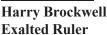
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# LET'S DO IT

A while back it was suggested to me I should cut back on the size of my monthly articles because members are not inclined to read longer messages. When following that advice, I have subsequently been questioned by some with: WHY?

Often I have heard that satisfaction exists with many concerns being openly addressed and consequently expanding on known items is desired. Therefore I am compelled to continue highlighting areas deemed worthy of the consideration for ALL members. I am confident the harbingers of "the monthly articles are too long" are sincere. Yet restricting openness with our membership is too valuable to sacrifice. The need to know more about a wider range of topics is prompted by our now exercising only a minimal number of meetings each month.

This month we can start off with the exceptionally good news of reporting to you on the outstanding presentation made during the recent national convention by our member PDDGER Richard Goldner. His introduction to an estimated 1,500 attending Elks included a loud and clear recognition of his home Lodge – ours! The first measure of a truly successful presentation was that immediately following it a large entourage descended on him at the Public Relations Exhibit in the nearby Exhibition Hall wanting more details on how to; why; and of course help!

In preparing for this effort Richard drew upon many resources available to him from our Lodge. His electronically driven power point presentation and accompanying hard copy descriptive literature were developed, over time, principally by our members Paul Wagner, Tiler; and Kira Wagner, Esteemed Lecturing Knight. He also recruited the major domo talents of Brother Tom Hartin to schedule and implement needed activities of the exhibit hall demands.

Because our team truly excelled in every aspect of these needs our Lodge enjoys an unparalleled image of success today throughout Elkdom.

Incidentally, the descriptive material suggested above is exactly the same tri-fold brochure sent every local Lodge member a few weeks ago. It is also available at our weekly Bar-B-Q wagon for prospective members to review. (And, keep!)

Since we have embarked on an effort to recruit more members by suggesting to our existing members that bringing in a prospect to the Lodge as a social gesture leads me to ask that all members, every night after six o'clock p.m. consider wearing a shirt with a collar. I am not seeking the house committee's endorsement or subsequently asking for an adjusted house rule. I am just asking that we share in the efforts of those who do want to help grow our Lodge by presenting a better image. T-shirts, especially in the evenings, are not always impressive to a prospective member. Let's help each other.

Another 2010 national convention related experience was our hosting another annual District Exalted Rulers going away party the evening before departing for Orlando, FL. The food was terrific, the entertainment great, and the visitors' enjoying themselves was indescribable. Be certain to put this party on your next year's calendar.

Expressing our opinions may not always be a good thing – we should learn to share our attitudes and thoughts with the most appropriate person whom can react and positively remedy a perceived need. Frequently, opinions are misunderstood and received as criticisms, and simply put that can cause hurt feelings and a loss of communications between people, even friends. We are all volunteers and deserve supportive efforts, not possibly misunderstood caustic commentary. In truth we need each other!

A great political philosopher is quoted as saying, "The only thing constant is change." Be nearby to support one who has the courage to suggest change, and even closer if it should fail.

Your choosing me to fulfill this position is an honor, and I feel so comfortable amongst the many who give us such great performances in accomplishing the needs of our Lodge. Thank you for the opportunity.

Best regards,

Harry Brockwell Exalted Ruler





# SANDER MOSS 2010-2011 WCCD VICEPRESIDENT CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

Sander was born in Quincy, Illinois, but was raised in the San Fernando Valley in California. He attended Pierce College, the University of Colorado at Boulder and Northern Arizona University where he majored in Business/Marketing.

While attending NAU, Sander was initiated in the Flagstaff Elks Lodge #499 where he served as Chaplain and as Esquire. After college Sander moved back to California and began working as a licensed general contractor. He then transferred his membership in the Elks to Ventura Lodge #1430 and served again as both Chaplain and Esquire. In 1993 Sander moved to Toppenish, Washington and was employed by the City of Toppenish as a Building Official/Fire Fighter and was a volunteer Fire Fighter with Yakima County District 5. He transferred to Lower Valley Elks Lodge #2112. In 1996, Sander became employed at UCLA as a Building Inspector and then a Deputy Fire Marshal. After eight years at UCLA he became a State Fire Marshal and has worked for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for over six years.

Mr. Moss has been an active Elk for over 25 years and after transmitting to Simi Valley Elks Lodge #2492 in 1998, he continued through the chairs serving as Exalted Ruler in 2002-2003. He has served the West Central Coast District as Youth Activities/Soccer Shoot and BLT Chairman and was the Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2008-2009.

Sander met his lovely wife, Annie, one night while visiting Tri-Cities, Washington and the two were married 42 days later in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. They have been married for 16 years and have been blessed with two sons, Alex (14) and Ricky (12).



#### 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**"

Jim Kellogg

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**LEADING KNIGHT**Steve Smith



I've taken the liberty to glean some information from the Grand Lodge web site regarding ENF. I hope you find it informative and inspire you to become more energetic in supporting our ENF fund raising efforts..

#### **Elks National Foundation Mission Statement**

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

#### How is the Elks National Foundation Helping California-Hawaii?

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial.

You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in our state. During the 2009-10 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$673,462.45 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

State Charities Grant: \$629,290.00 Special Projects Grant: \$413,950.00

Bonus Grant: \$239,870.00

Portions of these grants will also support our state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

Most Valuable Student: \$292,000.00

Legacy Award: \$112,000.00

ENF will award a total of 73 "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to high school seniors from our state. In addition, ENF will award up to 28 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and step-children of Elks.

National Veterans Service Commission: \$34,380.00 These funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

Grand Total: \$1,721,490.00

That's a ratio of 2.556 for every dollar the Foundation received from our state last year.

Since inception in 1928 through March 31, 2010, the Foundation has granted a total of \$31,216,463.29 to our state, compared with our state's total donations of \$27,967,350.74. That's a ratio of 1.116 for every dollar the Foundation has received from our state.



LOYAL KNIGHT Leo Rodriquez



A reprint of a newspaper article about a lady who embodied our philoshophy concerning veterans-so long as there are veterans we will not forget them.

Pamela Murphy, widow of WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8, 2010. She was the widow of the most decorated WWII hero and actor, Audie Murphy, and established her own distinctive 35 year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration hospital, treating every veteran who visited the facility as if they were a VIP.

Any soldier or Marine who came into the hospital got the same special treatment from her. She would walk the hallways with her clipboard in hand making sure her boys got to see the specialist they needed.

If they didn't, watch out. Her boys weren't Medal of Honor recipients or movie stars like Audie, but that didn't matter to Pam. They had served their country. That was good enough for her. She never called a veteran by his first name. It was always "Mister." Respect came with the job.

"Nobody could cut through VA red tape faster than Mrs. Murphy," said veteran Stephen Sherman, speaking for thousands of veterans she befriended over the years. "Many times I watched her march a veteran who had been waiting more than an hour right into the doctor's office. She was even reprimanded a few times, but it didn't matter to Mrs. Murphy. "Only her boys mattered. She was our angel." Audie Murphy died broke in a plane crash in 1971, squandering million of dollars on gambling, bad investments, and yes, other women. "Even with the adultery and desertion at the end, he always remained my hero," Pam told me.

She went from a comfortable ranch-style home in Van Nuys where she raised two sons to a small apartment - taking a clerk's job at the nearby VA to support herself and start paying off her faded movie star husband's debts.

At first, no one knew who she was. Soon, though, word spread through the VA that the nice woman with the clipboard was Audie Murphy's widow. It was like saying General Patton had just walked in the front door. Men with tears in their eyes walked up to her and gave her a hug. "Thank you," they said, over and over.

The first couple of years, I think the hugs were more for Audie's memory as a war hero. The last 30 years, they were for Pam. One year I asked her to be the focus of a Veteran's Day column for all the work she had done. Pam just shook her head no.

"Honor them, not me," she said, pointing to a group of veterans down the hallway. "They're the ones who deserve it." The vets disagreed. Mrs. Murphy deserved the accolades, they said.

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# LECTURING KNIGHT Kira Wagner



"Quick to hear the cry of distress, timorous of doing wrong and fleet of foot to relieve the unfortunate..." I believe this portion of the charge as delivered from my station goes hand in hand with a well-known portion of Luke "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you". These words all speak of a willingness to speak from the heart about what you or I need. So I have a request from those of you reading this article this month... There's enough about what we can't do and what the problems are and I would like to see us continue down the road of what IS possible, how we CAN change and grow – all tempered with Brotherly Love.

In one of my favorite musicals which just happens to be playing in Thousand Oaks there is a song with the lyrics, "The world is full of zanies and fools – who don't believe in sensible rules and don't believe what sensible people say – and just because the dewy eyed dopes keep building up impossible hopes ... "Impossible", things are happening every day!" Compliments of Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

It seems to me that the words "impossible", "can't" and "inconceivable" ought to be stricken from the English language. We have example after example of walls being torn down, boundaries being expanded and knowledge being challenged and changed every day.

There are programs out there by the score that dare us to challenge our belief system – look deeply into what is "true" and as more and more of us do that – what was "true" yesterday – isn't today. Just think about the accomplishments of the youth who were honored in May during our scholarship ceremony and how that has changed since many of us were in high school.

We're even told... "with God all things are possible". There are those that would say that it's simply a figure of speech – I believe it means exactly what it says. When I have the power of God on my side (and yes that means when I'm acting from the station of Brotherly Love) then I can do anything. It's my belief that keeps me from doing — whatever it is that I'm challenged to do. And yes, many of the beliefs that I carry are rooted in traditional acceptance of what I've been taught.

Within our order we do many WONDERFUL and fun things from the standpoint of tradition. But, if tradition were the sole motivation I wouldn't be here :) nor would any of the females within our lodge.

Things ARE changing – new members are coming in at the lodge AND getting involved, our community connection is increasing and our worldwide presence is evolving. OK...so that was a plug for the website:) www.elks2477.com, which I hope

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#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

August 14-Elk Ladíes Apprecíatíon Luncheon August 21-Member Car Show August 22-24-Laughlín Tríp

October 16-Mystery Bus Tríp

#### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-494-0330

Carl Lanterman

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** to the family of Jim Kellogg on his passing; the family of Ginny Gabel on her passing; David and Karen Naccarato on the passing of her father; Jim and Ruth Mullen on the passing of his mother

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Mertice Nichols broke her hip; Dick Flittner is hospitalized; Roy Cooper is still in rehab from knee surgery; Dave Maddox is hospitalized with lung problems

**ON THE MEND:** David Naccarato, PER, from double hip surgery; Gina Johnson from back surgery and Lydia Moccaldi from hip surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



# **ENTERTAINMENT**

8/13-Open Jukebox 8/20-Pier One 8/27-One Last Dance



Corinne Richeson, Bar Manager



# CHEA PRESIDENT'S VISITATION TO THE WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

All Elks Invited ~ Get the President's Pin!

The California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) President Hugh Scanlon, his Lady Dale, and some of Hugh's Vice Presidents are coming to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge for dinner Friday August 6th. This is an informal regular Friday night dinner – No speeches, no fancy dress required!

A sit down served dinner by the Ryder Crew.

Rolls and Butter ~ Green Salad by the Crew

Prime Rib by Ryder ~ Salmon by Kozlowski

Krabel's Potatoes by the Crew

Ratatouille by the Crew

Cake and Ice Cream

\$15 Per Person

Formal District Dinner at Simi Lodge Saturday August 7th

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you're taking advantage of and sharing with others. In any case, even the change in the meetings gives us more flexibility when we all get involved.

So, what's the point? Continue to look for ways to grow, get involved and let YOUR voice be heard - always keep your eye on the goals laid out in our mission statement and remember that we are all passionate about the possibilities within Elkdom.

Here's to harmonious relationships!

SHARE THE EXCITEMENT SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER



### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS





Samuel Frankl with sponsor Paul DiNublio Brock Younker with sponsor Carl Lanterman Mac Hays with sponsor Steve Smith HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE







Pat VonWittenberg Konejo Kampers



Surprise, it's not Pat von Wittenberg. No, Pat is on vacation, and as Waggonmasters for our outing at Santa Barbara Elks Lodge, she "LET" me write the article for the Antler. Pat and Bill are off enjoying the sights and sounds of Illinois and Missouri. So, let me start by saying we miss our absent members including officers Pat, Beverly and Joel who is not an officer, but is the official photographer. You'll notice the Kamper website has photos I took and well, let's just say I haven't got the knack for indoor photos yet.

Campers started rolling in on Wednesday, except the Ryders, who arrived on Tuesday. Gladys seemed to have arrived with her own evil leprechaun who decided she should not have A/C or television. Several of the men tried to hog tie the leprechaun, but to no avail. In retaliation, the leprechaun decided she should get locked out of the coach too. Steve Chiszar, the multi-talented RV guru, saved the day on the lockout. In the end it was not the evil leprechaun after all – the campground was not supporting 50 amp power in that space! Among the campers arriving Wednesday were Joe and Judy Nemtusak, Gladys Ennis; Chet and Shirley Kozlowski; Walter and Anne Ogden; Steve Chizar; and naturally, David and me (Jessica) Stull. Joe and Judy were sporting a wonderful new flat screen TV complete with all the gadgets. Thursday Cheryl Templeton showed, with no cats I might add, and on Friday the balance of the group arrived including President Mike and Mary Flannery; Patty and Jim Miller; Jim and Kathy Moye; Ben and Helene Morris; and their friends George and Vicki Stigile. George and Vicki are the newest members of the El Konejo Kampers - welcome.

Wednesday evening the entire group took off for Harry's in Santa Barbara. The food was given an average rating, the ambience very nice, the drinks huge and outstanding, but the company was the best. We all raised our glasses and drank a toast to our beloved Molly Chiszar. Yes, we all had a good time and we know Molly was smiling down from heaven.

Thursday everyone got up at different times (probably in direct proportion to the size for their Harry's drink). By the time I got up and out, several people had gone out golfing including Gladys, Anne, Don Booker (who "hotel camped" with Barbara) and Walter. Walter had new clubs and was anxious to try them out. Don told me he had only played golf three times in 45 years. He said he was pleased as he shot an 87 – then went on to the second hole! Joe, Judy, David and I took off to a swap meet at the Earl Warren Fairgrounds. Nothing special. Later that day, Gladys took Anne and I to a Farmers Market that also was disappointing, yet Gladys was able to find the fresh strawberries she was looking for. She wanted strawberries dipped in chocolate for the Saturday brunch. Who needs pancakes when there is CHOCOLATE? About half the group went to the Lodge

for hamburgers and hot dogs Thursday evening, and the rest of us tried Codys Café, a nearby restaurant. Food and drink delicious, portions large and prices are reasonable. Joe and Judy's granddaughter, Kelly joined us too – perhaps a future Elk? The seven of us headed to the lodge and joined the Ryders to watch the Laker game (they lost, boohoo). Everyone else did their own thing, with the trend continuing most of the day on Friday. Nine of us visited Stearns Wharf Friday afternoon, but the traffic getting there was unbelievably slow. Trinkets and fun junk was about all there was unless you were hungry. Must say, the vistas were spectacular, no wonder everyone loves Santa Barbara. Watching sailboats with the wind gently blowing and the sun warming me - YEAH. Friday we all had dinner at the lodge and it was delicious – stuffed pork chops or whitefish. A big thanks to Tom Ryder who arranged for reserved tables for our group. Some of us tried out the dance floor and that can be seen on the website pictures too.

Come Saturday, we scurried around preparing for our brunch potluck and meeting. Gosh, we had so much food and not all of it was sweet! Deciding that people might want to be on their own on Saturday, we skipped the dinner potluck and did our raffle, sheriff and 50/50 in the morning. A big thanks to Patty Miller for her help with the raffle et al. The Flannery's are the lucky winners of the FREE campout, and the Kozlowski's won the 50/50.

Congratulations to all the winners. Walter and Anne Ogden were treated to a surprise birthday cake and song by the group following breakfast. We all did our "own thing" on Saturday and enjoyed a fire provided by Steve for evening camaraderie. About half the group left on Sunday with the remaining leaving on Monday. The end of another very relaxing campout.

Jessica Stull

# Upcoming Campouts

August 13-14-Oak Park September 17-18-Santa Barbara Lodge October 8-9-Tapo Canyon November 12-13-Kenney Grove December 12-Grand Vista Hotel-brunch

visit the website: http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com



to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



# David Naccarato, PER OUR BEGININGS



By the time the Elks would officially come into existence, the ranks of the Corks had grown to more than 200. It was apparent that potential membership in the organization was tremendous. As the group grew the feeling was that the Corks could and should have some purpose higher than fun and games, a real society. A large club had to have some kind of organization plus a serious purpose or it would fragment and go out of existence. A formal group would mean regular meetings, dues, regulations, a responsible treasury and some sort of ritual. Vivian had created a vitally important nucleus around which greater things might be built. It was December and winter tightened it's hold, one of the regulars would fail to show up, either because of sickness or lack of funds and with their "eat drink and be merry" attitude it also gave them a deep understanding and compassion for those in distress. It happened that one of the original corks died unexpectedly and left a wife and children without any thing just before Christmas. This crystallized the benevolence of the group. They established a continuing collection to support the fatherless family, as well as for other misfortunes that would befall members of the group.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST: Since Mondays meant going back to work meetings would break up around eleven. Any left over food would be sent off to the unemployed performers along with charitable collections. This left the beverages and brought about the first ritual to be transplanted into Elkdom. All would fill their glasses and drink a toast to those whose misfortunes had made them absent from the gathering. To this day at eleven o'clock pm all business at the lodge is halted to allow for the 11 o'clock toast.

ELK, BEAR, BEAVER or BUFFALOES; The committee appointed to create a new benevolent order from the ranks of the Jolly Corks seems to have hit a major snag: what to call the new organization. Charles Vivian was a member of the British Royal Antediluvian order of Buffaloes. He did push for that name here but was overruled. The majority of the membership wanted the new society to be thoroughly American with a truly American name." Buffalo" seemed to fit, but the Order looked for a more suitable animal. "Bears" was put up, but they thought to be savage and surly. "Beavers" were industrious but they were also destructive pests. Foxes were even mentioned but seemed worse. Finally Tom Riggs remembered the massive power and graceful towering antlers of a truly gigantic preserved North American Elk that he had seen on display in P.T. Barnum's Museum on Broadway and Ann Street, which burned down the year

Other facts of the Elk were "distinguished by its fleetness of foot" and "timorous of wrong doing". The Elk also avoided aggressive combat. The Elk preyed upon no other species for it's existence and destroyed nothing—but would fight valiantly in defense of it's own life and those of it's mate and young. The Elk symbolized the ideas and values of this group.

To all lodge members and sponsors. The new lodge year started April 1, 2010. We are now entering August and some members have not paid dues for 2010-2011. Please check the list and if you're a sponsor, call your candidate. If situations have changed, please call the office to let us know. We have 33 delinquent members. We show 386 but take away 33 brings our number down to 353. That's not what we want.

#### Member:

James Andrews Charles Archer Ronald Barron Liz Bell Scott Bulmer Phylicia Bulmer Garry Burcham Jack Carter Lloyd Carter Ricardo Gil

William Goff
Debra Hawthorne
Edward Higgins
Valerie Higgins
Clint Howard
Robert Iritano
Donald Long
Frank Lussier
A. Mc Loud
Glenn Miller
William O'shea
Hubert Ofer

Russell Oviatt Chad Peterson Steve Plymale Michael Ramirez R.D. Routh Bob Saynay Marshall Schreiner Steven Sewell Dale Smith Ron Watkins Lee Westenhiser

The passing of by Kira Wagner



Jim Kellogg

Jim Kellogg was born on September 20, 1919 in the city of Los Angeles and proposed for membership in the BPOE by Sherwood McDonald on August 18, 1993 during the time that Jim Wallace was the Exalted Ruler

It's been said if you want something done give the task to a busy person and as such Jim was "busy" personified.

Jim was an engineer and retired as an Aerospace Consultant having served as the president of the society of aerospace Materials and Process Engineers, involved with Automotive Engineers Society, the aircraft Industries Association and a member of the Masons.

A Navy man and stationed at Pearl Harbor he was given an early discharge due to the end of the war, however he never forgot our Veterans.

The Elks say that as long as there are Veterans in our hospitals they will never be forgotten and taking that to heart Jim worked with our Veterans committee for many years going to the V.A. facility in Sepulveda to play Bingo and bring snacks for our Veterans. He saw to it that the Veterans were invited to our yearly Veterans remembrance brunch that the Lodge held and still holds every November.

Brother Jim Kellogg passed away June 24th at 90 years of age and we had a memorial service on July 22.

#### 2010-2011COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

# THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson

#### 2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Alice Kennedy

SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriquez TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski TELEPHONE: Patti Serota



PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Sally Claunch SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks CVD: Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

#### The Builder's Creed

I watched them tearing a building down
A gang of men in a busy town,
With a ho, heave, ho and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and a wall fell.
I asked the foreman, Are these men skilled?
The men you'd hire if you had to build?
He laughed as he replied, No, indeed
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two what build

I can easily wreck in a day or two what builders have taken years to do.

I asked myself as I went away
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care
Measuring life by rule and square?
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town
Content with the labor of tearing down?

Now the question, are you a builder or a dismantler? A builder sees problems as challenges and seeks solutions: a dismantler sees problems in every solution. A builder sees flaws and tries to fix them: the dismantler sees flaws in every fix. We need more builders.

So for all you builders out there, we thank you for all your help. On August 14th, the Elks Ladies are having their annual Appreciation Luncheon. We hope you will join us for a wonderful afternoon.

Pam Smith won our raffle drawing in the amount of \$23. Unfortunately Cherri Peterson was not at the meeting, so she didn't win the bubble drawing.

God Bless - Alice Kennedy



Elk Ladies and Friends serving up Father's Day Brunch-(l-r) Madelaine Brockwell, Lynn Rodriquez, Carol Fredericks, Cheryl Templeton, Myrna and Jay Block, Bob Arbetman and Patti Serota

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Sharon Baker-2 Beth Kozlowskí-2 Maríe Wagner-2 Níkí Case-9 Jeanne Sandt-10 Myrna Block-26 Gladys Ennís-30



#### WE PRAISE YOU WHILE WE WAIT



We thank you Lord for listening, You hear our every prayer, In praise, we wait for answers, There's no how, when or where.

With endless possibilities
And so much more than yes or no,
Results will be your will for us,
God's steady blessings forever flow.

Amen

Help Fund
Our Scholarship
Program
Bring your aluminum
cans, plastic and glass bottles
to the Lodge
Drop off at Wed. meetings
or at Sat. BBQ
by rear entrance to the bar
parking lot

### **OFFICERS 2010-2011**

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#### **HONOR ROLL**



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Incredibly, in 2002, Pam's job was going to be eliminated in budget cuts. She was considered "excess staff."

"I don't think helping cut down on veterans' complaints and showing them the respect they deserve, should be considered excess staff," she told me.

Neither did the veterans. They went ballistic, holding a rally for her outside the VA gates. Pretty soon, word came down from the top of the VA. Pam Murphy was no longer considered "excess staff." She remained working full time at the VA until 2007 when she was 87.

"The last time she was here was a couple of years ago for the conference we had for homeless veterans," said Becky James, coordinator of the VA's Veterans History Project. Pam wanted to see if there was anything she could do to help some more of her boys. Pam Murphy was 90 when she died. What a lady.

Dennis McCarthy, Los Angeles Times on April 15, 2010 ~

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



Darryl Kopacz-1 James Barker-18 James Mullen-1 Jane Watson-20 Erle Pittman-1 Jav Peterson-22 Janine Van Poppelen-1 Scott Bulmer-24 William Maxwell-2 Joel Erickson-24 David Naccarato, PER-2 Myrna Block-26 Mike Ferragamo-3 Bill Burmester-26 R.D. Routh-3 John Gentzvein-28 William Doody-4 Gil Riding, PDDGER-28 Joe Medrano-4 Dan Johnson-29 Robert Wyman-30 Steven Ogden-11 Frank Coley-14 Daniel Kozlowski-31

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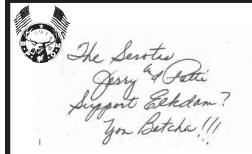
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