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Exalted Ruler



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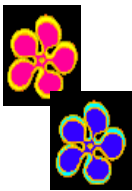
## Memories From The Past To Rebuild Our Future

# 70's Flashback Disco

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 6:00 – 10:00pm

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

*Elks Ladies Major Project Fundraiser*



Dance to Moon & Sol



Special Appearance by:  
The Village People



Homemade

Lasagna Salad Dessert



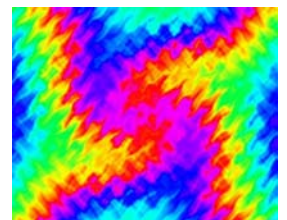
Door Prizes & Raffle Baskets

Tickets \$20 per person

Tickets can be purchased from the Bartender or Call:

Niki @ (805) 492-0212 or Beth @ (805) 531-0034

Reserved Tables Available



2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS



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

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**SHOE TOURNAMENTS:** Mike Budenski  
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Well, with February comes elections for our next Officer Corps, and our wonderful Elks Ladies have their annual Major Project fundraiser. Now I don't want to give all the details away, (like I know any), but I heard something about LSD & flashbacks to the Village People, or something like that. Guess I better stop right there and focus on the Elections.

Now all four Chair officer positions, along with the Secretary, Treasurer, 5 yr Trustee and Tiler all need to be voted on. Someone needs to be nominated for each position, and that happens at the first two Wednesday night meetings in February. Next we as a member body vote for each position at the third Wednesday night meeting. If you have any thoughts of becoming an Elks' Officer, please see or call a PER or a current Officer.

Now as of this writing, we are in the process of redoing the roof & HVAC units. The Lodge should look and feel like new again! (insert big happy face smile!). It will be really interesting to be able to go thru a winter, and not have to build a water diversion system in the attic with pans anymore. I just don't know what I will do with extra time! Haha!

Maybe I'll stick around and do another term as ER! I have had a great time this year, and with all the great support that I received thru-out the year, I just might think about it. Let Me know what you think. I am always open to suggestions.

2009 was a great year in our Lodge! Let's make 2010 even greater. Keep bringing in new members, keep showing up for the Friday night dinners, keep coming to the Sunday breakfasts, keep supporting & coming to our Wednesday night meetings, keep supporting and working the Saturday BBQ's. Maybe, just maybe, you could even jump in and help with one of these functions.

We are even thinking of keeping the Monday night football dinners going, if there is an interest. The Monday dinners may help some new people who wish to cook, but were afraid to cook a big dinner. They can get a feel for what the kitchen is like on a smaller scale. Let me or

Corrinne know if you would like to try something. We are always looking for a few more cooks, 'cause lawd knows we loves to eat!!

See you down at the lodge!

Terry



Santa Claus, aka Terry Gicking, listening to the wishes of a child at the Kids Christmas Party



### By- Law changes to be voted on at the lodge meeting of January 27, 2010

Proposed By-Law changes were submitted in writing and read on lodge floor on January 6th. A letter to all members with proposed changes and vote date has been mailed.

Article IV: Sessions Section 1.

Current: "The regular sessions of the lodge shall be held on the first four Wednesday evenings in each month..."

Proposed: "The regular sessions of the lodge shall be held on the first and third Wednesday evenings in each month..."

Article V: Elective officers and duties of the Secretary Section 4

Current: "For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$6,000 per annum paid monthly

Proposed: "for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$12,000 per annum paid monthly



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.: Carl Lanterman**  
**CVAC: Tom Hartin**  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota**  
**CHARITY DINNERS: Catherine Koeritz, PER**

**THANK YOU**

By the time you are reading this, our holiday parties will be over and the decorations will be down and we are moving on to our next events. I sincerely hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to share it with loved ones. To the families of our friends and acquaintances that we lost last year, our hearts go out to you.

I am so grateful to our crew, "The Wild Women on Wine," for making a successful dinner at the New Year's Eve party. The "Women" being Sally Claunch, Toni Hartin, Mary Woodlief, Cherri Peterson and Lydia Moccaldi and myself. Thank you to some "men" on the team, Chuck Busch, Bob Arbertman and Mike Flannery who helped serve at the buffet. Everyone had a great time. We knew that it was going to be a fun evening, and everything turned out **great!**

Our Christmas basket program was a huge success. There were so many people that made this program work. There were many things happening behind the scenes that many of us didn't get a chance to see. I appreciate everything and everyone who donated their time in preparing the list of recipients, getting the names to David Pearson whose computer program prepared the food shopping list. The people who picked up the food, sorted the food, made and stuffed all boxes, printed out maps (thanks Tommy and Robert), delivered and cleaned up the mess, thank you. The Elks Ladies should also be thanked for wrapping and labeling the gifts for the children. I would like to personally thank Pat Peterson for pitching in and placing calls at the last minute (sorry about that Pat). Annie Pearson again stepped up to the plate and helped organize this event. When we returned from delivering the baskets, once again we enjoyed eating the Sloppy Sallys (not Joes) that Sally Claunch made. Thank you everyone that donated turkeys and gifts for these families. This is what we are all about. Don't forget Valentine's Day for your sweetheart!!!!

**CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM**



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

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

## LOYAL KNIGHT

### Steve Smith

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**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

### IT NEEDS TO BE SAID

Well, 2010 is here and thanks to the efforts of Wild Women on Wine members rang in the New Year with a bang. We have seen some economic hard times in the past 12 months but optimistically we should hope for better times in the coming year. I certainly wish all of you a more prosperous year in 2010 and beyond. With the help of Wild Women on Wine those who celebrated the incoming year enjoyed a culinary masterpiece and outstanding entertainment. My thanks go out to Cheri Peterson as well as Max Maxwell, my wife Pam and of course the wild women for their help in setting up to Lodge room for the New Year celebration. I also want to thank Ben, Jerry and Carl for their help in cleaning up the morning after.

As we approach the close of the 2009 - 2010 Elk year I realize there is still work ahead. There are nominations to be made and elections to be held as well as more events to be organized. Looking back on the past eight months I noticed that there was extra special effort made to bring our membership closer together. For instance, Heather organizing a mystery bus tour was not only a lot of fun but also well organized. Coordinating this event with the Simi Valley Lodge not only helped bring us closer to our sister Lodge but also to one another. I look forward to more events such as this in the coming year. The day at the races at Santa Anita race track and the weekend at Laughlin were excursions I remember participating in years gone by, and enjoying more than once. After talking to Heather I think she has some more very interesting mystery bus tours planned. I believe she intends to have these tours take us in a variety of directions from our Lodge while spreading the good will and camaraderie of Thousand Oaks Lodge number 2477.

Now let me address the subject of Justice within our Lodge. It may be viewed as inappropriate for me to address this issue in our Antlers Antics, but I believe it is something that should be openly discussed. Formal complaints have been made about the conduct of members by other members. This is certainly a right they are given on the very day they are initiated into

our order. If you'll recall "if at any time you feel that these rights have been invaded the courts of the order are open to you". Whether a member feels personally violated or the membership as a whole has been violated the courts are always open to them. It is a process that should not be performed frivolously. Subordinate forums, in my view, should be reserved for conflicts concerning extreme misconduct or blatant violations of statutes of the order. For one to apply this perspective is obviously subjective in nature.

It appears as though I will be faced with the responsibility of prosecuting accusations made against members of our Lodge. I do not take this responsibility lightly. Personally it pains me to have to do this, however it is my belief that the accusations made do warrant review by a subordinate form. I pray the decision of the forum will be considered by all parties as final regardless of the outcome.

At times it seems that stubbornness gets in the way of amicably resolving issues between members. None of us are infallible. We often times make mistakes. Occasionally without realizing it those mistakes can have an adverse impact on fellow members. Usually such decisions are made in haste. But, often times, if one was to honestly review their actions they would understand the error of their decision. Having the courage to stand before a loving membership and admit one's wrongdoings is noble. Allowing one's pride to interfere with one's honesty is shameful.

If we are to believe that brotherly love truly exists among us we should have the courage to rely on such kindness. To admit one's fault not only demonstrates humbleness, but also provides an opportunity for others to forgive.

It is my heartfelt wish that the differences between any members involved in these conflicts will ultimately be resolved without a subordinate forum. We need to remember that within Elkdom we should all experience a softening of the stern realities of life "which manifests itself in kindness of thought, word and deed".

## COMING ATTRACTIONS



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:** Bill McIntrye and family on the passing of his wife Ann

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pat Smail; Ginny Gabel is hospitalized from a car accident; our Armed Forces that keep us safe; Mary Woodlief's sister

**ON THE MEND:** Bill Dennison from a broken leg; Olivia Corio from a broken shoulder; Bev Erickson from lung surgery; Karin Speights from hip surgery;

**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.**



## 2009 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT REPORT

Thanks to all our volunteers, the Carlson family and our many loyal customers, we had another very successful year at the lot. After all expenses, sales tax and credit card fees, we cleared \$12,522.86 for the benefit of our Lodge and all our charities.

Over the past several years, we've improved the operation quite a bit. It's a fairly smooth running machine now, thanks to the input and various skills of the volunteers. Special thanks to my long-haired roommate, Pat, for her hard work cashiering and maintaining the bookkeeping and records.

Everything is in order for a successful operation in 2010. Herb Jellander and Bill Sternberg will be resigning as co-chairmen at this time after many years of active participation and hard work. We will remain as part-time workers and will be available to advise whoever steps up. Ben Rieger and Terry Baker will remain as co-chairs but will need at least one more co-chair and a new bookkeeper. Please consider this opportunity. It's been a very satisfying run.

Fraternally,  
Herb, Bill, Terry and Ben

**THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH!**

At the Jan. 6th, 2010 meeting, the Christmas Tree Committee announced the following donations to our charities from their gratuities:

\$200 Hoop Shoot  
\$200 Dictionary Project  
\$200 Elks Major Project - Handicapped Children  
\$200 Scouts  
\$200 Scholarship  
\$200 Elks National foundation  
\$200 Train fund  
\$200 Veterans





# ENTERTAINMENT



Feb. 5-KC Phillips  
 Feb. 12-Open Juke Box  
 Feb. 14-KC Phillips-3-6 pm  
 Feb. 26-One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson  
 Bar Manager

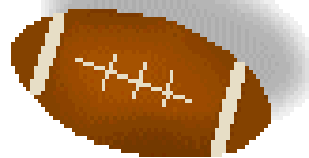
# Your Lodge Serving the Community



- \* Hosting an appreciation night for firefighters and police officers
- \* Participating in BSA Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout
- \*Sponsoring hoop shoot contest for local school children
- \*Preparing and delivering Christmas baskets to families in the area
- \*Providing monthly bingo party and outing for Veterans
- \*Delivering and presenting dictionaries to 3rd graders in Pleasant Valley School District

**BE AN ELK VOLUNTEER---SHOW  
 ELKS CARE--ELKS SHARE--  
 CONTACT THE OFFICE-496-2477**

# FEBRUARY 7, 2010



## Super Bowl Sunday



GAMES- RAFFLES  
 FOOD-FUN

VIEW THE GAME ON  
 MULTIPLE TVS



**1 PM-END OF GAME  
 BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
 DRINK SPECIALS**

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY MARCH 19



**\$12 PRE SALE-UNTIL 3/17**  
**\$14 AT THE DOOR**

CORNERED BEEF DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINGS & DESSERT  
PREPARED BY MIKE FLANNERY & CREW



KARAOKE ENTERTAINMENT BY JIM O'MILLER AND  
PATTI

IRISH COFFE BAR AVAILABLE  
RAFFLES-PRIZES

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BAR &  
FLANNERY'S 1- 818-706-0680



FUNDRAISER FOR EL CONEJO KAMPERS



**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**



### **December Brunch at the Grand Vista**

Despite a few concerns, everything came off without a hitch.

First of all Treasurer, Beverly Erickson was in the hospital recovering from surgery. She's doing very well and is at home as I write.

Secondly, Chuck Kudra's brother was taken in for surgery the week before and Chuck went cruzin' on down to Banning. Poor Judy was left with all the last minute details, but fortunately she had a lot of support. Chuck got back in Thousand Oaks on Friday before the Brunch and was leaving Monday following.

Chuck's brother, Bob, remains in the hospital, but is vastly improved. Our prayers and best wishes travel with you Chuck.

I owe a big apology to my daughter and grand-children - I failed to tell them that the mode of dress was casual dressy. They were all quite embarrassed to be under-dressed. Sorry gang, but at least they were clean and shiny, even if I had to remind the 19 year old that ball caps were NOT ACCEPTABLE. Gotta inform that young man of the military rule - in the door - the cover comes off - out the door - cover replaced.

It was good to see Debbie and Wayne Garrison - I've really missed the ration of \*\*\*\* that Wayne deals out in abundance. Am I his only target? ? ? Debbie had to check to see how many raffle tickets I had, being certain that I'd be taking home something. Not this time Deb, and I forgot to check the count on your booty.

We were treated by a group of vocalists from Westlake High. What a cool group, all beautifully dressed and sang with unbelievably beautiful voices. Sure hope the car group that gathers across the hall has them again next year and are willing to share. Some how or another I believe Jim Hamilton had something to do with that.

We are blessed to have some very creative, crafty people in our group. Every year for the past several, Debi Drake has made original somethings to raffle off for contributions to Manna. I did win a cute little decorated Christmas tree, there was a gorgeous wreath and I'll be danged if I can remember the other item, No big deal - they were all very well done. Thanks so much Deb.

We had a "silent auction" for the Cat quilt top a friend had donated as a fund raiser for the sagging Kamper treasury. It was no surprise that Cheryl

Templeton was all over that like white on rice. I told her I would have it layered and quilted within the week and, wonder of wonders, I did. Let me tell ya this though, after quilting for 3 ¾ days, I was REALLY happy to see that thing finished. I swear I'm afflicted with adult onset of ADD. Sticking with one thing that long is crazy making.

There were a lot of very happy raffle prize winners. Pam Ewald wanted the afghan crocheted by Beverly Erickson in the worst way and Lo and Behold she won it. My daughter Stacey really wanted it too and I asked if it was the colors, but she said that she wanted it just because Beverly made it. Guess I'm chopped liver LOL - although I'm not able to crochet any longer.

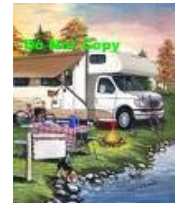
Geez, the raffle went on an on and I didn't get one thing I wanted. BUT after 15 years and being very unlucky when it comes to 50/50's either at campouts or the Brunch. WAHOO - - this was the year. Yup, Bill and I won the 50/50.

Last but not least, the table decorations were awarded to a person who was number 4 seated from the person seated in a specific position. Gene Ewald was the winner of that game. Come to think of it, my daughter made out like a bandit. Since Pam and Gene are traveling in their motor home, they had no room for it in the rig and Pam gave it to Stacey. One very happy young lady.

All in all, it appeared that everyone had a terrific time and again, the food was outstanding at least from what I sampled. Of course shrimp, oysters and all types of seafood are fabulous in my book. It would be wonderful to see more of you next year. If there's anything to do to make this event more attractive, let one of the Kamper officers know and we'll do what we can to "fix it"!

## **Upcoming Campouts**

February 12-13-California RV Acton  
March 12-13-Newport Dunes  
April 9-10-Camp Comfort  
May 14-15-Kenney Grove-Chili Cookoff  
June 9-12-Santa Barbara Lodge



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## OUR HISTORY

Dave Naccarato, PER



## Elks - Partners In Scouting

By Jerry Serrota

\*October 5, 1947- Brother Harry S. Truman, a member of Independence, MO Lodge makes first televised presidential address.

\*Sept. 8, 1946-The Elks Memorial was rededicated in Chicago and the Elk who pulled the flag aloft that day was John "Jack" Bradley of Appleton, WI. He was also one of the Marines who raised the American Flag at Mt. Suribachi in Iwo Jima.

\*March 17, 1889- Members of the Boston and Omaha Lodges bring the body of Charles Vivian from Leadville CO to Boston MA.

\*July 5, 1903- The present Elks emblem was adopted.

\*June 8, 1868- The first B.P.O.E. fund raiser was held at the Academy of Music at 14th Ave. and Irving Place in NYC.

\*In 1923, the Green Bay Elks Lodge held a benefit to raise money for the Green Bay "Packers" football team.

\*December 10 1941-The Elks lost the Manila Lodge #741 to the Japanese Invasion, and on January 4th, 1942 the Agana Guam Lodge #1281 was overrun. 489 Elks and their families spent the rest of the war in Japanese concentration camps.

\*March 20, 1870- The first Lodge of Sorrows was held for Brothers George Farmer and John Glenn on the same date in 1880 as the founder of the B.P.O.E., Charles Vivian, passed away of pneumonia in Leadville CO.

\*February 18 1889- GER Meade D. Detwiler of Harrisburg Lodge secured the Elks first gavel, an ebony instrument made by "Jolly Cork" J.G. Wilton.

\*February 8, 1908- Elk member Frank Herring of South Bend, IN Lodge, proposed a national Mother's Day.

\*June 6, 1904- The members of the San Diego CA. Lodge #168 performed the first Elks Flag Day Service.

\*Feb. 12, 1871- The first Grand Lodge meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm at 114-116 East 13th St. in New York City.

\*November 1, 1937-The B.P.O.E. began a radio blitz aimed at safety on America's highways, a program that reduced fatalities by 27% during a thirteen week period.

\*December 1, 1889, Allen O. Myers, a member of the Columbus Lodge No. 37 in Ohio, named the first Sunday of December as Elk Memorial Day.

\*September 30, 1908- PGER John Tener of the Charleroi Lodge umpired a spirited baseball game between a team from Greensburg Lodge #511 and the Boston Red Sox, led by Cy Young. The Elks won 2-0.

THOUSAND OAKS, California (YN) - On Sunday December 20, 2009 a Boy Scouts of America, Court of Honor was held for Dion Kucera at the Teledyne Scientific Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. with more than 200 friends, family and guests. Dion is a member of Troop 754 sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. Dion was presented with a plaque, American Flag, and his name was inscribed in a permanent plaque that hangs in the ante room of the Lodge.

With the help of 29 volunteers totaling nearly 230 hours of work, Dion's Eagle Project repaired an 80 foot trail at the Conejo Valley YMCA. The project entailed adding 14 railroad ties as "steps", and clearing brush along the side of the trail and adding woodchips for beautification. According to Dion, "The project was an incredible success, and it couldn't have been possible without the help of donors, scouts, adults, family, and friends. I would also like to thank Mr. Reynolds for his guidance on my Eagle Project."



Bill Miller, Com. Scouting Chair, Bill Sternberg, GL Scouting Chair, Dion Kucera, Eagle Scout, Terry Gicking, Exalted Ruler BPO Elks #2477, Greg Metzger, DDGER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 HAVE A DRINK ON THE  
 LODGE  
 DURING YOUR BIRTHDAY  
 MONTH  
 COUPON ON PAGE 13

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**Leo Rodriquez**

2009-10 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**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:** Sally Claunch, PER



**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Dave Pearson  
**LODGE PICNIC:** Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Terry Baker, Ben Reiger  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Mike Flannery

**HOOP**



**SHOOT**

We held another Elk Hoop Shoot to our neighboring elementary school.. Our turnout last November wasn't the best, so we asked the principal at Conejo Elementary if we could hold a hoop shoot at the school. She put me in touch with Coach Donald Pascuala who liked the idea. On January 18th we held it. 20 kids participated.. I'd like to thank Tom Hartin for helping. Tom is always ready when it comes to kids. Robert Arbetman helped us score the kids and Dave Anderson helped load the table and chairs needed to put on the event. Dave had to take off, but Max Maxwell came by at the end and helped us load up. The Hoop Shoot does fall under the Loyal Knight's chair. However Steve Smith works nights and he gave up sleep to come out and give us a hand. Again thank you.

**David Naccarato, Hoop Shoot Chair**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!....**



Gerry Gilies and Dwight Williams for repairing our Elk train. Many days and hours were spend on the project. Now it is ready for parades and special events, or roaming the neighborhood giving rides to grandchildren.

Top picture-Dwight with his masterpiece  
 Bottom picture-Gerry behind the the wheel



*A Cubit A Day and They'll Walk, Talk, See and Play*

**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project**

Man's good deeds are often born of dreams which have found a time and place. Such was the case with the Major Project. It was but a dream until 1950 when the Elks adopted the program and assured it a future that grows bigger and brighter with each passing year. Ever-increasing need for services is met by the Elks members and friends of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. From its humble beginnings in Eureka, the program expanded further: north to the Oregon border, the Sierra Nevada, the valley farmlands, the southern deserts to the Mexican border and across miles of ocean to the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Hawaii. The Major Project then broadened its scope with a program to screen preschool children for vision deficiencies. The

California-Hawaii Elks again moved forward by establishing annual grants to provide direct medical care for eligible children with vision deficiencies. The Elks also provide undergraduate university and vocational school scholarships to students with disabilities. You and the members of your lodge are the reason the Major Project "Piggy Bank" program succeeds in reaching out and touching over 60,000 children each year.

***Remember that all donations to the Major Project "Piggy Bank" program are tax deductible.***

**Elks Care ~ Elks Share  
 Serving Our Children Since 1950**

2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> <b>Patricia Peterson</b>	2009-2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block</b> <b>SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriquez</b> <b>TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler</b> <b>AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski</b> <b>TELEPHONE: Patti Serota</b>		<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull</b> <b>CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell</b> <b>MAJOR PROJECTS: Niki Case</b> <b>SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski</b> <b>HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks</b> <b>CVD: Alice Kennedy &amp; Marilyn Cissell</b>

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

Can you believe it is February already? It is time for our annual Major Project Fund Raiser. This year is 70's Flashback Disco. Come out and try LSD. (It is not what you are thinking) The event is at the lodge February 6, 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$20. Come out and support this event.

It is also time to get new officers for next year. Please consider holding an office next year. Come out for our next meeting February 2, 2010.

Now I leave you with thoughts of Valentine's Day:

**Valentine's Day** or **Saint Valentine's Day** is a holiday celebrated on February 14 by many people throughout the world. In the English-speaking countries, it is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending **Valentine's cards**, **presenting flowers**, or offering **confectionery**. The holiday is named after two among the numerous Early Christian **martyrs** named **Valentine**. The day became associated with **romantic love** in the circle of **Geoffrey Chaucer** in the **High Middle Ages**, when the tradition of **courtly love** flourished.

The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines". Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged **Cupid**. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced **greeting cards**. The sending of Valentines was a fashion in nineteenth-century Great Britain, and, in 1847, Esther Howland developed a successful business in her Worcester, Massachusetts home with hand-made Valentine cards based on British models. The popularity of Valentine cards in 19th century America, where many Valentine cards are now general greeting cards rather than declarations of love, was a harbinger of the future commercialization of holidays in the United States. It's considered one of the **Hallmark holidays**.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Grace Wallace-1
- Jackie Coley-5
- Pam Smith-8
- Pat Smail-9
- Jeanne Sandt-10
- Karen Naccarato-14
- Margaret Thornton-16
- Gayla Lindquist-23
- Kathy Jenkins-24



**YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH US**  
**Marilyn Cissell**



What would we do without you, Lord?  
no matter what, you're always there.  
In this troubled world of ours,  
you listen to hear our every prayer.

We love, we honor and praise you, God,  
we thank you for your mercy and grace.  
With illness, losses, hardships and more  
we're still protected by your strong embrace

Amen

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**Mary Woodlief 's Aunt Carolyn's  
 Broccoli Casserole  
 The Star of the New Year's Eve Buffet**

3-4 cups chopped fresh broccoli or 2 pkg.  
 (10 oz.) chopped frozen broccoli, well  
 drained

1 can cream of chicken mushroom soup  
 1 cup mayonnaise  
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
 2 eggs  
 Buttered crumbs

Beat eggs and add soup,  
 mayonnaise, and cheese. Add broccoli  
 and pour into greased 9x13" pan.  
 Sprinkle on buttered crumbs. Bake 30  
 minutes @ 350 degrees until lightly  
 browned.

Buttered Crumbs  
 ½ cup bread crumbs  
 2 Tbsp. butter  
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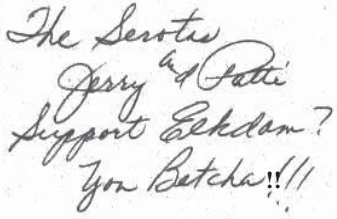











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