



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Father's Day Champagne Brunch



Sunday, June 19, 2016
10:00am - 1:00pm

\$12 Adults, \$6 Children

Bacon, Sausage, Ham
Scrambled Eggs & Hash Browns
Biscuits & Homemade Gravy
Waffles with Strawberries & Cream
Fruit & Pastries
Orange Juice, Coffee
Champagne

Hosted by the ELKS Ladies

Please make reservations
(805) 496-4550

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Duty Officers

06-02 to 06-08	Jim Moye
06-09 to 06-15	Rik Gessler
06-16 to 06-22	Gregg Miraglia
06-23 to 06-29	Dan Martyn

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

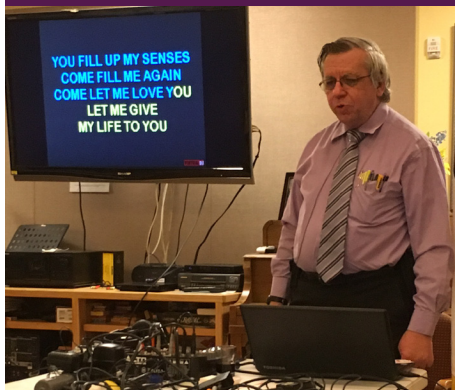


Kathy Moye

Kathy Moye is one of the hardest workers in the whole Lodge. After she finishes working the Saturday BBQ, twice a month, she shows up Sunday morning at 6:30 AM, twice a month, ready to serve 60 to 90 breakfasts to our AA groups. When she finds the tables in the Lodge room set up wrong, there is no whining and moaning, she just sets them up right. Then after carrying plates of food for an hour or hour and a half, she starts washing dishes. She does have me convinced that there is something wrong with her because she is smiling the whole time.

Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

Cal-Vet Karaoke by Robert Jones



Robert Jones, USAF Ret.

Six years ago our lodge was looking at what we could do to help out at the "new" Cal Vet home in Saticoy. Robert responded by offering his karaoke equipment for us to sing with the Vets. Since then, on the fourth Thursday of every month, Robert has brought his very own equipment, which he keeps upgraded at his own expense. In those six years, he has only missed a couple of nights, and that was because of the flu! Thank you Robert for your service in the military and your continuing service and dedication to our Veterans!

All Elks are welcome to come along and sing with our heroes. Fourth Thursday, 6pm. Cal-Vet home at Telephone Rd & Wells Rd in Saticoy. (East Ventura) Robert guarantees you will have a great time!

Upcoming Initiation Schedule

Balloting

June 1st
July 6th
August 3rd

Orientation

June 21st
July 26th
August 23rd

Initiation

June 22nd
July 27th
August 24th

Candidates for Balloting, Transfers and Reinstatements

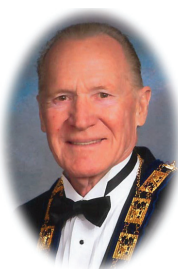
<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Robert Orlow	Sales Manager	Holly Healy
Daniel Hoffman	Highway Patrol Officer	Chet Kozlowski, PER
Pat Hoffman	Highway Patrol Officer	Chet Kozlowski, PER

Correction: In the May issue of the Antler it was reported that Virginia Grindley was sponsored by Lynn Rodriguez. However, Virginia was sponsored by her brother, John Puckett. We regret the error.

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

Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery



Attendance at the general meetings has recently been very low so I thought that explaining one of the incentives for you to attend might help.

A Capsule drawing takes place at each general meeting. The capsule is a small plastic container which contains the name and number of each currently paid-up member of the lodge. The capsules are all contained in a tumbler which is turned to mix the capsules and ensure a random drawing.

The member named in the winning capsule must be a paid-up member of the lodge, must be present at the general meeting, and must have purchased tickets for the Good of the Order raffle for \$5.00.

The capsule drawing begins with the amount of \$25.00 and each time there is no winner \$25.00 is added to the raffle amount until it reaches \$500.00. At this point the drawings for this \$500.00 will continue at each general meeting until there is a winner. A new capsule drawing will be started at the following general meeting in the amount of \$25.00 and continue under the same rules as the first capsule drawing until there is a winner or the raffle amount reaches again \$500.00 and a new capsule drawing begins. So far this year we have drawn the names of 10 members, who would have won if they had been present. Jim Moye was the most recent winner, and donated \$200.00 of his winnings to our parking lot fund.

I encourage each of you to attend meetings. Not only may you enjoy a financial benefit, but you may also enjoy being involved in decision making and Lodge Operations. And, sometimes, the meetings are even a bit of fun.

Mike Flannery
Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight Jean Miraglia



There were many activities that the Lodge was involved in: Mother's Day Brunch, Conejo Valley Days, Youth Appreciation Night, and the CHEA Convention, in Anaheim, to name

a few. Conejo Valley Days is always a major event for our Lodge. Thank you to all the volunteers, and to Tom Hartin for organizing this event.

Join me in welcoming Paul Mechevjian, our new bartender. Come down, have a drink, and meet Paul.

I have been Leading Knight for two months, and find my responsibilities taking me down to the Lodge several times a week. The same faces appear before me. I am amazed and impressed by the dedication of these members. There is always something that needs to be repaired, cleaned or taken away. One afternoon I saw Max working around the Lodge, Ed Rice in the kitchen getting ready for an event that evening, and someone in the recycle area taking out the bags to be brought in for recycling. We have many dedicated members who volunteer their time to maintain our Lodge in good repair, and who help to promote our many community and Lodge activities. Thank you all!

The El Konejo Kampers are to be admired for their endurance and resilience, twice a month. On a Sunday, they arrive at 6:00 AM to prepare and serve between 60 and 80 breakfasts to the AA group, before their meeting, and up to 40 breakfasts to our members. Thumbs up to you!

While I'm on the Thank You Train, I want thank Rik and Shirste Gessler for donating the Keurig coffee machine.

I am taking this opportunity to mention the low attendance at the monthly meetings. I am saddened to see this. It's important that our new members experience the true meaning of Brotherly Love. Just

Loyal Knight Karen Martyn



Our Mother's Day ritual and brunch was well attended and enjoyed by all. It takes many hands and a lot of work to put such an event together, and I would like to thank those

who contributed. Cooking duties were handled by PERs Terry Gicking, Jim Moye and Dan Martyn, as well as Johnny D'Ambrogio, who prepared his famous crepes with fruit. Thanks to Max Maxwell (and Jeffrey) for coming in at 7:00 am to set up the lodge room and buffet service tables. The lodge officers handled the buffet service with assistance from Randy (COB's better half). Kathy Moye seemed to be everywhere helping with room decorations and table preparation. If I missed anyone, my apologies and thanks go out to you.

Our annual Flag Day Service will be held on Sunday, June 12th. The officers will perform the ritual at 2:00 pm followed by flag retirement, assisted by our lodge-sponsored scouting groups. It's a beautiful ceremony, so please mark your calendars and join us.

June's kitchen offerings start off with a Frugal Friday on June 3rd by the Moyes, serving tacos, rice and beans, all for \$6.00. On Friday, June 10th, it's comfort food by Casey Boggiano serving meatloaf and mashed potatoes. The Fish Fry on Friday, June 17th, will be followed on Wednesday, June 22nd (Initiation Night), by Jill Williams' and Christine Harrison's meatball sliders. On Friday, June 25th, Pub Burgers will be prepared by the Krazy Krew. Don't forget to join us for our great Sunday breakfasts including a special Father's Day Brunch by the Elk Ladies on Sunday, June 19th.

Thanks again to our kitchen volunteers. If you would like to prepare a meal or help out, please contact me at kr2477@aol.com.

Fraternally,
Karen Martyn
Loyal Knight

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Lecturing Knight Shirste Gessler



Happy Summer everyone! Can you believe it is June already? Graduations, kids out of school, summer vacations. What a great time of year.

Our Youth Appreciation Night was held on May 6th. We honored six well deserving young men and women who received college scholarships from the Lodge and PER Association. In addition, we congratulated four Hoop Shoot award winners. A yummy pasta dinner was provided by Rik Gessler which everyone enjoyed. Al Adam, Thousand Oaks City Council member and the 51st Mayor of Thousand Oaks was in attendance and helped hand out the awards. Thank you to Rick Herrera and David Naccarato for also presenting the awards. Thank you David Naccarato for creating the programs. Thank you Lynn Rodriguez for getting the Declaration from the City and the Certificates for the winners. Thank you to our ER Mike Flannery and our Chaplain Holly Healy for taking part in the evening. Thank you to Dan and Karen Martyn for helping in the kitchen. It was a great success, enjoyed by all!

Our Dictionary Program has continued going strong! Steve and Mary Woodlief continue to be very busy handing out dictionaries to 3rd graders. The last of the dictionaries were handed out in May. We are looking into fundraising for next year so we can continue this wonderful program.

Thank you to Bill and Jeri Miller for all their hard work with the Boy and Girl Scouts. I know when I say I can speak for the Lodge, your hard work and dedication to the success of these boys and girls is amazing and very much appreciated.

Faternally,

Shirste Gessler
Lecturing Knight

Delinquent Dues List

The lodge dues and assessment for the Elk year 2016-2017 were due April 1, 2016. The key card reader has been changed to read only the new key cards. Please make your payment as soon as possible and help the Elks and our lodge with the programs we pledged to support.

We all run into rough patches and we can work with you if you just let the office know. If a member has passed and the office is not notified, the dues notices would continue to be sent. If you recognize anyone on the following list, please remind them or if you know of information that we need, please forward it to the office.

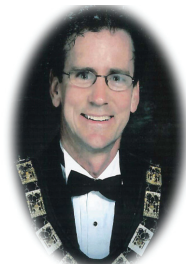
Thank you,

David Naccarato
Lodge Secretary

Arleen Adamsky
William Aubrey
Andrew Brady
Len Cardoni
Devin Carter
Nicholas Cigan
Paul Coy
Leslie Donovan
Marc Donovan
Michael Dow
Marco Polo Gomez
Sylvia Guerra
Dale Haas
Timothy Hinsche
Brian Horan
Bryan Kinch
Frank Lussier
Andrew McDonald
Brian Mattson
Kevin McCoy
Johnny Mello
Angelique Milner
Henry Nagy
Donald Noble
Bill O'Shea
Joe Palmer
Jacob Panczak
Norman Panczak
Charles Pederson
Erin Pierle
Francine Pitassi

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Secretary David Naccarato



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 is a private lodge. We have a charter from the Grand Lodge. When our lodge was instituted in 1972 our Charter members saw a need in our community.

When new members join, we ask "Why?" The answer is often "To give back to our community."

Primary funding for our programs is through the fundraising efforts of our members. We have dinners, skits or themed events in which you can participate. Purchasing a Friday night dinner, Sunday breakfast or sending back Charity Ball raffle tickets, along with the \$20 donation, goes a long way to help.

We have many who are monthly donors to our Major Project or "Purple Pig". All new members receive a Purple Piggy Bank. The names of Purple Pig donors appear in the Honor Roll of our monthly newsletter, the Antler Antics. Names of \$100 donors and \$1,000 donors appear in the Association's monthly magazine.

I want to thank those members that added a little extra to their annual dues. Many members contributed to lodge community service programs as well as to ENF and Purple Pig. Your donations are essential to our charitable and community service programs, and your contributions are greatly appreciated!

David Naccarato, PER
Secretary

Delinquent Dues List continued

Chris Prince
Richard Quance
Susan Ray
Tori Rogers
Tracey Ross
Scott Smith
David Starky
Beverly Taylor
John Tracy
Robert Wissusik
Robert Wyllie
Robert Wyman

Sickness & Distress

Alex Rogers, Committee Chair
Home 805-492-3280 Cell 805-427-3013

There are no Condolences to report

Keep in your prayers

Patti Queen for her continued cancer treatment

Carl Lanterman with unknown cause of difficulties

Jimmy Joe who is rehabilitating

Myrna Block who has vertigo

Meet our Sickness & Distress Chairperson

As a retired R.N. I have dealt with sickness and distress. So, this position seemed like the perfect fit. I am honored to be able to pray for and report at each meeting those who are in need. Please feel free to contact me anytime at the numbers listed above.

Thank you,
Alex Rogers

June Birthdays

Michael Mathews-01
William Ratcliffe-01
Dwight Williams-02
Bob Adams-03
Henry Germain-03
Abe Gamble-04
Mary Woodlief-04
Woody Hammer-06
John Peterson-06
Bonnie Baumeister-07
Jim McHarg-08
Elsie Murray-09
William Figge-10
Luis Lara-10
Devin Carter-11
Cherri Peterson-11
Eric Larson-12
Patricia Heckathorn-13
Steve Smith-13
Rod Reynolds-14
Clarence Brown-15
Alan Hardie-15
Ken Krabel-15
Patrick Martin-15
Ronald Hull-16
Ronald Pizits-16
Mysty Boykin-18
Chuck Costigan-18
Jerry Gilmore-18
Randal Hays-18
Frederick Kolbeck-18
Paul Rios-18
Glenn Kenny-19
Charles Maslin-20
Walter Ogden-20

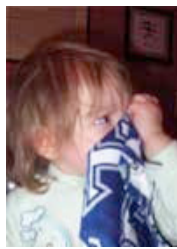
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Dictionary Project



On April 27, 2016, our lodge donated dictionaries to 186 third grade students at Santa Rosa Elementary. Pictured above are (R-L) Steve Woodlief, Dictionary Chair, Shirste Gessler, Youth Activities Chair and Jim Moye, PER

The Crying towel



April 6th

Capsule drawing Beverly Reis, not present

Lucky 13 Ray Laraway, no winner

April 20th

Capsule Drawing Jim Moye, PER, present Winner!!

Lucky 13 David Naccarato, PER, no winner

April 27th

Capsule drawing Jerry Feldman, not present

Lucky 13 Gregg Miraglia, winner!!

June Birthdays Continued

Steve Harrison-21
James Allen-22
Steve McKee-22
Barbara Gibbs-23
Scott Dool-24
Shirste Gessler-24
Anita Gorino-24
Virginia Grindley-24
Howard Johnson-25
Bill Rodarme-25
Todd Turnham-26
George Hees-29
James Horning-30

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Christine Rundle
Coleen Morris
Max Maxwell
Bobby Williams
Gregg Miraglia
Jean Miraglia
Bill Miller
Paul Stein
Jim Moye
Kathy Moye
Alex Rogers
Darryl Kopacz (Century Club)
Greg Metzgas
Pam Price
Dan Martyn
Karen Martyn
Rik Gessler
Shirste Gessler
J.A. Garcia (Century Club)

May donors not listed last month:

Dan Martyn, PER
Karen Martyn
Jim Moye, PER
Kathy Moye

Leading Knight Message Continued

make one meeting a month, and let it be on Initiation Night. Let's support and welcome our new members. Remember "Participation" is the key word for success.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia
Leading Knight

Veterans Services - Carl Lanterman, Chairman

June 6, 1944 – D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe
 June 14, 1775 – U.S. Army founded/ Flag Day
 June 22, 1944 – GI Bill signed into law/ Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress
 June 25, 1950 – Korean War began
 June 30, 2008 – Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into law

BINGO @ Sepulveda V.A. – 2nd Friday each month at 1:00 pm
 16111 Plummer St., at Woodley, Sepulveda, CA

KARAOKE @ Cal Vet Home – Ventura – 4th Thursday each month at 6:00 pm 10900 Telephone Rd., Ventura, CA

April 24th was our annual Veterans Recognition Day for our own lodge



Special Guests: Robert McKenrick-Director of West L.A. Regional V.A.-US Army Col. (ret'd); Theresa Miller-veteran USN & USAF & Gold Star Wife; Mike McManus- County Veterans Services Officer-USAf Sr. MSgt (ret'd)

veterans. About 30 veterans attended from 4 branches of the military service. Food was great – furnished by Chefs Mike



Lodge Veterans: Fred McCord, Darryl Kopacz, Jim Lovato, Marshall Knowlton, Jay Schmidt & David Anderson

Lodi and John Chew of the Ventura Chefs association coordinated by Tom Hartin and assisted by Art and Charlene Urbano. Several of our Elks Ladies came to serve and brighten up the place. Carl Lanterman introduced guest speakers and David Naccarato made special presentations of interest and presentation of our veterans.

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



Delsie Anthony, Lynda Griffin, Carl Lanterman, Michelle Roulston (Director), & Toby



Volunteers enjoy food, entertainment, awards and door prizes

Lanterman represented the T.O. Lodge and was presented with the **Volunteer of the Year Award**.

Remember the upcoming 24th Ventura County Stand Down on July 29th-31st. To volunteer for lunch on Saturday, contact Tom Hartin @ 805-497-4902. For cleanup or other tasks or for donations, call Carl @ 630-8110, or Art @ 241-5719, or Terry @ 231-9788.

ITEMS NEEDED: Take to lodge office and call Art
 Tennis shoes; Wallets; Baseball Caps; Jeans; Undershorts (new only)

At least once a year, we take a group of ambulatory veterans from the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital to lunch, just to get out and around. Marshall Knowlton has scheduled that for May; not yet here at time of printing.

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

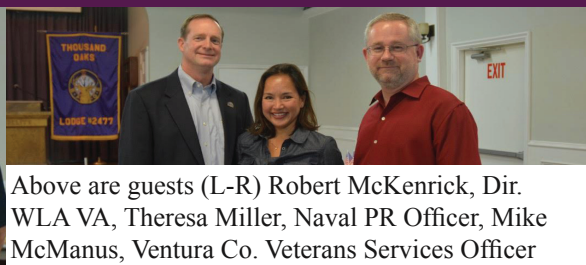
Carl Lanterman

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 (805) 630-8110 carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

Art Urbano

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

Below are Pictured Highlights of our Veterans Recognition Day



Above are guests (L-R) Robert McKenrick, Dir. WLA VA, Theresa Miller, Naval PR Officer, Mike McManus, Ventura Co. Veterans Services Officer



More Longevity Pin Night Recipients

The guy wearing the coat and tie, in the pictures below, is our Exalted Ruler Mike Flannery.
Everyone else is captioned in the pictures below, left to right.



Five Year Pins: Doug Morrison, Pati Harrod, Donald Shermon and Greg Lockwood



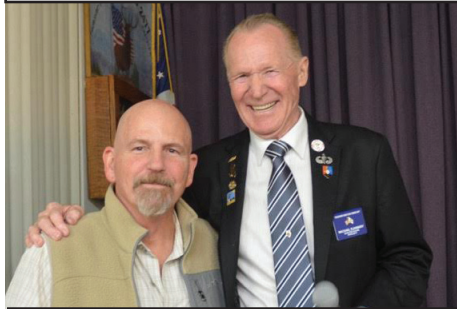
Ten Year Pins: Dwight Williams and Gerry Gillies



15 Year Pins: Leo Rodriguez and Toni Hartin



20 Year Pins: Rik Gessler and David Stull



25 Year Pin: David Pearson



30 Year Pin: Jim Allen



35 Year Pin: Ray Laraway and Herb Jellander



40 Year Pin: Scott Dool

Hoop Shoot 2016 Awards

The Elks have a National Hoop-Shoot competition for boys and girls ages 8 through 13 years. The participants have 25 attempts to shoot as many goals as possible from the free throw line. The boy and girl with the most baskets in each age group, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13, move on to the next level of competition.

First is the local lodge contest which we held in September. The first place winners move on to compete in our district shoot. Our district has 12 lodges and meet in Goleta. All of our kids took 2nd place at our district shoot each missing by 1 goal in a tie breaking 5 shot shoot-off.



Pictured above are Hoop-Shoot contestants who attended our Youth Appreciation Night and received their awards. They are (L-R) Gabriella Gulino 13yr., Ava Bowers 9yr., (Ava's father Michael Bowers was a Hoop-Shoot winner at our lodge in 1986), and Adam Taylor 11yr. At the far right is our Hoop-Shoot chairman David Naccarato, PER

Youth Appreciation Night and Scholarship Awards 2016



Pictured above (L-R) Rick Herrera, Scholarship Chairman, Roopa Chandra 3rd place winner, Al Adam, Thousand Oaks City Council Member, Shivani Govil, 2nd place winner, Kanhai Shah, 1st place winner, Roshni Dugar, 1st place winner and ER Mike Flannery. The students received scholarship awards as follows: From the lodge, \$1,000.00, \$750.00 and \$500.00 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively. From the PER Association, \$500.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00 in the same manner as the lodge. Kanhai Shah received \$4,000.00 in National competition. Roshni Dugar was given a trip to Grand Lodge in Chicago and received another \$20,000.00 for college. The funds are sent to the colleges in the name of the students after they have registered and we have received confirmation.

Our lodge and PERs donate the local money. The Elks National Foundation pays the remainder and funds the trip.

Meet our New Members



Jeff Gambino (L)
with sponsor Jason Frase



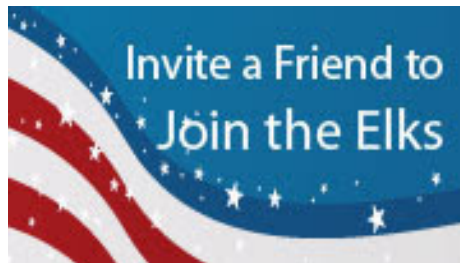
Eric Larson (R)
with sponsor Dave Naccarato, PER



Christine Rundle
with sponsor Dave Naccarato, PER



Michael Spector (L)
with sponsor Herb Jellander



Alan Unthank (R)
with sponsor Herb Jellander



Ernke Escoto (R)
with sponsor Rick Herrera



Jeff Vargo
with sponsor Dave Naccarato, PER



Luz Herrera with Rick Herrera standing in
for sponsor Pat Heckathorne

More Pictured Highlights of our Veterans Recognition Day



Our May Kentucky Derby and Salsa Contest

Each year, Catherine Koeritz, PER, takes the reins of the annual Kentucky Derby Party. This year we gathered at the lodge and watched the race on Saturday, May 7th. The party was exceptional as Jim Moye, PER once again corralled the Salsa Tasting Contest with a record setting number of entries.

We raised \$482.00 from both events. The proceeds will go to the Parking Lot Repaving Project. **Below are pictures of the festivities.**



Meet Lance Erickson, CHEA's 2016-17 President



Lance was born and raised in Jamestown New York. He Graduated high school and enlisted in the US Navy. Served his time at that North Island Naval Air station in Coronado, California,

where he served as a plane captain and jet engine mechanic. At the height of the Vietnam conflict he was promoted and assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga in San Diego. He served as an aircraft support officer and Master at Arms Officer. The ship was assigned a duty in Vietnam in 1967 and returned to San Diego in 1968. Lance was honorably discharged from the navy in 1969.

Lance married his childhood sweetheart Karen. They raised four children, two boys and two girls, and have ten grandchildren, five boys and five girls. In between raising a family, work and college, he coached Junior All American Football, Little League baseball and girls soccer.

Lance obtained an AA degree in Personnel Management from the University of

Redlands. He holds a lifetime teaching Credential issued by the State of California, teaching traffic safety for the Los Angeles City School District and Motorcycle Safety for the Conejo valley School District.

Lance graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in July 1970. After graduation he was assigned to the Glendale area. He worked street patrol for eight years, including four years of riding motorcycles. In 1976 he was awarded Officer of the year by the Optimist Club of Burbank. Lance was promoted to Sergeant in 1978 and was transferred to the East Los Angeles area CHP office where he served as a Field Supervisor. He was selected to supervise the CHP's Southern Division Public Affairs unit 1980-1983. In 1983 he was assigned to the CHP Olympic Games Planning Committee. He served as the Intelligence Liaison Supervisor with the CHP/FBI Olympics Intelligence task Force. After the Olympics, many of this supervisory positions included vehicle theft and environmental crime investigations, Commercial Vehicle and K-9 Narcotics Enforcement.

Lance transferred to the San Luis Obispo

CHP Division Headquarters in 1994 and was assigned to the investigations unit. He retired in 2002 after serving the State of California for 32 years.

In 1995 Lance was initiated into Santa Maria Lodge 1538. He served on the Rodeo Committee in 1995 and 1996. He is presently an Associate member of Santa Maria Lodge. In 2003 he transferred to the Atascadero Lodge #2733. Lance has served on numerous committees including the house committee (7 years), The Board of Trustees (4 years) and budget committee (2 years). He was chosen as Lodge Officer of the year in 2009-2010 and remains active in the lodge. Lance advanced through chairs and became the Exalted Ruler in 2007-2008. Lance was elected Secretary of the lodge in 2008 and served for three years. He served as the first CLMS coordinator for the district and was our Association Vice President in 2009-2010. Lance has served as an Officer of the Past Exalted Rulers Association for 4 years. Lance was selected to District Deputy in 2011-2012. He served as the State Membership Chairman for two years and was elected to the California-Hawaii Elks Association as First Vice President in 2015.

Meet Philip Daughton, CHEA's 2016-17 Vice President



Phil was born in Lake Arrowhead, California. At the age of 10 he then moved to his Father's ranch in Lake Sherwood/Hidden valley area near

Thousand Oaks, California.. In 1998 his family moved to Santa Ynez where he attended and graduated from Santa Ynez Union High School in 1982. Phil then attended college in Santa Barbara, Ca while working for Santa Barbara Aviation. Phil met Georgia 1986 thru mutual friends and through their shared interest in auto racing. Phil got involved in racing in 1984 when he and some

friends built a car to race at Santa Maria Speedway. After three years of dirt track racing, Phil and Georgia were married and they together built a car to race on asphalt and began racing the Nascar Southwest Tour. This expensive hobby lasted another two years, (now days he goes to Irwin dale Speedway and has fun just turning left for 20 laps).

Georgia and Phil owned an accounting business that specialized in restaurant and bar accounting in the Santa Ynez Valley. Moving to Grass valley, CA in 1989, they purchased rental properties and acquired their real estate licenses. Working as a team, they were very successful and soon became 1/3

partners in Century 21 Real Estate Office. Phil was the partner in charge of managing the office and sales associates. After five years they sold their interest in the business and moved to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico where they lived for the better part of 8 years.

The family moved back to Santa Ynez in 2000 due to Georgia's fathers failing health. As a hobby, Phil began buying and selling collectible coins, which evolved into an internet business.

In 2007 Phil joined the Santa Ynez Elks Lodge #2640, and Georgia became a member in 2008. Phil

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Below are Pictured Highlights of our Mothers' Day Brunch and Ceremony



Below - Pictures from the Elks Ladies Major Project Fundraiser "Dark Shadows"



Girl Scouts of America Gold Awards Ceremony

In March we presented certificates and United States flags to six Gold Award girl scouts from Troop 60318. The Girl Scouts of America Gold Award is equivalent to the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout award and these girls all had excellent projects. Then, on Sunday, April 24th a Gold Awards ceremony was held at the Lodge honoring three girls from Troop 60045. All nine of these young ladies were “wrappers” helping us serve hot dogs at the 2011 and 2012 Brownie Olympics. We serve about 400 hot dogs for the Brownie Olympians. And, of course, everyone wants HOT dogs at the same time. So, we enlist help from the older girls who always enjoy pitching in. They are all classy lassies.



Pictured above stage left are the three girls honored. They are (L-R) Allison Medley, Julianna Emanuel and Genevieve Emanuel all of Troop 60045. Theresa Niehoff (R), former Troop 60045 leader, presented the Gold Award challenge.



Pictured above (L-R) Bill Miller, Lodge Scouting Chairman, Jeri Miller, Marcy Reed, Sr. VP GSA Central Coast, Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Thousand Oaks Mayor Pro-Tem, with Genevieve, Julianna and Allison.

Dos Vientos Cub Pack #3763 Annual Pinewood Derby



On Saturday, April 23rd, our Dos Vientos Cub Pack 3763 held its annual Pinewood Derby Race. An enthusiastic bunch of parents and cubs gathered at St. Julies Church in Newbury Park, set up their elaborate four lane track, computerized timing equipment and screen.

The racers' names, car name, lane and elapsed time are shown on a screen at the head of the track. On Friday night before the BIG RACE cars are measured and weights adjusted to the legal maximum.



Then all of the cars are impounded overnight (Scouts are Trustworthy, etc. – Dads are ????) and moved to the Church in the Official Storage Tray, pictured at left.

Each car races in four heats, one in each of the lanes, and the times averaged. Certificates and Trophies are awarded for a variety of categories. Fastest car was Ethan Malone's and by a vote of the boys, the Pack Favorite was Billy Coronado's "Hot Tamale".

More Scouting - 2016 Conejo District Awards

On Thursday, April 28th the Conejo District scouters held their annual awards dinner at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Thousand Oaks. The following adults from our chartered Pack 3763 and Troop 754 received recognition as follows:

Cubmaster: Dr. Tim Horita, 3763
Den Leader: Athena Koepfel, 3763
Den Leader: Raymond Sobrino, 3763
Committee Member: Michael Nanfito, 3763

Commissioner: Dennis Anderson (Lodge 2477 Member)
District Membership: Liz Pellegrin, 754

District Award of Merit: Melody Rafelson 754

In addition to these awards, former Troop 754 Scoutmaster, Don Cutler (Debbie), was sworn in as the new District Chairman. Don's father-in-law Don Shewmon (Marcy) is also a Lodge 2477 member. Don helps Rick Herrera with his recycle cans!

2016 - 2017 Committee Chairpersons

1st Vice President	Mary Woodlief
2nd Vice President	Shirste Gessler
Secretary	Karen Naccarato
Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Auditor	Shirste Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks

Elks Ladies



Beth Kozlowski, President

2016 - 2017 Committee Chairpersons

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

The Elks Ladies held our Major Project for the year on April 16th, Dark Shadows - a Vampire Society Bash. It was a great success! We had a great turnout, the food was terrific, there were lots of door prizes, lots of baskets raffled off and a fun costume contest. Thank you Lynn Rodriguez and Karen Naccarato for putting on such a fun event! Thank you to Tom Ryder for donating a wonderful dinner.

Our Father's Day Brunch will be on Sunday, June 19th from 10am to 1pm. We are looking forward to another great event and hope you will come out and enjoy it with us. There will be eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, biscuits and gravy, pastries, waffles, fruit and more! The champagne will be flowing!

Some upcoming events to remember include our Ladies Appreciation Luncheon on August 20th and a Chinese Auction and Luncheon on September 24th. We will provide more information once we get

closer to these dates.

June 2016 Elks Ladies Inspirational

*Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words.
Keep your words positive because your words become your behaviors.
Keep your behaviors positive because your behaviors become your habits.
Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values.
Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny.*

Lord, we pray that all of the Elks Ladies working together will be successful in all the programs and events they plan. And always achieve monumental friendships.

Amen



The Elks Ladies donated \$1,800.00 to the CHEA Major Project. Pictured with ER Mike Flannery (L-R) Karen Naccarato, Ladies Secretary, Beth Kozlowski, Ladies President and Lynn Rodriguez, Major Project Chairperson.

A Brief Scouting Report from Chairman Bill Miller regarding Troop #3763

I attended a special meeting of Pack 3763, which we chartered in 2002, to review our past performance and set goals for the coming year. The meeting was chaired by our Unit Commissioner and 2477 Lodge member, Dennis Anderson. One of the items that was discussed was the Pack's Community Outreach Events. The list for the current year is below and I wanted to share what this Pack does in a "normal" year. Pack 3763 has been recognized as the MODEL pack for the Ventura Co. District and probably beyond that. A recent study at Tufts University showed that active youth participation in community activities lessened the likelihood of risk/problem behaviors. These kids don't have time to get in

trouble....

June 2015 - June 2016

- June 6th: St. Julie's Outreach Program, collection for shelter
- June 14th: Flag Day Flag Retirement @ Elks Lodge
- Aug 18th: SCS Community Gardening Day
- Sep 12th - Oct 2nd: YMCA Soccer Ball Drive, collection for developing countries
- Sep 20th: St. Julie's Outreach Program, collection for shelter
- Oct 4th: YMCA Soccer Ball Drive Packing Party, packing & shipping
- Nov 1st: Veteran's Day Flag Retirement

- Nov 11th: James Storehouse, collection for foster children
- Nov 11th: Thankful for Books, collection for preschools
- Dec 13th: Toys 4 Tots
- Feb 27th: Scouting for Food 2016
- Apr 22nd: SCS Community Garden Day 2016 #1
- May 6th: SCS Community Garden Day 2016 #2
- May 28th: Memorial Day Flag Placement - **TO DO**
- June: Elk's Flag Day Flag Retirement - **TO DO**
- June 10th: Webelos Service Project for NPHS - **TO DO**

El Konejo Kampers



Several years ago, Sally Claunch organized a wine tasting tour that was talked about for years afterward, at a campout at the Pechanga Casino Resort. All these years later, Sue Osgood did the same. I have to say, that even if you are not a wine drinker, you would have enjoyed the entertainment value this wine tour affords. You are picked up in a small 14 passenger bus by a delightful driver, who sets the mood for a most enjoyable day. Along with his historic spiel on Temecula and vineyards, his anecdotal tales are the ones that inspire the crazy behavior! While there were only four of us from the camp group, there were others staying at the resort that joined us, along with a few staying in town. The blending of the groups was so complete, Kathy Moye even found her doppelgänger among the group! She has photos.

Okay, so by now you know where we

camped, but not with whom. Because we were only seven rigs going, we joined the Weekenders to provide the minimum ten rig requirement for group rates. Some of these folks are also Elks in this Lodge, so it was fun seeing them again.

We did have some rain, El Nino is still messing with us, but not to the degree it rained in T.O. We did our share of restaurant exploring (who wants to cook, we're on vacation), and made some great finds. Unfortunately, the four days sped by so fast. Suddenly it was Sunday and time to go home. I have to say, this was a more memorable campout.

In May we are off to Santa Barbara Lodge and June will find us at Travel Village in Valencia. Hope to see more of you coming out, we miss you.

April 3rd we served 76 AA breakfasts and 28 Elks breakfasts for a total of 104, and on April 24th we served 53 AA breakfasts and 31 to the Elks. That's 188 breakfasts for April! Fine job folks.



Above: On behalf of the El Konejo Kampers, Cheryl Templeton, Treasurer of the Kampers group, presents ER Mike Flannery with a donation in the amount of \$1,800.00 to be used for the Parking Lot Repair project.

Members and our Lodge receive Recognition



At left is Treasurer Arthur Urbano presenting Pamela Price, COB with a Millennium certificate and Dave Anderson with a 52 Club certificate for their donations to the CHEA Major Project aka "Purple Pig".

At right is Arthur Urbano, Co-Chair of Veterans Services, and ER Mike Flannery with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ventura Co. Military Collaborative.



Philip Daughton's Biography Continued

didn't become active in the lodge until 2011 as they were traveling the world on cruise ships visiting over 50 countries over approximately 3 years. In 2011 after finally returning home, Phil decided to become involved at the lodge, and served as Inner Guard, Kitchen manager and Club Manager 2011-2012. In 2012-2013 Phil became the Exalted Ruler and served two consecutive years. In 2014 Phil was asked to take over the District Major Project Chairmanship and lead the West Central Coast District to

win the Leading Knights Challenge Statewide. Phil was awarded top Major Project Chairman for the California- Hawaii Elk Association in 2014-2015. During this time also served as District Auditor under Robert Schrum PDDGER.

Phil has held many Lodge chairmanships including ENF, and grants. As ENF chairman Phil helped lead Santa Ynez Valley Lodge to its highest per capita as a lodge more than tripling the \$4.65 capita set by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Phil

finished first in the ENF chairman Challenge in California twice and in the top 10 nationally and more recently second in the nation for lodges under 300 members. As lodge grants chairman with the help of his wife Georgia, has written and received 6 grants in the past two years totaling \$13,000 for Veterans and Children.

Phil and Georgia currently live in Santa ynez, CA, have two children Mike (39) and Amanda (28) and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Officers 2016 - 2017

Exalted Ruler	Mike Flannery	Tiler	Casey Boggiano
Leading Knight	Jean Miraglia	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Karen Martyn	Esquire	Frederick "Rik" Gessler
Lecturing Knight	Shirste Gessler	Chaplain	Holly Healy
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Jim Moye, PER
Treasurer	Arthur Urbano		

Trustees 2016 - 2017

One Year	Pam Price, COB
Two Year	Needed
Three Year	Darryl Kopacz
Four Year	Dan Martyn, PER
Five Year	Raymond Laraway

Elk of the Year	Richard Herrera
Officer of the Year	Billy Sternberg
Citizen of the Year	Jill Williams

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Holly Healy
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Calendar: Terry Gicking, PDDGER	David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Maintenance: Jim Moye, PER
Barbeque: Eddie Rice	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Photography: Jill Williams	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Jeff Conyers & Max Maxwell
Forward Planning: Jim Moye, PER	Greeter: Dorothy Murray
Protocol: Karen Martyn	PER Association President: Terry Baker, PER
Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice: Dick McCann	Grants Coordinator: Needed

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liasion: Jean Miraglia	Community Activities: Jean Miraglia
Major Project/Purple Pig: Art Urbano	Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Bequests & Living Trusts: Jean Miraglia	Charity Matters: Jean Miraglia
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Jessica Stull
Christmas Basket Program: Jean Miraglia	Christmas Tree Lot: Jim Moye, PER

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Operations: Karen Martyn	Conejo Valley Days: Jim Moye, PER
Lodge Activities: Karen Martyn	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg	New Years Eve: Karen Martyn
Government Relations: Patty Ringo	Mothers Day: Holly Healy
Elks Memorial Service: Holly Healy	Inaugural Ball: Karen Martyn
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein
Public Relations: Dan Martyn, PER	

2016 - 17 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities: Shirste Gessler	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Hoop Shoot: David Naccarato, PER	Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol	Youth Appreciation Night: Shirste Gessler
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Lodge July 4th and Labor Day Activities: Shirste Gessler
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
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. Stogsdel
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 Sleight
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
2015-16 Jim Moye

By Affiliation:

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

*Deceased