser is to help offset the mounting medical bills as she undergoes a chemotherapy protocol that is projected to last three years.

Saturday January 23rd 9am to 3pm bring down your old or broken computers, televisions, monitors, flat screens, servers and laptops and drop them off for recycling!  
It's FAST ,it's EASY, and it's FREE! It keeps toxic materials out of our landfills, and helps a good cause. For those large wooden, heavy, console televisions PC Recycle in Newbury park 499-0050 will come and pick it up from your home free of charge. Just be sure to say "It's for Quinn". Another way to show "Elks care Elks share". For more information visit [www.e-wastefundraising.org](http://www.e-wastefundraising.org), PC Recycle 2580 Azurite Cr. Newbury Park 499-0050 or the contact person for Quinn is John Waikus at 492-1310. If you can't make it on the 23rd you can drop your e-waste off at PC recycle. Just tell them it's for Quinn.



**Jerry Serota, Public Relations Chair accepting the award for 2nd place Best Image in Elkdom from ER, Terry Gicking**



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Jan. 29-One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson  
Bar Manager

### THANK YOU SO MUCH!

The Tree Trimming evening (Dec. 4th) was enjoyed by 77 adults and 2 youngsters, Jonathan Ely, son of David Ely and Adriana Haynes, Ginny Gabel's granddaughter. We all enjoyed Rich Case's entertainment with Christmas songs. I especially want to acknowledge Myrna Block, Sharon Baker, Barbara Booker and Lynn Rodriquez for helping me shop, setting up tables, and preparing food at the lodge. Also, thanks to the ladies who donated salads, and desserts, and all who helped at the end of the evening. Jeanne Sandt, Chair



Jonathan Ely singing along with guitarist, Rich Case

## OUR LODGE SERVING THE FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW



Spearheaded by Richard Goldner, Grand Lodge, Public Relations Chair, and assisted by Elroy the Elk (aka Tom Hartin) nearly 1,000 dictionaries were distributed during LIVE 40-minute programs at the 9-elementary schools in the Pleasant Valley School District. Several schools were honored to have Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking, present to participate as well as Past DDGER, Tony Markarian.



### David Naccarato PER Major Project Chair

If you missed our last Power Bingo you missed out. We moved it into the lounge and one of our biggest crowds yet. We collect \$10.00 from each player and take 20% off the top for the Major Project and the rest is given back to the players in winnings. We play 5 games with a new additional 6th game- winner take all which got crazy toward the end.

Robert Koeritz and Tom Hartin were selling extra game boards and got the pot up to \$85. Players have a hard enough time following 4 game boards. Now some have 20. boards. I say boards because we used to have the Bingo boards with the sliding window to cover the number. Now we use paper sheets with ink blotters to mark the numbers. They seem to work well and they are very inexpensive. If any one has blotters at home that you do not use ,we could use them here at the lodge. But most of all we want you to come down and play bingo with us. Elks having fun raising money for one of our charities. That's what we do. Were Elks." Elks Care Elks Share"Check your Antler for the next tantalizing bingo event.

DRESS WARMLY  
WHEN VISITING THE  
LODGE JAN. 8-15

NO HEAT OR AC  
DUE TO ROOF INSTALLATION



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Julianna, Vashaw, Heather Maddox, Sponsor and Anita Gorino**



**Robin Foley and standing in for sponsor David MacFarlane  
Bob Foley**



**Joe Medrano and sponsor Catherine Koeritz**



**Ed Lukas and standing in for sponsor Boyd Lindquist is  
Terry Gicking, ER**



**Larry Thompson and sponsor Chuck Kudra**



**Kimberly Rediger and sponsor Chuck Kudra-her dad**



**Pat Von Wittenberg**  
**El Konejo Kampers**

### NOVEMBER@KENNEYGROVE

We had a new crew this year and change isn't so bad. The Collerans, Drakes, Kudras and LaFarrs comprised the crew. New isn't exactly correct because they had all been part of the deep frying group headed up by Joel Erickson?

Through some shrewd negotiating on the part of Judy Kudra, the turkeys were cooked by Green Acres. Absolutely wonderful. Of course all the usual fixing's were wonderful. Someone made a green bean casserole with water chestnuts, I think, for which I'd love to have the recipe. You can even email it to me - please.

I'd been itching' to make a pot of pozole for several months and decided I'd put together the recipe for Thursday night. (Makes WAY TOO MUCH for just Bill and me). I had either emailed or told Pam and Gene of my plans, but the reaction was less than enthusiastic. Couldn't quite wrap my mind around that, when I've made this soup in the past, everyone really liked it. Come to find out, when the camp owner where Pam and Gene spends the summer months, make what she alleges to be pozole it is nothing more than a big pot of grease. Promised Pam my recipe so she can show off, possibly?

The Dools were all ready to motel it again, but Steve Chiszar, who has more connections than So Cal Edison, came up with a very comfy trailer. It was located in a wonderful spot prior to the Dool's arrival and all they had to do was move in. From all indications, they really like the comfort of their home away from home and didn't have to travel more than about 20 yards to participate in all the activities, therefore, arriving on time LOL.

Pam and Gene Ewald arrived on Wednesday from some place on the road with numerous tales of their adventures. The most noteworthy in Pam's book was spending a week in some truck stops repair yard while the transmission was repaired in the Dolphin. They have certainly had their share of adventures or mis-adventures as the case may be.

This couple is such a terrific addition to the group and they plan to be with us for a while, for which I'm truly grateful. They are a blast.

I had finally finished the wall hanging that I'd created for their wedding gift and Pam asked that I share it with all under "happy news" at the meeting on Saturday. (They can't possibly be as happy with the results as I am.)

My time line is a little confused here - but I believe this occurred on Saturday morning after the meeting. Cheryl Templeton had brought an inflatable Turkey for decoration (what doesn't she have for additional decors at any time of year)? Gene was opening some champagne when the cork flew across the way. He SHOT THE TURKEY! The truth of the matter is that Deb LaFarr had disconnected the compressor during the meeting because of the noise. Heck - I like the thought that Gene shot it a lot better, makes for a much better story.

Oh geez, I'm gonna mess this up I know cause I don't have the proper spelling available. Joe Numtuzac came along with his darlin' dog Cookie. It's only taken four months and several pounds of doggie treats for Cookie to decide that I'm an okay person. Darned dog jumped right up in Beverly Erickson's lap with no coaxing at all. Anyway, Judy's brother passed away back in the mid-west someplace and had to attend the funeral. Since Joe didn't know the man, he stayed home and came to the campout.

It was great to have John and Marva; Don and Doris Newcomer; Walter and Anne Ogden; and Chet and Shirley Kozlowski out with the group again. Doris has finally been released by her doctor and completed all her physical therapy after her surgery in June.

I haven't a clue what the others' excuses might be.

Steve Chiszar is guaranteed continual income as long as Cheryl Templeton owns a rig. I swear the woman needs rubber baby bumpers or boat bumpers on her motor home. Yup, you guessed it - banged into something AGAIN!

I was surprised to see Tom Ryder pull his rig in alone. Asked Kathy's whereabouts and he had the most satisfied look on his face as he said that she was driving the car up alone. Talk about the cat that ate the canary!

All of us with satellite domes or freestanding dishes; it seems to rule our choice of campsite. Sometimes it doesn't work at all. Joel Erickson pulled into a spot in which he has parked on several occasions. NO reception. He backed up - NO reception; he pulled forward - NO reception. He finally gave up. Bill did the same thing, but with someone's help, he did finally get reception. Man, I avoid those maneuvers like the plague when the rig is spotted, then I'll perform my "pink duties"! (Maybe)

Deb LaFarr, one of the co-wagon masters, inadvertently or intentionally neglected to appoint a Sheriff for the fines. Oh yah, she did it herself, and did an admirable job. The poor Collerans were fined for being the last to arrive.

This year's team of cooks and co-wagon masters handled a daunting task with nary a hitch - well almost - Wayne's gravy was just a tiny bit late to the table. Job well done gang.

By the time you read this the Holiday will have come and gone. The Kampers all hope you have had a Very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year!

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN 2010.

## Upcoming Campouts

- January 8-9-Travel Village
- February 12-13-California RV Acton
- March 12-13-Newport Dunes



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



### OUR HISTORY

\*In 1916 the present Elks National Home was dedicated in Bedford, Virginia.

\*The Elks Magazine began publication in 1922 with PGER,s John K. Tener and J. Edgar Masters of Charleroi Lodge#494 on the magazine committee.

\*In 1934 the Elks Most Valuable Student Program began.

\*1891 the Elks adopted the present chair officer designations.

\*In 1896 the American Flag was added to the B.P.O.E. altar arrangement.

\*In 1918 The Elks built America's first Veterans "Reconstruction" hospital of 700 beds in Mass., and in 1923 the Elks donated it to the US government.

\*In 1874 the Elks instituted the position of D.D.G.E.R.

\*The "Jolly Corks", the beginning of the Elks, lasted from Nov.25, 1867 to Feb. 15, 1868, and included their founder, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and Em. Platt, F. Langhorne, William Carleton, William Sheppard, and others.

\*In 1969 the Pledge of Allegiance was moved from the lodge closing to the lodge opening ceremony, and the singing of "God bless America" was approved as an optional substitute for the opening Ode.

\*In 1963 the call up of lodge was reduced from four raps to three raps, with three raps used previously as a signal to remove the blindfold (removed in 1952)

\*In 1956 the Leading Knight began giving the charge when delivering the flag to the Esquire.

**Dave Naccarato, PER**

### There but for the grace of Gods go I"

One Saturday in October I ran out of gas going down the Conejo grade. As I was walking to the Pleasant Valley exit a Good Samaritan young man stopped and gave me a lift to the gas station. He then went out of his way and drove south on the 101 freeway to the next off ramp and crossed over going north to where my van was.

As we got out and filled the van with gas cars were whizzing by terribly close and the roar of vehicles travelling 65 MPH made us aware of the danger. He never told me his name and when I tried to thank him he just gave me a salute and drove away.

On Saturday November 14 at 5:30 P.M. I was driving south on the 101 Freeway when on top of the Lewis Road overpass in Camarillo there was a Fireengine parked with it's lights on. Then as we passed the next four overpasses there was a fire engine parked at each one with their lights ablaze. At the last overpass at Lynn Rd, was a long fire engine lights on and atop it stood six firefighters standing stiff unflinching their hands clasped behind their back at parade rest in their blue uniforms wearing their helmets staring straight ahead.

What is going on I thought this is not an amber alert. I later found out they were showing their respect for a fallen member of their profession whose ashes were making the last ride home. I found out that this is a common practice of respect and high esteem for the courage and valor displayed for a fallen comrade. His destination Westlake Village and they acknowledged with love and respect his passing. I do know that I was very impressed with the attention shown by so many that it was inspiring.

Bryan ran out of gas and Rigoberto Gomez a Good Samaritan was fueling his pickup truck with gas when they were both struck by an SUV and they were both killed. When I learned the whole story the thought came to me, 'There but for the grace of Gods go I'.

**Jerry Serota, Public Relations**

How would you like to make some money?

Plus get a tax break?

Plus build the future of the Major Project?

Plus Help children with disabilities?

The answer is **THE BLT COMMITMENT TRUST!**

You invest \$10,000 or more and receive an income of 7% annually. Plus get a tax break depending on your age. Yes, the \$10,000 or more stays in the Commitment Trust growing and providing for the future of the Major Project. NOT A BAD DEAL!

You profit, the Major Project profits and the children with disabilities have a chance to walk, talk, see, and play. You and your spouse will receive the income from the trust until both of you have passed away. What a wonderful way to help children in need and make it possible for them to have better care in the future.

EXAMPLE.

Transfer \$10,000 into trust. Trustee is responsible for asset management. Income tax deduction of \$4,256.00 may save \$1,064.00

Annual income \$700.00. Estimated income in 16.2 years

\$12,245.00. Effective pretax rate

7.83%. If Trust earns 8% pays 7% then grows by 1%.

After two lives, trust passes without probate to charity.

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Lifetime income

Income tax deduction

Avoidance of capital gains taxes

Reduced estate taxes

Tax sheltered growth

BLT recognition

**BENEFITS TO THE MAJOR PROJECT:**

A gift commitment

A promise for the future

Help for disabled children.

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## Leo Rodriquez

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**AMERICANISM:** Grant Thistle  
**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



We come to the lodge day in and day out, not really knowing other members.

We recently had a service for Bo Anderson, a Pearl Harbor survivor where Max Maxwell gave an accounting of Bo's activities during the war. I knew Bo from a distance but I had never taken the opportunity to have a conversation with him...now it's too late. Max also instructed us to "find these Veterans, talk to them, learn from them and get them to share their stories while we still have time". I always do what my Elders tell me to do. J (Don't tell Max I called him my Elder)

As a few of us were talking I expressed how I felt that our 5 Trustees were so diversified in personalities. During the conversation I happened to mention that I thought David Stull was the calm and mild mannered one of the bunch. WRONG!

I want to tell you of a decorated Army Ranger we have among us. Three year Trustee, David Stull, has three Purple Hearts, one Silver Star, one Bronze Star, a Medal of Valor AND an Army commendation Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB). I remember when Walter Brennen starred in a TV show, The Guns of Will Sonnet, and when he would talk about how good his sons were with a gun, he would say "no brag just fact"...that's how I felt when I talked with David Stull. He was not bragging about himself.

He seemed to appreciate the opportunity to be able to tell me of his time in Vietnam. Dave was drafted on his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday and attended the NCO academy in fort Benning, GA. After completing the academy he was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, "The Big Red One" where he served from 1967-1969. David accomplished a tremendous amount during the 3

years he served in Vietnam. When asked the one thing, he accredited his survival to he replied that it was a quote his platoon leader used when he started basic training. "Dead soldiers cannot win a war". David took that one small piece of inspiration to heart and survived shrapnel from a grenade and again when a motor blast tore through his shoulder. David also took a bullet to the knee that still remains. It is a lasting memento from his experience.

When David received the Silver Star it was for the capture of an enemy soldier who turned out to be the first general captured during the war. As a result of that one event the General provided a wealth of information for our fighting forces. David's Medal of Valor was for saving countless lives in his platoon.

After his tour of duty, David went home where he remained single for 13 years. Then he ran into Jessica who asked him how he could be single and happy. He thought about it and remembered the saying again, "Dead soldiers can't win" Taking the advice, David and Jessica were married May 4<sup>th</sup> 1991. David joined the lodge July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1997 and he and Jessica have been very involved. Jessica is a Past Elk Ladies President and he continues to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Thank you David for serving our country, oh and by the way, I want to see your knee.

David Naccarato PER



Dave Stull now serving the Elk Ladies at their party

2009-2010 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

## THE ELKS LADIES

Patricia Peterson

2009-2010 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Myrna Block  
**SECRETARY:** Lynn Rodriguez  
**TREASURER:** Charlotte Gessler  
**AUDITOR:** Beth Kozlowski  
**TELEPHONE:** Patti Serota



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

The New Year has once again come upon us, and hard to believe that 2010 is here! Where did the past year go? I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and wish the best for the year to come. I would like to take time to thank all of the Ladies who took a part in all of the events in December, which was such a busy month. We began with our annual Tree Trimming Party and dinner put on by Jeannie Sandt with Myrna Block, Sharon Baker, Lynn Rodriguez, Barbara Booker and all the other ladies that helped her. Rich Case did a great job leading us in Christmas carols. We then moved on to the Ladies Christmas Party with a fabulous dinner prepared by Chef Chito Cornel. Over 80 ladies turned out, and fun was had by all. Terry Giking, Leo Rodriguez, Tom Hartin, David Stull, Robert Koertiz, and Robert Jones did a fine job in serving our dinner. We really appreciate the Elks for serving our dinner every year. Also a special thank you to K C Phillips for entertaining us. A thank you to all those who helped with the Christmas Baskets with wrapping presents, assembling and packing the boxes and of course the delivery to the over 60 families which we were blessed to be able to help in making their holiday brighter. Catherine Koertz did a wonderful job in organizing this event as Leading Knight.

**Please remember to attend the Ladies Meeting the second Tuesday of January (Jan 12th) to nominate your Officers for the 2010-2011 year. The date has been changed in order to put a new roof on the lodge.**

And in closing, mark your calendars for our Major Projects event coming on February 6, 2010. Niki Case is putting together an evening that promises great fun for all! Our theme this year is "The 70's Flashback Disco" and anyone wanting to help Niki on her committee is welcomed. Dinner will be L.S.D. You will have to attend to find out what this is.

I again look forward to being a part of working with all the Ladies this coming year, I am sure it will be an awesome year for us all.

Happy New Year,  
Lynn Rodriguez

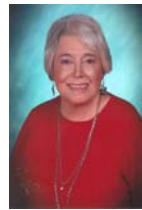
Elk's Ladies, Secretary

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Darlene Stogsdell-15  
Carol Fredericks-18  
Carole Saynay-18  
Shelia Aitkin-27  
Elaine Goldner-27

### CHRISTMAS DINNER '09



Marilyn Cissell

Our heavenly Father  
Tonight we are blessed  
As always, Lord Jesus  
You plan for the best.

We thank you for Christmas  
And the joy that it brings  
For the food and friendships,  
Health, safety and--ALL things.  
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Elk Ladies at their annual Christmas dinner and ER, Terry

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Dills-1  
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 Karin Speights-1  
 Chad Peterson-4  
 Chuck Morsa-5  
 David MacFarlane-8  
 David Pearson-8  
 Chris Prince-8  
 Tom Heller-9  
 Hubert Ofer-9  
 Dale Iddings-10  
 James Bodenhamer-11  
 Jack Murray-11  
 Ron Schwartz-11  
 Gerald Kamm-12  
 Jill Muinch-12  
 John Michael-13  
 Jon Preston-13

Stephen Pence-14  
 Tommy Claunch-15-luv u  
 Lou Mages-15  
 Michael Markey-15  
 Ricardo Gil-17  
 Leonard Lambert-17  
 Carol Fredericks-18  
 Tony Gomes-18  
 Sterling Wetzsteon-18  
 Denise Brady-20  
 Heather Maddox-20  
 Bill Sternberg, PER-20  
 John Quinn-22  
 Peter Gordon-24  
 Cheryl Templeton-27  
 Ted L Radabaugh-28  
 William White-30



### ELKS SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Dave Naccarato, PER -left with ER,  
 Terry Gicking hosting the Hoop Shoot for  
 community youth

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

**January 13, 2010**

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### CRYING TOWEL

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 present  
 lucky 13 Paul Wagner no winner  
 11/4 capsule drawing John Tracy #2067 not  
 present  
 lucky13 David Naccarato no winner



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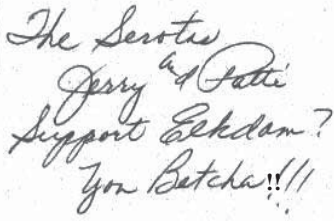








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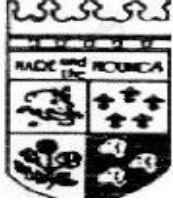
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