



Exalted Ruler
Leo Rodriguez

ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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ALL ELKS ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL BRUNCH HONORING THE VETERANS WE SERVE

November 18th

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Brunch by Billy GImore \$10



Be part of the welcoming committee- sit and listen to their varied life stories
Your presence shows support for their efforts

Thanksgiving Dinner



2 pm

\$10 per person for all Elk members and their families

reservations required 496-4550

LODGE WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 6PM



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As you are reading this, Lynn and I along with Leading Knight Terry Baker and Sharon and Trustee, Sam Frankl and Annie will have just returned home from the CHEA Mid-Term Conference held in Sacramento this year. I look forward to sharing with our membership all the information and tools to help us improve on the work that we do from the various seminars we attended.

It came to me that this is now November and my term of office is half over. At this time I want you the members to know that having the privilege of being your Exalted Ruler this year has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Once again, I thank you for all your support, and there is so much more to do in the remaining 5 months of the lodge year. With your help and support our goals and achievements shall be reached.

As of now, the BBQ storage area should be completed which includes not only storage, but a work area and sink, making it more convenient to all those who volunteer their time to BBQ every week. When you get a chance stop by and see yet another of the continuing improvements being made to our Lodge.

The month of November should reflect what we all have and to be thankful for, reflecting all the good work that we do for those less fortunate. The Veterans Appreciation Brunch will be Sunday the 18th of November, so come down when they arrive and give them your thanks. Lynn and I would like to wish all members and their families a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Last year, Lynn and I put on a Holiday Gift Exchange and Potluck on a Friday night in December. We asked everyone to bring their favorite dish and if they wanted to participate in the gift exchange, to bring a nonspecific gender gift. The turnout was amazing and it was an evening of fun and holiday cheer. As people were leaving, several members asked if this was the first annual Holiday Potluck and would they continue each year. Well since it was so much fun and so many people sharing an evening in the spirit of the holiday, we have decided to put on the 2nd Annual Holiday Gift exchange & Potluck. This year it will be held on Friday, December 7th. Look for the flyers for more details. Make sure to mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you all there.



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



The emblem of my station is the flag of our country and its motto is charity. The corner stone of every Elk structure. The highest virtue of every Elk Creed. Now My station being Charity I see that the BLT is under the Exalted Ruler. When that happen? BLT is Charity.

Every month at orientation we show a DVD on Elkdom and when we touch on the fact that most all our programs are funded on a grant to the Elks National Foundation where a donation of \$1.00 brings us \$2.40. WOW just let us know what you're investing in and we will follow suit. Well that isn't going to happen but what will happen is the Elks, wanting to make sure our Major Project for disabled children is always funded has come up with the BLT Commitment Trust.

- How would you like to make some money?**
- How would you like to get a tax break?**
- How would you like to build the future of the Major Project?**
- How would you like to help children with disabilities?**
- How would you like to get a return of 7% on your money?**

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

You invest \$10,000 or more and receive an income of 7% annually. Plus you get a tax break depending on your age. Yes, the \$10,000 or more stays in the commitment Trust growing and providing for the future of the Major Project.

NOT A BAD DEAL!

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

How it works

Transfer asset into trust. Trustee is responsible for asset management. Income tax deduction of \$4,256.00 will save you \$1,064.00. Annual income of \$700.00. Estimated income in 16.2 years 412,245 @ 7.83% tax rate. Trust earns 8% pays you 7%. Trust grows by 1%. After two lives leave the planet trust passes without probate to charity.

BENEFITS TO YOU.

Lifetime income, income tax deduction, avoidance of capital gains, reduced estate taxes Tax sheltered growth and BLT recognition. A gift commitment a promise for the future and help for disabled children.

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FYI:
 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has a new mailing address.
 2330 Los Feliz Dr. 91360

**LOYAL KNIGHT****JB Bre**

I've pondered for days now; how do I present my message through this printed format... I'm a 'newbie' by most standards, and yet I've been involved in many organizations before joining The B. (best) P. (people) O. (on) E. (earth). Why do we call ourselves this? I believe it goes back to our core beliefs of why we do what we do: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a Fraternity of American Citizens who have gathered together to dedicate themselves to helping others. It's plain and simple: "Elks Care ~ Elks Share"!

Ok, so now where am I going with this?

How do we continue to grow as a body of caring and sharing people?

Firstly, We need to stop causing internal dissention amongst ourselves. We are all here for the same purpose! Let's look inside ourselves and see how we can be the change that we want to see in others. We all have a right to our opinions, however, if they can not be spoken with brotherly love to the persons face then keep it to yourself. The 'golden rule' needs to be our daily mantra.

Secondly, If you have sponsored a new member within the last 5 years please follow up with them and get them plugged into volunteering at least once a month. Actually, the next few months we need as much help as we can get! We're running our faithful regulars into the ground. There's always something that can be done any day of the week. Just ask.

Thirdly, sponsor a new member. Many hands make for light work. And it's so much more fun when it feels like a social event. We definitely know how to party around here. Let's become the happiest place in Thousand Oaks.

FINALLY, we are one Amazing group of people, so talented, loving and giving! Let's get back to the basics and make this holiday season one that we all can be proud to shout "I'm an active member of the best people on earth that meet at the corner of sharing and caring in Thousand Oaks, CA!!!"

The holidays are upon us we need help:

- *Off site Bbq events
- *Charity Basket deliveries
- *Shut-Ins and hospital visitations
- *Christmas tree lot
- *Veterans Brunch, hospital visits and activities
- *Thanksgiving Meal Crew members
- *And so much more!

Become part of YOUR T. (Together) E. (Elks) A. (achieve) M.
We need YOUR T.E.A.M. SPIRIT!!!

Remember November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month!

Seek out and thank our Vets amongst us, and come support those coming to our lodge from the veterans hospitals. They have paid the price for our freedoms!

In service ~jb

**LECTURING KNIGHT****Grant Thistle**

As Lecturing Knight, I am dedicated to Brotherly Love. Anything written here is in that vein I would never purposely embarrass or offend anyone, nor do I have an axe to grind. If I have I am sorry. I love and respect all of you and love hanging at the lodge with all of you. Will I continue to kid you in my monthly article?: You bet! because Brotherly Love tip #107 "you only kid people who you like"

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For more information on all the BLT programs visit www.chea-elks.org then click on bequests and living trusts. Download the information you require.

BLT GIFTS THAT LAST BEYOND TOMORROW

Now on the home front remember the Charity Ball October 20th \$20.00 per person to finance our Christmas Cheer program. See flier in this Antler



Drive carefully on Conejo School Road. The city has lowered the speed limit from Thousand Oaks Blvd. to Hillcrest Rd. We do not want any Elks getting a speeding ticket.

Notary service is available to members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge in the office during business hours of 10:am- 3:pm
Non Members \$10.00 per signature

MILITARY HISTORY



One of the most highly decorated women in United States military history, Lillian Keil served as a flight nurse throughout World War II, caring for wounded men as they were evacuated from battle to military hospitals. It is estimated that during her career, which included WWII and Korea, Keil tended to about 10,000 wounded service members. The 1954 movie "Flight Nurse" was based on her experiences, and her appearance on the show "this is your life" garnered a record amount of viewer mail from soldiers whom she had cared for. Reading about her made me remember that the Elks organization played a major role in patriotism. But actions speak louder than words. During WWI the United States was not poorly prepared to fight a war. The Army had no hospitals to care for mass casualties. Like our namesake animal, Elks were not belligerent, but they defended and looked after their own. The Elks gave consideration to the sick and wounded on European battlefields. In 1917 at the Grand Lodge session in Boston the Elks created the "War relief fund". Where subordinate lodges raised the sum of One Million dollars to finance and equip two base hospitals- one in France and one here in Virginia. Back then a Million dollars went a long way.

Hospitals went up at the University of Oregon and the Elks constructed a 700 bed rehabilitation hospital the first of its kind and it saved countless American lives. The precursor to the VA system we have now. That's the kind of organization you joined. The Elks did one better. We built our own Ronald McDonald type house for military families to stay in when the soldier was convalescing. In 1918 many lodges were used for administrative operations for the war effort and at the 1918 Grand Lodge convention another Million dollars was put up to continue to help fill in the gaps that the GI loan did not fill. Many deserving cases did not qualify to receive the GI loan so many returning military men could not qualify. The Elks stepped in to fill the void and to publicize the plight of handicapped veterans everywhere. Look for next month's Antler to learn about Elks and WWII

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November 10th – Marine Corps Day
 November 11th – Veterans Day
 November 22nd – Thanksgiving Day

On September 22nd, the organizers and key volunteers from the 20th annual Ventura County Standdown met at the lodge for debriefing and just fun. Founder & CEO Claire Hope-Farmer and co-founder Cal Farmer were in attendance with about a dozen committee chairs and other key volunteers. JB provided great sandwiches and salads and it was generally just a good time gathering. David Naccarato was a "good host" duty officer and Grant and Leo also were there to greet the visitors. I would like to have seen more elks there to visit.

November 18th will be our annual Veterans Brunch from 10:00 to 1:00. Bill Gilmore and his team prepared a terrific brunch last year and has again agreed to join us for a repeat. As always, our own beautiful ladies will serve. Last year we had over 60 veterans including a bus from the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital and a bus from the Cal Vet Home - Ventura. Come and enjoy a great time with the veterans, meet those whom we serve on a monthly basis, and enjoy some patriotic music.

Bingo at Sepulveda was a success with five elks visiting 27 residents. Karaoke at the Cal Vet Home was cancelled by the home for lack of staff; illness and what-have-you.

I frequently get job postings through the Veterans Service Office in Ventura. If you would like to see these for yourself or friends, please call Carl to arrange access.

More to report during the month of November; watch your December Antler for photos, etc.

Remember, the Veterans Bingo at Sepulveda V.A. Friday Nov. 5th; meet at the lodge at 11:30. Remember, Karaoke at the Cal Vet Home-Ventura on Friday Nov. 29th at 6:00.

Veteran of the month – Max Maxwell-U.S. Army

November is Veterans Month

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers nationwide there is an Elk committee at work. Since 1917, hundreds of thousands of Elks and their families have given generously of their time, energy and resources so that the lives of our ill and aging veterans will be enhanced



CHECK OUT THE VETERANS POWERPOINT



ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.ELKS2477.COM
 under programs-veterans

very impressive-complete with music

COMING ATTRACTIONS



November 4-Flag Retirement Ceremony
 November 13- ESP Dinner
 November 18- Veterans Brunch
 November 22-Thanksgiving Dinner
 November 28- Christmas Tree Lot Set Up

December 1-Tree Trimming-Kids Holiday Party-Toys For Tots
 December 2- Elks Memorial Service
 December- 6- Marine Corp League Christmas Party
 December 7- Holiday Pot Luck & Gift Exchange
 December 9- Kampers Holiday Brunch
 December 11- Elk Ladies Christmas Party
 December 14- Exalted Ruler's Christmas Party
 December 17/22-Christmas Baskets Prep.
 December 22- Christmas Baskets Delivery
 December 31- New Year's Eve Party

KAMPERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

December 9, 2012

Junkyard Cafe

Banquet Room

2585 Cochran St

Simi Valley

10:30AM - 2:00PM

\$30 per Person

Manna Prizes * Raffle Prizes

Special Raffle

Tickets Available from:
 Jim Noye (805)288-6031
 or the Lodge Bar

Bring canned and packaged food items for MANNA and you will receive a free ticket for a very special raffle.

Non-Kampers are welcome to join us.

Remember, This is an adults only event.

ENTERTAINMENT



November 16- Uncle Monkey
 November 30- One Last Dance

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris

805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Eddie Bray's family on his passing in Bullhead City

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free; Rick Flittner; ; Kathy Ryder; Angie Prizzi

ON THE MEND: Bill Sternberg from another heart surgery;

Memories from back when I was Exalted Ruler!!!

We had the new members put on the breakfast. When Dan put out a call for a need of cooks I said I'll bring it back. When Rick Herrera brought in 4 Friends and one of them brought in one I knew we would have enough for a newbie breakfast. So on October 7th we had the **New Kids On The Block** breakfast. It went off without a hitch except for Jay Block's breakfast. We had Dave Biedabach and Joseph Kilrain on eggs and French toast, Mike Mathews on grille, George Gomez (who has not even joined yet) (due in October) on toast, Steve Kammerer on assembly and delivery and yours truly on biscuits and gravy. The team worked well together and we still have enough for another month, as soon as I contact them. So look forward to our newest members getting involved and active. Have words of encouragement because if it were easy everyone would want to do it.

David Naccarato, PER



David Naccarato, PER



How many times have you heard "membership is the lifeblood of the order of Elks"? We started in 1868 with twelve. In 1980 our membership was 1,649,267. In our last fiscal year our membership is 847,712. We must stop the bleeding. Grand Lodge has implemented many new programs to help stop the bleeding. For the most part it is a Lodge problem, not just the membership chairman's. Each one of us is on the membership committee. Our problem is not that we can't bring in new members; our problem is that we allow them to *lapse*. Many lodges lose more than are brought in which in turn makes it very hard to have a +1 year. When Los Angeles Lodge #93 closed it was a sign that even the large lodges have problems with membership something needs to change. In L.A. the competition is staggering. Hollywood, Dodgers, Beaches, Movies, Clubs and the like makes it very hard to have members come enjoy their local lodge. As you head north in our district away from L.A. your options for entertainment become less and the lodges get bigger and have larger membership because there are fewer options and if you want a social life you join the Elks Lodge. A fine example is the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. When its rodeo and parade time every lodge member is involved with it. The city is backing them also. One aspect that hurt Conejo Valley Days was the price of security by our police force. Santa Maria officers volunteer their time or trade it for time off at a later date so the lodge does not incur that fee. We want our members to socialize together and also work together raising money for our different charities. Richard Goldner PDDGER and I have been compiling a spread sheet of the different interests of our lodge members so we can target what it is you want out of the lodge. For example, fishing was checked off by many of the members who responded to our mailings. A fishing trip has been planned and everyone who selected fishing received an invitation to go on a fishing trip October 21st. We have a Bingo night coming up after fish fry October 19Th. Everyone who selected an interest in bingo received an invitation. More is planned but if you don't return the interest form we will never know and will not be able to let you know what is coming up. Many expressed an interest in grounds keeping. Ben Reiger does a great job but is willing to share. We will have a work day shortly. It will be during the week say a Thursday to get some things cleaned up and fixed up around here. We won't know who wants to help if you don't return the form. I put together a newbie breakfast for our new members to come down and serve breakfast. What a better way to meet your fellow members by giving them something they didn't order. (Just kidding) The response was over-

whelming by the new members. They will be there. By the time you read this it will be a memory. Good or bad but still a memory. **Man Down** We had some excitement done at the lodge. PER, Bill Sternberg had an episode after the PER BAR-B Q on Saturday the 29th. It was determined that Bill needed CPR. Billy, his son, made the decision and was going to handle chest compressions. PDDGER, Greg Metzgas was to handle handle breaths. Billy got into position and Greg bent over Bill and said "Buddy you know I love ya, but I'm not looking forward to locking lips with you. At that split second Bill coughed and started breathing on his own. WHEW! Station 31 arrived and took him to Los Robles. Her got a rotor rooter job and is doing fine. **Making Amends** As I said before when you mention names people are always left out as I did. Last month I said 3 members answered my question. The first was a retired math teacher but I didn't mention his name. The first one to figure out my riddle was Ron Schwartz. At the Camarillo air show Dwight Williams was also on hand to help on Sunday. **Shout Out** Shout out to Tom Hartin, Terry Gicking, Max Maxwell and Rick Herrera for reinstalling the pictures of the Past Exalted Rulers. Check out 2006-2007. A shout out to Nick Schiele for a handsome donation to the Bar-B-Q team. The donation will go towards finishing the new Bar-B-Q room that will help make the teams have an easier time. A shout out to PER Reggie Fleeman of Ventura lodge #1430. Reggie prepared our Friday night dinner on September 28Th. We told him to cook for 40. He prepared for 60 and we still turned 20 away. Reggie did not turn in any receipts. He donated the whole thing. That should make our Trustees happy about our food costs. Drop a note of thanks to the lodge office and I will forward it to him. **Shout out** to Terry Baker for throwing out his back after helping me lift every bar stool to replace or tighten the screws that fall out onto the floor. **Shout Out** to Dave and Annie Pearson and Jim & Kathy Moye on the trip to Laughlin. Everyone had a good time but I was not privy to knowing what condition Annie was in before she left but when she stepped off the bus she was all black and blue. I thought heck of a trip! What's the other guy look like? You had to be there. **Shout out** to Tom Hartin for the repair to our Bar-B Que for damage that was abstained in our parking lot. To Terry Gicking and Richard Goldner for orchestrating the roast of PER Steve Smith and Spouse Pam

"Life Line screening" has paid to rent our lodge room on December 10th to use a painless ultrasound (sonogram) to see plaque build-up in your arteries— a leading cause of stroke. 80% of strokes can be prevented. They have their own customers but wanted to make sure the lodge knew we were invited also.. Pre registration is required. Phone number is [800-324-1851](tel:800-324-1851) use priority code HSC7228 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Rick Herrera sponsors from l-r Jon Rich, Mike Mathews, Dave Biedebach



Craig Burns sponsored by Joseph Kilrain



ER Leo Rodriguez and 1st Lady Lynn Rodriguez – Agoura Hills Parade with Steve Buczynski as their Engineer



Jessica Stull and Jon Preston, seasoned bbq volunteers showing off the product

OUTCASTS BREAKFAST CREW



Bev, and Lou Reis and Rick Bennett cookin' it up



Jill Williams, Rick and Bev serving it up



2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

*Friday Night
December 7, 2012
5:00 PM to Closing*

*Bring your Favorite Dish to Share
&
A NonSpecific Gender Gift
to Exchange (Optional)
\$20.00 Maximum*



**Christmas
Drink Specials**



EL KONEJO KAMPERS Holiday Brunch

*We are actively seeking donations for the raffle prizes at the
holiday brunch. If you have something to donate,
please contact*

Jim Moye (805)388-6025

Thank you!!

*Kamper Klub membership fees (\$25) for
2013 are due in December.*

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Banquet Room

2585 Cochran St

Simi Valley

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Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
 - * Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- * Holding Toys 4 Tots drive
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
 - *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- * Cooking for Brownilympics & Scouting Events
 - * Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- * Giving VFW free monthly meeting room
- * Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
 - * Providing meeting place for community clubs
 - * Preparing and delivering food baskets
 - * Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids
- *Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League



A MEMORABLE BUS TRIP

Giant “kudos” to the Moyes and Pearsons for all the planning and execution it takes to make a successful excursion, and keep everyone happy. At 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, all the bright and shiny faces showed up with their luggage-ready to roll. A big thank you to the Kampers who came in early for those who wished breakfast before departure. At 8: 20 a.m. the bus departed. At 9:05 a.m. viewing the backside of Hansen Dam in Lakeview Terrace, the bus broke down. It was getting hot with no air conditioning. Driver, Pam, placed the red triangles behind the bus for safety and then called the office for help. The office is in Anaheim. Pam announced that it would take 2-2 1/2 hours for a new bus to arrive. It was getting hotter. All those asking, “Where is the bus”, were given the same answer— 15 minutes. Sometime after 11 a.m. the second bus pulled in, and all the luggage, ice chests, and passengers were transferred into the bus with the air conditioning working. It was on to Rancho Cucamonga to pick up Woody & Patty, then on to Barstow where it is always cool- for a bite to eat. All was great until the booze was gone, before we get to Laughlin. However we still had beer, water, and soda. We arrived in Laughlin around 5:30 p.m. to a wonderful 106 degree temperature. Two lost bags were eventually found. Someone had picked up look alikes. We left Laughlin on

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HOSPITALITY CORNER



Recently Karen and I were at the Simi Lodge for their bond burning, where an excellent dinner by Billy Gilmore was served by a group of young volunteers from the Van Nuys Lodge known as the Antlers. The Antlers did a fine job. Karen was told by the Elk who is responsible for supervising the Antlers that the Antlers meet regularly to decide which Lodges to assist at Lodge events, but that the Thousand Oaks Lodge will not be considered. Why? Because the Antlers feel that they were treated poorly at a 2477 event several years ago, and unfortunately, that experience has been shared with newer Antlers coming on board. Some of those Antlers who had a bad experience at our Lodge are now Elks, and one whom I spoke to recently is now an officer. My point is this: **HOSPITALITY IS A TWO-WAY STREET. OUR MEMBERS EXPECT DECENT SERVICE AND OUR VOLUNTEERS EXPECT TO BE TREATED DECENTLY.** If you have an issue with food, service or anything else, see the bar manager, the kitchen crew leader, any officer or me. It is difficult to fill all of our meal and event needs with volunteers, so please remember that without volunteers, we cannot operate.

Sold Out

Special thanks go out to Reggie and his crew from the Ventura Lodge, who held a **SOLD OUT** Friday night fried chicken dinner. The following Friday, kitchen newbie John Moran and his all-lady crew **SOLD OUT** his pork loin dinner. Good job! One of our biggest problems in the kitchen is, without reservations, planning the number of meals to prepare. We have received a number of complaints from members who could not be served at Reggie’s and John’s dinners, and in order to address this issue, if you wish to reserve a Friday night dinner, you may call Brooke (805-496-4550) as early in the week as possible but before noon Friday, and we will make sure that your dinner will be available; otherwise, it will be first come first served. We are doing what we can to avoid waste in order to improve the financial performance of the kitchen.

November

Please check out the November calendar for scheduled meals. Chuck Busch, Donna Leary, JB Bre and Tom Kozlowski headline our Friday night dinners. Check out the NFL football drink specials and free hot dogs and don’t forget Terry Gicking’s Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner (Turkey by Turkey?) And the Friday after Thanksgiving, it’s \$5 Friday-ABT Night – burgers, fries, chili dogs, pizza – “Anything But Turkey”.

Kudos

Good performance deserves recognition, and our Bar Manager Brooke and her crew all deserve our thanks for a job well done. Bar net income increased more than \$21,000 over the results for the same period last year. Brooke, Tom, Katie and Krista – **GREAT JOB!**

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee



SEPTEMBER AT POINT MUGU

What a relief from the heat YAHOO!- It was depressing when we had to come home.

All of our wagon masters do a fabulous job, but Donna and Ed seem to go above and beyond, although Donna swears every time she'll never do it again LOL! But she does anyway. Thankfully, Sue Osgood has privileges on military bases also so we were able to get more spaces. The pushups they have to go through to get all of us in is pretty amazing.

Interesting, all the single women were in a row. What's this – are we undesirables or something (giggle)? Yup, there we were, Cheryl, me and Sue all in a row.

There were quite a few early arrivals: Ericksons, Collerans (of course) Drake, Kudra, Puckett (Kathy Jenkins's son) and me. Apparently we were all eager to escape the heat.

Oh yah, John Puckett just called his mom, Kathy, told her to pack a bag; he was picking her up in 45 minutes. He finally had to break down and tell her only she'd probably need relatively warm clothing. We were all cheering – Kathy is an excellent poker player and it was time some of these guys need their clocks cleaned.

We had some rarely seen Kampers with us this time Elise and James Dills, who introduced a new couple, Carol and Al Gottlieb, who by the way became new members, welcome ! Carol had an awesome travel Scrabble game. It's magnetic. Carol, Cheryl and Sue were gathered around like bees around flowers, armed with the Scrabble Dictionary, amazing. Really a cool game.

I brought along my new oil-less turkey cooker, talk about a cool tool! Cooked a 14 pound turkey in just a tad over 2 hours. No fuss, no muss, no bother. It can cook up to a 16 pound turkey – but just try to find a turkey in September. Donna had stopped at several stores, I called every one I could in the Conejo – NO LUCK! What the heck, do people only eat turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas...? Donna finally found the 14 pounder and snatched it like a thief in the night – of course, she paid for it LOL!

This turkey was so wonderful; Ed Colleran took the carcass and picked it clean to the bone. No making turkey with those leftovers.

I was told rather firmly by the powers that be for the November campout that I will attend and bring this cooker. WELL, I had intended to do that very thing.—

I know there are a lot of cribbage players out there, but that was one very confusing game (at least for me) to watch. When the guys didn't have enough for poker, especially Ed and Chuck, played cribbage, and bless their hearts they tried to explain the counting- 15/1 – 15/2 etc. I couldn't grasp the concept – could this possibly be age related? Donna said that she plays but not well enough to play with anyone but Ed.



Perhaps she could show me and the two of us inexperienced players could occupy some time – who knows?

I had told Joel Erickson that I would go with them to a Chili Cookoff to help judge. Fortunately, there were more qualified judges so I helped Beverly keep score- in the future I'll do that any day – there was some REALLY BAD chili, for example on a table of 10 only 3 got any points at all. Like the idiot I can occasionally be, I stuck a spoon in and tasted some. BIG mistake, the next day my right eye swelled almost shut, Donna though perhaps a mosquito bite, but the following morning the entire right side of my face was swollen and I thought I'd tear the skin from the back of my neck. Donna had gone to work so she called poor Ed at 8 a.m. to send him out to get Benedryl. It took a day and a half before I returned to nearly normal.

Donna, bless her heart, went to the store so many times; the clerks must have known her by name. She brought me some potato chips, which I put on the chair by my door while I took the remainder of my stuff, then promptly turned around and sat on them. Donna thought that was hysterical.

Wait – what's the old adage about “he who laughs last”? She proceeded to take purchase to their rig. While attempting to open a case of soda with scissors– poked a hole in a can. Ain't it funny what goes around comes around? ? ? Moral of this story, be very careful when you laugh at someone else's goof-up.

Memorable Bus Trip from page 10

Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. for the return trip. Half way to Barstow, it was announced that the holding tank was full-no restroom. It was a mad dash to find the next rest stop. In Barstow- we got our food- and ate it on the bus, to save time. Annie, with her arm in a sling decided to get something from the overhead compartment. She fell-nothing broken. Thanks to David's wily wit, humor, and jokes, all reminded calm and collected throughout the trip. Chuck Busch had a wonderful pot roast dinner awaiting us when we arrived at 5:50 p.m. -thanks to Chuck and Max who helped serve-thanks to all who acted as servers on the bus, especially JB. This had to have been one of the most “memorable” bus trips ever.

A Passenger

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS



November 9/10- Kenney Grove
December 9-Brunch-Junkyard Restaurant

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It is hard to believe but November is almost here and, of course, as good citizens, I know you will want to vote on November 6.

I would also like to recommend that members should come to our monthly meetings. It is really a good time and a chance to share your ideas and suggestions concerning the meetings as well as what we can do for the Lodge. This is not to say that we haven't been doing this already. I have come up with an idea that we could invite speakers from time to time to inform us on various subjects, for example computers, sewing, knitting, flower arranging and other topics which would be interesting to the members. We always have refreshments and socializing after the meeting.

Ladies, please make any suggestions to improve meetings. Would an occasional day or Saturday meeting work? What kind of programs or activities would appeal to you? For all of these things we will need new "hands" to help out.

Now, we must keep in mind that some of our members are getting older or are ill and cannot participate as much as they used to. As of this letter, Marilyn Cissell is preparing to move to Colorado to be nearer to family.

Some other activities coming up soon will be the Christmas party for the tree trimming on Dec. 1st and the kids Christmas party.

The ladies will have their Christmas Party on Dec 11 and the gift wrapping to accompany the food baskets will be on Dec 19. The ladies always have a fun morning doing this happy chore.

So, please keep in mind that the last two months of the year are very busy and we need lots of help. New Elks and Ladies will enjoy participating in the basket program for the needy. More later on this.

My goal is to expand and improve the Elks Ladies who have been very supportive to the Elks Lodge for many, many years. I know that you will all get great enjoyment in all these activities.

We would all like to get to know all the newer members. The Charity Ball on Oct. 20th would be a great opportunity to do this.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on Nov. 6th
Cornelia Meehan, President

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Flo Lloyd-5
Carol Flake-8
Betty McFarlin-22



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CLUTTER

BONE CHINA CUPS OR SILVER SPOONS,
OLD DISNEY CHARACTERS, RUBBER OR
WOOD,
WHATEVER COLLECTIONS WE MAY
CHOOSE,
FILL CLOSETS OR DRAWERS MORE
THAN WE SHOULD.



GOD, HOW DID WE BEGIN THIS ALL?
THRIFT STORES AND GARAGE SALES
WE MIGHT DO,
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STUFF,
LEAVES MUCH LESS TIME FOR YOU.

AMEN

Eula McKee's-new address

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Thank You for your continued support, Rick

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Lucky 13 Billy Sternberg



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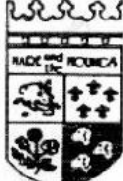
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