



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

*Charity Ball 2015 - Saturday October 17th*

*6:00pm Cocktails -7:00pm Dinner*

*\$25.00pp (See page 7 for details)*



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## Elk of the Month



This Elk, you might say, works behind the scenes. This is the person who plans our trips to Laughlin, sets up our annual golf tournaments, and is the backbone of our Super Bowl, Kentucky Derby events, etc. This member makes it all work without any expectations. Our Elk of the Month is my friend and a great Elk, David Pearson.

Jim Moye  
Exalted Ruler



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## Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Investigation	Balloting	Orientation	Initiation
Held in Sept.	10/07	10/27	10/28
10/16	11/04	11/24	11/25
11/20	12/02	12/22	12/23

## Duty Officers

Jean Miraglia	10-01 to 10-07
Jim Moye	10-08 to 10-14
Pam Price	10-15 to 10-21
Pati Harrod	10-22 to 10-28
David Naccarato	10-29 to 11-04

### **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.**

## Applicants/Transfers to be Investigated

Richard Beal	Retired	sponsored by Doug Morrison
Adam Hendershot	Sales	sponsored by Abe Gamble
Hazen Arnold	Retired	sponsored by Rick Herrera
Richard Babcock	Pool Builder	sponsored by Jim Lovato
Susan Brandt	Retired	sponsored by Sherri Schwartz
Diana Bruce	Accounting	sponsored by Jim Lovato
Michelle Boyster	Office Manager	sponsored by Jim Lovato
Patricia Ringo	Wireless Industry	sponsored by Mary Woodlief
Patrick Schultz	V.P. Operations	sponsored by Jim Lovato
Yvonne Brockwell	Student	sponsored by Max Maxwell
Lisa Casarotti	Manager	sponsored by Robert Williams
Paul Rios	Educaor	sponsored by Rick Herrera
Barbara Stevenson	Manager	sponsored by Robert Williams
Susan Williams	Manager	sponsored by Robert Williams

## Exalted Ruler Jim Moyer



Greetings Fellow Elks,

The summer months are now a memory. We are moving into our autumn season of events. Look out, as it will be as busy as the summer was. This is the season that we, as

Elks, shine for giving. First and foremost, October is the staging of events for our Charity Basket Program in December. Your support of our lodge by giving generously to Mike and Mary Flannery's invitation to the Charity Ball on October 17<sup>th</sup> is greatly appreciated and needed. There will be tons of fun and baskets raffled off. Also, the Elk's Ladies will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and is sure to be great fun.

On a more global note, how many of you know what a BLT is? It's not the sandwich of which I speak; it's the Elks Bequest/Living Trust. This is a way for those of us who are more fortunate to get tax breaks, receive income until you and your spouse pass and then bequeath your trust to our Major Projects. What a wonderful way to help the children in need and make it possible for them to have better care in the future. Find out more about this @ [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) Bequests/Living Trusts.

For those of us who don't wish to participate in the BLT commitment trust, there is a program called the Recurring Donor. This is an easy way to donate to our Major Projects. You can sign up for an automatic monthly donation of \$5 to \$100 that will be debited to your account. For this donation your name will appear in the CHEA magazine and you will receive a "Recurring Donor" pin. You can cancel at any time.

I look forward to seeing all of you at these events and wish you all good health, peace and prosperity. Remember, your involvement is the key to our lodge's success.

Yours truly,

Jim Moyer  
Exalted Ruler

## Leading Knight Mike Flannery



Summer is over, but the heat is still here. Eventually we will get some rain. And the activity level has not slowed down at all. Labor Day weekend started with a school reunion in the Lodge Room, followed by Sunday's "Battle of

the Bands", which spread throughout the entire Lodge and the grounds, and had an attendance of somewhere between 400 and 500 people, and then a nice, though smaller crowd, for the Labor Day Picnic. The kitchen is keeping very busy and it seems like there is a dinner almost every night.

October promises to be just as busy with Sunday breakfasts and professional football, Monday Night Football with food and games, and All Day College Football on Saturdays. All of this along with the October 4 to 6 Laughlin Bus Trip, Reyes Adobe Parade, Ladies Boutique, October 17 Charity Ball, five Friday Night Dinners, Wednesday Night Dinners, Chili Dogs on Thursdays, BBQ every Saturday, and a Kids Halloween Party.

Now that is a lot of activity to keep us all busy, but what we really need is support of all of our members.

Thank You,

Mike Flannery  
Leading Knight

## Loyal Knight Jean Miraglia



I'd like to start by thanking Tom Ryder for the many delicious dinners he has provided for our members. The Wednesday night dinners have been well received. "Monday Nite Football" is upon us. Tostada Bar by Tom and games by NFL Dave. Tom has lined up several meals, so don't forget to check the listing of available dinners.

If you haven't noticed, the Elks Ladies have graciously volunteered to be servers, "service with a smile." Can it get any better than that? Thank you Ladies.

Please help out the kitchen by making reservations. This helps by cutting waste and provides an ample amount of food.

DAVID IS BACK!!! Welcome back David, you were missed. No one calls Bingo like you, "TOOT, TOOT." Bingo resumes on the first and third Thursday of the month. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon. Remember, not only "the more the merrier, but the more the bigger the pot."

Many thanks to Lynn Rodriguez, Public Relations, for all her efforts, especially the articles placed in the Acorn and Star newspapers, and the Elks magazine.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Loyal Knight



## Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



As we move into the third quarter of the Elks year, which culminates with the Chanukah and Christmas holiday season, there will be many opportunities to enjoy the company of our members while contributing to our community. There will be a good number of events scheduled between now and year-end, so please plan to participate and work with other volunteers.

The first major event of the season is our annual Charity Ball, which will take place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from this event fund our charity basket program. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated as will your volunteering to help out with the numerous tasks involved in this charitable venture. Whether you wish to make a monetary donation, donate a child's gift, volunteer to wrap or deliver gifts, or volunteer for some other task, I assure you that your participation will be welcomed and appreciated. You will, at the same time, be able to socialize with old friends and meet new members, so please make a point to plan ahead and prepare to participate. IT'S ALL ABOUT BROTHERLY LOVE!

Finally, our Labor Day celebration was a great success, thanks to the efforts of Tom Ryder and his crew of volunteers. There was something for everyone, along with good food and great company. Gerry Gillies provided train rides and David Naccarato ran bingo. Thanks again to all who volunteered and all who participated.

Karen Martyn  
Lecturing Knight



## Secretary David Naccarato



The office has been a buzz with all the new applicants in the last month of our annual two month discounted rate on applications for membership. San Luis Obispo lodge, which has a pool, initiates this many every month, but we just are not used to it. But, with the help of my office manager, Karen, we were able to keep it all in order.

It also has kept our investigation committee hopping. We like to hold investigations on our Friday Night Fish Fry so candidates can see the lodge on a busy night. However, with so many different schedules we can't always make that happen. We allow 15 minutes for each investigation, so that's four an hour. We had 15 candidates last month and we can't expect our investigators to be here for 3 ½ hours. So, we split it up on different days. Alan Hardie, John Duig and Diane Scott also gave up their Saturdays to come down and handle an investigation.

All in all we are bringing in 30 new members. When you see someone who you don't recognize, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. In November I have to drop 24 members for non-payment, so the first 24 of the 30 new members are just to replace those that chose not to renew their membership. Eight of the 24 had joined in 2014.

But on an upbeat note we were treated to some fine singing by a group of young people that call themselves "Peace Child." They were performing at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza and were looking for organizations like ours to provide a Friday night dinner. In return they would perform for our membership. Donna Leary and her crew cooked up an Italian dinner that came pretty close to my grandmother's. We had a good size crowd of members wanting to see what was going on. One of the young ladies singing is the grand-daughter of our members Vern and Joan Noell.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

## CHEMPI's 2015 Theme Children - The Twins



*The following are various excerpts from the CHEA web site*

Jayden and Peyton were born on November 1, 2010 in Clovis, California. The addition of these beautiful twin girls was a happy and welcomed addition to Melissa, Chris, and two year old Addysen.

Soon after their birth, they both developed health problems. Due to Jayden's reoccurring symptoms and loss of developmental milestones, and Peyton's newly onset medical decline, their pediatrician prescribed occupational therapy to begin immediately. He had suggested trying to find a therapist that was trained in cranial sacral therapy as he believed this could be a positive asset to the girls' treatment.

The challenge the family now faced was to find an OT that could fully understand and foster both of the girls' therapy needs. The girls' maternal grandmother suggested contacting the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project as her brother Jimmy had received services several years prior to aid in his severe cerebral palsy.

When the family contacted Judy Linda, Occupational Therapist, she was immediately reminded of Jimmy's case as Judy was the therapist assigned to him some 30+ years before. This was the start of a wonderful and productive therapy relationship.

Without the early and continuing implementation of therapy, there is a minimal chance of normal development. Over the last three years, the twins have been fostered through every developmental step. With therapy to guide, and grow with them, they have flourished and have a very positive outlook ahead of them.

## Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris

805-241-8928

### Condolences:

\*To the family of charter member David Burrows, an Elk for 56 years, on his passing September 3rd. He was also a WWII Army Ranger Paratrooper with 17 Jumps. Born 11-28-1934, initiated 5-18-1959, died 9-3-2015.

\*To Dwight Williams and his family on the recent passing of his grandson.

### Keep in your prayers:

Dick McCann

Alan Hardie who is undergoing treatment

PER Harry Brockwell who is in isolation

### On the mend:

Carmine Prizzi following surgery.

Lynn Rodriguez is recovering from foot surgery

PER Jay Block is recovering from a broken collarbone

Sharon Baker is recovering from a broken ankle

PER Robert Thornton has received a pacemaker

Tom Hartin had a biopsy taken from one of his legs.

## Calendar Highlights

- 10-01 **THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEGINS**  
*Enjoy it at the lodge with Chili Dogs by Krista.*  
**SPECIAL - Chili Dog & a Beer (domestic) Just \$5!**
- 10-02 Shrimp Scampi or Sausage & Peppers \$12
- 10-04 Laughlin bus trip departs at 8am
- 10-05 Thousand Oaks/Simi Valley Elks Bowling begins
- 10-06 6pm Pot Roast Dinner \$10 - Laughlin Trip returns
- 10-10 Elks Ladies Holiday Boutique 10am to 1pm
- 10-11 Breakfast by the Kwelks
- 10-16 Friday Night Fish Fry \$10.  
*Live band entertainment by Uncle Monkey*
- 10-17 **Annual Charity Ball**  
*See flier on page 7 for details*
- 10-18 PER Breakfast Buffet. Omelets, waffles & pancakes  
**Thousand Oaks Street Fair. Elks BBQ on site**  
**HELP NEEDED.** Call office for details
- 10-23 Chicken by Redgie Fleeman, Salisbury Steak by Tom Ryder. Music by the Lodge Jukebox
- 10-28 New member initiation. NY Steak \$12, Chicken \$8
- 10-30 Enchilada with rice & beans plus salad \$10 by Pati Harrod. *Live band entertainment by The Ole Bourbon Boys*

## October Birthdays

David Gates -01  
Howard Jacobson-01  
Irving Koeritz-01  
Donald Noble-01  
Andrew McDonald-02  
Ben Rieger-02  
Tom Tyler-02  
Jack Paulson-03  
George Gomes Da Costa-04  
Timothy Hinsche-04  
John Barr-06  
Forrest Godfrey-07  
Ray Laraway-08  
Dennis Shankel-10  
Margaret Gonzales-11  
Sylvia Guerra -11  
Ken Kolde-11  
Gregg Miraglia-11  
Charles Messmer-15  
John Puckett-15  
Christopher Vrakelos-16  
James Porter-18  
Norman Panczak-22  
Fred Schaffner-26  
Micheal Stark-26  
Dennis Gillette-27  
June Leadam-27

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## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Tom Baldrige  
Coleen Morris  
Ed Rice  
Greg Metzgus  
Diane Scott  
Jim Moye  
Pati Harrod (Century Club)  
Paul Stein  
Jean Miraglia  
Gregg Miraglia  
Terry Gicking  
Alan Hardie  
Dwight Williams  
Darryl Kopacz  
Jim Lovato

### Reoccurring Donors

Greg Metzgus PDDGER  
Terry Gicking PDDGER  
Steve Smith PER

### October birthdays continued

Peter Nolan-27  
Angelique Milner-29  
Jay Block-31  
Charles Gregory-31  
Chris Metzgus-31

## The Crying Towel



### August 5th

Capsule Drawing \$125  
Paul Stein not present

Lucky 13  
Pam Price no winner

### August 19th

Capsule Drawing \$150

Michael Roscoe not present

Lucky 13  
Karin Speights \$135 WINNER!!!!

### August 26th

Capsule Drawing \$175  
Terry Baker Pulled the ace WINNER!!!

Lucky 13 - \$15  
Mary Woodlief no winner

# REMEMBER!

**Elks Care**

**Elks Share**

## Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

October 7, 2001 – Afghanistan War Began  
October 13, 1775 – U.S. Navy Established  
October 23, 1983 – Grenada Campaign Began  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Navy Day (After official establishment, the day of Regatta remained.)  
(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

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**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION BRUNCH ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am.**  
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The month of October is quiet for planned veterans events. With the cancellation of karaoke at the CalVet Home-Ventura for the month of September, we will be resuming on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a Halloween theme. Bingo continues as scheduled, monthly at the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital.

Calls for help from veterans continue to come in, such as help for housing, benefits, request for form DD214, and others. We continue to refer these requests to the appropriate organizations and follow-up to see if the right services were offered.

November will be a big month for veterans, starting with our brunch on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Veterans Day on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Vietnam Wall is coming to the Reagan Library from Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. More on this as information is available; Art Urbano, a Vietnam Veteran, is working with the local committee on the Vietnam Wall. The use of new technologies will be in the forefront.

**Wed. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day; Call me with your ideas for the day. – Carl 630-8110**

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Vice Chair-Veterans Service Committee  
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Our members were treated to another blockbuster game of bingo at the lodge September 3rd. There were a couple of runaway stallions on that day. They were Sylvia Kopfer and our First Lady Kathy Moye. Out of the box game one Kathy had to split with Sylvia. On the second game Exalted Ruler Jim Moye kept all the winnings to himself. Game three saw Art Urbano, also on the Veterans Services committee, take a solo win. Game four was a solo shot by Sylvia Kopfer. That ended our early-bird games, and I was ten minutes ahead of schedule.

2 PM started our regular play. Two guests of Lynn Rodriguez joined us to play and raise the stakes. Game one had Sylvia again splitting this time with Gail. Game two was a full glass of wine and besides

the game winnings we had a bottle for the winner and Sylvia took sole possession (I see a pattern). With football starting game three was a goal post and Kathy Jenkins, who happens to be John Puckett's mom, won a single. Game four was of a heart and Kathy Moye stole my heart. Game five was the word "HI" and was won by our new Loyal Knight Jean Miraglia (don't tell Gregg). The sixth game was an Indian Star and Kathy Moye walked away with that one. We keep 20% for our charities and the rest goes back to the players.

To have an opportunity for everyone to win I started my version of horse racing. The first 15 players to arrive are given a number from 1 through 15. If you look at a bingo board, there are 4 numbers below the letter "B" from 1 through 15. Whoever fills their column first wins a separate cash prize. I pay out for win, place and show. That game was played along with the

Indian Star. The three horse race winners were 1st Lynn Rodriguez, 2nd Bobby Williams and 3rd Pat Heckathorne.

The last game of the day is called Double Action, and is a continuation game. It's a blackout, but only after an arrow is displayed on your ticket. Bobby Williams won the arrow and as we continued to the complete blackout we had four winners all who split \$20. \$5 bucks each went to Kathy Moye (again), Barbara Ann Gibbs, Char Urbano and Jean Miraglia (don't tell Gregg). We play the first and third Thursday's starting at 1pm. Ten games of regular bingo and specials abound. There is a \$15 buy in.

Fraternally,

David Naccarato, PER

***Saturday, October 17***

# 2015 Charity Ball

***Cocktails @ 6 pm***

NO HOST BAR

***Dinner @ 7 pm***

**Music and Dancing to "The Run-a-mucks"**

**\$25.00 pp**

**Menu Choice**

**Beef Brisket or Chicken Marsala**

*Dinner Catered by Country Harvest Restaurant*

***Tickets available in the lounge.***

***Must be purchased by Monday, October 12th***

*Proceeds to the Charity Basket Fund*

**Presented by BPOE Lodge 2477, Thousand Oaks, CA**



*Ronald L. Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler, 2015-2016*



**BIOGRAPHY OF**  
**RONALD L. HICKS**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**2015-2016**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*

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Ronald L. (Ron) Hicks was born, and continues to live, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The son of M. Emory Hicks and the late Annie Mae Hicks, he has one sister, Carole Anne Hicks. He graduated from Spotsylvania High School in 1964. Also a graduate of Chowan Junior College (now Chowan University) in North Carolina and Lynchburg College in Virginia, he received his law degree from the University of Richmond Law School, Richmond, VA, in 1972.

Ron has practiced law in the Fredericksburg Area for over 40 years, currently serving Of Counsel to the law firm of Jarrell Hicks & Waldman. He is retired from the active practice of law, devoting most of his time to other business interests, including Jarrell Properties, LLC, a residential and commercial development and management company. Throughout his legal career, he maintained a general practice, with emphasis on criminal and civil litigation, corporate and real estate law. Ron's law office, built circa 1790 and located at Spotsylvania Courthouse, was the headquarters for Confederate General Jubal Early during nearby battles of the Civil War. Fredericksburg is proudly known as "America's Most Historic City" and the Fredericksburg Area is filled with history of the Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War periods.

Ron served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Union Bank & Trust Company and Union Bankshares Corporation for 25 years, and currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Bankshares Board and is serving on its Executive and Compensation Committees. Ron is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Riverside Center for the Performing Arts and serves on the Board of Trustees of Chowan University. In addition, Ron has served, or is serving, on numerous other community, civic and business Boards and Committees. He is a former member of the Virginia Army Air National Guard.

An avid golfer and sports fan, Ron played baseball throughout his college years, and has coached many youth sports teams in baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer, including select or travel teams. A former President of the Battlefield Basketball Officials Association, he has refereed youth, high school, and adult basketball, and umpired youth baseball and softball.

Ron was initiated into Fredericksburg, Virginia, Lodge No. 875 in February, 1972. He has served on numerous Committees, including the House Committee and Board of Trustees, advanced through the Officer Chairs, and served as Exalted Ruler in 2002-03. He served as Chairman or Co-Chairman for a number of Lodge construction projects, including the construction a new Lodge facility in 1997, and as Co-Chairman of the Lodge's 100-year Celebration

in 2003. A former Elk of the Year, he is an Honorary Life Member, and remains very active in the Lodge. He is also an Associate Member of Orlando, Florida, Lodge No. 1079.

At the State Level, Ron became active with the Virginia Elks Association with his appointment as Association Inner Guard. He has served as State Legal Advisor and on numerous Committees, Vice-President of the Central District, and was elected Virginia State President in 2009. He has been recognized by the Association as Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year, won the Eleven O'clock Toast Contest, and currently serves as Chairman of the VEA Board of Trustees and as General Chairman of the State Orientation Committee.

At the Grand Lodge Level, Ron has served as District Deputy for the Central District of Virginia and as a Certified Ritual Judge. In 2007, he was appointed to the Committee On Judiciary, representing Area 3, an experience that introduced him to, and allowed him to work with, many Lodges and Elks members throughout the Southeastern United States, as well as other areas of the Country.

In 2010, Ron was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2013-2014. While on the Board, he was appointed to serve as Building Applications-East Member, Investment and Pension Member, and Home Member prior to his election as Chairman. During his time on the Board, he worked diligently with other Board Members to resolve significant issues at the Elks National Home in Bedford, VA. This effort resulted in the Home being opened to the public in 2012 to help increase the number of residents, and led to its eventual sale in August 2014.

Ron married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Jeanne Camper, on April 12, 1969, and they are now celebrating 46 wonderful and eventful years together. Ron and Nancy have three children: Joseph, Jason and Anne Kathryn, and they have been further blessed with eight grandchildren. Nancy, Joseph and Jason are also members of the Fredericksburg Elks Lodge, and Joseph and Jason are both Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge. Ron and Nancy are life-long members of Fairview Baptist Church.



**James Smitley**

West Central Coast District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, James Smitley



**James Smitley**  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
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#### BIOGRAPHY

James A. Smitley

James was born in Santa Paula, California in 1952. He lived there with his mother and grandparents while his father was in the Korean conflict. After serving in Korea his father returned and the family moved to Ventura until 1962 when they moved back to Santa Paula. James graduated from Santa Paula High and began a Dental Technician apprenticeship which was a five year term with a promise of 50% ownership in the business but had to accept minimum wages during that time. He was married that year and in 1972 his daughter Tisa was born. At one year of age she was diagnosed with a congenital defect that was life threatening. She needed two operations at a cost comparable to what two houses would have cost at that time. An organization like the Elks (The Crippled Children's Fund) stepped in and paid for the operations which saved her life, and at the age of 40 she now has two of her own children. James moved his family to Santa Barbara in 1979. He has raised four children with his wife Anne, has six grandchildren and still runs his own dental laboratory.

James is thankful to be part of an organization that helps children through its Major Projects Program and helps the communities that surround their lodges through State and National programs. He was initiated in 2002 and immediately became the Lodge Chaplain. Moving through all the chairs he became Exalted Ruler of Santa Barbara Lodge #613 in 2009-2010. James also served the district as the Drug Awareness chairman and then as the ENF chairman. In 2013-2014 he served as the West Central Coast Districts Association Vice President.

As Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler James is honored that he has a chance to help the West Central Coast District to continue to lead the Elks organization in charitable contributions and to provide leadership and guidance to our 12 very special and unique lodges.

*James Smitley*  
*District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler*  
*2015-2016 West Central Coast District*

**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks-Grand Lodge**

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**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  
 Chaplain Barbara Gibbs  
 Major Project Lynn Rodriguez  
 Karen Naccarato  
 Sunshine June Leadam  
 Historian Jeri Miller

**Birthdays**

7 Jessica Noble  
 12 Deanna Savokinas  
 21 Lee Yates  
 22 Charlotte Gessler  
 27 June Leadam

The Elks Ladies are holding their 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique on October 10th from 10am to 2pm at the Lodge. Bring your family and friends and don't forget your shopping list! We have 18 vendors participating so we know it is going to be a very successful event! We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Celebration of Women Appreciation Luncheon headed by Jessica Stull has been hailed a success! While the food was certainly delicious, most comments received were on the extraordinary tablescapes. "These are a few of my favorite things..." was the theme. Table service was provided by Mike Flannery,

Jim Moye, Duke Kopacz, Gerry Gillies, Bobby Williams and Jim Lovato. These fellows did a great job and we appreciate their time. A big thank you to Carol Fredericks, June Leadam, Niki Case, Beth Kozlowski, Jean Miraglia and Jill Williams. For our program, Diane Lovato spoke on Meadow Lark and Jessica Stull told us about the Red Hat Society. Both provided materials and answered questions. Barbara Gibbs delivered a touching inspirational.

**Elks Ladies Inspirational**

Diana, Princess of Wales, died tragically in an auto accident in Paris on August 31, 1997. In June, shortly before her death she met with Mother Teresa. Both admired each other. Mother Teresa always said, "Diana is my daughter" and with utmost humility Diana said, "I am a very, very small Mother Teresa." Because they were both so loved and renowned for their charity work, let's reflect on one of Diana's many quotes to "Carry out random

acts of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." And I'm sure most of us are familiar with Mother Teresa's inspirational quote called "Do It Anyway" as follows:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have...and it will never

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**Elks National Foundation**

*The following article is from Elks.org*

**Our Legacy to the Future**

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 80 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues

to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

**Our Mission**

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

**Our Impact**

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$429.6 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. These

funds enable programs that support youth, honor veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities.

This year, the ENF allocated \$9.77 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants—which include Beacon, Gratitude, Promise and Impact grants—offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to

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## Elks Ladies Appreciation Luncheon



L-R Cornelia Meehan, Rosa Conde, June Leadam, Carol Fredericks and Barbara Booker



L-R Darryl Kopacz, Jim Lovato, Bobby Williams ER Jim Moye, Gerry Gillies and Leading Knight Mike Flannery



L-R Beth Kozlowski, Barbara Gibbs, Amy Bryda, Niki Case and Jessica Kozlowski



Elks Ladies President Beth Kozlowski (R) with June Leadam at her side



L-R Jan Clay, Frances Bodenhamer, Roberta Kopacz and Diane Lovato



L-R Sue Osgood, Mary Flannery, Dee Flynn, Jean Miraglia and Jill Williams



L-R Amy Bryda, Niki Case, Jessica Kozlowski and Beth Kozlowski



L-R Jessica Stull, 1st Lady Kathy Moye, Linda Gordon and Juanita Feamster



L-R Ginger Mussay, Kathy Whitmire, Elaine Goldner and Jeanne Sandt

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be enough. Give your best anyway  
In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for providing us with role models. We ask that you will give us the power, courage and grace we need as we strive to emulate them in our daily lives. Thank you for your continual love for us. Amen.

Barbara Gibbs, Chaplain



Diane Lovato



Jessica Stull

## El Konejo Kampers

### Camping at Point Mugu Naval Base

While many people were on vacation, we still managed to attract several campers who only come occasionally making it one of the bigger campouts this year. Most of us arrived on Thursday with a few starting the weekend on Wednesday and staying through Monday. Everyone enjoyed everything the beach has to offer from vigorous activity to just gazing at the beauty. The sound of the waves lulling us to sleep may have actually been the buzzing of the mosquitoes, which were fierce.

Thursday we were on our own for dinner, so Joe and Judy N went out to dinner off base. Judy didn't think she needed to take her purse with her, after all Joe could drive and certainly he would pay. When they tried to get back on the base, Judy was held hostage at the gate until Joe could go back to their rig and get her identification.

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the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

#### **How the ENF Works**

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$234.2 million in contributions and bequests. Today we boast more than

She was not a happy camper when she got back. Wonder if they put her on a poster at the front gate!

We had a guest from the Ventura Elks, Taz Sharif, who became a new member of the El Konejo Kampers. Howard and Carol Jacobson's son and family were able to join us for camping too.

Friday evening, instead of a full dinner, we had snacks and a tequila fest with Cheryl T providing super margaritas. Everybody except Jim Porter and Sherri Jones attended. They took a nap in the afternoon that lasted until Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon the crafty ones were at their craftiest working on quilts, patterns, painting and just talking. The poker players got a game in too. None of us went hungry at the evening potluck. Dave and Mary Hobert's son, Pat, and grandson,

100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$579.2 million.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operations. The ENF also has volunteers at the

the message of the current Grand Exalted Ruler.

Our lodge has had many DDGERs and DLs. DL stands for District Leader. They are as close as a phone call away if an issue should arise.

It is mandated by Grand Lodge Statute 13.190 that we have a Past Exalted Rulers Association. The statute reads, "The lodge shall have a Past Exalted Rulers Association". Not "could have", or "feels like it", but "shall" have one. It's a group made up of all the Past Exalted Rulers of this lodge or of any other lodge who has demitted to our lodge.

In a perfect world when a member plots

Dylan, visited for dinner.

We had campfires both Friday and Saturday. Jim Porter came up one short for his chocks though. While he was napping, others went to get wood from his site. Evidently, they grabbed a chock by mistake and it got burned up in the fire.

Cheryl T won the 50/50.

Virginia Gridley, and Sue Osgood won the free campouts.

August Article submitted by Sue Osgood.

August 2 breakfast, the campers served 75 AAs and 29 Elks for a total of 104 breakfasts and on August 30 served 51 AAs and 27 Elks for a total of 78 breakfasts, that's 182 for the month. FANTASTIC!

Lodge district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.

*Join your local Lodge in service to your community.*

his or her course they will "go through the chairs". The reasoning behind that is that each station is responsible for a different area of lodge operations so by the time a member reaches the position of Exalted Ruler, that member will have a strong understanding of how the lodge functions and can mentor up and coming officers.

The PERs are an advisory group, but we can't help if we are not asked.

PER Don Ansell was the first officer who went through every chair on his way to Exalted Ruler, plus he did it without being married.

**Fraternally,  
David Naccarato, PER**

## The PER Corner

The Past Exalted Rulers of Thousand Oaks Lodge are cooking up a fabulous breakfast on the third Sunday of the month. Come on down and enjoy an omelet made by the crafty hands of Johnny D'Ambrogio or Greg Metzgus.

Now, Greg Metzgus, along with Tom Ryder, have extra letters following their names. Where Johnny D is a PER, Tom Ryder, Terry Gicking and Greg Metzgus are PDDGERs, which stands for Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. There is no way the Grand Exalted Ruler in Chicago could cover all 2000 lodges so each district has a district deputy appointed to visit each lodge and bring

## Officers 2015 - 2016

Exalted Ruler	Jim Moye	Tiler	Christine Harrison
Leading Knight	Mike Flannery	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
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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
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Historian: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	Lodge Renovations: Dan Martyn, PER
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### 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: Donna Leary	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	New Years Eve: Donna Leary
Government Relations: <b>Chairperson needed</b>	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: <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	

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(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.

#### 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 Metzgas, 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

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