



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Happy Fathers Day

Fathers Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday June 21st - 10am to 1pm

Adults \$12 and Children \$6

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Elk of the Month



On average there are at least a dozen Elks that warrant being selected for Elk of the Month. As always, when the time comes to choose, the one in front of me is my choice.

This month I have selected an individual who unselfishly donates his time and vehicle not only to the BBQ but to all of our off site events. If you don't know him, next time you see a guy in a pink cowboy hat go up and introduce yourself to the June Elk of the Month, Jim Mullen.

Thanks Jim for all you do.

Jim Moyer
Exalted Ruler

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
	June 3rd	June 23rd	June 24th
June 19th	July 1st	July 21st	July 22nd

New members to be balloted on June 3rd, 2015

Lynett Micheli - Best Buy employee, sponsored by Tom Baldridge
 James Thompson - Retired, sponsored by Gary Erland
 Jerry Skaff - Construction industry, sponsored by Shannon Cunningham

Duty Officers

6/04 - 6/10 Billy Sternberg
 6/11 - 6/17 Donna Leary
 6/18 - 6/24 Mike Flannery
 6/25 - 7/01 Jim Moyer

LODGE ROOM RENTALS

Attention Members: Are you planning a party, banquet, wedding, birthday or other special event? Our renovated Lodge Room is available for rental at very reasonable rates. Catering can be arranged. Contact Brooke at 805 496 4550.

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremonies at the Lodge
- *Providing monthly karaoke entertainment at the Cal-Vet Home in Saticoy
- *Hosting monthly bingo parties at Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital
- *Hosting blood drives for the community
- *Participating in BSA Courts of Honor
- *Hosting our annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night
- *Providing a BBQ vending site at Conejo Valley Days and the Chili Cook Off
- *Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- *Holding a holiday season Toys 4 Tots drive with the USMC
- *Partnering in Special Kids Day at Conejo Valley Days
- *Hosting flag retirement ceremonies open to the public with Boy and Girl Scouts
- *Cooking for Brownlympics & other Scouting Events
- *Providing the use of our lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremonies
- *Giving the VFW a complimentary monthly meeting room
- *Sponsoring the annual "Hoop Shoot" for local youth
- *Providing a meeting place for community clubs
- *Preparing and delivering holiday season food baskets
- *Hosting Easter Egg Hunts for our community

Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



Fellow Elks,

The first week in May is Elks Grand Lodge Youth Appreciation Week. Those of you who had the opportunity to join us at our annual Youth Appreciation Night presentations and dinner were exposed to how impressive these young men and women are. The event went off without a hitch. Our lodge received a Proclamation of Appreciation from the Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks applauding our community involvement in youth activities. We also presented our award winners with Certificates of Achievement issued by the City of Thousand Oaks and the County of Ventura along with our scholarship donations for their education expenses. Thanks go to our chairperson Rick Herrera for his outstanding work in our scholarship programs and to Lynn Rodriguez for her public relations interaction with the press and public offices.

Jayden and Peyton Nielsen are the Theme Children for 2015 California Hawaii Major Projects. Kathy and I met with the girls and their parents at the State Convention. If you ever had any doubt that the Major Projects we donate to make a difference the Nielsen girls will convince you it does. This statement from their mother, Melissa, sums it up very well.

"All too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, or the smallest act of caring. The Elks Major Project stands to prove these things hold the power to turn a life around. Our lives are forever changed because of your amazing Association. Your generosity and dedication to the therapeutic needs of our girls have been an immeasurable gift to our family and for this, we are eternally grateful".

At the convention I was proud to present a donation of \$17,201.25 in the name of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 to CHEMPI. This represents a per capita amount of \$43.11 per member and the

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Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Greetings Fellow Elks,

A new year again and already I am running late. We started off with the Inaugural Ball and have not slowed down yet.

April and May brought the DD Clinic in Santa Barbara, Youth Appreciation Night, Rolling Thunder Memorial, Conejo Valley Days, State Convention in San Diego, Mother's Day and the Santa Maria Parade.

It looks like June will be just as busy with the Vice President's Visit, Flag Day, ENF Gangster Night, and Father's Day.

We have seen a few changes in operations and we look forward to continuing some of the changes already made, such as the renovations and reservations for dinners. Please remember to make reservations whenever possible, but remember the idea of making reservations is to allow the kitchen crew to be able to plan on a number of dinners. If you make reservations and then find that you won't be able to attend, please cancel your reservations in time to avoid over purchasing of food.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery
Leading Knight

Elks Care
Elks Share

Loyal Knight Donna Leary



Dear Members,

I am keeping my article short and sweet this month. Mother's Day was a great success and very well attended. My thanks go

to Mike Flannery and his kitchen crew for a job very well done. My thanks also go to Johnny D for his amazing crepes and to David for his hand at the waffle maker. As I have said before, the more hands you have helping you, the easier the task becomes. It is always great to know that you have so many hands supporting you.

Kitchen note: We need volunteers to prepare meals. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see, all you have to do is let me know. Watch for flyers on meals and please come out and support our kitchen!

Elks National Foundation news: The next ENF "FUN"raiser is coming up quickly and hopefully it will be well attended. As I have told you before, there will be something for everyone. There will be amazing food from Johnny D and his crew of resident Italians. There will be great music for those of you that love to dance. There will be great raffle items and an opportunity to win at the ever popular 50/50. If that isn't enough to spike your interest, there will be a friendly game of Texas Holdem at three different tables. Tickets are on sale for \$25.00 at the lounge now. I don't think that you can get a better deal anywhere -- five star dining, entertainment and an opportunity to win stuff while doing something good for others.

Thank you,

Donna Leary,
Loyal Knight and
Elks National Foundation Chairperson

Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



Youth Appreciation Night was held May 1st and was an enjoyable and impressive evening. I would like to thank the kitchen volunteers: Donna Leary, First Lady Kathy Moye and Jean Miraglia for all

their help. You ladies always step up when asked and are truly appreciated! A special thank you goes to Lynn Rodriguez who provided the city and county certificates for the students and arranged to have the event publicized in the Acorn. Please see Rick Herrera's scholarships awards article on page seven in this issue for more information on our scholarship winners.

Our Drug Awareness Chairman, Don Sabol, spent many tireless hours at his booth at Conejo Valley Days. Thanks Don for all your efforts to educate the public on this very important topic.

With regard to scouting, Bill Miller reports that on April 19th, Max Maxwell demonstrated Morse Code to our 3763 Cubs at their monthly Pack Meeting. Max was a Radioman 2nd Class and spent some of his U.S. Navy years on the *USS St. Paul*, a heavy cruiser. Max's dad was in the Mer-



chant Marine – also a radioman – and by the time Max was 12 he could send and receive Morse Code, and by the time he was 20 he was doing that for the U.S. Navy and had been for some time. Our Cubmaster, Dr. Tim Horita, bought a practice key and Max rigged a small light bulb to it so the boys could see the flashing light as well as hear the short and long beeps. 3763 is a large and VERY active Cub Pack and they came through once again with a Flag presentation at the annual Youth Appreciation dinner on May 1st.

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Secretary David Naccarato



May started out with a bang at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge.

Jim Moye, Mike Flannery, Jim Lovato and myself and our wives went to the 100th CHEA Convention

to support Jim Moye walking across the stage to deliver a check to the Trustees of the Major Project/Purple Pig. While this was happening the BBQ crews were at Conejo Valley Days for four days. New members Vicki Novak and Bryan Kinch helped veteran member Terry Baker, PER and Sharon Mello cook up and deliver 600 hamburgers for Special Kid's Day; aided by long-time member Lou Mages.

On Saturday we still held our BBQ at the lodge; Plus, our Kentucky Derby Party and we were the host venue for the Rolling Thunder Memorial Ride.

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Lecturing Knight's Message Continued

In other scouting news, on April 23rd Matt Chow and David Woolley passed their Boards of Review and became our 79th and 80th Troop 754 Eagle Scouts, respectively. Their name plates have been added to



the Eagle Board displayed in the Lodge. Also, our Lodge provided a few hundred hot dogs for the annual Conejo Girl Scout Brownlympics. Helping out were Terry Baker, Steve Buczynski and Jeri Miller. We always "deputize" the older girl scouts to help as wrappers – making them honorary Elks for the day. Our Lodge banners were prominently displayed and our Saturday BBQs got some plugs over the PA system.

Karen Martyn
Lecturing Knight

Exalted Ruler's Message Continued

highest amount in the district. Lets keep up the good work.

It follows that with all of our attention being focused on our youth and their successful lives and endeavors that we turn our attention to those who made all of this possible. How do we do that? We celebrate "MOTHERS DAY". Our Mothers Day brunch hosted over one hundred mothers and their families. I can't say how much I appreciate the hard work and planning that our members go through to host an event like this. Thank you all.

In closing we need to address a potentially serious problem that will negatively impact our lodge, "VOLUNTEERS". We were drastically short of help at the Conejo Valley Days off site BBQ. Thanks to those who responded to the plea for help that Karen put out.

Remember, your involvement is the key to your lodge's success.

Yours Truly,

Jim Moye
Exalted Ruler

The Passing of a Charter Member

Charter Member Robert Jennings
Member #162
Born 12/20/1930
Initiated 3/25/1972
Passed away 11/13/2014

Some time ago, Robert relocated to Surprise, AZ. He later experienced two heart attacks. After undergoing a procedure in his doctor's office he suffered an injury from which he would never recover. His wishes were to be taken off of life support and that no one be notified.

When his 2015-2016 dues were not paid, I called and spoke to his daughter Lisa. She then related the circumstances leading up to his death.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

Condolences:

To Dan Martyn, PER and his family on the passing of his father May 17th

To the family of lodge member Leo Lambert: Born 1-17-35, Initiated 9-19-79, Passed Away 5-4-2015

To Loretta & her twin sister Loraine on the passing of their mother 4-29-15

Keep in your prayers:

Pete Jackson - still in the hospital but is out of ICU

Dick McCann

On the mend:

Paul De Nublio, Harry Brockwell, Ben Reiger and our organist Karin Speights recovering from a recent fall.

Calendar Highlights

- 6-05 Bobby Williams' Killer Pork Chops or Baked BBQ Chicken - See flier for details
- 6-07 El Konejo Kampers Breakfast
- 6-12 Cheese Enchiladas with rice, beans and salad
- 6-14 The Kwelks Breakfast is back with special of Huevos Rancheros
- 6-19 Friday Night Fish Fry
- 6-20 ENF "Fun"raiser - GANGSTER NIGHT see flier
- 6-21 Fathers Day Champaigne Brunch by Elks Ladies
- 6-24 Beef Sliders by Jill and Christine
- 6-26 PERs dinner - Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salisbury Steak
- 6-28 El Konejo Kampers Breakfast

June Birthdays

Mike Mathews-01
William Ratcliffe-01
Dwight Williams-02
Bob Adams-03
Henry Germain-03
Abe Gamble-04
Mary Woodlief-04
Woody Hammer-06
John Peterson-06
Jim McHarg-08
Elise Murray-09
Devin Carter-011
Cherri Peterson-11
Patricia Heckathorn-13
Kimberly Rediger-13
Steve Smith-13
Clarence Brown-15
Alan Hardie-15
Ken Krabel-15
Ronald Hull-16
Ronald Pizitz-16
Chuck Costigan-18
Jerry Gilmore-18
Ransall-Hays
Frederick Kolbeck-18
Charles Maslin-20
Walter Ogden-20
Steve Harrison-21
James Allen-22
Steve McKee-22
Barbara Ann Gibbs-23
Scott Dool-24

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The Crying towel



April 1

1st capsule drawing \$500 Ben Morris paid but not present
2nd capsule drawing \$225.00 David Gates paid but not present
Lucky 13 Mike Flannery no winner

April 15

1st capsule drawing \$500 Jill Williams paid but not present
2nd capsule drawing \$250 Bob Wyman paid but not present
Lucky 13 Bob Shane no winner

April 22

1st capsule drawing \$500 Bill Burmeister paid but not present
2nd capsule drawing \$275 John Leadam paid but not present
Lucky 13 Jean Miraglia no winner

June Birthdays Continued

Anita Gorino-24
Howard Johnson-25
William Rodarme-25
George Hees-29
James Horning-30

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris (Century Club)
Jill Williams (Century Club)
Bill & Jeri Miller (Century Club)
John Peterson (Century Club)
Cherri Peterson (Century Club)
Kathy Moye
David Starky
Karen McKinnion
Barbara Ann Gibbs
Jon Preston
Juanita Feamster
Patricia Heckathorn
Darryl Kopacz
Paul Stein
Scott Dool
Alan Azoff
In Memory of Dee Swanson



Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

June 6, 1944 – D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe

June 14, 1775 – U.S. Army founded

June 14th – Flag Day

June 22, 1942 – Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress

June 22, 1944 – GI Bill signed into law

June 25, 1950 – Korean War began

June 30, 2008 – Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into law

(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)

Remember the upcoming 23rd Ventura County Stand Down on July 24-26th. To volunteer for lunch on Saturday, contact Tom Hartin @ 805-497-4902. For cleanup or other tasks or for donations, call Carl @ 805-630-8110.

The month of June is quiet except for preparations for the Stand Down and any special requests that come up. Over the past two months, we have been able to assist two of our own veterans and two

homeless veterans as requested.

An update on Eric McDonald – remember that we presented his wife Deonna, daughter of member Dainis Eglitis (marine vet) with a medal of valor. This medal recognizes her support of Eric during Iraq service and throughout his recovery. He is quite happy at present with the services that all have offered.

At least once a year, we take a group of ambulatory veterans from the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital to lunch, just to get out and around.



Ramona Johnson-Hackett, Recreational Therapist with veterans Carl & Karen



Lunch for veterans from Sepulveda V.A.

The Greater L.A. Veterans Administration put on a clinic at the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation at 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo for any veterans who need assistance. The event was attended by about 200 veterans. Lunch was provided for the staff by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.



(L-R) Calvin Payne, Robert Lloyd, GCVF Exec. Dir. JC Oberst and Charles Green, WLA-VA



Mike McManus, County Veterans Service Officer with other volunteers at lunch provided by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Each year, the Cal Vet Home – Ventura hosts a Volunteers Recognition Day. Carl

Lanterman represented the T.O. Lodge with singer Marlene Nord who has also performed at multiple lodge events.



Lynda Griffin, Carl Lanterman & Marlene Nord



Volunteers enjoy food, entertainment, awards and door prizes.

BINGO @ Sepulveda V.A.

2nd Fri. monthly at 1pm 16111 Plummer St. at Woodley, Sepulveda, CA

KARAOKE @ Cal Vet Home – Ventura

4th Thursday each month at 6:00 pm 10900 Telephone Rd., Ventura, CA

Veterans Services Committee

Carl Lanterman, Chairman
805-630-8110 carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

Art Urbano, Vice Chairman
805-241-5719 charlene.urbano@verizon.net

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Remembering D-day June 6th, 1944

American Cemetery over Omaha Beach
Normandy, France



Celebrating Flag Day June 14th

American Flags at the Washington Memorial



Special Kids Day at Conejo Valley Days



The Elk Train



Engineer Gerry Gillies



Volunteers serving lunch to the families



Families line up for the Elk Train



Families board the Elk Train



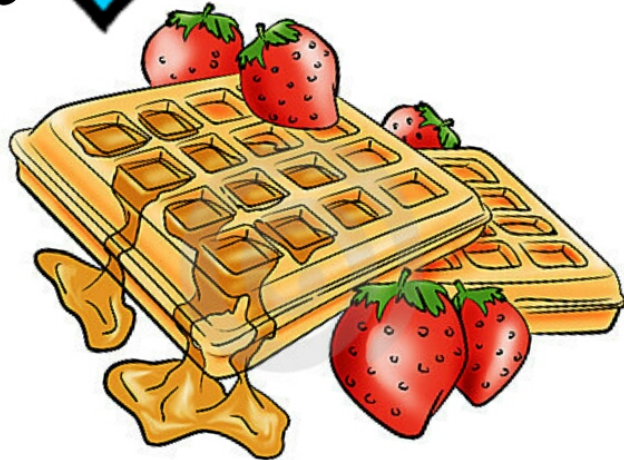
Passengers enjoy a ride around the park

Elk's Ladies Present
Father's Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday, June 21, 2015
10:00am - 1:00pm

MENU

- Eggs
- Ham
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Hash Browns
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Waffles by David
- Fruit
- Pastries
- Orange juice & Coffee
- Champagne



**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS
(805) 496-4550**

A message from our Scholarship Chairman Rick Herrera

Youth Appreciation Night at the Elks May 1st was well attended with scholarship winning students, parents, grandparents, scouts, and many enthusiastic Elks!

A great pasta dinner with dessert was devoured before the scholarship awards. Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen.

The Elks awarded over \$15,000 to our

students this year. An evening introducing students and their accomplishments was had. The following is a short bio of 6 of our top students.



(L-R) Courtney Brouseau, Kai Yoshinaga, Grace Aspinwall, Fariha Hameed, Alex Chinian, Scholarship Chairman Rick Herrera, Exalted Ruler Jim Moye and Secretary David Naccarato, PER representing PERs Frank Rindone Scholarship Fund. Not pictured is Kathleen Owens.

National Scholarship:

\$5,900 – Kathleen Owens, N.P.H.S., GPA 4.65, SAT 1400, captain varsity lacrosse 2 years, volunteers at Westminster Free Clinic, math tutor, cashier Alamo Restaurant, involved in student government, college – Northeastern.

\$1,500 – Alex Chinian, Oaks Christian H.S., GPA 4.2, (all A's), math and Spanish tutor, on-line business editor, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, varsity basketball and baseball, cerebral palsy home volunteer (his passion), Scholar of the Year as a junior, college – USC.

\$1,050 – Grace Aspinwall – Hillcrest Christian, GPA 4.5, #1 student in class, tutor of math, works in child care and senior care, played 4 years of school and

club volleyball, Sunday School teacher, volunteer nurse in Guatemala, C.S.F., A.P. Scholar, 1st team all league volleyball, college – UCLA pre-med.

Scholarship:

\$1850 – Courtney Brouseau – N.P.H.S., GPA 4.61, SAT 1520, top 10% of class, tutor at Sycamore Canyon as a math counselor, Leadership Award, volunteered over 500 hours, accepted at UC Berkeley in political science and computer science on public policy.

\$1,700 – Fariha Hameed – Westlake H.S., GPA 4.72, SAT 1510, works as a tutor and on an avocado farm, member math club, Muslim Student Association, dance club, cool car club, volunteers at the Westminster Free Clinic, Los Robles Hospital,

Many Mansions, member of National Honor Society, Ventura County Board of Supervisors Volunteer Award, accepted at UCLA in pre-med.

\$1,500 – Kai Yoshinaga – T.O.H.S., GPA 4.84, SAT 1600, top 1% of class, 195 lb. Wrestling League Champion, 4 years rugby, volunteers at Westminster Free Clinic, volunteers at Discovery Center and Oxnard Buddhist Temple, three years as scholar athlete, National A.P. Scholar with Distinction, accepted to Georgetown in pre-med.

Fraternally,

Rick Herrera
Scholarship Chairman

Meet the new *Theme Twins* for the California-Hawaii Elks Association's Major Project *Peyton and Jayden Nielsen*



Exalted Ruler Jim Moye addresses attendees of the 100th CHEA convention and announces the donation of \$17,201.25 to the Major Project by members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, Elks Ladies and El Konejo Kampers.



Dwight Williams relaxing on the Lodge's outside benches that he completely rebuilt and refinished.

Good job Dwight.



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Meet our New Members



Bill Figue (L) with sponsor Jon Preston



Bryan Kinch with Tom Hartin



David Starky and Karen McKinnion Pictured with Gregg Miraglia and sponsored by Staycee Viamontee of Orange Lodge #1475

Elk's Lodge 2477

GANGSTER NIGHT

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2015

Dinner 6:PM -- Dancing 7:00 PM

Homemade Italian Feast by
JOHNNY D, the Miraglia's,
Capolino's & Casey Boggiano

\$25.00 pp

Music by
Chris Banta's Trio

RAFFLE PRIZES
50/50
OPPORTUNITY
DRAWING



Benefitting ELK's National Foundation

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Pin Night at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477



Ken Krabel
George Meehan
45 Year Pins



Harold Constantine
45 Year Pin



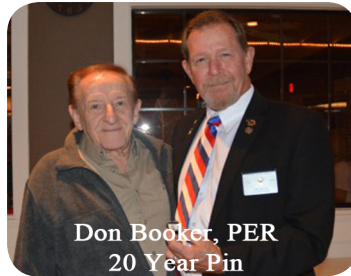
Terry Gickler, PDDGER
Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER
35 Year Pins



Wilson Dyer
30 Year Pin



Walter Odgen
20 Year Pin



Don Booker, PER
20 Year Pin



John & June Leadam
John 20 Year Pin
June 10 Year Pin



15 Year Pin
Steve McKee



Five Year Pins
Gregg Miraglia, Tom Baldrige and
Christine Harrison



Secretary's Message Continued

Around the Lodge:

New member Jeff Conyers designed, built and installed new lights above our pin board. Jeff also built the cover for the access hole in the office building. Gerry Gillies installed emergency lighting in the restrooms and kitchen; got rid of unused items in the con boxes making room for items we need to keep; repaired the front door so that it locks when closed.

The outside lighting is nice. When I roll out after a meeting and go back to the office, the lights light up my pathway and it feels like the academy awards as I make my way down the red carpet.

Ben Reiger is done and gone before anyone sees him, but he leaves behind clean and manicured grounds. The grounds look great. Ben planted lemon and lime trees for us, which were donated by Bill

Smail. The trees already have fruit growing. Soon drinks that require a garnish of lemon or lime will be made with fresh fruit from the lodge.

Max Maxwell cleaned and straightened the wood lot. Gerry Gillies, Alan Hardie and Dave Anderson, maybe others I don't know about, were on wood detail; picking up, splitting and stacking. Thanks guys

Membership:

We dropped in number by 3. Right now we are at 396. Last year started with 399. We still have 31 on the delinquent list. The names will be posted in the July Antler so sponsors can call to find out what is going on. I have sent reminder notices and asked for explanations so we can fix problems.

Something else I want to mention:

When you want to make a donation of something from your garage, please ask an

officer if we want it or not. If it's junk to you it's junk to us. If we don't sell it we end up having to spend money or someone's time to trash it.

I went to put some flags away for retirement and I find a stationary bike in the shed. Now, being in the chair, I can't move it. Please don't drop off items without asking.

Paint cans were dropped off. The paint does not match anything we have and now we have to take it to the haz-mat drop off. Who ever dropped it off already had it loaded. You should have taken it too haz-mat yourself. Now *we* need to find someone to take it. My back yard is full of paint that I got rid of years ago for the lodge. I took off the tops and waited for it to dry. Now it's ready to dump.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

El Konejo Kampers

For many years Pat Von Wittenberg (Hafhil) has regaled you with her articles for the Antler Antics. She has decided its time for her to move on. We appreciate all your years of service and dedication to the Kampers. Thank you, Pat.

Jessica Stull, President
El Konejo Kampers

APRIL -2015 @ PORT HUENEME

First order of business: When the wagonmaster provides directions – FOLLOW THEM! I have no idea what the Stull's problem was, but mine was I think I can do better. I put Port Hueneme in google maps and that's exactly where it directed me – to the PORT where the ships dock. Asked where the area that held the golf course might be, thinking that HAD to be an area they would surely recognize - NOT EVEN. I might as well have been speaking a foreign language. Pull into that area, make a U-turn. Now looking for Sunkist St. – running through a residential district. Second attempt put me at an entirely different gate. Same reaction, another U-turn! Now this is where it gets hairy. Called our fearless leader, Donna Colleran, advising I was on Victoria, very close to Channel Islands.

All I needed to do was make a right on Channel Islands which runs along the side of the golf course and I would come to Ventura Road, which was where I needed to be – WRONG AGAIN! Either Donna misunderstood me or I misunderstood her. Meanwhile, the other lost sheep, the Stulls, arrived and Donna really wanted to inspect the interior of their rig to see, in fact, if there had been bloodshed. All was in order. But I'm still wandering – after at least 45 minutes and a 1/4 tank of gas, I finally arrive! One request – A DRINK - and make it strong. Soon I felt much more relaxed and a great deal calmer.

Thursday was a relatively quiet, laid-back afternoon - until Stella Vilano announced her three daughters had to go home. Between Donna Colleran, Deb Drake and me, we convinced Stella we could supervise the girls. She reluctantly agreed. So we were left in charge. We had absolutely NO problems. In fact, when I went to check on them at 9 p.m., I found Donna already in the doorway, and the girls had been in bed. I think Deb had earlier supervised their dinner preparations, all was cleaned up!

Friday, Donna was giving their rig a through clean-out in preparation for their

LONG trip beginning in May. She was such a go-getter, she broke one of her drawers. Stella returned Friday evening and pronounced everything to be in GOOD ORDER! She said that I must run a tight ship. Actually, the girls were no trouble at all.

Donna and Judy Kudra are devout "walkers". Judy measures all her steps, something like 17,000 that day. Not to be outdone, Kathy Moye and Jessica Stull decided they were taking on the challenge and began walking Friday evening. Don't know exactly what happened, but they were still walking Saturday morning! (Actually, Kathy and Jessica outstepped them on Friday. Ed. note). Too bad Jim Porter wasn't around to do his birthday shtick. Friday was actually Joe Nemtusak's REAL birthday. Judy N. brought out carrot cake – OH YUMMY! Saturday there was an entire "bike brigade" out and about.

Saturday night potluck was a multitude of delicious dishes followed by a rousing game of Left Right Center.

Winners of the FREE campouts were the Moyes and the Ericksons. Winner of the 50/50 was Cheryl Templeton.

The PERs Corner

The Past Exalted Rulers (PERs) May meeting was opened by President Terry Baker.

Items discussed were:

PER monthly Sunday breakfast omelet bar with pancakes and waffles, usually the third Sunday of the month.

Due to some scheduling conflicts the next PER breakfast will be July 19, 2015. Please put it on your calendar and come and enjoy!

PER BBQ Team is doing the BBQ Saturday May 23, 2015. If you are interested in

working with the team, please call Terry Baker, 805495-6127, to volunteer.

The PERs are planning for the WCCD Exalted Rulers Going to Grand Lodge Convention Party and Dinner July 3rd at the Thousand Oaks Lodge. All of the District Exalted Rulers and their significant others were invited to attend. This is a time for them to CHOW DOWN together, have a little informal fun, get to know each other and prepare for the events about to happen at the convention.

All lodge Elks are invited to the dinner and to join in on the sendoff. It's an informal party!

Grand Lodge Convention is scheduled for July 5-9, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

All Elks members can attend and be a part of the convention. If you would like to attend, please call the lodge office for information.

The PERs also voted to purchase one ticket to Lance Erickson's fundraiser luncheon in Santa Ynez. Lance is from the Atascadero Lodge and is the CHEA 1st Vice-president this year. He will be CHEA President for the 2016-2017 Elks year.

The PERs continue to support our Lodge!

Fraternally,

Tom Ryder, PER/ PDDGER

Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery
Loyal Knight	Donna Leary
Lecturing Knight	Karen Martyn
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER
Treasurer	Pati Harrod
Tiler	Christine Harrison
Exquire	Billy Sternberg
Chaplain	Dave Anderson
Organist	Karin Speights
Officer at Large	Terry Gicking, PDDGER

Trustees 2015 - 2016

One Year	Pam Price, COB
Two Year	James Lovato
Three Year	George Meehan, PER
Four Year	Darryl Kopacz
Five Year	Dan Martyn, PER

Elk of the Year	Gerry Gillies
Officer of the Year	Pam Price
Citizen of the Year	Richard Herrera

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

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Calendar: Terry Gicking	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog and Weekly Updates: Steve Smith	Maintenance: Chairperson needed
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Facilities: Tom Hartin
Historian: Chairperson needed	Lodge Renovations: Dan Martyn, PER
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Photography: Jill Williams and Gregg Miraglia	PER Association President: Terry Baker
Forward Planning: Jim Moye	Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann
Protocol: Karen Martyn	

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liason: Mike Flannery	Community Activities: Mike Flannery
Major Project/Purple Pig: Pati Harrod	Sickness and Distress: Coleen Morris
Bequeaths & Living Trusts: Mike Flannery	Charity Matters: Mike Flannery
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jim Moye
Christmas Basket Program: Mike Flannery	Christmas Tree Lot: Ben Rieger

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Donna Leary	Conejo Valley Days: Tom Hartin
Lodge Activities: Mike Flannery	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	New Years Eve: Mike Flannery
Government Relations: Chairperson needed	Mothers Day: Dave Anderson
Elks Memorial Service: Dave Anderson	Inaugural Ball: Donna Leary
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
Public Relations: Lynn Rodriguez	

2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Chairperson needed	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot: David Naccarato, PER	Dictionary Program: Mary Woodlief
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol	Youth Appreciation Night: Karen Martyn
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Lodge July 4th and Labor Day Activities: Karen Martyn
Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER	

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and 4th Wednesday of the month.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Trustee Meeting: 6pm

House Committee Meeting : 7:30pm

followed immediately by Officers meeting

Past Exalted Rulers

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER
1974-75 *Richard Flake
1975-76 Bill Wagner
1976-77 John E. Henry
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie
1981-82 *Robert Hardy
1982-83 *A. John Nichols
1983-84 John Nau
1984-85 Vern Ogden
1985-86 Dan Snyder
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER
1987-88 John E. Henry
1988-89 *Ted Lipka
1989-90 Don Skinner
1990-91 Don Ansell
1991-92 Gary Sleigh
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER
1993-94 Jim Wallace
1994-95 *George Pekow
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER
1996-97 *Jack Loughran

1997-98 *John Kelly
1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
2000-01 Jacob Panczak
2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
2002-03 Don Booker
2003-04 Greg Metzger, PDDGER, DL
2004-05 Jay Block
2005-06 *Sally Claunch
2006-07 David Naccarato
2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
2008-09 George Meehan
2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
2010-11 Harry Brockwell
2011-12 Steve Smith
2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
2013-14 Terry Baker
2014-15 Dan Martyn

By Affiliation:

1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1999-00 *Ralph Vester
'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine

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