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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477, California

*Mother's Day
at the Elks Lodge
May 11*

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Rich Lucariello



May's Elk of the Month is Rich Lucariello. Rich began coming to the Elks as a member of A.B.A.T.E., which meets monthly at the Lodge. Rich has worked at the Christmas tree lot, and also assists

with the Lodge recycling program. Rich regularly attends Lodge meetings, and has been a Major Project Century Club Award recipient for the last two years.

Thanks Rich, for your support of our Lodge.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler

In addition to the regular calendar, we will attempt to give everyone a heads up so that those that plan ahead can keep their calendars free for special occasions!

Blood Drive	June 7
Flag Day and Flag Retirement	June 9
AVP Bob Alvarez Visitation to Lodge	June 14
Father's Day Brunch	June 15
Grand Lodge Convention New Orleans	July 13-17
Hoop-Shoot	August 10
Lodge Picnic	September 1



Help Out June 7 - Blood Drive

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets **monthly**
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda **monthly**
- *Veterans Hospital **monthly**
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner
- *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 Brownlympics & 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

A Message From The Exalted Ruler Dan Martyn



My thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our Installation and Inaugural Ball: the kitchen staff and servers, the bar staff, the PERs who supported and installed our new officer corps, the planners and room decorators, and Dave and Annie Pearson for escorting the new officers and guests (thanks Annie for wearing shoes this time).

My special thanks to our visiting members and officers from other Lodges: Simi Valley ER Robert Johnson, Ventura ER Kathy Pendergest, Oxnard ER Cory Gray, Simi Valley PERs John D'Amico and Uncle Walt, Oxnard PERs Jon and Ines Greenwald, Ventura PER Redgie Fleeman, and their spouses, guests and other officers.

Everything came together nicely and Karen and I were particularly happy to share the evening with our family.

Looking forward, there are so many things to be done, and I am fortunate to have an excellent officer corps to share the load. Initially, we will identify our goals for this year regarding membership, community service and our finances. The Lodge has many issues to address, and we will do our best to prioritize and address them accordingly.

One of our priorities is membership. I will be working with Catherine Koeritz, our membership chair, to review and improve on recruiting, integrating and retaining new members. Every member should be a recruiter for the Elks. And while we love numbers, we also want to make sure we attract the right members who are willing to contribute and support our Lodge operations and community service activities. We need to grow membership and together we should be able to do a much better job.

That's it for this month. Once again, I thank you for your support and I am looking forward to a successful year.

Dan Martyn
Exalted Ruler
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A Message From The Leading Knight Jim Moye



Greetings Fellow Elks,

As you probably already know, B.P.O.E. stands for The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (or as they are affectionately known, the Best People On Earth). One reason that we have earned that title is because of our Major Projects. CHEA started Major Projects in 1950 and has grown to what we commonly refer to as

the "Purple Pig", this mission: "The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to the families and without discrimination". Kira Wagner is our committee chairperson for Major Projects. With your support and her leadership we can make this a banner year for Major Projects. So, get your purple pigs out and start feeding them. Thank you El Konejo Kampers for your donation of \$1000 to Major Projects as well as the \$1000 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

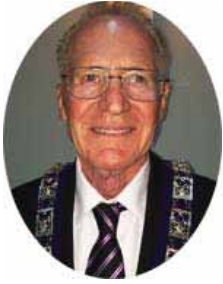
As Leading Knight I was responsible for the 2014-2015 Inaugural Ball. I couldn't have done it without help from the following people starting with one of my favorite PER's, Catherine Koeritz as our Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler, who did a great job. Now for those who installed us in our new positions, Steve Smith, George Meehan, Bill Sternberg, Don Skinner, David Naccarato, thank you. To Dave and Annie Pearson, our escorts, many thanks. To Sage Irwin, who came and helped me put together the arches (not an easy task), and Donna Leary, Christine Harrison, Faye Stevens, and Kathy Moye, who set up the room, thank you. Our kitchen staff consisted of Angela Porter, Sal Ehret, Ivy Reid, Aissa Reid, Madalyn Reid, John Puckett, Sage Irwin, Sherri Jones and Jane Watson, and of course chefs Jim Porter and Boyd Lindquist all did an excellent job and provided a fantastic meal.

By the way, here is your opportunity to get in on the fun. May is a busy month for us. Starting with Conejo Valley Days the 8th thru the 11th, we are still looking for volunteers. We also have our Youth Appreciation Night May 9th. On May 11th we will be hosting our Mother's Day Brunch / Ritual, all are welcome. May 14th thru the 17th are the dates for our State Convention in Palm Springs, and some of us will be out of town.

Remember your dues were to be paid by April 1st. If you haven't submitted your payment, please pay your dues. Hope to see all of you at the lodge and thank you for your support. Remember "Elks Care and Elks Share".

Yours truly,
Jim Moye, Leading Knight

A Message From The Loyal Knight Mike Flannery



Another beginning of a new year and I already feel like I am two months behind. Reading all of the things I have to do almost scares me. I would like to start by thanking Jim Moye for the wonderful job he did in the last year in increasing the number of meals that we now have on the standard schedule.

We now serve dinners four nights a week, Sunday breakfasts, and lunches most days.

At first I thought it would be almost impossible to find people to staff all the positions necessary to provide all these meals, however, I quickly learned that there is no problem getting Elks to volunteer to help. People have been coming up to me in the bar, the lodge room, the patio, the kitchen, and calling me at home and offering to help. And when I ask someone to help, I rarely get a no.

But I have found one problem. Every once in a while a Friday or Saturday night dinner will do exceptionally well, Friday night Fish Fry's usually do well, some Sunday breakfasts and Two Buck Tuesdays do well. But, in general, most of the meals do not seem to get a lot of support from the greater membership. It really does not make sense to have three or four people come into the kitchen and work for three or four hours and serve ten or fifteen meals. We need to either improve on the number of meals sold or stop serving some of those meals.

Think about it this way, if you are thinking of going to McDonalds or Burger King, or KFC, or calling Domino's Pizza, or just don't feel like cooking, think again and come down to the Lodge. You will get a decent meal for a decent price, drinks are available, you will see people you know, and you will probably have a good time.

Thank You,
Mike Flannery
Loyal Knight

A Message From The Lecturing Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members;
Please let me introduce myself for those of you who do not know me; my name is Donna Leary and I have been a member of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 for five years now.

I live in Camarillo and have two sons; one of them lives in Santa Barbara and one in Colorado. They are both married and my first grandson will be born at the end of July.

I am your newly elected Lecturing Knight and will also continue as your ENF Chairperson. I already work on two of your BBQ teams and will continue to do those as well.

As your Lecturing Knight, I promise to uphold my position with dignity owed to the position and the trust that has been put before me. As one of your new officers, I look forward to a great year and hopefully a year that will be filled with newly generated energy.

As a member of the Elks, we all took the same oath; it might be the perfect time to take a look at the obligation we all pledged to the order. Everyone has a single vote, everyone has a voice and everyone has the same opportunity to make a difference. The members that have made a difference time and time again over the past 40 years deserve a break.

There will be events coming up this year that should spark a little more interest and increase member participation. I ask you to take a look inward and see what it is that you can do to make a difference. I am only one person; imagine what the possibilities would be if all 400+ of us came together!

I pledge that I will uphold my obligation to the membership, and I don't think it is too much to ask the membership to do the same.

Here's to a great year,

Donna Leary
Lecturing Knight
ENF Chairman

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Chuck Kudra

Keep in your Prayers

Leo Lambert - Palm Springs
Kathy Ryder

On the Mend

Bill Burmiester
Janet Denubio
Dick McCann
Ann McCann
Keith Orr

Remember: reports of Sickness and Distress are always welcome! Please call Coleen with any updates. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt with Bussy Ansell



Duty Officers

5/1-7 Dan Martyn
5/8-14 Karen Martyn
5/15-21 Steve Smith
5/22-28 Terry Gicking
5/29-6/4 Darryl Kopacz

Calendar Highlights

5/9 Veteran's Bingo
5/9 Youth Appreciation Dinner
5/11 Mother's Day Brunch
5/14 NO MEETING (Due to State Convention)
5/21 House Meeting
5/31 Barn Dance

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Antonia Hartin
Barbara Gibbs
Brian Horan
Coleen Morris
Dan Martyn
Darryl Kopacz
Donna Leary
Gregg Miraglia
Howard Johnson
Karen Martyn
Ken Krable
Kira Wagner
Pam Price
Paul Wagner
Steve Finnerty
Devin Carter (52 Club)
Doug Morrison (Century Club)
Jim Moye (Century Club)
Konejo Kampers (Millennium Club)



Purple Pig Century Club Presentations



A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



Dues have been coming in as of April 1st, but after paying the Grand Lodge and State Association per capita, they will start to dwindle. The dues we collect are specifically allocated to certain expenses, including a \$22 assessment for Grand Lodge and our State Association. Even

though a member does not renew his or her dues, the lodge must still pay the assessment. Currently, we have 121 members who have not paid their dues. That's \$2,642 that we did not receive but have paid out for Grand Lodge and State Association assessments. We do have members that realize what Elks are all about. Along with their dues payment, some members donated to Veterans, Scouts, Major Project or ENF. This is what Elks do. We need to pay the bills to have a place to meet with friends and have some fun and do some good (happens to be the new ER's slogan). So, help us, so we can help the community and be the BPOE we are known to be (Best People On Earth).

All lodges in the California/Hawaii Elks Association donate to the Elks Major Project for disabled children. Also, we raise \$12,000 every year through the generosity of our members with the help of the El Konejo Kampers and the Elks Ladies. We have members who donate every month and their names are written in the Purple Pig honor roll. We thank you!

The order of Elks and our lodge support youth activities. We sponsor many Scout Troops. We have members who were Scouts and never got away from it. Service to others is addicting. We are very grateful to you!

One Major Charity of the Elks is the Elks National Foundation or ENF. Donna Leary is our lodge ENF Chair and has put on many fun activities such as the MASH 2477 party. A barn dance is scheduled on May 31. Along with their dues, quite a few members added a little extra for ENF. You Elks are awesome and you have our many thanks!

Any family who so chooses can have their deceased Elk memorial service at the lodge. We have a fund for that. There are members that gave a little extra along with their dues payment to go to the memorial fund—we so thank you!

Our Lodge gives out up to \$8000 in scholarships to high school seniors. Rick Herrera is our chair and does a great job with raising funds from the recyclables that our members bring in. We have members that went an extra mile with a donation to scholarship and youth activities. To all these

members, thank you for your continued support of our lodge programs. We cannot be successful without your help, and remember that funding for the good works we do is raised entirely through your donations, fundraisers and hard work.

Thank you again, and again!

David Naccarato
Lodge Secretary



Pin Night

Prospective Member: Jeffrey Conyers proposed by Eugene Conyers

Initiation Night



New Member: Howard Jacobson
Sponsor: David Stull



New Members: Tracey Ross (L)
Marian Anderson (R)
Sponsor: Lynn Rodriguez (C)

Purple Pig Update



This month we're celebrating **Mother's Day**. During this celebration we recognize mothers and the extrapolation from that is, we are all someone's child.

Every child is a mother's pride and joy and when that child is born, the love, hopes, and dreams we hold in our hearts for them are beyond words. **But imagine if you will, a child that is born with physical obstacles, something that they must overcome in order to even reach ground zero to attain any of those dreams.**

This is where the CHEA Major Project comes into play, and how your donations to the Purple Pig help countless children throughout our association.

In that light, I'd like to share with you a brief look at the different programs that are offered and how you can participate. The mission statement reads like this, "The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to the families and without discrimination."

The programs that have evolved over the years **at no cost to the families** include "occupational therapists", "physical therapists", "preschool vision screeners", and "speech language pathologists". Our Occupational and Physical therapists, teach children the basics including feeding and dressing skills, dealing with problems in sensory integration as well as learning or improving their motor skills by educating or re-educating muscles and increase strength, endurance and coordination.

Then there is the vision screening. Did you know that something as simple as a Preschool Vision Screening can prevent blindness? The goal of this program is to decrease the number of children at risk for amblyopia more commonly known as "lazy eye" and other vision problems such as astigmatism, hyperopia, and myopia by checking their eyes early on. Finally, our speech-language pathologists work with a variety of communication disorders and coordinate a home therapy program with the parent.

It is through the **Purple Pig**, the fund-raising arm of the **CHEA Major Project**, and the dollars that **you** invest in the children of today that ensures their future as well as ours. Additionally, there is the added benefit that those same dollars you provide for the children are tax-deductible.

On a larger scale there is the **Bequest and Living Trust Commitment Fund** also known as the **BLT**. This program provides an opportunity for you to invest \$10,000 or more and receive an income of 7% annually. Plus, you get a tax break and yes, that money **STAYS** in the Commitment Trust, growing and providing for the future of the Major Project. This is just a brief overview so that when you're approached to help feed the "pig" you have a better understanding of the services your money provides.

Ultimately, I want to thank our past, present, and future contributors for ALL that they do to help the children and for all that you do to help mothers have peace of mind knowing that their child will have a better future because of what the Elks are doing for their families.

Sincerely,
Kira Wagner, Purple Pig Chair



Mother's Day at the Elks Lodge

Sunday, May 11, 10 AM - 1 PM

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children

Ritual: 11 AM

Menu

Eggs
Ham, Bacon, Sausage
Hash Browns
Bisquits and Gravy
Waffles by David
Crepes by Johnny D'Ambrogio
Fruit & Pastries
Orange Juice & Coffee
Complimentary Champagne to Menu

Flowers for all mothers attending

Please make Reservations 805.496.4550

The Crying Towel

March 5th 1st capsule drawing \$500.00
Ronald Hull not present 2nd capsule
drawing \$225.00 Delores Randell not
present no winner Lucky 13 Robert
Jones no winner.

March 19th 1st capsule drawing \$500.00
Joesph Kilrain not present. 2nd capsule
drawing \$250.00 Vernon Noell not
present Lucky 13 Pam Price no winner

March 26th 1st capsule drawing \$500.00
Stella Violano no winner second capsule
drawing was Dick Cherik not present
and the Lucky 13 was Jim Moye no
winner. Thank you



May Birthdays

Dick Hejlik	2	Anthony Federico	12
Vernon Jossy	5	William Miller	14
Peter Padilla	5	Robert Koeritz	19
David Anderson	6	Kenneth Keeler	22
George Vivlamore	6	David Maddox	22
Tom Baldrige	7	David Stull	23
Barbara Metzgas	7	Pamela Price	24
Herb Jellander	10	Steve Woodlief	24
Ben Morris	10	Thomas Varden	25
Joseph Noonan	11	Michael Murray	27

In The Kitchen

May Menu from the Kitchen WooHoo!

Sunday

5/4 Breakfast by the Newbies
5/11 Mother's Day Champagne Brunch
5/18 Officer's Serving Breakfast
5/25 Kampers Breakfast

2-Buck Tuesday

5/13 Tuesday by Jean & Gregg Miraglia
Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Hot Links
5/20 2 Buck Tuesday, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs



2-Buck Wednesday

5/7 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
5/21 Pizza & Salad
5/28 Steak & Salad (Initiation Night)
Jimmy Miller \$10

Friday Night

5/2 **CINCO DE MAYO** Chet & Rosa
5/9 Youth Appreciation Night -
Spaghetti
5/16 Fish Fry Jill Williams & crew
5/23 Cook Your Own Burger -
Cherri Peterson
5/30 *Southern* Fried Chicken
Bill Dennison & Debbie Hawthorne

A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering



This month brings the end of the typical school year and the start of the season of boys and girls – summer! While school kids literally count the weeks until summer break, parents may have the opposite sentiment as they contemplate the added burden of planning distractions for their now idle kids.

Lodges in my part of the country experience a little down-market during the summer as people spend more time in outdoor activities.

It seems to me these factors suggest some real service opportunities for Local Lodges.

What can your Lodge do for school kids to help them celebrate their accomplishments or occupy their time productively? What events are planned for the whole family to enjoy?

One of the first things I remember about the Elks was when I was invited to a dinner hosted by the Lodge honoring all the senior boys. There was a guest speaker I don't remember and great food – BBQ as I recall – and each boy was assigned an Elks escort to host and introduce him that evening. That same dinner still goes on today, a tradition more than 60 years strong. Many of the Members of my home Lodge have similar fond memories of that event.

Picnics, fishing derbies, golf tournaments or lessons, baseball leagues, pool parties, bowling nights and cookouts are all events within the reach of most any Local Lodge. What a great service to your Members or, better yet, a wonderful way to reach young families who might be future prospects.

If your Lodge has the facility space available, subject to state and local regulations, plan a similar experience for local kids this summer. With proper supervision and parental approval, such an event would give busy parents a needed break and one more benefit for their membership dollars.

A little extra attention and business for the Lodge is a good thing too.

See you down the road.

~ Millard C. Pickering G.E.R. "It's Millard Time".

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

May has been proclaimed Military Appreciation Month because it has the most days set aside for celebrating and commemorating our military's achievements. We will recognize these achievements and service of all military personnel by holding an OPEN VETERANS MEETING on Thursday May 29th @ 5:30 – 8:00 pm, or earlier.

The Ventura County Stand Down will take place from July 25-27th. Again, we will be coordinating transportation, providing the Saturday lunch and 200 bag lunches on Sunday. The Oxnard, Ventura and Simi lodges will also be participating once again in providing food & drink. Please bring any clothing contributions to the office within 2 weeks of the event. We have little storage space to accept these donations earlier.

The Military Expo will be held on August 16th in Camarillo, sponsored by the Ventura County Military Collaborative. We will have a table again this year and need someone to help recruit new Elks members. Hopefully, the May 29th meeting at the lodge will provide more insight as to what we can tell the public about our specific veterans program.

Thanks again to Marshall Knowlton's bingo crew for making the monthly trek to Sepulveda V.A.
Meets the 2nd Friday each month @ 11:30 am at the lodge
Karaoke at the CalVet Home-Ventura is the 4th Thursday each month @ 6:00 – 8:30 pm
On Telephone Rd at Wells Rd in Saticoy

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-Veterans Services Committee
805-630-8110
NEW EMAIL: carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

May 1st – Loyalty Day, established in 1921 as Americanization Day, replacing International Workers Day, and established in 1958 by Congress as an official holiday. It is not a national legal holiday, but President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1959 as the first observance.

May 8, 1945 – VE Day - German Unconditional Surrender signed

May 9th – Military Spouses Appreciation Day, Proclaimed by President Reagan in 1984.

May 16th – In 1949 President Truman created National Armed Forces Day to replace individual services days and to express unification of military preparedness for the country's defense.

May 30th – Memorial Day (observed May 26th) – Proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Celebrated on the last Monday of May; in 2002.

VETERANS OPEN FORUM - Thursday May 29th

Cheap Dinner (FREE) 5:30 TO 6:30 pm

Entertainment– Marlene Nord 6:00 to 6:20 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & Opening Prayer 6:30 pm

Guest Speakers 6:35 to 7:15 pm

Julie Sardonía – REINS OF H.O.P.E.

Mike McManus – VC Veterans Service Officer

Kim Evans – VC Military Collaborative

OPEN FORUM – T.O. ELKS LODGE VETERANS PROGRAM

Veterans Committee

Current Programs

Your Ideas – Minimum Required?

All the Way?

In the Middle?

BARN DANCE

MAY 31st, 2014

AT 6:00PM

Tickets \$20
per person

Donna Leary, Elks National
Foundation (ENF) Chairperson,
once again presents a "FUN-raiser"

Giddy-up for a good olde time; Pull up your Boot Straps, dust off your Cowboy Hats, fluff up your Petticoats and get your Yee-Ha ready for a boot scoot-in, dosey doe-in good time!

Chuck Wagon to include; Fried Chicken, BBQ Baby Back Ribs,
Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans and Coleslaw.

Dancing: Square and Line (Lessons included)

Caller: Bill Horst from Buckles and Bows

★ 50/50 Drawing ★ Raffle items ★

Location: TO Elks Lodge
2330 Los Feliz. Thousand Oaks

Phone: Donna Leary (805) 758-4097
or TO Elks Bar (805) 496-4550

El Konejo Kampers

We've had wonderful weather at our kampouts during the fall and winter months. The March kampout at the Santa Maria Elks was no exception, temperatures ranged from 75 to 80 degrees during the day – great for our outdoor activities. We had 10 rigs and one motel kamper. It was good to see Jim Mullen (Ruth was busy elsewhere) camping again. We were very happy to have brand new kamper members Jim & Diane Lovato join us. John & Brenda Otte (John is a new Lodge member) found out about the kampout and made their own reservations. They joined the klub before the weekend was over.

After we settled in on Thursday, the ladies began gathering at Jessica's rig for a couple of toddies before heading out to Jocko's for dinner. Most of the men joined us for a short period of time, but gathered elsewhere to do the "man" thing. David tried to take a nap, but found it impossible with all our giggling and cackling.

After lunch on Friday, we headed to Kohl's. Several of us had 30% off coupons, so we were looking for treasures. Three of us bought St Patrick's T-shirts for our upcoming St Patrick's dinner at the Lodge which was very successful raising almost \$3000 for Lodge renovations. The T-shirt was such a deal that Kathy Moye, Sherri Jones and Diane Lovato bought matching shirts which they wore on Saturday. (See photo)

John Moran, our motel kamper, left early Saturday morning not realizing it was the day of our main activities, including brunch (great and plentiful as usual), free kampout raffle, 50/50 raffle and sheriff. Joel & Beverly Erickson won the free kampout and Jane Watson won the 50/50. Then we had a Corn Hole tournament in the afternoon. Corn Hole is like a bean bag toss except the bags are filled with corn. With only one set of boards the tournament lasted a few hours providing lots of time to cheer, talk, drink and snack. John Puckett & Sue Osgood came in first, John & Brenda Otte came in second and Joe Nemtusak & Kathy Moye came in third.

The brunch was the only group meal needing any kind of preparation as we went out for all of the other evening meals. Thursday night we enjoyed a delicious meal at Jocko's BBQ Restaurant in Nipomo. Friday night we went to the Lodge for a cook-your-own meat dinner with a huge indoor BBQ and choices of steak, chicken, fish or baby back ribs. Jim Porter made the mistake of choosing the ribs, which take much longer to cook. We were all finished eating before Jim got back to the table. Saturday night we ate at a place called Swiss, it was OK, but we'll probably go or do something else next time. We did have a few accidents this trip. Brenda Otte slipped over a rock coming home from Jocko's. She ended up with two very black eyes, but was a real trooper over the whole thing. Jim Moye was taking pictures Friday night in the Lodge &

backing up to get a better shot when the next thing anyone knew, Jim was down on the floor, fortunately unhurt. Jim Lovato tripped on his shoelace coming out of his RV. He had been using a cane most of the day, but was limping even more after his fall.

If you've been paying attention to the names mentioned in this article, you've noticed that there were a lot of J's. Of the 10 men at the kampout there were 4 Jim's, 3 John's, a Joe, a Joel... and a David. There was also a Judy, a Jane, a Jessica and a (Sherri) Jones.

Most people left on Sunday. Sue Osgood, Joe & Judy Nemtusak and Joel & Beverly Erickson stayed for one more day. It was meant to be a day to just kick back and relax. But Sue provided some entertainment for us as she locked her keys in the RV along with her phone and her dogs. The Auto Club came to the rescue, but I didn't think to take a picture of the mechanic. DARN!!

Respectively submitted,
Beverly Erickson
Substitute Kampout Reporter

Upcoming events

April 10-12 Santa Barbara Elks Goleta
May 9-10 Pt Mugu Navy Base Pt Mugu
June 13-14 Lancaster Elks #1625 Lancaster

Looking Ahead

December 14 Grand Vista Hotel Simi Valley

See more at:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com/schedule.html>

Pat von Wittenburg Chairman, El Konejo Kampers



2014-2015 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Anderson
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Barbara Gibbs
SECRETARY: Mary Woodlief
TREASURER: Anne Tebbetts-Frankl
AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski
COMMUNICATONS: Mary Flannery
& Carol Fredericks

THE ELKS LADIES Lynn Rodriguez



2013-2014 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

PARLIMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull
CHAPLAIN: Barbara Gibbs
MAJOR PROJECT: Carol Stewart-Larson
SUNSHINE: June Leadam
HISTORIAN: Jeri Miller
CVD: Jill Williams

As we start the 2014-2015 year, my second year as the President of the Elks Ladies, I would like to take the time to thank the 2013-2014 Board members and all the Committee Chairpersons for the time and efforts they gave to the Elks Ladies. I must also recognize an amazing individual who has been a very active member of the Ladies since I have been a member, at which time I was President. She has played a significant part in countless activities and events, which the Ladies were a part of. She was Chairperson for our Major Projects Fundraiser this year, coordinating the successful and incredible Chicago Speak Easy. In recognition of all this woman has volunteered for the Ladies, Jessica Stull was awarded the Elks Ladies Appreciation Award for the 2013-2014 year! (See picture lower right) Jessica, I thank you for all of your help!

I would like to introduce the new Board for this coming year. 1st Vice President, Marian Anderson; 2nd Vice President and Chaplain, Barbara Gibbs; Secretary, Mary Woodlief; and Treasurer, Anne Tebbetts-Frankl. A thank you also goes out to those who are serving as a chairperson for our various committees. We have a new Chairperson for Major Projects this year, and though she is a new member of the Ladies, she has been an Elk at our Lodge for 12 years and I feel very grateful to have her step into this position! She has amazing creative talent: I introduce Carol Stewart-Larson.

This year along with the Board Members, Chairpersons and especially our membership, I will be striving to increase our membership and also invite our members who have not been active to come back and be active and enthusiastic members!

Fundraising will also be a big part of our year. It takes creative thinking to put new and fun ideas into play. I encourage any and all ideas from the membership as there are so many talented individuals. I know we can prosper through the various fundraisers utilizing their resources and talents. Not every person is comfortable doing every job, but I'm sure there is something that each and every one of us can contribute so that we can enjoy a thriving organization.

This year promises to be great with new and exciting activities and events within our group. I invite all our members, especially those who have not been around, to come to a meeting and see the new direction and goals we are embracing. We need all of our members to be triumphant! Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. I look forward to everyone becoming an active player in what we do!

Sincerely,
Lynn Rodriguez

May Birthdays:

7 Barbara Metzgs
11 Joan Ayrat
17 Patti Serota
19 Robert Koeritz
20 Diane Isaman
29 Alice Kennedy

In our Prayers:

Barbara Booker recovering from surgery and doing very well.
Kathy Ryder is at home recuperating.

While it is a good idea to have physical fences around our homes and property, it is not good to have fences isolating us from our neighbors, friends and families.

One way God chooses to show His love to us is through relationships. Connection to a community is vital in our daily lives as we all need fellowship with others to build us up and hold us up.

Let us pray: *Heavenly Father, Thank you for bringing us here tonight and for the fellowship we share as Elk Ladies. Thank you for our recent rain and for the beautiful Spring we look forward to. Thank you for family and friends and for giving us the capacity to love others through fellowship.*

Help us to open our hearts to even greater fellowship with others by our attitudes, choices, acts of kindness and openness and with no fence building in our lives. For we know that all things are possible through You and your great love for us.

We pray in your most precious name, Amen
Barbara Gibbs
Chaplain



OFFICERS 2014-2015

TRUSTEES

EXALTED RULER Dan Martyn
LEADING KNIGHT Jim Moye
LOYAL KNIGHT Mike Flannery
LECTURING KNIGHT Donna Leary
SECRETARY Dave Naccarato, PER
TREASURER Pati Harrod
TILER Gregg Miraglia
ESQUIRE Billy Sternberg
CHAPLAIN Karen Martyn
ORGANIST Karin Speights
OFFICER AT LARGE Terry Gicking, DDGER

Pam Price 1 Year
Sam Frankl 2 Year
Steve Smith, PER 3 Year
George Meehan, PER 4 Year
Darryl Kopacz 5 Year

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Exalted Ruler

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2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Leading Knight

Bar Liaison – Jim Moye

Major Project/Purple Pig – Kira Wagner

BLT – Jim Moye

Elks National Foundation – Donna Leary

Christmas Basket Program – Jim Moye

Community Activities – Jim Moye

Sickness and Distress – Coleen Morris

Charity Matters – Jim Moye

El Konejo Kampers – Jim Moye

Christmas Tree Lot – Ben Rieger

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations – Mike Flannery

Lodge Activities – Mike Flannery

Flag Day Service, Retirement – Bill Sternberg

Government Relations – Dan Martyn

Elks Memorial Service – Karen Martyn

Veterans – Carl Lanterman

Public Relations – Lynn Rodriguez

Conejo Valley Days – Tom Hartin

Mediator – Boyd Lindquist

New Year's Eve – Mike Flannery

Mother's Day – Karen Martyn

Inaugural Ball – Mike Flannery

Law Enforcement Dinner – Paul Stein

2014-15 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities – Robert Jones

Hoop Shoot – David Naccarato

Drug Awareness – Donald Sable

Scholarships – Rick Herrera

Scouting – Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg

Americanism – David Naccarato

Dictionary Program – **chairperson needed**

Lodge 4th of July and Labor Day Activities – Donna Leary




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BREAKFAST EVERY SUNDAY 9:30-12 SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH WITH RITUAL PERFORMED BY THE OFFICERS ON SUNDAY MAY 11, 10AM - 1PM TWO BUCK TUESDAYS THE 13TH & 20TH NO LODGE MEETING THE 14TH OFFICERS IN PALM SPRINGS FOR STATE CONVENTION GREAT FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS THIS MONTH				BASS CLUB \$2 CHILI DAWGS by Krista	1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER CHET & ROSA CINCO DE MEXICO DINNER \$10 MUSIC BY THE RUNAMUCKS	2 BBQ- "NUMERO UNO" Jim Allen LOUNGE OPEN LOUNGE OPEN 10AM-6PM
ENF FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY MAY 31ST! IT'S NOT JUST A BARN DANCE SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS				DUTY OFFICER - DAN MARTYN		
CAPSULE DRAW ON MEETING NIGHTS. MEMBERS COULD WIN UP TO \$500. COME TO A MEETING						
Breakfast 9:30-12:00 4 BREAKFAST BY THE NEWBIES \$4 - \$5 - \$7 SPECIALS LOUNGE OPEN 9:30am - 6pm	5 CINCO DE MAYO SOUTH OF THE BORDER DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	6 LADIES MEETING 7:30PM 7:30 PM VFW Meeting in Conference Room	7 MEETING NIGHT 7:30PM PIGGY BANK NIGHT DINNER \$2 hamburgers & hot dogs MEMBERSHIP CAPSULE DRAW COULD WIN UP TO \$500	8 FAMILY NIGHT CVD	9 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER YOUTH APPRECIATION DINNER SPAGHETTI@6:30 AWARDS@7:30 VETERANS BINGO SEPULVEDA VA 1pm SPECIAL KIDS DAY 11am CVD	10 BBQ - The "Cut-ups" ED RICE LOUNGE OPEN LOUNGE OPEN 10AM-6PM KAMPERS @ MAGU
DUTY OFFICER - DAN MARTYN				DUTY OFFICER - KAREN MARTYN		
HOT LUNCHESES SERVED 11am-1pm M-F						
Breakfast 10:00-1:00 11 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH BRUNCH & RITUAL BY THE OFFICERS \$12 Adults \$6 Kids LOUNGE OPEN 9:30am - 6pm	12 LOUNGE OPEN	13 LOUNGE OPEN \$2 BUCK TUESDAY MIRAGLIAS \$2 SLOPPY JOES \$2 SPICY DOGS	14 DARK MEETING NIGHT NO MEETING LOUNGE OPEN	15 ABATE MTG CHILI DAWGS \$2 by Krista	16 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER FISH FRY JILL WILLIAMS & CREW \$10 ENTERTAINMENT UNCLE MONKEY	17 BBQ - "JV CREW" Herb Jellander LOUNGE OPEN private party PIGGY BANK MARCH
DUTY OFFICER - KAREN MARTYN				DUTY OFFICER - STEVE SMITH		
CVD LAST DAY & CLEAN UP						
HOT LUNCHESES SERVED 11am-1pm M-F						
Breakfast 9:30-12:00 18 OFFICERS DOING BREAKFAST \$4 - \$5 - \$7 SPECIALS LOUNGE OPEN 9:30am - 6pm	19 LOUNGE OPEN	20 THE MARTYNS \$2 BUCK TUESDAY \$2 HAMBURGERS \$2 HOT DOGS \$2 SPICY DOGS	21 MEETING NIGHT CALENDAR MEETING 5:30 TRUSTEES MEETING 6PM HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:30 OFFICERS MEETING \$2 PIZZA SLICE & SALAD	22 LOUNGE OPEN  <i>Karaoke at Cal-Vets Home</i> in SATICOY, STARTS AT 6PM	23 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER COOK YOUR OWN BURGER \$6 INC. MEAT, COLESLAW CONDIMENTS SUPPLIED	24 BBQ - The "OUTCASTS" LOUNGE OPEN private party
DUTY OFFICER - STEVE SMITH				DUTY OFFICER - TERRY GICKING		
HOT LUNCHESES SERVED 11am-1pm M-F						
Breakfast 9:30-12:00 25 KAMPERS BREAKFAST REGULAR BIG BREAKFAST LOUNGE OPEN 9:30am - 6pm	26 LOUNGE OPEN	27 LOUNGE OPEN NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 7:30PM	28 MEETING NIGHT NEW MEMBER INITIATION STEAK W/ SALAD \$10 - 6pm MEMBERSHIP CAPSULE DRAW COULD WIN UP TO \$500	29 LOUNGE OPEN	30 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER BILL DENNISON & SISTER DEBBIE BIG SOUTHERN BUTTERMILK FRIED CHICKEN \$10	31 PER BBQ ENF MAJOR FUNDRAISER BARN DANCE SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS
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Sat: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sun: 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Meetings



House Committee: 2nd Wed of the month @ 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting: Immediately following.
Trustees meet the 2nd Wed @ 6 PM

**Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

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1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	1997-98 *John Kelly
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1976-77 John E. Henry	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2002-03 Don Booker
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2004-05 Jay Block
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1981-82 *Robert Hardy	2006-07 David Naccarato
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2009-10 Terry Gicking, DDGER
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2013-14 Terry Baker
1989-90 Don Skinner	
1990-91 Don Ansell	By Affiliation:
1991-92 Gary Sleight	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
1994-95 *George Pekow	2002-03 Russel Robison
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