



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*





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## Duty Officers

01-28 to 02-03	Pam Price
02-04 to 02-10	Pati Harrod
02-11 to 02-17	David Naccarato
02-18 to 02-24	Gregg Miraglia

### 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. For more information contact Brooke at 805 496 4550.

## Elk of the Month



If you haven't noticed her you haven't been paying attention. Jill is at almost every event that we have taking pictures for our Antler Antics. This alone would earn her the title of Elk of the Month but wait, she also runs a BBQ crew every month and our Friday night fish fry dinners. My choice for Elk of the Month is Jill Williams.

Jim Moye  
Exalted Ruler

## Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Night



Friday night, February 5th, will be our annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter appreciation night. Our Chairman is Paul Stein. Please plan to attend this event when we honor these brave men and women. Reservations are a must in order to manage food costs, but there will be plenty of seating. You will not find a better meal in the Conejo Valley. We will be honoring firefighters and Sheriff's deputies from both Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Remember, Friday night, February 5th.

Social Hour 6:00pm

Dinner 6:45pm  
Chicken or Tri-tip \$12.00

Awards 7:30pm

## El Konejo Kampers Donate to Manna



(L-R) Manna Executive Director, Jennifer Schwabauer and Beverly Erickson, Vice President, El Konejo Kampers

In early December, the El Konejo Kampers, an Elks recreational vehicle club, donated money and food products to Manna, a local food bank. The money and food were collected at the El Konejo Kampers' annual holiday brunch. Manna is one of several charities supported by the El Konejo Kampers.

## Upcoming Initiation Schedule

### Balloting

February 3rd  
March 2nd  
April 5th

### Orientation

February 23rd  
March 22nd  
April 26th

### Initiation

February 24th  
March 23rd  
April 27th

## Candidates for Balloting

### Name

William Schenewark  
Scott Armstrong  
Robert Arbetman

### Occupation

Quality Control  
Regional Mgr. for a holdings Co.  
Application for Reinstatement

### Sponsor

Jim Moye  
Tom Baldridge

## Exalted Ruler Jim Moye



It's February and nominations for officers begins at our first Wednesday meeting of the month. We need you to come out and support your choice of candidates for next year's officer

corps. Those of you who come out and participate make all the difference in the world.

Those of you who missed our New Years Eve party missed a good one. We had a small turnout but everyone had a great time thanks to the efforts of Jean and Gregg Miraglia. As if that wasn't enough, it was followed up on New Years Day by the Martyns' "Hair of the Dog" pot luck and Rose Bowl party.

Our lodge hosted a "Polish Auction" fundraiser for incoming Association President Lance Erickson. The object is to blind bid and pay on things you might or might not want. You say you never heard of it before? Me either but it was a blast and very successful.

On a more solemn note, it is my sad duty to announce the death of our fellow member and past Exalted Ruler Harry Brockwell. Harry passed away on December 26<sup>th</sup> and he will be missed.

With the end of our Elk year on the horizon, I encourage all members to join in and help make next year as successful as this one was. Thank you all for your continued support of our lodge.

Remember "Elks Care and Elks Share"

Jim Moye  
Exalted Ruler

## Loyal Knight Jean Miraglia



WELCOME 2016!

New Years Eve was celebrated in an elegant nightclub atmosphere. The theme was a Speakeasy, with the décor taken from that era. Everyone enjoyed a feast of food from appetizers to dessert.

Seated at the VIP tables were the Mayor, Leading Knight Mike Flannery, and the Don from the Bronx, PER Dan Martyn. Their Body Guards, David Pearson, ER Jim Moye, and Rik Gessler, did a superb job protecting our dignitaries. The Hoods from Brooklyn were Gregg Miraglia and David Stull. Thank you guys for a hilarious evening, we couldn't have planned this skit if we tried. You all did a fantastic job adlibbing.

As we enjoyed dinner, our Jazz Singer, Catherine Koeritz, and Mr. Piano Man, David Naccarato, entertained us.

We welcomed in "2016" with a champagne toast, as we watched the crystal ball go down in the "Big Apple."

A big THANK YOU to Jessica Stull, Karen Martyn and Kathy Moye for all their help. A special THANKS to Catherine Koeritz for her efforts in helping me organize this event. You all helped to make this an elegant, fun-filled evening.

### KITCHEN NEWS:

Breakfast is served every Sunday. Every Thursday night Krista prepares Chili Dogs for \$3 or Chili Dogs and Beer for \$5. For Wednesday night dinners, see menu at the Bar. Check your calendar for Friday night dinners. Don't forget to make your dinner reservations. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Richard Goldner for his generosity in donating the hot dogs, with all the fixings, one Thursday evening.

Fraternally,  
Jean Miraglia, Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Karen Martyn



I want to give a heartfelt thanks to Jean and Gregg Miraglia for arranging a very elegant and fun New Years Eve party. We were a small group but we rang in the new year in style!

The dinner was delicious and the entertainment by Catherine and David was well done and a lot of fun. There was never a dull moment! Guido and I had a great time! Thanks also go out to Sharon Baker, who was the evening's unofficial roving comedian.

With regard to committees under this station, Rick Herrera has informed me that our Lodge has extremely strong scholarship candidates this year, and he is hopeful that a few from our Lodge will progress to the state level.

Don Sabol is working on a program entitled "National Drug and Alcohol Facts" which will be presented to teens and parents at the Thousand Oaks Teen Center from 4:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The featured speaker will be Peter Tulagan, a 20 year LAPD vice officer. Thanks Don.

Finally, on the 168<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Elks on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, Dan and I will be back in the kitchen for Two Buck Tuesday. Come on down for a burger or hot dog and some birthday cake.

Karen Martyn  
Lecturing Knight

### *The Elks Creed*

**B**elieve in the goodness in theyself as well as in others.

**P**rotect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, and cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

**O**bserve faithfully the Golden Rule.

**E**njoy the good things of earth, keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

## Secretary David Naccarato



February is here and dues notices will be sent to members. Now, for some ground rules. To receive an early bird sticker on your card, your dues will have to be received before April 1, 2016.

I try to stay on top of past officers, past committee chairs or if you are a Veteran, made a donation to the Purple Pig or ENF. Perhaps you are an Elk or Officer of the year. I try to remember but there is no way for me to keep it all in my head. If you know of a particular sticker you would like to have on your card add a note at the bottom of the dues notice to help me out.

Just for information, you can never have enough, the dues paid this year is \$142.00. Only \$120.00 goes to the lodge. \$6.50 goes to our State Association CHEA and \$15.50 goes to Grand Lodge.

Membership dues are supposed to cover the cost of statements, membership cards, key cards, postage, mailing of the Antler Antics, convention costs, the cost of the office staff, copier machine and supplies. Dues should not be used to pay costs for other lodge activities and functions that are not covered by Grand Lodge or CHEA.

Each year our trustees review the budget and determine if the costs were covered by our dues. Any proposed increase must be voted on by the membership.

David Naccarato, PER  
Secretary

## An MNM Event

March 4th is an MNM event. What's a MNM event you ask? Well I'll let you in on a secret: it stands for MUST NOT MISS.

A few years back we held a "Deal or No Deal" game show right here in the lodge. I donned a bald skullcap (now I wouldn't need one) and played Howie Mandel. First Lady Sharon Baker was the contestant. We had a crowd who stayed around to watch the goings on. This time we are going to play a game similar to "The Newlywed Game", but we are going to call it "Been There, Done That". Our contestants will be playing for cash and prizes. The cash will go to their favorite lodge charity and the prizes (well we'll see). I will act as host and ask questions while half of the couples are in the "sound proof room". When the persons in the sound proof room return, we'll see how well they know each other, their home and the lodge. Many times there may be a judgment call on an answer so I am employing all who are in the audience as my judges. There is no reason to leave and go home after dinner. Stay around and maybe we'll learn some dark secrets.

I've spent the past year trying to get my four contestants nailed down. I have three for sure but am still working on one more. No clues as to who they are, you will just have to show up. Remember MNM. I will need someone to help with writing the answers on the poster boards. I will be notifying those contestants with a firm date. Again, March 4th you MNM!

David Naccarato, PER

## On the Web

[www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com)

If you have access to the internet please visit the website listed above. This site will help keep you up to date on what has taken place at your lodge and by fellow members within our surrounding communities. It is also a source of reference on what your lodge is planning in the immediate future with a calendar and other Blog announcements.

Our lodge is very active. There are often several of us at lodge events with "Smart Phones". That usually means someone can capture highlights of an event either as a photograph or video on the fly. When that happens please take the time to forward it to [elks2477@gmail.com](mailto:elks2477@gmail.com). Chances are you will soon see it posted on our Blog. Once it is posted, it will immediately migrate to the lodge Facebook and Twitter social sites.

For some of us navigating the new trend of social sites can be frustrating and, for others, addicting. Nonetheless, I think it's here to stay. If you Tweet on Twitter, follow us by using "@1KOaksElks2477".

If you use Facebook, it is easy to find us by referencing [elks2477@gmail.com](mailto:elks2477@gmail.com) otherwise search "Thousand-Oaks Elks Lodge" and friend us on Facebook. The key in this search is remembering to type the "-" between Thousand and Oaks. There is an existing but outdated Facebook page without the "-" and does not receive our website Blog posts nor has it been maintained since December 31, 2012.

I hope this helps you to stay in touch and always be informed of the activities of your Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477.

Fraternally,

Steve Smith, PER



## A Plea from the Secretary

We are missing two Smart and Final cards. I have the names of those who last checked out the cards and have not returned them. We are a busy lodge with many activities and I know the cards are often passed from one chairperson to the next before being returned to the office. So, if all of our great chefs who have gone to Smart and Final could double check

their wallets and purses I would surely appreciate it. Heck, I may even have one..... Nope, just checked.

Thank you,

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



## Sickness & Distress

Coleen Morris, Committee Chairperson  
805-241-8928

### Condolences

**To the family of Harry Brockwell, PER.** Born 9/5/1938, initiated 3/24/1981, Died 12/26/2015.

**To the family of Edward Bianchi.** Born 12/17/1957, Initiated 2/26/1992, Died 01/10/2016

### Keep in your prayers

**Herb Jellander**, recovering from a moderate heart attack while visiting daughters in Denver, CO

**Bill Golubic**, recovering from a moderate heart attack during the Thanksgiving holiday

**Treasurer Pati Harrod**, continuing to battle pneumonia.

**Patti Queen**, recovering from surgery

**Mary Flannery**, Recovering from hip surgery

## A Family's Gratitude

*Dear Elks and Santa's helpers,*

*Thank you so much for the boxes of food you put together for us. It was just perfect. We had used every penny we had to get through the month and what you brought, down to the eggs and potatoes for the day to make breakfast, the ham and spaghetti also. You held us over in food to the end of the year.*

*Thank you,*

*Ron and Kelly Maples*

# Elks Care - Elks Share

## February Birthdays

Jennifer Hassell - 01  
Alan Azoff - 03  
David Biedabach - 03  
Terry Gicking - 04  
Suzanne Osgood - 04  
Nick Schiele - 04  
Elizabeth Buckner - 05  
Jean Bateman - 06  
Craig Burns - 07  
Allen Zatkan - 07  
Richard Herrera - 08  
Robert Scudder -09  
Stephen Garcia -10  
Patti Queen-11  
Joe Smith-11  
Richard Whitmire -13  
Jim Weins -14  
James Brown -16  
Charles Pedersen-16  
Dean Reichle-16  
Robert Phillips -18  
Charles Christensen -20  
Christine Harrison -20  
Antonia Hartin - 20  
Robert Huffman - 20  
Bill O'Shea - 20  
Terry Baker - 21  
Andrew Brady- 22  
Kevin Gullick - 23  
William Siegal - 26  
Tracey Ross - 27

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Gerry Gillies  
Dave Anderson  
Billy Sternberg  
Bobby Williams  
Paul Stein  
Dan Martyn  
Alan Hardie  
Max Maxwell  
Karen Martyn  
Alex Rogers  
Jean Miraglia  
Don Booker  
Catherine Koeritz  
Bill Sternberg

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## The Crying towel



**December 2nd**  
Capsule drawing  
Brenda Hagen not present

Lucky 13 Gregg Miraglia  
no winner

### *Purple Pig Honor Roll continued*

Pam Price  
Gregg Miraglia  
Diane Scott

## GER Membership Award Pin



As stated by our GER Ron Hicks, "Membership growth is vital to the continued success of any Lodge...". To that end, when any member is successful in bringing in any combination of three (3) new Members or Reinstated Members, they will receive a letter of congratulations and his Grand Exalted Ruler Membership Award Pin.

Recently, three members of our lodge received the Grand Exalted Ruler Membership Award Pin. They are pictured (L-R) Jim Lovato, Lodge Trustee, Robert Williams, and Richard Herrera, Scholarship Chairman (who received two pins for bringing in six members).

At the far right is our Exalted Ruler, Jim Moyer, who is one member away from receiving his pin, which is scheduled to occur in January.



## Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

No military recognition days in February, but don't forget:

**Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910**

**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

The first months of the year are light on veterans activities, but the needs of individual veterans have continued. The retired navy veteran with her 16 year old son who were sleeping in the car are now in a hotel and on the list for an apartment, with special attention. The Bosnian/Korean veteran who was homeless for so many years now has a job and a home and our lodge bought him a bed and helped with other furniture. The navy veteran who served in Vietnam and had a stroke, but had never applied for VA benefits now has an appointment at the VA clinic in Oxnard. The army veteran who served in Vietnam and who tried for so long to have his PTSD recognized by the VA now has approval for assistance and is in the process of getting his past records corrected. I am not personally responsible for all the good things that are happening, but you, our members, play a much bigger part in their support than you will ever know.

**THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF T.O. ELKS LODGE #2477 FOR YOUR VETERANS SUPPORT!**

Last year, David Naccarato began planning a tribute to our own lodge members who served honorably with our armed forces. We were joined at the event by several individuals of distinction who also represent some of the resources for helping the veterans who come to us. We plan to continue both efforts, and to bring you more information regarding veteran oriented organizations.

Please let us know if there is some service that the National Veterans Service Commission (NVSC) and our own committee can bring to you and our other members.

### 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)

## Scouting Report

On Sunday afternoon (1/10/16) at the Miller YMCA in Dos Vientos our large 3763 cub pack held its monthly meeting and I presented Ryan Louvric an award for collecting 2000 books to be given to needy area children. Last year Ryan collected 600 books but this year, after joining 3763 as a Tiger Cub (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) he made more connections, including Lodge 2477, and more than doubled his "haul". I told the Pack that this was a good example of Synergy – where 2 + 2 sometimes equals 5. I reminded them that several things had come together for him to receive this award, viz.:

- Last year he and his mom were listening to the radio and learned about a family who couldn't afford to buy books for their kids so he decided to donate some of his and collect more to help others.
- This year he joined Cub Pack 3763 who are chartered by Lodge 2477 and with the additional help (about 150 came from the

Elks) collected a whopping 2000 books. He and mom, Tracy, clean them up and make minor repairs before taking them to local schools.



- Lodge 2477 very new member, Bryan Kinch, had attended an American Cancer Society fund raiser and bought a silent auction prize consisting of a VIP tour of the Beverly Hills Fire Station, fire hats and a ride on a fire truck (valid for 4 persons).
- Bryan gave this award to David at the Lodge who passed it to me to use for the Scouts.
- The Louvric family has mom &

dad & Ryan & sister --- Total 4 and a perfect fit.

- So Sunday Ryan got this award and I mentioned to him that the BH station is just a few blocks from Rodeo Drive and they might want to stop there to get Tracy a bauble or two for all the help she has given him.....
- Oh, and when I called Bryan to see if he could present the award he was on his way to Arrowhead with family but said this sounded wonderful and hoped he could get more active with the Lodge now that his son's football season had ended. Thanks, Bryan for your gift.

Two + Two maybe equaled Six on this one.

Bill Miller  
Scouting Chairman

BTW, I don't own the YMCA in Dos Vientos



## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Hosts an Eagle Scout Court of Honor



Lodge officers are introduced. (L-R) Exalted Ruler Jim Moye, Lecturing Knight, Karen Martyn and Eagle Scout & Lodge Esquire, Billy Sternberg



Left of the podium are Eagle Court honoree Evan Block with his parents James and Suzanne. At the podium is Scout Master Dave Edson.



Eagle Scouts in attendance are presented to the audience



On stage (L-R) Bill Miller, Scouting Chairman and Dave Edson, Sout Master. On the floor (L-R) Karen Martyn, Lecturing Knight, Billy Sternberg, Eagle Scout & Lodge Esquire, Bill Sternberg, Grand Lodge Western Regional Scouting Chairman, Greg Metzgas, Eagle Scout & CHEA-WCCD Leader, Jim Moye, Exalted Ruler and Eagle Scout Justin Jenner, Master of Ceremonies

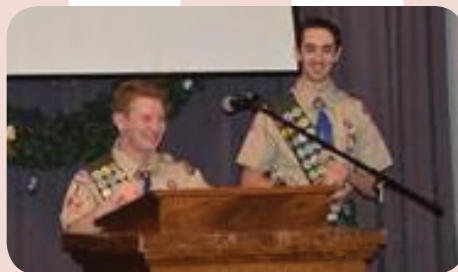
At Center - PER Bill Sternberg, the first Scoutmaster of Troop 754, is attaching a hand-carved neckerchief slide onto Evan Block's new Eagle neckerchief. Bill carves these slides which contain a ball within a cage from a single piece of wood. He presents one to each of the Eagles in Troop 754. The boys are especially proud of their "Sternberg" slides ranking their ownership near the top of their other Eagle accolades. During this



part of the Eagle ceremony Bill repeats the story that at the Troop bylaws writing, the boys decided that their newly designed 754 neckerchief should remain the property of the Troop until the boy earned Eagle rank when he would finally be allowed to keep it forever. Bill then removes the 754 neckerchief, gives it to a parent for safekeeping and places the Eagle neckerchief around the boy's neck and attaches the unique slide.



Greg Metzgas presents Evan Block with a certificate of achievement from Lodge 2477. It is also accompanied by a small American Flag. We also give each boy a letter of commendation from Elks National GER.



Eagle Court Honoree Evan Block addresses the audience



Exalted Ruler Jim Moye addresses Eagle Court Honoree Evan Block



# Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

cordially invites you to attend their annual



*Law Enforcement*



*and*



*Firefighter*



## *Appreciation Night*

*Firefighters and Sheriff's Deputies from  
our local communities in both Ventura and  
Los Angeles counties will be honored*

*Social hour: 6:00pm*

*Dinner: 6:45pm*

*Chicken or Tri-tip \$12.00*

*Awards: 7:30pm*

*For further information contact  
Paul Stein, Committee Chairman 805-506-1811*



Pictured below are highlights of the New Years Day "Hair of the Dog" Party

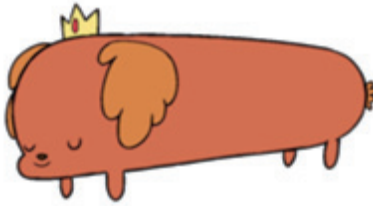




# Gangster Night Party on New Years Eve at Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

## NEW YEAR'S EVE 2015





# TWO BUCK TUESDAY

(By the Martyns)

## IS BACK!!

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

**6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**\$2 Burger, Hot Dog or Louisiana Hot & Chips**

**\$2 Domestic Beer**

**\$2 House Wine**

**\$2 Well Drinks**

*We will also have birthday cake to celebrate the 168th anniversary of the founding of the Elks*

**Come on down and enjoy the company of your fellow members!**

### **A message from Ronald L. Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler**

February is a transitional month, a time when change is in the air. It is the month to nominate and elect Lodge Officers for the coming year. A strong Lodge depends on engaged Members and the election of dedicated, energetic leaders with a positive attitude.

Lodge Officers must maintain a positive demeanor if they are to achieve positive

results. If you have decided to run for office in your Lodge, I thank you for that commitment and encourage you to be that leader, inspire others and allow your enthusiasm to become contagious.

Our Past Exalted Rulers have built and maintained the foundation of our Order – our Local Lodges – and many of them have gone on to serve in State

Associations and at the Grand Lodge level. Take advantage of their dedication and guidance, and let their talents and experience be a valuable resource in helping to build a successful Lodge.

Speaking of change, as I travel this great country I sense a new attitude toward

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Pictured below are highlights from the "Polish Auction"  
A fundraising event supporting CHEA 1st VP Lance Erickson





**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

Elks Ladies February 2016 Antler Article

**February Birthdays:**

4 Suzanne Osgood  
 10 Tom Ryder  
 14 Karen Naccarato  
 16 Margaret Thornton  
 24 Kathy Jenkins  
 29 Jan Stockton

The Ladies hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends, family and happiness. Looking ahead to 2016, the Ladies are coming up with new ideas and making plans for future fundraising and lots of good times! Our first fundraiser for 2016 as I'm sure you all know by now is our Major Project Fundraiser on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you all come out and spend the evening in Collinsport at the Dark Shadows "Vampire Society Bash"! Come as your favorite Vampire or Vampiress for a splendid evening raising funds for a great cause!

**GER's Message Continued**

Membership growth, Lodge pride and community service. There's a new mindset and a strong "can-do" spirit developing throughout Elkdom. Members are engaged; we're being Louder and Prouder; people are discovering who the Elks are and what we do, and we are enrolling new Members in historic numbers, by far the highest rate in more than 36 years! And, to aid in this transition, Lodges are finding new ways to become more comfortable, fun and welcoming for their Members, their guests and especially for their families.

We need to remember that February 16 is the birthday of our Order. On February 16, 1868, shortly after the death of one of the

The Board members would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Alex Rogers, Tina Nickerson and Mary Schultz. We look forward to having you as active members in our group.

**January 2016 Elk Ladies Inspirational**  
 Just For Today, Author Unknown

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.

Just for today I will not find fault with a friend, relative or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have

it. I will save myself from two enemies--hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will exercise my character in three ways. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today I will do two things I don't want to do, just for exercise. Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will be unafraid to enjoy what is beautiful and believe that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

Heavenly Father,  
 Thank you for the gift of today and for the gift of this new year. May we be ever mindful of each day and not try to tackle our whole life's problems at once. Help us to always remember your faithfulness to us and to reach out in love and service to others in our normal everyday lives.

Amen

original "Jolly Corks," leaving his wife and children destitute, the small group of actors adopted the more noble purpose of serving others, and thus was born the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since then, for 147 years, we have been making a difference and changing lives every day.

Finally, as we approach February, let's not forget our special Valentines! Valentine's Day is about love, and whether you're spending the day with your significant other or with family and friends, it's about showing those around you how much they truly mean to you. My favorite Valentine is the one person who supports me in all I do, my best friend and loving wife, Nancy. Be sure to set some time aside for that special person in your life.

Enjoy your month, good luck on your elections, happy birthday, relish the extra day (Leap Day) and cherish the time with your favorite Valentine.



**OBTAINED A  
 NEW MEMBER ?**



## El Konejo Kampers

The Los Robles Golf Course banquet room was hailed a success as the venue for the El Konejo Kampers Holiday Brunch. The food was good, the view spectacular and the 97 party goers were very festive and enthusiastic.

Sherri Jones, VP for 2015, made a good choice and along with her team, pulled off a lovely event. A big thank you to Sherri, Cheryl T, Sue O, Jessica S, Joel and Bev E, the planning committee, along with Jane W, Angela P, Julie C and Kathy M who worked the event selling tickets and more. If we've forgotten anyone, it is due to lack of writing it down and not lack of gratitude.

The prizes this year were exceptional too: a large Samsung flat screen TV, won by Jim Porter, Jr. (the Porter clan keep winning the TVs; next year we won't let them put in any tickets for TVs - just kidding), and a Samsung Galaxy tablet won by Virginia Grindley, were donated by the club and everything else was donated by the members including barbeques, baskets, homemade items, gift certificates, and so much more. There was something to make everyone happy for sure. I won a solar powered lighthouse that looks perfect in my ocean themed



After taking the month of December off (so I couldn't hold my ugly Christmas sweater contest), we came back on January 7th to hold our first bingo game of the year. These proceeds went to the dictionary program. Mary Woodlief filled in as my Vanna White and was relieved by Jessica Stull at 3 O'clock.

First game out, Exalted Ruler Jim Moye showed how it's done with a win. Member Pat Heckathorne and Paula Williams had to share game two. We had a visitor from Ventura Elks Lodge Howard LaPier who left with two game winnings

bathroom. The 50/50 was won by Donna Colleran and I believe it was somewhere just over \$450. Congratulations to all the winners, and a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated raffle items.

I made the centerpieces and got a lot of compliments. We had Christmas trees, birdcages, hurricane lamps, lanterns and reindeer, all in silver and white lit by candles. It was my pleasure to design them, though I did not win one. I did have fun dragging out my creative side to which Cheryl commented that she didn't know I had one! You just never know. The Westlake High School singers and dancers entertained once again. We so enjoy their performances. They are a great bunch of talented kids.

Of course there are lessons to be learned and we hope that next year folks will buy their tickets earlier so that no one will be disappointed. We all feel bad for the members and friends we had to turn away.

We extend a sincere note of gratitude to the officers and the appointed chairs of the EKK for their service in 2015. The newly elected board for 2016 remains the same with one exception - Sherri Jones is stepping down as VP and Beverly

and his partner Wanda also from Ventura won a game. Jean Miraglia won the game where she picked the numbers (that's easy).

Pat won another game. Dreena and Lancaster Bob were winners. Paula Williams was a winner at the last game. Bobby Williams blanked at this game which is very unusual for him. A huge thank you to Jim Moye, Bobby and Paula Williams for helping me set up every bingo session. I really appreciate the help. My wife Karen puts lunch together for the players. It is a day of food and fun, plus we help the workings of the lodge.

The first and third Thursdays at 1pm are early bird games. Regular games begin at 2pm. We try to play 10 games,

Erickson will be filling that spot for 2016. Welcome, Beverly.

The Kampers play hard and work hard too, as I've stated many times. Sunday, December 6 we served 83 AAs and cooked breakfasts for the Lodge Memorial and on December 27 we served 45 AAs and 31 Elks for a total of 159, plus the number of members who attended the Memorial Brunch. Whew, no wonder I'm tired. On that note I should mention that our hard working Exalted Ruler and Leading Knight are the only two crew chiefs the campers have for breakfast and we are actively seeking new crew chiefs. The duties are quite simple and are listed on the camper website. All the crews are experienced so don't worry about them getting the job done. A crew chief needs to make a few calls and purchase some specialized ingredients, unlock the doors, and generally oversee the operation. Please think about helping out. You don't need to do it all the time. Once, twice (or three times if you're trying to get into heaven) a year is good.

Jessica Stull, President  
El Konejo Kampers

2 double action, u-pik-em and horse racing. It all depends on the number of players. We cannot guarantee a payout as it is all based on the number of players. Too many games cause the payout to be less, so we try to balance a good payout with everyone having a chance to win. I remember racing at Saugus Speedway and the last place car received at least enough to come back; otherwise the speedway would not have cars show up. Same principle.

We give to Dictionary Project, ENF, Major Project or Veterans. If you have the time, come on down -- you won't be disappointed.

David Naccarato, PER

## 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

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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	



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### 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	1997-98 *John Kelly
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1975-76 *Bill Wagner	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1976-77 John E. Henry	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2002-03 Don Booker
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2004-05 Jay Block
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1981-82 *Robert Hardy	2006-07 David Naccarato
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2009-10 Terry Gicking, PDDGER
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2010-11 *Harry Brockwell
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2011-12 Steve Smith
1987-88 John E. Henry	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2013-14 Terry Baker
1989-90 Don Skinner	2014-15 Dan Martyn
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	By Affiliation:
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1994-95 *George Pekow	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	'83-'84, '02-'03 Harold Constantine
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

\*Deceased

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