



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

**PATRIOT DAY**



**REMEMBER  
09-11-01**



## Contents

Elk of the Month	2
Duty Officers	2
Message from the Exalted Ruler	3
Message from the Leading Knight	3
Volunteering for Committees	3
Message from the Lecturing Knight	4
Message from the Lodge Secretary	4
Sickness & Distress	5
Calendar Highlights	5
Purple Pig Honor Roll	5
Birthdays	5
Crying Towel	5
Veterans Services	6
Become a Reoccurring Donor	6
GL Conven. Resolutions & Results	7
CHEA President's Visitation	8
Labor Day at the Lodge Event	10
TO Elks Train at Ventura Co Parade	11
Elks Ladies	12
New Members	13
A Message from the Kitchen	13
A word about our BBQ	13
El Konejo Kampers	14
PERs Corner	14
Officers, Trustees & Chairpersons	15
Contact info, PERs & Hours	<i>Back Cover</i>

## NEVER FORGET



## Elk of the Month



I have chosen Mary Woodlief as “Elk of the Month”. Mary is an Elk that has successfully taken on the chairmanship of the Dictionary program, works on the BBQ teams, and is in all ways an exemplary Elk.

Thank you Mary for all you do for Elksdom and our lodge.

Jim Moye  
Exalted Ruler  
B.P.O.E. #2477

## The Dictionary Project

This comes from TERRY R. LIERSAPH, Dictionary Project Committee Member

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. The mission of this non-profit organization is to distribute dictionaries to thirdgrade students nationwide. It has been determined that third-graders are transitioning from learning to read to reading to learn. All education from that point on will require the student to be able to read and retain the information gathered. Also, many schools teach dictionary skills in the third grade for the first time. In 2004-05, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks first partnered in the program and has since purchased and distributed 2,917,218 dictionaries.



## Remember to give to ENF



**Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.**

## Duty Officers

Terry Gicking	9-03 to 9-09
Darryl Kopacz	9-10 to 9-16
Billy Sternberg	9-17 to 9-23
Mike Flannery	9-24 to 9-30

## Exalted Ruler Jim Moye



One of the most enjoyable things that Kathy and I have experienced by being in the officer corps is the interaction that it has afforded us with other lodges and people. Kathy and I have attended many events, made many new

friends and enjoyed the company of Elks from all over the country. Sharing different ideas and ways to solve or mitigate problems, generating money for charities and developing social events and activities to encourage participation from our members are just a few of the benefits this position has afforded. I strongly recommend becoming a member of the officer corps to get the most out of Elkdom. To our new members hopefully you joined our lodge not only to benefit the community but to make friends and participate in social events. I'm sure that some of you have good ideas that you can share with us to enhance our success. I call on you to get involved and share your ideas. We have a new suggestion box that our master carpenter Gregg Miragila built. It is located in the lounge and I encourage you to use it. Thank you Gregg for all you and Jean do at the lodge.

Recently we hosted a dinner for our CHEA president Donald Schultz and his first lady Shirley. All together attendance from our lodge and other lodges was more than we expected and we served around 100 dinners. I estimated that fifty percent of the attendees were from other lodges and lodges from other districts. Jean and Gregg Miraglia served a fantastic homemade Italian dinner and with the help of their kitchen and serving staff the evening was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. We have Labor Day at the lodge with food and events for everyone. Check the flier for times and events. Remember your involvement is the key to our lodge's success.

Your truly,  
Jim Moye,  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Another month and almost everything is still moving smoothly. The Kaspers started off with back-to-back Sundays of 90-100 breakfasts, followed by a weekend of three Lodge visits from CHEA President Don Schultz

- Friday night at Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 with a great Italian Dinner by the Miraglias; Saturday night at Oxnard Lodge #1443 with a very interesting dinner; and Sunday morning breakfast at Simi Lodge #2492. It seems like that should be enough to last for quite a while but it is followed closely by the DD Clinic in Santa Barbara and the Thousand Oaks Lodge Blood Drive.

September arrives with "Labor Day at the Lodge" and National Patriotism Week, followed closely by DD Visits to Oxnard Lodge #1443, Atascadero Lodge #2733, Lompoc Lodge #2274, and winding up at Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477. And don't forget, there is plenty of seating available at the Lodge General Meetings, and everyone is invited.

Thank You,  
Mike Flannery  
Leading Knight

## Volunteers for Committees

Volunteering to participate on a BBQ crew or committee can be intimidating to some and unrewarding to others. As an intimidating feeling, it doesn't mean some members are frightened, but they simply don't know very many members beyond their sponsor. Some people are more outgoing than others.

As an unrewarding feeling, there are some members who want to lead more than simply volunteer. The idea of wanting to take on a leadership role on a committee may be seen as a desire to unseat a person who's regarded as an "institution" among the membership. I can assure you, from my experience working through the chairs, that is definitely not the case. No one in this lodge is regarded as an "institution".

In fact, most committee chairpersons eventually get burned out. Especially when they have no one else on their committee but them! There's a saying that goes something like, "Many hands make for little work". I think it's easy to understand the message. If more members involved themselves on BBQ teams, committees or in the kitchen, all of those volunteers would have less work to do.

There are a lot of committees and the

*Continued on Page 13*

## Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
September 2nd	September 18th	September 22nd	September 23rd
October 7th	October 16th	October 27th	October 28th

## Applicants/Transfers to be Investigated

Arleen Adamsky	Paralegal	Sponsored by Shannon Cunningham
Zhipi McDougald	Event Planner	Sponsored by Chuck Costigan
Larry Levine	Marketing	Sponsored by Mike Mathews
Glenn Kenny	Theater Installer	Sponsored by Lynette Micheli
Nicholas Cigan	Retired	Sponsored by Rick Herrera
Douglas Ryan	Retired	Sponsored by Rick Herrera
Sally Johnson		Sponsored by Rick Herrera
Alexandra Rodgers	Property Manager	Sponsored by Diane Scott
Scott Cameron #2505	Transfer to our Lodge	From Simi Valley #2492
Jeff Weiherer #2408	Transfer to our Lodge	From Simi Valley #2492



## Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



One of the benefits of Elkdom is being able to visit other lodges within our state and across the country. On the flip side, it is always a pleasure when our lodge gets visitors from other lodges.

Recently, I experienced first hand one such visit. It was a Friday night and four friendly faced ladies from the San Luis Obispo Lodge #322 walked in.



They introduced themselves as Jackie Mansfield, Treasurer, Cathy Mathews, Tiler, Wendy Ackhart and Natalie Ackhart. It turns out these ladies make up four generations of their family with Jackie being the matriarch, her daughter, Cathy, her granddaughter, Wendy, and her great granddaughter, Natalie. Wendy has not yet joined the Elks but is definitely being encouraged to do so. Young Natalie has a few years to go before she is eligible but when the day comes I'm sure she will be a welcomed addition!

We provided them with refreshments, and Donna Leary and First Lady Kathy Moye reopened the kitchen in order to serve them a late dinner. We enjoyed their company, had some fun together and took their picture under our lighted Antlers. Our lodge enjoys a reputation for our hospitality, so remember to always

*Continued in Column 3*

## Secretary David Naccarato



First, I want to thank everyone for the calls and cards while I let my surgeon hone his skills using me as his test subject. What do you say when the response is, "it'll only get worse"?

So you let them tinker and you get some down time. I remember when I was in Northridge back in 2009 for a previous procedure and a fellow member, John Ennis, was also a patient at the same time. John's room number was one digit off from mine. When he kept getting wrong number phone calls, he thought it strange that the person the callers were looking for happened to be someone he knew. So, during one visit with his wife they went exploring looking for me and sure enough John and Gladys Ennis came to visit. We had fun telling that story.

My Mother sent me a book on Colorado, because I asked her how far Leadville was from her. Leadville was where our founder, Charles Vivian, was buried. One page from the book was marked and this is what it read: *Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian who was a son of a English Clergyman moved to the United States in 1867 to try out his craft. Charles was a singer/entertainer and performed with many performance companies.*

Back in England he was a member of an organization of actors and stage personalities called the Buffalo's. They were formed for mutual camaraderie and as a sort of insurance plan for members down on their luck. After debarking in New York he organized an American counterpart, calling it the "Jolly Corks".

Later, the Jolly Corks became infatuated with a fine Elk head mounted on display in P.T. Barnum's famous New York museum. A movement was started to rename themselves the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks. It was noted that the Elk was "fleet of Foot, timorous of doing wrong, avoiding all combat save for the defense of it's young, the helpless and the weak".

*Continued in Column 3*

## *Lecturing Knight's Message Continued*

welcome our visiting Elk brothers and sisters.

Finally, our visit from State President Don Schultz was well attended, and our lodge received many compliments on our facility and dinner. Many thanks to our kitchen crew: Chef Jean Miraglia, Gregg Miraglia, Jill Williams, Faye Stevens and Max Maxwell, and to Angela Porter and friends for their outstanding table service.

That's it for this month. Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming dinners and special events.

Karen Martyn  
Lecturing Knight

---

## *Secretary's Message Continued*

Vivian came to Leadville performing "Oliver Twist". Leadville soon became Colorado's second largest city and Charles started to recruit men for Lodge #236, one of only a few lodges begun by the founder of the order himself.

In 1880, the city encountered an outbreak of pneumonia. With the high altitude of almost two miles pneumonia or any respiratory illness was often fatal. Vivian fell victim and died in March of 1880. Charles was buried with great ceremony. The Leadville Elks bought the Tabor Opera House. They used it to perform shows and raised money to provide for Charles' wife and children to return home. Charles' body stayed for nine years and was then moved to the Elks Cemetery in Boston.

To this day we raise money by putting on dinner shows. Catherine Koeritz and I are gearing up again with some new idea's. So, when you're approached, no excuses. Just have fun.

Fraternally

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

## Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris  
805-241-8928

### Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of PER Jerry Harter of Atascadero who has passed after a long illness.

### Keep in your prayers:

Carol Preston who fell from a ladder in her in her yard. She is resting uncomfortably at home.

Continue pray for Dick McCann and his family

Lynn Rodriguez is recovering from foot surgery

## Calendar Highlights

- 9-07 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Labor Day Party  
9-11 Friday Night Dinner Steak \$12 or 1/2 Chicken \$8  
9-16 Jim Smitley, DDGER visitation. Social Hour 6pm  
Dinner 7pm Chicken Cordon Bleu or NY Steak \$12.  
9-17 BINGO IS BACK! 1pm Early Birds, 2pm Regulars  
9-18 **Friday Fish Fry** - \$10 by Jill Williams & Crew  
Entertainment by the Runamucks.  
9-19 Hoop Shoot Competition. **HELP NEEDED!**  
Call the office for info - 805-496-2477.  
9-25 Liver & Onions by Redgie Fleeman - \$10  
Entertainment by Pier 101  
**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL!!**  
9-21 **TOSTADA BAR!!**  
& 28 Food by Tom Ryder - Games by NFL Dave

## September Birthdays

Ed Ayrat-03  
Julie Cook-03  
Tom Ryder PDDGER-04  
Harry Brockwell PER-05  
Dick Churik-05  
Leonard Cardoni-06  
Brian Horan-06  
Ed Jones-06  
Dorothy Murray-07  
Nernon Noell-07  
Jean Miraglia-10  
Larry Zarbnicky-11  
Dick McCann-12  
Dennis Anderson-13  
James LaRue-15  
Bill Lloyd PDDGER-17  
Ed Rice-17  
Christopher Campbell-18  
Kirk Keeler-18  
Ray Sorbino-19  
Juanita Feanster-22  
Jerry Serota-23  
Stella Violano-23  
Boyd Lindquist-24  
Robert Wyllie-25  
Marshall Knowlton-26  
John Tracy-27  
Steve Buczynski-28  
Doug Carroll-28  
John Nau PER-29

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Kathy Moye, 1st Lady  
Bobby Williams  
Dan Martyn, PER  
Robert Jones  
Jean Miraglia  
Greg Metzgus, DL (Century Club & Recurring)  
Bill Sternberg, PER  
Max Maxwell  
Karen Martyn  
Gregg Miraglia  
Brenda Hagen (Century Club)  
Juanita Feamster (Century Club)  
Terry Gicking, PDDGER (Recurring)  
Steve Smith, PER (Recurring)

## The Crying towel



**July 1st**  
Capsule Drawing -  
Louis Carlentine not  
present.

Lucky 13 - Jim Moye no  
winner

**July 15th**  
Capsule Drawing - Mike Mathews not  
present.

Lucky 13 - Terry Baker PER no winner

**July 22nd**  
Capsule Drawing - Bryan Kinch. Not  
present.

Lucky 13 - June Leadam no winner



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

## Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

September 2, 1945 – V-J Day, Japan Signed Formal Surrender  
September 10, 1962 – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day & National Day of Service & Remembrance  
September 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force Established  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – POW/MIA Recognition Day  
September 29, 1899 – VFW Established/VFW Day  
*(Dates are taken from the VFW Calendar)*

**BINGO** @ Sepulveda V.A. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday each month at  
1:00 pm 16111 Plummer St., at Woodley,  
Sepulveda, CA  
**KARAOKE** @ Cal Vet Home – Ventura – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
each month at 6:00 pm 10900 Telephone Rd.,  
Ventura, CA

A special thank you to the following Elks and others who have supported the recent veterans events. You came through on the urgent request to help veterans at the Sepulveda V.A. and the Stand Down.

**Coleen Morris** - \$320 (boots and food cards)      **Max Maxwell** – cash and goods

**Greg Metzger** – clothing for Sepulveda      **John & Cherri Petersen** – clothing for Sepulveda

And thanks to all others who have donated to the vets fund, clothing & other donations. **Tom Hartin & Rick Herrera, Rich Romani, Terry Gicking, Doug Morrison, Steve Kemmerer, Duke Kopacz** – Lunch for 265

In addition, **Art Urbano, Tom Hartin, Rich Romani** and **Terry Gicking** distributed more than \$15,000 worth of left over clothing to the Sepulveda V.A., Lutheran Social Services and The Samaritan Center.

**Art Urbano** also performed Sunday Services and continues to help with all phases of the stand down.

**Carol Fredericks** came to the stand down to help with whatever she could. That turned out to be transportation, clothing distribution and photos, one of which was appeared in the VC Reporter.

**Terry Gicking's** involvement in the stand down is almost endless. It runs from delivering goods and equipment, purchasing & delivering drinks, helping with lunch, coordinating with Simi Valley, Oxnard & Ventura lodges to make bag lunches for Sunday, and general “gopher” tasks.

**Carl Lanterman, Art Urbano** and **Terry Gicking** attend monthly planning meetings and **Tom Hartin** is always available to ensure that the T.O. Elks do all they can do for the Stand Down.

**See our website at [vstanddown.org](http://vstanddown.org)**

Also, a special “Thank You” to Robert McKenrick, Director, V.A. WLA Region. He has offered his help to us for anyone who cannot find their way through the system, and has made good on that promise. Among other things, since Dainis Eglitis' son-in-law, Eric McDonald, returned from the Army with injuries from an IED explosion in Iraq, Robert has ensured that he has appropriate benefits and care, and visits him personally, along with other veterans going through serious issues. Eric has had two back operations at Cedars Sinai, and thanks to Col. McKenrick, he is now at the V.A. Hospital in West LA. He travels on his “days off” to make sure that he does the best he can for the veterans in his jurisdiction.

**New opportunities and work by our Elks veterans will be addressed in a future issue. Keep reading.**

### **Carl Lanterman**

Chairman-Veterans Service Committee  
(805) 630-8110      [carl.silverstrand@gmail.com](mailto:carl.silverstrand@gmail.com)

### **Art Urbano**

Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee  
(805) 241-5719      [charlene.urbano@verizon.net](mailto:charlene.urbano@verizon.net)

## Become a Recurring Donor for the CHEA Major Project

KEEP IT SIMPLE – BECOME A RECURRING DONOR FOR THE MAJOR PROJECT AND SEE YOUR NAME IN PRINT IN EACH ISSUE OF THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELK MAGAZINE!

Would you like to contribute to the Major Project more often? What if you could donate without writing a check, buying a stamp and addressing an envelope each time?

You can make it simple by signing up to be a recurring donor! We'll automatically charge a credit card on a recurring basis for a set donation amount. There are no checks to write or envelopes to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows us to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Recurring donors are very important and are special donors who will be recognized in each issue of the magazine and with a “Recurring Donor” Pin.

Donations are taken out at the 10th of every month. You may cancel at any time by calling the office. (You may also re-subscribe at any time!). To start the process, go to this url <https://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/> and then click on the “Jump to Recurring Donor” button.



## Proposed Resolutions and Voting Results - Grand Lodge Convention 2015

Number and Description	VOTE			Message
	Yes	No	%	
<b>2015-01</b> To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries.	1504	1144	56.80%	<b>Failed.</b> Constitutional amendments require a 2/3 affirmative vote to pass
<b>2015-02</b> To eliminate the requirement that an applicant for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of application for 10 years preceding application.	1609	1043		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-03</b> To provide that the social facilities of a Lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings, provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with.	1004	1643		<b>Failed.</b>
<b>2015-04</b> To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in the Lodge By- Laws, and if authorized to provide for alternative nomination and election of Lodge officers.	1211	1439		<b>Failed</b>
<b>2015-05</b> To clarify the number of times a Lodge is required to meet monthly. No substantive change intended.	2042	598		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-06</b> To clarify that it is the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge that can authorize payment of recurring bills if authorized in the Lodge By-Laws.	2418	228		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-07</b> To remove the Elks National Foundation as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Elks National Foundation Trustees.	2252	393		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-08</b> To remove the Grand Lodge Public Relations Program as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Grand Lodge Public Relations Director.	2230	416		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-09</b> To eliminate the requirement that the Board of Grand Trustees meet at least once annually at the Elks National Home.	2425	225		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-10</b> To reduce the maximum annual administrative fee payable by Life Members to one-half of the regular Lodge dues; to delete the \$5.00 minimum annual administrative expense.	2001	646		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-11</b> To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive.	2179	463		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-12</b> To change the 30 day increments to calendar months for the assessment of fines for late reporting.	2412	233		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-13</b> To extend the period from notice to vote from 8 to 10 weeks, and clarify other time limits for changes to By-Laws or House Rules.	1878	764		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-14</b> To delete the option of a graduated initiation fee and clarify that the two months for a \$1.00 fee need not be consecutive.	2063	580		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-15</b> To provide that any Member who is delinquent in the payment of any amount of dues during the month of March each year shall only be dropped during the month of March.	837	799		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-16</b> To clarify that in unincorporated Lodges the Exalted Ruler is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.	2315	324		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-17</b> To separate the duties of the managing body of the club into separate sections for standard duties and disciplinary proceedings. No substantive change is being proposed.	2215	429		<b>Passed.</b>
<b>2015-18</b> To prohibit involved Members from participating in local forum proceedings.	2183	453		<b>Passed.</b>

**Visitation by CHEA President and 1st Lady, Don and Shirley Schultz  
and by  
WCCD VP, Shelley and husband Jesse Gonzales**



**CHEA President, Donald Schultz**



**Don Schultz's District VPs, the "Roadrunners"**



**WCCD VP Shelley and Jesse Gonzales**



**(L-R) CHEA Pres. Don Schultz, 1st Lady Kathy, ER Jim and CHEA 1st Lady Shirley Schultz**



**WCCD Leader Greg Metzgas and wife Barbara**



**CHEA 1st Lady Shirley Schultz with Barbara Metzgas**



## CHEA President's Visitation (continued)



The Lodge Room is packed with visitors from throughout the WCCD and CHEA



Exalted Ruler Jim Moyo addresses the audience



CHEA President Don Schultz takes the mike from ER Jim Moyo



CHEA VP Lance Erickson, Metro Dist. VP Richard Jaymes and Santa Ynez Sec. Phil Daigton



WCCD VP Shelley Gonzales speaks to the audience



CHEA President Don Schultz works the room

# LABOR DAY AT THE LODGE



**Monday September 7th**

*Time ~ 1 PM to 6 PM*



**Grandparents - Bring Your Grandchildren and Their Parents**

**Members - Bring Your Neighbors, Friends and Their Children**

## **There Will Be - FOOD**



Corn on Cob

Hamburgers

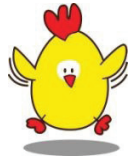


Hot Dogs



Garlic Bread

Chicken



Salads

## **There Will Be - GAMES**

**Bingo**

(Bingo Dave)  
(Prizes)



**Races**

(PERs)  
(Prizes)



**Bean Bag Toss**



(El Konejo Kampers)

## **There Will Be - KIDS RIDE**

(Engineer Gerry)

(Adults ride Only if Kids Approve)



**Adults \$6**

**Kids Under 12 \$2**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION or to VOLUNTEER to HELP CALL**

**Karen Martyn 818-298-8006**

**Brooke 805-496-4550**



## CHEA President Don Schultz participates in Ventura Co. Parade



(L-R) Western Regional Grand Lodge Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg, CHEA President Don Schultz and Billy Sternberg, our Lodge Esquire and Engineer of the Thousand Oaks Elks Train.



CHEA President Donald Schultz waves to the crowd along the parade route with CHEA 1st Lady Shirley by his side



Don and Shirley Schultz continue greeting the crowd with WCCD Shelly Gonzales in the passenger seat and driver David Coleman, PDDGER



It's the Thousand Oaks Elks Train! ER Jim and 1st Lady Kathy Moye wave to the crowd from the passenger area. Billy Sternberg is at the wheel with his dad Bill Sternberg, PER at his side.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS - LODGE ROOM RENTALS

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.





**2015 - 2016  
Committee Chairpersons**

1st Vice President Mary Woodlief  
 2nd Vice President Marian Anderson  
 Secretary Lynn Rodriguez  
 Treasurer Karen Naccarato  
 Auditor Shirste Gessler  
 Communications Mary Flannery  
 & Carol Fredericks

**Elks Ladies**



**Beth Kozlowski, President**

**2015 - 2016  
Committee Chairpersons**

Parliamentarian Jessica Stull  
 Chaplin Barbara Gibbs  
 Major Project Lynn Rodriguez  
 Karen Naccarato  
 Sunshine June Leadam  
 Historian Jeri Miller

**Birthdays**

5 Cornelia Meehan  
 10 Jean Miraglia  
 12 Annie Pearson  
 22 Becky Krabel  
 26 Evie Bystrom

With the holidays just around the corner, the Elks Ladies are holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Boutique on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lodge. Bring your holiday shopping list, family and friends to come and buy unique gifts for all those on your list. There are flyers posted around the Lodge and an insert in the Antler. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

It was a wonderful surprise having Cornelia Meehan attend our August meeting, not to mention looking better than ever! Cornelia shared with us that things were going well and best of all her last tests were cancer free!

The Elks Ladies are starting to serve all Friday night dinners at your table, with the exception of Fish Fry nights. Come enjoy a leisurely sit down dinner with your friends and take the night off! The Ladies will bring your dinners to you!

On a final note, we have decided to postpone the Texas Hold 'Em event that was scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> to a later date. This decision was made in order to ensure compliance with the requirements for such events under Elks statutes and

the ABC's guidelines. We are, however, looking forward to this event at a future date when we have satisfied those requirements.

**August Inspirational**

Sunshine Angel early in the morning when the sun begins to rise, a little sunshine angel wakes up and rubs her eyes. She dresses up in sunshine, in glowing golden rays, and sets out on her wandering to brighten up our days. She touches every flower as it opens to the sun, spreads her warmth and happiness to bless us everyone. Have a blessed sunny day and remember: You don't choose your family. They are God's to you, as you are to them.

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain



## A Message from The Kitchen

And a hearty welcome to you from the kitchen and all of our hard working kitchen personnel!

We are going to try out a new format for Friday dinners at the lodge. Come on down, buy your ticket/menu from the bar, pick a table, sit down, fill out your menu and when ready give it to the Elks Serving Lady nearest you and you will be served! Sound good? We will have some new choices for the dinners. Except for Fish Fry, which will not have table service, all dinners will offer two entrees. The Elks Ladies agreed to help us by providing servers for Friday night dinners. Be nice to them; they're volunteers!

There will be food available on Wednesday meeting nights. We are planning at first to have for your selection a hamburger plate or quarter chicken with several salads available. Price will be \$6 per person.

On special meeting nights, especially initiation night, we will have a choice of steak or half a chicken. The prices will probably be \$10-\$12 for the steak and \$8 for the chicken.

In response to requests by some members, we are going to try to start serving from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, except for special occasions.

We're also looking for members who have a specialty dish they would like to cook for a dinner. Please call me for planning and scheduling.

I would appreciate any offers of help and/or suggestions. Remember, this is your lodge and it takes all of us to make it a great lodge!

Come on down to the lodge and have a dinner with us.

Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
Kitchen Operations – 805-497-1853

## Meet our New Members



Suzanne "Suzy" Malvitz (R) sponsored by Christine Harrison, Lodge Tiler



New Member Gary Harmon (L) with sponsor Ben Morris.

*Dean Pruett (not pictured) is a transfer from Bend, Oregon #1371*

### *Volunteers for Committees continued*

responsibilities are shouldered by only a few of our members. If you have just a few hours to donate to any one of these committees please do so. Call the office at 805-496-2477 and ask about what is involved on a committee that interests you. We all have our unique passions and interests. Find yours in your lodge and pursue it. Many of these committees are for annual events. Preparations for them may begin months in advance, but require very little effort until just days leading up to the occasion.

On page 15 of this newsletter you will find a whole listing of committees. They all need help. Find one. The committees that are in need of leadership are:

#### \*Historian

#### \*Grants Coordinator

#### \*Government Relations

#### \*Youth Activities

We look forward to hearing from all of you. Find something you like and jump in.

Fraternally,

Jim Moyer  
Exalted Ruler

## A word about our Saturday BBQs

To All Members,

We need volunteers for Saturday BBQs. Come out and learn how to make Santa Maria style BBQ. Make them hungry and we'll feed them. If you need more information on what's involved and who to contact simply call the office at 805-496-2477.

For our newest members, this is an excellent way to get to know more members and make new friends. It's a fun and rewarding experience. We need your help.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Jim Moyer  
Exalted Ruler

## El Konejo Kampers

### THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND THE RAIN CAME DOWN!

Beginning on Wednesday and continuing on Thursday, the campers straggled into the Oceano Lodge campground expecting our usual lovely weather. And while we smiled benignly as we heard tales of Thousand Oaks being pelted by the long anticipated surprise rain, we certainly got our comeuppance on Sunday starting in the wee hours of the morning. More on that later.

Early birds Joe and Judy N along with Bev and Joel E enjoyed an authentic Italian dinner at Del's Restaurant on Wednesday evening. The big dinner outing to Jockos took place on Thursday and was attended by the early birds along with David and Jessica S, Jane W, John P, and Sue O. Mike and Mary F met a friend for dinner and Cheryl T had other plans. For those who have never heard of Jockos, all I can say is YUMMY. Jockos has been around forever at their same location in Nipomo, so if you're ever in the area and love good, no, make that delicious steaks and filets, this is the place. Anytime the campers are even a little close to Jockos, we make an outing of it. Later that evening Sherry J and Jim P showed up as hotel campers. Friday morning Diane and Jim L popped in and stayed long enough to eat lunch then disappeared after plans to beach camp were thwarted by the reservation gods. Not sure what happened as I was off wine tasting with Jane and John. I recommend Laetitia Winery but not Tally Winery - per-

sonal preference only.

The whole campout was marked by people enjoying themselves from walks on the beach, to sand dollar collecting, local drives to Avila and Shell Beach, napping, relaxing, chatting and game playing. One Friday evening several of us ate at the Sea Venture resort, a three story building that looks down onto the sand and surf. We were treated to whales flapping their tails and blowing up water, dolphins frolicking in the bay and people watching. On Saturday several of us walked down to the beach and saw a huge otter diving in and out of the waves. What a treat.

As is our tradition, we had our brunch potluck complete with champagne, courtesy of Sue O who got a brand new 30 foot Newmar motorhome. What a beauty. We downsize and she upsizes! We had our 50/50 drawing for \$53 won by Jim P. with the free campouts going to the Ericksons and Cheryl T. Congratulations to all the winners. A big shoutout to Jane W for being a superb wagon master.

A special BIG thank you to Dale and Kim Gregory, Loyal Knight and Treasurer respectively of the Oceano Lodge. They went the extra mile for us, calling in a Jeep mechanic on a Saturday evening when our transmission on the Jeep suddenly decided not to function. This couple doubles as the camp hosts at Oceano. Everyone in the group really liked these kind warm people and their dog and two cats. Thank

you Dale and Kim for all your kindness.

As we slept in peaceful repose, the skies opened up around 5 am on Sunday morning, the day the majority of us leave. David and I had planned to leave early because of plans in the L.A. area that afternoon. That was not to be. The skies opened up and it just poured, but the big show was all the lightning and thunder. As a light sleeper, it kept me up the whole time. We waited and waited but finally had to get going. I thought David along with Mike F were going to drown in all that water. They both got soaked clear to the skin in just a few minutes time. I'm sure others got soaked too, but I wasn't around to witness it. Then, as luck would have it, we made a wrong turn and had to unhook our Jeep from the motorhome as there were rivers of fast moving water hiding all the curbs and sidewalks. It's the stuff of breaking news. The moral of the story is not "be careful what you wish for", but rather, be sure to include some guidelines or timetables in those prayers/wishes.

The campers served 67 AA breakfasts and 20 Elks breakfasts the first Sunday in July for a total of 87 breakfasts with 57 AAs and 39 Elks the last Sunday of the month for a total of 96 breakfasts with a grand total for the month of 183 breakfasts served in July.

Jessica Stull, President  
El Konejo Kampers

### The PERs Corner

PER Association President Terry Baker called our monthly meeting to order at 6:00pm on August 13th. Ten PERs were in attendance. There were also six Elks Ladies who gathered in the open dining area.

The PERs discussed the planned third grade dictionary program and the need for the lodge to get additional funds for the program. After much discussion it was proposed and approved that the PERs would donate \$600 to the current program.

The PERs will be supporting the Labor Day activities at the lodge on Labor Day September 7th with their Night at the Races event.

Trustee and PER Dan Martyn briefed the PERs on requirements necessary to update the room currently being used as the BBQ room, storage and work area to meet Ventura County health requirements. After much conversation it was agreed by the PERs present that they would actively support all efforts to complete the plan approved by the county.

The PER monthly Sunday breakfast omelet bar, eggs as you like them, with

pancakes and waffles is scheduled for September 20th.

The Next PER BBQ scheduled for October 31st (Halloween). The PERs would appreciate any persons wishing to work with them to contact us. Call Terry Baker (805-495-6127) or Dave Naccarato (805-496-2477) to volunteer.

The PERs thank you for your support! The PERs continue to work and support our Lodge!

Fraternally  
Tom Ryder - PER/PDDGER



## Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye	Tiler	Christine Harrison
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Jean Miraglia	Esquire	Billy Sternberg
Lecturing Knight	Karen Martyn	Chaplain	Dave Anderson
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Organist	Karin Speights
Treasurer	Pati Harrod	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

<b>Elk of the Year</b>	Gerry Gillies
<b>Officer of the Year</b>	Pam Price
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	Richard Herrera

### 2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Catherine Koeritz, PER
Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER	Investigation: Alan Hardie, Dave Anderson, Diane Scott & John Duhig
USPS Mailing: Jessica Stull and Juanita Feamster	Orientation: Catherine Koeritz, PER, Chair Ofcers, David Naccarato, PER
Calendar: Terry Gicking	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Maintenance: Jim Moye
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers & Max Maxwell
Historian: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	Lodge Renovations: Dan Martyn, PER
Scrapbook: Jean Miraglia	Greeter: Dorothy Murray
Photography: Jill Williams and Gregg Miraglia	PER Association President: Terry Baker, PER
Forward Planning: Jim Moye	Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann
Protocol: Karen Martyn	Grants Coordinator: <b>Chairperson needed</b>

### 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
Bequests & Living Trusts: Mike Flannery	Charity Matters: Mike Flannery
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jessica Stull
Christmas Basket Program: Mike Flannery	Christmas Tree Lot: Ben Rieger

### 2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

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

### 2015 - 16 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	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	

Official Publication of the Thousand  
Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 - B.P.O.E.  
2330 Los Feliz Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

## Change Service Requested

### POSTERMASTER:

### DATED MATERIAL: DO NOT DELAY

**Office Phone:** 805-496-2477

**Facilimille:** 805-496-9087

**Office Email:** toelks2477@gmail.com

**Lounge Phone:** 805-496-4550

**Website:** www.elks2477.com

**Office Hours:** 10am to 2pm Mon-Fri

**El Konejo Kampers:**

elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
Permit #237

### Lounge Hours

(Unless otherwise noted)

Mon., Tues., Thur.: 10am - 8pm

Wed. & Fri.: 10am - Closing

Sat.: 10am - 6pm

Sun: 9:30am - 6pm

### Lodge Meetings

Regular business meetings are every 1st, 3rd  
and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

#### 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

\*Deceased

The *Antler Antics* is published monthly in Thousand Oaks, California as the official bulletin of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, 2330 Los Feliz Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Publication of the *Antler Antics* is an activity of the Lodge and contributions of interesting pertinent reading material and photographs are welcome. Photographs MUST be identified and captioned or they will not be published.

**Deadline for receiving ALL material for publication is the 15th of the Month**