



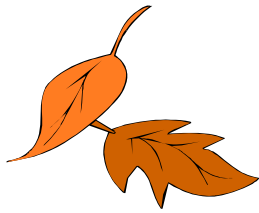
Harry Brockwell  
Exalted Ruler



# ANTLER ANTICS

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## LET'S DO IT



### Thousand Oaks Elks 2477 2010 Charity Event

# Let's Have a Ball in the Fall

## Saturday - November 13, 2010

**Cocktails - 6:00 pm**

**Dinner - 7:00 pm**

Spectacular Pasta Bar: Meatballs, Chicken, Italian Sausage and Vegetables by the Wild Women on Wine

(Including wine served at your table)

Chocolate Éclairs

**Drawings - Music - Dancing**

**\$25.00 per person**

Tickets are available at the bar.  
Proceeds go towards the Charity Basket Program.  
For more info, please contact your Leading Knight Steve Smith



**EXALTED RULER****Harry Brockwell**

Wow!" Now we're really getting into our "don't have time to chat, just gotta get it done" season. From now till February we have a calendar so jammed tight with events and responsibilities, I hope each of us have time to be gracious and kind to each events sponsors and facilitators.

November means we're off and running to the Mid Term CHEA Convention, this year in Santa Clara, CA. An especially important affair inasmuch as our Leading Knight, Steve Smith, will be on the cusp of ringing in a new year as Exalted Ruler. Steve's admirable work habits to date are ingredients that assure we'll have an outstanding person at the helm.

As we motor into the month of November we'll be visited by Chef William Bloxsom-Carter of the Playboy Mansion delivering know how and expertise on how to make and enjoy hors d'oeuvres that bring specialty status to our holidays, which are following close behind. That day of elevated culinary learning will be November 11, a Thursday, and tickets are selling fast. (View the enclosed special flyer.) Contact our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Kira Wagner, for additional information.

The following day, November 12, we'll be conducting a major news event highlighting Ms. Abby Sunderland, the Thousand Oaks young woman who nearly circumnavigated the world alone. Very few people attempt such a feat and since she graces our neighborhood, we are going to let the world know just how special she really is to our community. Plan now to participate and inform member Boyd Lindquist, committee co-chair, who is overseeing the logistics of getting everything in order.

On Saturday, November 13 we'll be celebrating our annual Charity Dinner, this year entitled "The Ball in the Fall". Be certain to see the menu as described on their flyer herein and produced by those who desire to be known as the "Wild Women on Wine". That name coupled with the often measures of success they've already delivered assure us of a fun filled and worthwhile evening. Many of the accoutrements: drawings, live music, dancing, etcetera, things we've become accustomed to having from these ladies will also be available.

November 14, Sunday, brings us an event that is honoring our nation's Flag, and will be facilitated by both the Lodge Esquire and our sponsored Boy Scout Troop #754. Masters of ceremonies for this extravaganza will fall on the shoulders of PER, Bill Sternberg, and our Lodge Esquire, Robert Jones. Be early to get a seat for this very special event.

This annual holiday season has a lead off batter called Thanksgiving, one of the nation's premier windows of our good fortune. Thanks are to be offered for the lifestyles,

**continued on page 4****LEADING KNIGHT****Steve Smith**

As Elks we know, "charity is the greatest of all the virtues and that it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives." It will be over the next two months that we as Elks will be most challenged to open our hearts and live up to the charitable tasks we undertake every year at this time. Of course, I am referring to our major local fund raiser, the Charity Ball, and our major local charity event, the delivery of food and gift baskets to families in need. I say challenging simple because these two events require the involvement of every Elk at a variety of levels. I should also point out that without the extensive involvement of our newer members these events could be in jeopardy. We have mostly relied on the same members year in and year out. It's time to begin passing the torch, one match at a time. This year I have been blessed with a collection of committee members who are making my experience with the management of these events more of a learning experience than one of managing. Their support and efforts are priceless. I hope to be of some value to future Leading Knights when they are faced with this responsibility.

What am I getting at? **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!** As I mentioned, participation of every member is needed at some level. Some are out of state. We've created a special raffle prize just for them. Or they can donate a prize to be raffled. Either way, they are involved.

For those right here in So. Cal. bodies, bodies, bodies. We need hands. Let me begin by giving you some dates. The Charity Ball a.k.a. "The Ball in the Fall" will be on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>. The charity baskets will be delivered on the Saturday before Christmas December 18<sup>th</sup>. These events require preparation. The Ball in the Fall will need help decorating and setting up tables, clean up the day after so the Sunday breakfast will not be delayed.

The biggest volunteer effort will be for the basket delivery. Preparation for this event is daunting. Everything will be based on a families list which I am currently acquiring from local charities. Volunteers will be needed for creating a staging area which involves organizing tables, and numbering them based on the list; assembling and taping the boxes used to cart the food and gifts; labeling the boxes according to the list; creating delivery routes based on the list; stocking the boxes as the list indicates for each family and so on.

Prior to all of that delivery stuff we need to purchase the food. I'll get to the gifts later. Tom Hartin will be holding my hand during this process. Much of the food is purchased at the Port Hueneme Naval Base Post Exchange. Other vendors and donors are involved as well. They will be recognized for their participation when I learn of their involvement. We anticipate anywhere between 65 and 100 families receiving charity baskets. As you can imagine an average of four members per family will generate a whole lot of food. Delivery of that much food from the

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**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
**Leo Rodriguez**



I wish a Happy November to all our members, in our happy Lodge 2477. As we start the month of November, we start thinking of all the wonderful things that will happen in this month.

Thanksgiving Day is a time for family, bachelors, widows, widowers and our Lodge family to come together and give thanks for all the wonderful things that have been given to us as member of this lodge. The lodge will be serving the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce will be on the menu and we are asking for donations of pies for dessert.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a Veterans' Brunch and we invite you to come and honor our veterans who will be coming and visiting with us on that day. As in years before, the wonderful Elks Ladies have again volunteered to help us in this show of patriotism. I would like to thank them for all their time and generosity in helping us in this endeavor of honoring our fellow veterans.

Lodge activities fall under the chair of the Loyal Knight and in order to be successful in our activities we need volunteers. The holidays are a wonderful time for our members to step forward. Not only do we get things done, but also we have the wonderful memories of how we helped someone in need. We will be needing help with the Christmas tree lot and with the Christmas baskets this year and volunteer lists will be posted in the lodge for all that would like to join us in our endeavors.



**OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY**

<http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>



**On the right hand side you will see 3 videos.  
Just below them there is a link called see all.  
Click that to see all of them**



**LECTURING KNIGHT**  
**Kira Wagner**



As a singer, I know that my "instrument" is dynamic – it's always changing and a "static" state never exists. Performing is not like riding a bicycle – once you learn you have to keep moving forward so that the muscles can respond to the demands or effectively, you will be moving backwards.

Our lodge is like that too, always in a state of flux, ever changing. New members are needed just to maintain the membership numbers with the passing or moving away of others. We require even more members to expand. Upkeep is required to prolong the life of our building and we have experienced the costs incurred when we put it aside for another day. Enhancement of our surroundings creates an air of excitement and energy.

New activities at the lodge give us the opportunity to encourage participation in ways that may not have been possible even 5 years ago (consider the installation of wireless internet or the large screen/DVD player).

All of these changes and opportunities are a part of our growth within the community as well as Elkdom. However, a key to that growth also includes a solid foundation and an understanding of the history and events of yesterday. When voices of wisdom, reason, knowledge and traditions of yesterday are sounding forth in harmony with the experiments, energy, prospects and ideas of tomorrow, we establish a balance and blend that will provide us with an organization that will be around for another 100 years.

Our lodge benefits with your participation. It grows when you take part. I've seen it happen – the success of the picnic is a direct result of all of the members who participated in the different events (take a look at the blog if you would like to see more about that). Therefore, if you are here and active in positively supporting the meetings, fundraisers, BBQ, charities and other events...thank you... you make our lodge a place that has possibilities and opportunities. If not – I hope to see you around again one day very soon. Ponder a portion of this well-known poem and remember that we're stronger together than we are apart.

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,*

*When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,*

*When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest, if you must, but don't  
you quit.*

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**Exalted Ruler continued from page 2**

and freedoms, we enjoy while keeping our country's interest near and dear in our hearts. I ask for special memories to occupy your thoughts especially when recalling the efforts being exerted by our military in far off hostile lands. This surely indicates how important our month of November is in filling our annual calendars.

However, the first week following and starting off our December, we celebrate our own Elks Memorial Day. A day reflecting our sanctity in honoring our members lost during this past year. An awesome day of recalling the contributions each of them made on our behalf. A special day for honoring the spouses whom the departed have left behind yet remain an integral part of our Lodge's being.

Since we're anticipating so many events coming in these next few weeks I ask everyone to examine how they might be able to exercise their ability to impact them positively, and how they can enter into a new realm of service to the Lodge by offering their personal skills to support the respective chairpersons

Best regards

**Lecturing Knight continued from page 3**

*Success is failure turned inside out— The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,*

*And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems so far,*

*So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit— It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.*

~ Author unknown

Regardless of where these musings find you – as Thanksgiving approaches may your heart be filled with gratitude and appreciation for any friends and family you are blessed to have around you and may the harmony in this world of Elkdom provide sweet music.

In Brotherly Love



**Johnny D and Marva with grandson, Trevor Peckham, posing for the camera at the cancer awareness fundraiser**

**Leading Knight continued from page 2**

sources to our lodge is a huge task in itself. Please, if you can help in this area, call me.

Finally, delivery. Pick-up trucks, SUV's, vans, station wagons (if they even still make those relics any more) are all needed. If you drive a little rice burning four-banger like me, volunteer to help as a loader and carrier with the delivery vehicle.

Bottom line is....the more who participate the less we all have to do.

Now for the gifts. Last year we held a toy drive in conjunction with the Toys for Tots Marine Corps effort during a Saturday barbeque. It was very successful. We will also have our own toy donation barrel in the lodge for those who would like to participate. Other efforts to encourage toy donations are being discussed which will be announced forthcoming.

Okay, back to the charity ball. The Ball in the Fall. hosted by the Wild Women on Wine!! This will be a global theme i.e. the Ball as in a sphere and bringing forth raffle prizes with a particular theme from a different part of the world. Golf prizes, art prizes and more will be developed over the next few weeks including gift baskets as Elks usually enjoy. More current announcements of prizes will be included in the letters you will all receive soon. And finally, the ball wouldn't be a ball without live entertainment provided by the ever popular One Last Dance.

I hope to see every last one of you at the Ball in the Fall. The Wild Women on Wine will provide you with a culinary delight you will die for. And don't forget to call me to volunteer for our charity basket drive (805) 857-9789.



Honoring Leukemia Awareness Month, PER, John and Marva D'Ambrogio of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 pulled out all the stops with the help of the whole family, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, as they entered the fray the only way they knew how by providing an authentic Italian 5 course meal to benefit research in the fight against Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer.

Answering the call were more than 50 members and friends who attended the sit down dinner and raised over \$1,500 for this worthy charity.

**Jerry Serota**

Marva and I would like to thank those who made our Five Course Dinner a big suggest. Our grandson was pleasantly surprised at the amount raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The final total was \$1,640.00.

I don't want to name individuals as I might forget someone. So a big "THANK YOU" for all your help in cooking, serving, decorating, soliciting prizes, attending the dinner and the very generous donations.

**Johnny "D"**



### David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

The current economic climate and other factors are resulting in more lodges being audited by the IRS. As an organization that is exempt from paying income taxes, Lodges should keep clear, accurate records of their charitable activities and document all sources of income.

Members of the Elks are reminded over and over that their lodges are for members. Guest are welcome, but a guest must be accompanied by a member, and the member must pick up the tab for his or hers guest-at the bar or dining room. When non-members pay for their own food and drink, games, and other services at the lodge, the IRS will treat such payments as taxable unrelated business income. In addition, selling alcohol to non-members could violate state laws governing private clubs. **2009 Government Relations Newsletter.**

**From the September Grand Lodge Newsletter,** "We must always be aware of our non profit status, in keeping this commitment we must keep our doors locked and make sure we have no signage or advertising stating that we are open to the public. We must make sure any and all guests are signed in and that any purchase at the bar, you must make and when you leave the Lodge that your guest leaves with you. Taking care of these small issues can prevent a large disaster from happening within your Lodge".

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at the Lodge on November 14th. We get many flags through the year and we appreciate them. We don't want flags thrown in the trash. We give them a proper retirement. Now some flags are made from nylon, probably because it's cheaper, but it is still a beautiful looking flag. When the sun and wind get to flags, they need to be retired. But nylon flags just melt and they do not make for a good show. Max Maxwell and myself took about 15 boxes of flags that we have been storing in the BBQ room and separated them into nylon and non nylon flags. New member, Kevin Boyle, whose job keeps him pretty busy and he can't volunteer his time at the lodge. Nevertheless he wanted to be involved in some way. Kevin works at Pierce Brothers Cemetery and he was able to come by the lodge and pick up about 7 boxes of our nylon flags to give them a proper retirement in a crematorium. Thank you, Kevin Boyle. We're on our way to getting our BBQ room cleaned up. Please continue to bring in your old flags. In fact, I receive flags in the mail from members out of the area. That's how important the Flag Retirement Ceremony is to these people.



During the last Elk year, we went through the five-year by-law and house rule updates that are required by Grand Lodge. When I went to order more by-law books for our lodge, I was informed that we had to do a complete by-law and house rule revision. A committee was formed and updated our by-laws. After they were sent in and accepted by Judiciary, we had a motion on the floor to go to two meetings a month. The new by-law change to Article IV, section 1 reads, "the regular meetings of this lodge shall be held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month".

Unfortunately our books were already printed with them still saying first four Wednesday evenings.

I write all this to bring everyone up to speed, because we have two motions to change our by-laws once again. And the membership will need to vote on the motions.

The two motions are:

1. Motion made by Bill Sternberg member # 2098 and read on the meeting night of 10/6/2010 "Article IV, Section 1. The regular meetings of this lodge shall be on the first four Wednesday evenings in each month throughout the year.
2. Motion made by Kira Wagner member #2220 "Article IV Section 1. The regular meetings of this lodge shall be held on the first, third, and fourth Wednesday evenings in each month throughout the year. The second Wednesday will be Officers and House Committee meetings.

In both cases the fifth Wednesday will be dark.

The meeting for voting on the motions will be held on November 3rd. This is following Grand Lodge Statute Section 17.060. A Majority vote of the members at the meeting shall be required for adoption

I need to make clear that the motion that receives the most votes is what we will go with. But also in the running is leaving it the way, it is now. The ballot will have three choices

### WELCOME OUR NEW TRUSTEE



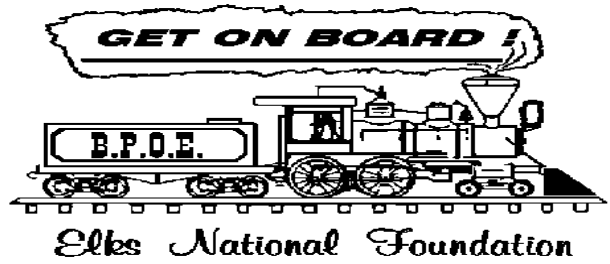
SAM FRANKL

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

November 11-3-E Seminar with Chef Carter  
 November 12- Spirit of America Award  
 November 13-Charity Ball  
 November 14-Flag Retirement  
 November 21-Veteran's Brunch  
 November 25-Thanksgiving Dinner



November/December-Christmas Tree Sales  
 December 5-Elks Memorial Service  
 December 3-Tree Trimming Party  
 December 7-Elk Ladies Holiday Party  
 December 10-ER Holiday Party  
 December 11-Kids Holiday Party  
 December 12-Kampers Holiday Brunch  
 December 14-18 Christmas Basket Program  
  
 February 5-Elk Ladies Buccaneer Bash



You the Thousand Oaks Elks Members and Friends have as of September 26, 2010 donated \$1820 for the 2010-2011 Elks year. That's a per capita of \$4.72. We have met the Grand Exalted Rulers Goal of \$4.50 per member The T~R~T DYNAMITE INDIAN SUMMER BBQ (T~R~T = Tom Hartin ~ Richard Goldner ~ Tom Ryder) was a great success. All in all about \$1,288 will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge ENF as a result of the fund raiser. Should give us a per capita around \$8.05. Need to continue this great effort for the rest of this Elks' year!

Donations Raised at the BBQ:

- Mary Woodleif Ed Rice
- Coleen Morris June Leadam
- Cheryl Templeton Kathy Ryder
- Steve Smith Tom Ryder
- The Thousand Oaks Elks Ladies - \$300

**How is ENF Helping the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA)?**

ENF is giving \$1,721,490 for CHEA committees to use this year. Not a bad return on a \$673,462 donation last year!! That's a \$2.55 return for every dollar donated!! Monies returned to use is designated as follows:  
 CHEA Charities Grant \$629,290  
 Special Projects Grant \$413,950  
 Bonus Grant \$239,870  
 Most Valuable Student \$292,000  
 Legacy Award \$112,000  
 National Veterans Service \$ 34,380

You ask as to how our lodge can get some of this money, We have to ask CHEA for it and explain to CHEA how we are going to use the funds for the good of our community!

**Tom Ryder -PDDGER - ENF Chairman**

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

**805-494-0330**

**Carl Lanterman**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**Our Armed Forces who protect us; Roy Cooper and Dick Flittner are still hospitalized, Corrine Eddy's father had a stroke  
**ON THE MEND:** Trustee, Chuck Kudra from a broken foot

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

**ENTERTAINMENT**



November 5-TBA  
 November 19-TBA



**Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager**



**Richard Goldner, PDDGER, preparing monster burgers his way at ENF fundraiser**



Abby  
Sunderland  
Spirit of  
America

I understand the argument made by some that view Abby Sunderland and others like her, to make decisions to push the envelope, which puts others in motion to suddenly react to circumstances that have not been planned for. It exasperates some to have to deal with any kind of set back no matter what its cause. Someone that knowingly puts themselves in harms way, just to fulfill a personal goal or advance a cause that makes others react in an emergency is a problem for many. I do not know what to tell those people that would rather stifle a dream of a 16 year old girl from sailing around the world, just to have her wait until some point in time where the public approves of her undertaking, if ever.

I'm glad that there was no one around to tell Christopher Columbus not to join the Navy at the age of 14 or, Jack Lucas who forged his mother's signature and joined the Marines during WWII at the age of 14, only to receive the Metal of Honor at the age 17 or, Vicki Van Meter, the youngest aviator to fly across the United States in a 172 Cessna at the age of 12 or, Jordan Romero the youngest boy to climb Mount Everest at the age of 13. These people are unique individuals that are goal driven, farsighted, thinkers, and doers. They turn adventure and discovery into purpose. To them, it is as natural as putting on a pair of shoes to keep advancing and achieving through life. It is a shame that some want to penalize them because of age. Who can put an age limit on passion?

It has always been the spirit and the soul of the human to exceed the level of the norm. Why would anyone want to restrict ones ability to solely based on age if that person has been properly trained and vetted to complete the task at hand. Pushing the envelope is what the human sprit is best at. To be a parent of a child that sets goals and acts upon them after investing the time and effort to learn the physical and mental requirements is a huge honor. To know the dangers but still have the confidence to go forward with a dream is a powerful thing.

Its been said that **"It is Far better to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."** Teddy Roosevelt. There is much to say about Abby Sunderland. Like her counterparts throughout history., she has grit. The stuff it takes to do remarkable things.

And she is coming to our Elks Lodge for dinner, to answer our questions and tell some great stories. I hope all will come and meet a truly Great American Sprit.

**Boyd Lindquist**



It's ENF Scholarship Time!!!!

The Elks National Foundation has announced that the 2011 Elks Scholarship Contests Are Under Way. (See [elks.org](http://elks.org)) This year, the amount awarded is scheduled to be \$2,296,000 (\$2.296 MILLION)

There are two (2) types currently offered under this announcement:

- 1) Most Valuable Student Scholarships 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>  
2011 applications are due **December 1, 2010**.
- 2) Legacy Awards applications, **available on-line only**, are due on **February 1, 2011**, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time. If you are the child or grandchild of an active Elk member, visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm) to find out more! Who is eligible? Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm#WhoIsEligible> to learn who is eligible.
- 3) Emergency Educational Grants One-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eefgrants.cfm> for additional information.  
Before applying, please be sure that the applicant meets the following eligibility guidelines.  
The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his or her death.  
or  
The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made.

**Eula McKee-Past First Lady**

I'm lonesome for the Elks. Please give my new address to Elk members.

Thank You,  
Eula McKee.

193 Cottonwood Ln. Monticello, AR. 71655



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



Dee Ansell with sponsor and husband Don Ansell, PER



Robert Wissusik with sponsor Terry Gicking, PER



Robert Wyllie with sponsor Bill Dyer



Brian Thompson with sponsor Dave Naccarato, PER

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE**



DDGER, Dave Coleman, came to visit and gave many awards to our lodge-accepting the honors are (l-r) Harry Brockwell, Exalted Ruler Tom Hartin, Richard Goldner, PDDGER, and Greg Metzgs, PDDGER. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all including First Lady Madeleine and of course Harry--you can tell by the smile





**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

### SEPTEMBER AT THE SANTA BARBARA LODGE

We had early contact with wagon master Tom Ryder running into him (not literally-thank goodness) getting gas in our rigs at Costco. As usual, when Tom and Kathy decide to do something, it's done very well

Absolutely love going to the Santa Barbara Lodge. Wouldn't mind going there three times a year. First of all, the members there are so friendly and welcoming, the food is outrageously good AND there's a bazillion things to do and see in the surrounding area.

Steve Chizar rolled in on Friday and moved on early Sunday morning. Seems he had more partying to do at the marina. You have to admit - he is often the life of the party. Always good to have him around cause he's our only Bruins fan/supporter.

There were several couples out that we do not see nearly often enough. June and John Leadham and Carroll and Pete Stewart.

June and John were out an about socializing and appeared to really be enjoying themselves.

It came as a total surprise when I saw Pete taking the trash to the dumpster. Had no idea they were there. That's okay they were just really relaxing - after all what is a campout for? I have really missed Carroll, so went to their rig to chat for a while. We were having such a good gab-fest completely lost track of time, I totally missed Thursday night hot dogs and hamburgers at the Lodge.

Pete is a real pistol, after years in the Navy, standing in line for chow - he refuses to get in line for food - your loss Pete, Friday night dinner at the Lodge was awesome. The line moves quickly. Those people have it down to a science. They serve for 45 minute. Ya snooze, ya lose.

Friday morning Joe Nemtuzak asked where I had disappeared to on Thursday evening. Somebody missed me (giggle).

Tom and Kathy had wonderful appetizers at their rig before going to the Lodge for dinner Friday night. Understand Joel Erickson had made a new, marvelous concoction but didn't get a sample of that .

John and Cherri Peterson blew into town early Saturday morning, about 1:00 a.m I'm told. Made it to brunch with a pitcher of bloody marys, umm. Geez, they also blew out early Sunday morning. Nonetheless, got to visit with Cherri and their puppy Vinnie for a while Saturday afternoon.

Quite a few of us stayed over Sunday night. The Flannery's grandkids came up on Sunday. Shawn and Jennifer took Casey to the zoo. Several of us got to pass the twins, who look NOTHING alike, around. They are really darling little boys and pretty good too Hope I spell

their names right. Carrigh is the larger of the two and has brown eyes and dark hair. Riley is smaller, blue eyed and almost red hair. Maybe it will be red like grandpa, Mike.

At the meeting, Mike announced the Nominating Committee to find officers for the upcoming year. After at least the last seven plus years, I'm tired. I'd like a break Folks this isn't brain surgery, but it does require attendance at the majority of the campouts. Remember this position does NOT include writing for the Antler Antics, prior to my taking on this task, Shirley Kozlowski and Carol Ewald wrote the article. I do enjoy that and hope to retain this job. If chosen to return as secretary sometime in the next couple of years, I will.

Mike Flannery needs a break also. He, too, is willing to return in the future

Man oh man, talk about memory or lack thereof - have been intending to share this bit of information since our return. While on our trip to the mid-west in June, learned a slightly expensive lesson about air conditioners It was HOT and we were running our air conditioner at full cold and top speed day and night. Well, in the high humidity - not the way to do it. One morning, it sounded like the air conditioner was full of rocks. It was spitting ice. Learned what no installer or servicing facility had ever told us. NEVER run the unit at full cold in extreme humidity - full speed but only ¾ cold.

Pause for thought - *Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?*

### DON'T FORGET THE BRUNCH IN DECEMBER COME ONE COME ALL!!!



### Upcoming Campouts

November 12-13-Kenney Grove  
December 12-Grand Vista Hotel-brunch  
January 14-15-Travel Village Valencia  
February 11-12- California RV Acton  
March 11-12-Camp Comfort  
March 31/April 2-Newport Dunes  
May 20-21-Kenney Grove



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



## Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- \* Participating in Simi Valley Days Parade
- \* Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets
- \* Hosting bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital
- \* Making and distributing 1500 hot dogs for the Year of the Child celebration
- \* Sponsoring the first Spirit of America Award dinner and ceremony
- \* Retiring flags from the community in a respectful manner with the Boy Scouts
- \* Passing out dictionaries to third graders in Pleasant Valley School District during meaningful assembly
- \* Making food for Thousand Oaks Street Fair



A picture is worth a thousand words-our own Elroy (aka Tom Hartin) with Fred Trizinski on the float (Abe Lincoln) in Simi Valley Days Parade

Lodge Picnic memories---Dee Ansell with the kids after face painting



Gerry Gillies and Tom Hartin doing who knows what???



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**David Naccarato, PER**

**OUR STORY & MAJOR PROJECT**

First before I get started, I'm amazed at the response I get from this history column. And I hear "no one reads the Antler". Last Month I ended with what happened to Vivian and how the Elks were involved in the World Wars and Flag Day.

Charles Vivian was a performer who made his living performing at different venues all over the United States. He returned to New York City expressly for a very special event. The Elks were holding a ball on June 8, 1868. A series of ads appeared in the New York Herald, but Charles Vivian's name was left off the programs and posters printed for the occasion. When Vivian found that he had been ignored in this manner, he was very upset and many of his friends felt the same way. A storm was brewing and at a Lodge meeting in the words of Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Detweiler, "an unseemly altercation". On June 14 a motion was made to expel Charles Vivian from that meeting. There were violent objections and the session broke up with no definite action of any kind. Vivian was unquestionably hurt and he left that night. According to the record, he never again sought entry into an Elks Lodge

Charles Vivian certainly founded the Elks and was their guiding spirit. As the Elks grew to be a serious organization, Charles Vivian's "happy-go-lucky, fly-by-nights" attitude just didn't fit. Vivian found a drastically mature organization that had grown from his fun loving brainchild, under the guiding hand of George McDonald, a legitimate actor

McDonald was described as a person of fine character who believed in rituals, rules, and regulations. He thought that was the direction the Order should take. He felt there was a tremendous future in America for such an organization. McDonald was the leader of those who foresaw a more glorious future for the Elks.

Charles Vivian tragically died at the age of 34 from pneumonia in Leadville, Colorado. Vivian's funeral was a big event. Everyone in Leadville turned out, but years later the grave was only marked by a wood plank and engraved with a nail point. But an Elk is never forgotten never forsaken. In 1889 the Board of Grand Trustees of the B.P.O.E. informed Boston Lodge #10, and they had the remains of Charles Vivian moved to Mt. Hope Cemetery in Boston. There is a magnificent monument and assured perpetual care. Also the Order took care of Vivian's widow until her death in 1931. The memory of Charles Vivian in Elkdom was secure. More important, the order he had done so much for was moving ahead out of bitterness to bigger and better things. We'll save the rest till next month.

All the lodges in the California/Hawaii Elks Association support the Purple Pig Program. You probably have noticed around the lodge, the pigs that are prominently displayed to remind you of this program. It's unfortunate that some children by no fault of their own may be born with a birth defect. For one reason or another the parents can't afford the care that the child may need. It may be due to being out of work, or not having insurance, or living in a rural area away from a metropolitan city. They may really feel that they have nowhere to turn. That is when the Elks Major Project steps in. We provide the therapists to go to the home of the disabled child and work with them in their homes. Our therapists are trained in occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy. Also we have a group that travels to preschools to perform eye screenings to find eye problems early. Then we direct the parents to consult an ophthalmologist. It is estimated that about 1 in 20 children between the ages of 3 and 5 has some sort of vision problem.

The Elks Preschool Vision Screening Program screens between 45,000 to 50,000 children each year. Due to our efforts thousands of children have been saved from permanent eye damage from visual issues such as lazy eye, astigmatism, myopia and tsarisms. It is important to find these issues early, so we can direct the families toward finding appropriate medical help. We also will assist in additional financial help when needed. Our occupational therapist also works with the parents to show them what needs to be done when we are not there. Occupational therapy is learning how to dress yourself, brush your teeth, and comb your hair. It sounds simple enough; however having a disability can make an easy motion hard to do. The therapists will also show them different ways to get the job done. Physical therapy works on motor skills to exercise their muscles. Speech therapy is to help the kids with communicating and eating, to make sure they are swallowing correctly. Every child is different.

This year's Theme Child, although she is not a child now is Alexis Booth. She is now 18 years old and has been taken care of by the Elks her whole life. She now will be attending college with the help of an Elks scholarship. You can see a picture of her in our anteroom.

The goal of the program this past year was to reach the 3 million dollar mark, and this year at convention we did it with your help. I want to also inform you that less than 3% of the money raised is used for administration. The program does not take pledges, only cash. The money you give will help a child walk, talk, see and play. We help disabled children regardless of race, color, or creed using our own therapists.

Our Purple Pig would be proud to tip his hat to whatever you care to donate. Right now the organization is celebrating their 60 years of service with a special promotion. With any donation of \$60.00 you will receive a citation signed by our State President and a beautiful pin to wear proudly that you were part of a great program. I could go on, but I'll end it here- more next month.

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## THE ELKS LADIES

### Patricia Peterson

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We Won! We Won! We had the very good fortune of having one of the winning tickets from the reverse drawing for GLMA's August 29th fundraiser. So, we thought it would be nice to spread that good fortune around. The Elks Ladies have voted to give those winnings to the Veterans, Scholastic, ENF and Major Project Funds. We are very proud to help when we can.

I can't believe that I am saying this but we are right around the corner from Christmas. Mark your calendars now; the Ladies are putting on their annual Christmas Dinner on December 7th. The invitations should be out soon, so fill them out and get them back as soon as possible.

The winner of the Major Projects drawing for September was Niki Case \$25 and the winner for October's drawing was Patricia Peterson \$30. Rena Dyers name was picked for the bubble drawing for September and Phyllis Riding name was picked for October but unfortunately neither one was in attendance. So next months bubble will be worth \$80.00. Hope we see you at our next meeting!  
God Bless,  
Alice Kennedy

### APPRECIATION

Continuing their long timed traditions of sharing with our Lodge the Lady Elks associated with us, have again come through with significant financial contributions in the following areas:

Elks National Fund (ENF)-\$300

Scholarships-\$700

Purple Pig Donations-\$300

Lodge Picnic Donation-\$300

And,

Veterans-\$700

Their willingness to share in contributing to the financial successes of these programs motivates all who enjoy being a part of the efforts. Thank you to the Ladies. **Harry, ER**



**Exalted Ruler, Harry Brockwell, accepting the winnings checks from Elk Ladies President Pat Peterson**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marva D'Ambrogio- 1  
Eula McKee-1  
Flo Lloyd- 5  
Jeri Miller- 9  
Vera Baile- 30



### LET US LISTEN WITH OUR HEART, LORD



When our opinion differs, Lord  
From Those we care about,  
Please find a way to shut our mouth,  
Before we start to shout.

That person's only trying to help,  
And their idea might be best,  
Perhaps to listen with our heart  
And put our choice to rest.

Amen

### BUCCANEERS AND WENCHES ARE COMING

February 5, 2011

**Elk Ladies Fundraiser for Major Project**



pirate food--drink--games--entertainment

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



John Duhig-1  
 John Moran-2  
 William Wagner-PER-4  
 Alfred Koemmpel-5  
 Richard Hagy-7  
 Jack Carter-10  
 John D'Ambrogio-PER-11  
 Wayne La Farr-12  
 Jacob Panczak-PER-13  
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**CRYING TOWEL**

September 1, 2010 Dennis Anderson not present  
 Lucky 13 Catherine Koeritz No winner- nice try  
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