

# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



**Congratulations Dave Stull  
on finally receiving your Purple Heart medal after 45 years**

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## Duty Officers

06-29 to 07-05	Rich Lucariello
07-06 to 07-12	Ray Laraway
07-13 to 07-19	Casey Boggiani
07-20 to 07-26	Jean Miraglia
07-27 to 08-02	Karen Martyn

### LODGE ROOM RENTALS

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



This month's Officer of the Month is our Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pam Price. Pam performs her responsibilities in a quietly manner. However, don't be fooled, she is a Tigress. Pam is diligent in preparing for the audit. She maintains the financial accounts and presents them to the membership, in a timely manner. As per several AVPs, Thousand Oaks Lodge is known for accurate financial reports. Pam takes her position seriously. High fives to Pam.

## All American Lodge Contest

All events at the lodge or Elk sponsored off-site events earn points for "All American Lodge". During the 49 years of our lodge's existence we have earned it in 1999-2000 with Richard Goldner as Exalted Ruler, 2003-2004 with Greg Metzgas and now we can add 2016-2017 with Michael Flannery. These are huge bragging rights we can use during the upcoming visitations. Now we won for division II. All the winners then go up against the other lodge winners in each division and try for the National award. All American State is just the beginning. Going back to participating in Ritual contest would be a shot in the arm for all National Division II wins. *David Naccarato, PER*

## CHEA Convention

At Convention besides, "All American Lodge", we also won Best Lodge Bulletin (kudos to Steve Smith, Editor) and Best Single Event contest (The carnival for Dean Triggs School). We also took home Best Website Design (kudos to Steve Smith's son, Patrick).

This year, the Purple Heart presentation for Dave Stull will be entered in Best Single Event. We competed for these awards with 172 Div. II lodges. *David Naccarato, PER*

## Field Hockey Tournament BBQ Crew

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge was invited to anchor the concessions at the International Field Hockey Tournament held Memorial Day weekend at Moorpark College. Kudo's to Jim Moye, Tom Hartin and Gerry Gillies who showed up on Friday to set up and tear down on Sunday. Some of us, Kathy Moye, Dave Anderson, Herb Jellander, Paul Stein, Jill Williams, Fay Stevens and I had the opportunity to come and go as required. Ed Rice was shuttling product as our sales surpassed what we brought. The lodge did very well and got a bit of notoriety. Many teams from non-meat eating countries told the Cal-Cup Federation they would not finance a team to America if the Elks were not there with our "Trip-Tip" Sandwiches as they were called by a foreign tongue. Everyone was nice and pleasant. Over all we took in \$8,500.00. See pictures on page 9. *David Naccarato, PER*

## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Tony Steven Mallord	Retired from So Cal Edison	Dainis Eglitis
Larry Cummings	Retired Physical Therapist	Herb Jellander
Mary Shannon Galloway	Financial Analyst for Sprint	"Max" Maxwell

## Meeting Attendance

	05-03	05-17	05-24
<b>General Members</b>	8	D	27
<b>Officers</b>	14	A	7
<b>PERs</b>	7	R	6
<b>Total</b>	29	K	40

## Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members 5-31-17	9
Reinstatements and Transfers	1
Total Member Loss 5-31-17	5
Delinquency as of 5-31-17	43
Total Membership as of 4-30-17	457

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



## Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



June entered the year 2017 with the passing of our Brothers, Dale Hass, Kenney Keeler, Dick McCann, Chuck Busch, and our Sister, Kimberly Rediger. Their footprints can be seen throughout our Lodge, at the

Bar B Que, Christmas Charity Baskets, preparing Thanksgiving dinners, presiding over judicial matters, and helping with Conejo Valley Days. With sorrow comes joy, the joy of happy memories.

### From the Eleventh Hour Ritual

*"It is the Golden Hour of Recollection.... The mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."*

The position of Lecturing Knight remains vacant. Take into consideration the importance of the position, and how you can make a difference at our Lodge. Thank you Rick Herrera for stepping up, as my Chaplain.

In May, we attended the CHEA convention, in Palm Springs. Fortunately, we were greeted with windy, but cooler weather. Our District Hospitality room was very popular. We were kept very busy. It was an honor to receive the All American Lodge award out of the 172 lodges in Division II. This award was achieved through the efforts of our Lodge Secretary, David Naccarato, PER. Thank You. Also, a big thank you to the El Konejo Kampers for their generous donation of \$2,000, that morning. It put us over the top from last year.

In the beginning of June, Gregg and I participated in the Santa Maria Parade. We had a great time, and enjoyed the Rodeo. The members of the Santa Maria Lodge were very friendly and sociable. Thank you Exalted Ruler, Tony Dart, for your hospitality.

Pam Price has reset the settings on our sound system. The sound system is now working properly. You need only to turn it on. DO NOT TOUCH THE SETTINGS.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted

## Leading Knight Karen Martyn



Summer is here and the time is right for . . . A PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER! That's right, by popular demand we will be holding our second Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday,

July 29, 2017. This will be a "fun-raiser" with all proceeds going to the Elks National Foundation. We will be serving a homemade turkey dinner with all the traditional sides. There will be an opportunity drawing and other activities. Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the bar. Please join us for a great dinner and support ENF. Please look for the flyer posted in the Lodge and with this issue of the Antler Antics.

We are also planning a special dinner on Wednesday, August 30 to support our California-Hawaii Elks Major Project aka the Purple Pig. Art Garcia, our Purple Pig Chairman, is planning a very special event, so mark your calendars and watch for our flyer in the August Antler and website.

Finally, I thank all the officers who participated in the memorial service for Dick McCann, as well as Catherine Koeritz, Carl Lanterman for arranging the military tribute, Dan Hoffman for arranging the bagpiper, Donna Leary for putting together the beautiful Irish centerpieces, and Max Maxwell, for doing anything and everything we asked to help make this a very special service for a very special man. We will miss you, Dick!

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn  
Leading Knight



## Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



Hi everyone. Boy, May ended with a BANG. The May 31<sup>st</sup> Purple Heart Presentation and Dinner for David Stull was a spectacular event. The teamwork involved in organizing this recognition was

a testament to a perfect evening. We were very proud of David and his wife Jessica.

We rolled right into June with our Flag Day/Flag Retirement ceremony on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Elks ritual for this special commemoration is very dignified and poignant. Did you know the Elks is the only fraternal organization that requires a Flag Day Service as one of the required ceremonies of the Order? A special thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, Bill and Billy Sternberg and the various levels of the Scouts that were represented at the ceremony. Patriotism, love of country and our Veterans are at the CORE of our existence. The ceremony is well worth your time. If you were unable to make it this year, please plan on attending next year. The day's activities ended with some great ice cream and cookies. The time commitment to attend this important day is no more than ninety minutes.

I thought I would share with you the number of events/activities our Lodge schedules over the year. Each of these events are scheduled on our monthly calendar and highlighted in our award winning Antler's Antics. We prepare and provide wonderful dinners a total of 150 days out of the year. Affordable dinners are provided each week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The price generally ranges from \$5.00 to \$12.00. Many of our Friday dinners include live bands or Karaoke. Some of the responsibilities of your Lodge are to provide service to the community and to provide social functions at which you, your family and guests can relax and enjoy being with your new Elk family. I ask that, if you have been unable to attend our scheduled activities/events, that going forward, you make an effort to attend some and support the Lodge.

If I can assist you in anyway, please contact me at [fivehofies@yahoo.com](mailto:fivehofies@yahoo.com) or 818 822 2219.

Dan Hoffman, Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



Greetings Fellow Elks!

I am Paul Radomski and I am your new Lecturing Knight. At the Father's Day Brunch, the Exalted Ruler, Jean Miraglia, asked if

I was interested in the position. As the current Esquire, it had always bothered me to see the Lecturing Knight position remain vacant with no persons interested. I thought to myself, "Well, if it wasn't for the fact that I accepted the Esquire post, I wouldn't mind giving the Knight position a try." Jean assured me that we'll do fine with a fill in for Esquire while I move up.

So, this month's article will be dedicated to telling you a little bit about myself. I am a native Californian, born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. I am one of seven boys (no sisters) and my dad was a LAPD police officer. After attending El Camino Real High School we moved to Orange County where I attended Cypress College. I served in the US Army from 1975 to 1978 where I was an Infantry Medic at Fort Benning, Georgia, as well as a Field Artillery Medic in Augsburg, Germany. I met my beautiful red headed Irish Catholic Bostonian wife Kacee in 1979. We were married in 1982 about a month before I was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Santa Monica Fire Department. Being in the fire service was the best 30-year career ever. I spent my last five years of service working in Fire Prevention where I ultimately promoted to Sr. Fire Inspector. I also achieved California state certifications as a Fire Marshal and Arson Investigator II.

Kacee and I moved to Thousand Oaks in 1988 and have loved living here ever since. While raising our daughter Meagan and son Shaun we became involved with a lot of activities through St. Pachal Baylon Church. I spent several years as a Board member of the St. Paschal's Men's Club where I took a turn as its President. I also spent many years assisting as well as chairing their annual Festival. So, I guess

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## Secretary David Naccarato



We have many volunteers. At times it's hard to fit volunteering into your busy schedules. We do appreciate the hours you put in. Your efforts make us an Elks lodge.

Now, the government is interested in how many hours you have volunteered and miles you have driven. If you do something, not noticed by many but it is volunteering, I need the hours you worked and the mileage you drove. Thank you.

### Membership

Our delinquent list is down to 42. We drop about 25 every year. So, we still have too many delinquents. I see names on the list that I know will pay, they're late every year but sooner is better. Some have told me they need to quit and I understand the reasons. Like I said, it's always 25. It's easier to keep a member than to find a good member. Our lodge never seems to have a problem with getting new members. However, by just replacing dropped members we will not grow.

Our roster is 452 take away the 25 in November leaves 427. Of that, 50 live out of State and help us out with dues. Another 120 are our core group who find time to come to dinners, events, meetings, off-site BBQ's and weekly Saturday BBQ's. Donations are recorded by "per Capita" Meaning we gave \$18,000 to CHEMPI, aka Purple Pig. Divide that by 452 will give you a per capita of \$40 per member. Do you remember donating \$40 to the Major Project? If not, then someone else picked up the slack. We earn points for a percentage over our Per Capita. Imagine if those who did not give the \$40 did so and the others gave the same. Imagine the size of the check Karen Martyn will walk across the stage with at convention. OK off my soap box.

### BLT (Bequests and Living Trusts)

With the Elks an investment of \$10,000 will earn you 7% until you leave this planet. Then your spouse will receive 7%

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### *Secretary's article continued*

until he or she leaves the planet. What bank can do that for you? The trust then diverts back to the Major Project. You can rest easy knowing our kids will be well taken care of. Before you leave this planet you will enjoy a nice tax break. For more information check out BLT on the Elk.org website or Art Garcia or myself.

Fraternally,

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

### *Lecturing Knight article continued*

you could say that being involved with charitable activities is in my blood.

I love being an Elk. It's more fun than I expected it would be. All the folks here that I have met and come to admire are real salt-of-the-earth types. I look forward to working with all the Committee members under the Lecturing Knight's station, which is primarily focused on activities that involve our youth. What a great opportunity it will be to help shape the character and minds of future Elks!

If you have any questions for me or would like to get involved with any of the Lecturing Knight committees, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (805) 908-1684.

Fraternally,

Paul Radomski  
Lecturing Knight

## Enlightening Volunteer

Many members have walked into our bar lately and received a bright idea. What it was is that the lights over the bar with the glass enclosures were all taken apart and cleaned. The result was an enlightening experience. The cleaning was not done by goblins in the night but by one of the Angels of this lodge. She cleans the lights, cleans our streaker dog wagon before and after Chili Cook Off, CVD and the Christmas Tree lot. She comes when needed with no fan fair and enjoys helping out the lodge.

This lodge member is Beverly Reis.  
Kudo's to Beverly.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

The family of **Kenneth “Kenny” Keeler**, born 5-22-1930, initiated 3-25-1972 (Charter Member), EOY 2002-2003 and passed 5-30-17.

The family of **Richard “Dick” McCann**, born 9-12-1930, initiated 1-24-1990, EOY 2017-2018 and passed 5-31-17.

The family of **Kimberly Rediger**, born June 13, 1967, initiated 11-18-09 and passed 6-1-17.

The family of **Dale Haas**, born 2-29-1935, initiated 3-3-1991, passed 6-15-17

The family of **Charles “Chuck” Busch**, born 4-16-1929, initiated 6-24-1981, EOY 1996-1997 and passed 6-7-17.

The family of **Keith Scott**, ER of Simi Valley Lodge #2492, who’s son passed away 6-7-17.

### Keep in your prayers

**Luz Herrera**, who will undergo knee surgery.

**Robert Jacalone**, who is scheduled to have heart surgery.

**Patti Queen**, who is still battling cancer.

**Don Ansell**, who will be getting an epidural.

**Jim Mullen**, who now has lymphoma

**Alan Hardie**, who is having a bad reaction to chemo treatment.

**Lynn Rodriguez’s** mother, **Letty Archbold**, who was diagnosed with melanoma and is on Fast Track to eliminate the cancer. She is 96 years old.

**Christine Harrison’s** brother, **Steve**, who is in ICU.

The family of **Don Shultz** (Past Association President), who is recovering from heart surgery in San Diego.

## July Birthdays

Marshall Matz-02  
Marc Donovan-03  
Charles Lombard-03  
Donald Booker, PER-05  
Steve Santa-05  
Dainis Eglitis-06  
Tom Corrigan-07  
Robert Peloquin-08  
Carl Lanterman-09  
Greg Bolin-10  
Mike Flannery-10  
Steven Kammerer-10  
Sherry O’kelly-10  
Marian Anderson-12  
Chet Kozlowski-12  
Bill Smail-13  
Reino Hilden-14  
Wilson Dyer-15  
Bob Stevens-15  
Larry Lowman-16  
Rick Bennett-17  
Leroy Sapp jr-17  
James Cordell-19  
Don Sabol-19  
Daniel Hawkins-20  
Gregory Lockwood-20  
Gregory Sweet-20  
Gary Harman-21  
Debra Hawthorne-22  
Alezandra Rogers-23  
Ralph Sherwood-24  
Diane Jones-25  
Don Ansell PER-26  
Deborah Clingan-26  
John Leadam-26  
Jim Moye PER-26  
Jeff Vargo-27

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## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Gerry Gillies  
Paul Radomski  
Dan Martyn, PER  
Karen Martyn  
Jim Moye, PER  
Kathy Moye  
Gregg Miraglia  
Jean Miraglia  
April Bourquin  
Teri Endsley  
Brenda Hagen  
Billy Strenberg  
Kathe Wilso  
Bill Sternberg, PER  
Rik Gessler  
Shirste Gessler  
Alexandra Rogers  
Max Maxwell  
Rick Herrera  
David Naccarato, PER  
Ray Laraway  
Darryl Kopacz  
Bobby Williams  
John Puckett  
Steve Finnerty  
Juanita Feamster

### July birthdays continued

Walter Eagan-28  
David Grannis-28  
Lynn Rodriguez-28  
John Buxbaum-30  
John Perry-30  
Rich Case-31  
Geff Sincock-31

## The Crying Towel



**05-03-17**  
**Capsule Drawing \$475**  
Debbie Hawthorne, no winner

**Lucky 13 \$150**  
Ray Laraway, no winner

**05-17-17**  
**Lodge Room Dark**  
Officers at CHEA Convention

**05-24-17**  
**Capsule Drawing \$50**  
Peter Gordon, not present

**Lucky 13 \$45**  
Reem Agel, Winner! Donated to Scholarship Fund





## Veterans Services

### Dates to Remember (Taken from VFW Calendar)

July 2, 1926 – Army Air Corps Established  
July 4th – Independence Day  
July 27, 1953 – Korean War Ended  
July 28, 1914 – WWI Began

**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 United States Army Air Corps (USAAC) was the military aviation arm of the United States of America between 1926 and 1941. After World War I, as early aviation became an increasingly important part of modern warfare, a philosophical rift developed between more traditional ground-based army personnel and those who felt that aircraft were being underutilized and that air operations were being stifled for political reasons unrelated to their effectiveness. The USAAC was renamed from the earlier United States Army Air Service on July 2, 1926, and was part of the larger United States Army. The Air Corps became the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) on June 20, 1941, giving it greater autonomy from the Army's middle-level command structure. During World War II, although not an administrative echelon, the Air Corps (AC) remained as one of the combat arms of the Army until 1947, when it

was legally abolished by legislation establishing the Department of the Air Force.

The month of May ended with a very successful event including presentation of the Purple Heart to David Stull (made the front page of the VC Star); also included presentations of recognition for service to Herb Jellander (Marine Corps pilot) and David Anderson (Sea Bees). The event was attended by more than 100 people who had a chicken & ribs dinner and a great presentation with MC David Naccarato. ***Pictured highlights of this event are displayed below and on page 7.***

The month of June saw 4 vacant chairs in one meeting; long-time Elk members, veterans and Elks of the Year Dick McCann, Ken Keeler and Chuck Busch, and for member Kimberly Rediger.

July is the time for the 25th annual Ventura County Stand Down, July 28-30. Cash donations are badly needed to replace the grants that are not available this year. Please go on-line to [gf.me/u/q5fbc](http://gf.me/u/q5fbc) to donate, or go to the website under "Donate". Volunteers can show up Friday or Saturday between 8am and 6pm, and cleanup is always needed after 8am Sunday. The Army National Guard Armory is at 1270 Arundell Ave. in Ventura, near the overcrossing of the 101 at Main St.

One last note: On June 11th, our flags on the pole by the BBQ were replaced, thanks to a generous donation by Don "Bugsy" Ansell.

**Carl Lanterman**, NVSC Chairman  
(805) 630-8110  
[carl.silverstrand@gmail.com](mailto:carl.silverstrand@gmail.com)

### Additional Information for Veterans

A member at the David Stull Purple Heart Presentation asked Julia Brownley how to get a "Veteran" notation on their drivers license. Her office contacted us the next day.

In 2014 Governor Brown signed legislation which started November 11, 2015. This legislation required the DMV to offer special driver's licenses to veterans. The license has a "veteran"

marking indicating honorable service in the United States Armed Forces. This designation can be printed on an original, renewal, or duplicate drivers license for a one time fee of \$5.

To receive yours you must visit your county Veteran Services office to obtain the verification form. Bring with you your DD214 when going to the office and while you are there you can discuss the many federal, state and local benefits for which

you may be eligible.

Our local office is located at 5740 Ralston St, Suite 304 Ventura. Note; this is a new location.

Mike McManus, Senior Master Sergeant is the Veterans Services Officer for the county of Ventura and can be reached (805) 477-5155.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

## Awaiting Dave Stull's Arrival for his Purple Heart Presentation





## Pictured Highlights of Dave Stull's Purple Heart Presentation



Dave and Jessica Stull



David Naccarato, PER  
Event Organizer and M.C.



Carl Lanterman  
National Veteran's  
Services Chairman



T.O. Mayor Claudia Bill-de la Pena  
presenting a Proclamation to Dave



Congresswoman Julia Brownley pinning  
Dave's Purple Heart medal to his lapel



T.O. Mayor Claudia Bill-de la Pena  
presenting a Proclamation to Dave



ER Jean Miraglia, Dave Stull and  
Guest Speaker, Capt. Charlie Plumb



Capt. Charlie Plumb  
speaks to the audience



Herb Jellander, former U.S.  
Marine Fighter Pilot



Capt. Charlie Plumb receives a lodge shirt in  
appreciation for his appearance. (His wife  
said he has enough plaques)



Former "Fighting" Sea-Bee  
Dave Anderson



(L-R) Thousand Oaks Mayor Claudia Bill-de la Pena, 1st Gentleman Gregg Miraglia, Organizer of the Event David Naccarato, PER, ER Jean Miraglia, Honoree Dave Stull, Julia Brownley's assistant, Jessica Stull and Congresswoman Julia Brownley



ELKS NATIONAL FUN-RAISER

2ND ANNUAL

# Pre-Thanksgiving Thanksgiving

*Homemade Thanksgiving dinner  
with all the traditional sides including  
homemade pumpkin pie.*

THOUSAND OAKS LODGE 2477  
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2017  
TIME: 6PM | COST: \$25/PP

\*ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE  
\*\*50/50 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING







Bingo was held for the faithful few on June 15th. We had many out on vacation and graduations but we kept up with the same pay outs. Charlotte Gessler who has been the queen of the Bingo games going home with a majority of the winnings must now contend with a new queen vying for that spot.

Dreena Tierney, who is joining our lodge and being sponsored by Jim Moye, came away Thursday with a few wins. The other games went to Lynn Rodriguez, Juanita Feamster who always donates to the Major Project and if she didn't win you may not receive your Antler Antic's. (Did I say that?) and others. Of course we always have lunch so everyone is a winner.

David Naccarato, PER  
Bingo Chair



Pictured above are Lodge Secretary David Naccarato, PER with PER Mike Flannery holding three 1st Place award certificates for contests in Division II. The awards are for All American Lodge, Best Single Event (Dean Triggs School Carnival) and 1st Place Lodge Bulletin contest (Antler Antics). These achievements took place during Mikes's year as Exalted Ruler.

***Have You Proposed***



***a New Member today?***

**A Message from GER Michael F. Zellen**

**Proud and honored to be a Member of the Elks**

This past year Donna and I have had the unique opportunity to travel from coast to coast and witness the noble work to which our Order is dedicated. Our Lodges and State Associations are a credit to our Order, communities and nation. As we traveled from state to state we were very impressed with the services the State Major Projects provide to our youth, veterans and communities.

While there are many great fraternal and charitable organizations nationwide, none can compare with the range of programs and services we offer to our communities and to those less fortunate or in need.

Our reach as Elks, and range of services and programs, is incredible. Those services include youth summer camps; medical facilities for children with cancer or cerebral palsy; and clinics and institutes for children with sight or speech issues; and many other physical and mental disorders. Elks also sponsor alternative schools; provide emergency shelters for abused and neglected children; provide mobile dental care; award scholarships; and provide career training for adults with developmental disabilities. We also award financial aid to community hospitals, Special Olympics, as well as Alzheimer's programs and services.

I had the opportunity to meet with military

**Christmas Tree Lot**

We have been hit with a situation that we have not had to bear before. Our Christmas tree lot is big business for this lodge. We are on the verge of not having it this year or next due to the Bark Beetle infestation the past years.

We cannot get our hands on any inventory because most growers are 5 years away from harvesting. You never know who members know. So, I'm putting this out to the membership for help. We buy Noble Fir, Nordman Fir and Grand Fir's mostly. Out of 480 trees last year only 15 were Douglas firs of different heights.

If you have knowledge of a grower please call the office at 496-2477.

Thank You,

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary

leaders and Veterans Administration officials during my visit to Washington DC, where I received resounding gratitude and admiration for the Elks' service to the military and for our veterans. I also visited numerous veterans homes nationwide, where the local administrators had nothing but praise for our volunteer VAVS representatives who visit and provide comfort, support and aid to those confined in veterans homes, hospitals and other facilities.

I also would like to share with you some encouraging news regarding membership. Over the past three years we have decreased our losses from 1.6 percent at the end of the 2015 Lodge year, to 1.1 percent at the end of the 2016 Lodge year, and to a projected 0.6 percent on March 31, 2017. We need to continue to work diligently on initiating new Members and decreasing lapsation in the coming year to finally turn that corner and experience our first gain since 1980.

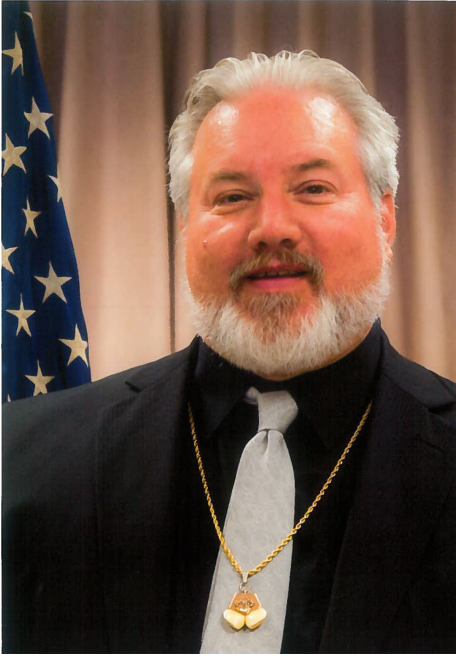
Donna and I are honored to have served as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We have had the pleasure of meeting many new friends, and enjoyed the gracious hospitality of all the membership during our visits.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing, and for continuing to demonstrate that "Elks are Leading the Way."



**Elks**  
**National**  
**Foundation**

## Meet Jay Dupler, Vice President for the WCCD



Jay Dupler was born in 1963 to Jay and Carol in Mt. Joy, PA. He was the oldest child and raised an only child to a blended family that eventually held seven sisters and three brothers. After moving extensively throughout his childhood for his father's work, he graduated from Elizabethtown Area High School in 1981 and six days later enlisted in the U.S. Army. After being honorably discharged from active service, he remained in California and, while living in Paso Robles, he met his soon-to-be wife of 30 years,

Kristi. The new couple would be called back to PA however as Jay's step mother, at the time, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. While living in PA Jay and Kristi became foster care parents to several children. They would stay in PA for the next 23 years until the time was right to come home to the central coast.

Jay would follow in the family business working in construction where he would always quickly rise through the ranks and into a management position. He worked in his father's business as a division manager and even owned a few businesses of his own. He currently works for a painting contractor as a lead estimator and commercial project manager.

Jay's late father-in-law was a 57-year member of the Elks and a charter member of Oceano-Five Cities. Immediately upon his return to California in 2009, Jay was initiated into the Order and eight days later was Oceano-Five Cities' Esquire. Jay quickly worked his way up through the chairs and became Exalted Ruler for the 2012-2013 year. After his ER year he became just the second Exalted Ruler of the lodge to transition directly to Trustee in its 43-year history. Jay has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the last three years. He has served

as chairman of numerous committees in the lodge, including ENF chair where he wrote the first successful grant application for the lodge, Investigation, indoctrination-orientation, youth activities, scholarship, safety and accident prevention, business practices, bingo, and was President of the PER's Association several times. He also served on the Veteran's Committee, Major Projects, helped with training the ritual team to keep them competing, worked with the minors in need and was a pioneer of the 20/20 club in the lodge which has increased donations to both major projects and ENF.

Jay has also been an active participant outside the lodge. He has served his district as its National Foundation fundraising chair from 2014 to 2016, when he was second place chair in the state in 2014-2015 and helped raise well over \$100,000 each year. He was asked to be a fill-in Esquire to PDDGER Terry Gicking, helping him with the northern most lodges and served PDDGER Robert Schrum as his Esquire for 2014-2015. In 2016-2017 he served President Lance Erickson and CHEA as its Chaplain and the district as its President's achievement award chairman. He now proudly serves as Association Vice President for the West Central Coast District.

## Pictures from ER Jean Miraglia's visit to the Santa Maria Parade



Accompanying ER Jean Miraglia, in the red shirt, and waving to the crowd, is 1st Gentleman Gregg Miraglia.



Waving is our Engineer Billy Sternberg and co-piloting to his right, is his Dad, PER Bill Sternberg.

## Our BBQ Crew at the International Filed Hockey Tournament, Moorpark College





## Meet Our New Members



Sandra Ragan (R)  
Sponsored by Kathy Moyer



Gary Abrams (L)  
Sponsored by Ron Schwartz

Five new members - Richard Russillo, Ted Mayer, Albert Mayer, Paul Leroy Holmes and Jean-Philippe Chouhry. They were all sponsored by Alan Hardie (3rd from Left).

### 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

1st Vice President	Diane Lovato
2nd Vice President	Lynn Rodriguez
Secretary	Faye Stevens
Treasurer	Charlotte Gessler
Auditor	Shirste Gessler
Communications	Carol Fredericks

### Elks Ladies



**Karen Naccarato, President**

### 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

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

#### Birthdays

8	Denise Burns
12	Marian Anderson
12	Diane Lovato
22	Audrey Huffman
28	Fran Bodenhamer
28	Lynn Rodriguez
30	Barbara Booker

The Elks Ladies Luau on July 15, 2017 has been cancelled. The date conflicts with the National Convention being held in Reno, and there are many of our members attending this year. Our Chairman felt that the Convention would prevent a significant amount of people from attending. We decided that being our annual fundraiser, it would be better to reschedule to a later date. A lot of work and effort go into the planning of such an event, a new date will be announced to put on a fabulous major project fundraiser as the ladies consistently do every year to help support the Lodge in the great work

that they do. Look in the Antler for details once a new date is set with all the details.

As summer comes upon us, we look forward to great California weather, outdoor living, BBQ's, vacations and good times with family and friends. In the spirit of July I would like to share a little history on the Fourth of July and Independence Day!

July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations go back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies, then fighting in the revolutionary struggle, weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic

document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and BBQ's. The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism. The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States.

**ELKS & FRIENDS  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
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**SUNSET HILLS CC**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21st**

**SHOTGUN START: 8:00AM**

**CHECK IN: 7:15AM**

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**(Includes golf, cart, and lunch back at Lodge)**

**Deadline: AUG 10th**

**AWARDS - HIDDEN \$\$\$ RAFFLE**

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**PLAYER 4: \_\_\_\_\_ HDCP \_\_\_\_\_**

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**(Make checks payable to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge)**

## Pictured Highlights of our Flag Retirement Ceremony in June



### El Konejo Kampers



The April Santa Barbara Elks Lodge campout is always popular and this time was no exception. Attending the campout were Joe and Judy Nemtusak, who had been away for a long time due to illness,

Henry and Betty Vega, who had not been with us since last year at this same campout. Don and Roxie Skinner was there, always happy to see those two. Also present were Joel and Beverly Erickson, Jim and Kathy Moye, Faye Stevens, Jim Porter, Mike and Mary Flannery, Cheryl Templeton, Herb and Pat Jellander, Dave and Jessica Stull, Virginia Grindley, Carol Spinner and Ann Digmar. Joining us for the first time were Alan and Tricia Ito. So happy to have you along. And finally ... our wagon masters, Jim Miller and Patty Bauman, who did their usual fine job.

Also in attendance were KC, Bob, Zoey, Smeagol, and Ricky of the cat clan, along with Bear, Mickie, Poppy and Carli sworn enemies of the cat clan.

Thursday evening the majority of us had dinner at the lodge and enjoyed the burgers and dogs they are famous for. Friday, a few of the adventurous ladies, including Carol, Ann, Faye, Kathy and Virginia, went in search of the Duck ride in downtown SB. Instead, they found the Shark, a toned down version of the famous Ducks. All enjoyed themselves as they traveled on land and sea in the same vehicle. A surprise visit from Donna Leary on Friday evening. Always fun to see you, Donna.

Saturday the competition heated up as the corn hole players threw their best. Winning the heat were the team of Jim Moye and Betty Vega, second Alan and Tricia Ito and Honorable Mention to Virginia Grindley and Jim Porter. Winner of the 50/50 was Joe Nemtusak and the Free Campouts were won by Faye Stevens and Virginia Grindley. The weekend had other activities such as Happy Hour, Campfire, chatting, reading, Sudoku, and more. A raucous game of Left, Right Center was won by Carol Spinner prompting a second, much smaller game, won by Patty Bauman. Congrats to all the

winners and losers.

May 7 the campers served 59 AA and 39 Elk breakfasts for a total of 98 breakfasts, and; May 28 served 39 AA and 29 Elk breakfast for a total of 68 breakfasts. It was the holiday weekend, probably accounting for the lower than normal turnout. Still, the campers did their usual outstanding job turning in respectable numbers. Thanks to all.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, the campers are looking for a few good men or women to help with the breakfasts and even some to coordinate the crews. You don't have to be a camper. With vacation time coming up and some of the campers needing a little break, we could use some help regularly or on occasion. Please let any one of us know you are interested. No experience needed - we train!

On a personal note, on a different subject. Thank you so much to everyone who planned, executed and made the night of May 31, 2017 a most wondrous memory for David Stull and me. We are humbled by your love and friendship.



## Officers 2017 - 2018

Exalted Ruler	Jean Miraglia	Tiler	Casey Boggiano
Leading Knight	Karen Martyn	Inner Guard	Gregg Miraglia
Loyal Knight	Daniel Hoffman	Esquire	Open
Lecturing Knight	Paul Radomski	Chaplain	Rick Herrera
Secretary	David Naccarato, PER	Officer at Large	Mike Flannery, PER
Treasurer	David Anderson		

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### Trustees 2017 - 2018

One Year	Steve Woodlief
Two Year	Pam Price, COB
Three Year	Dan Martyn, PER
Four Year	Raymond Laraway
Five Year	Rich Lucariello

<b>Elk of the Year</b>	Dick McCann
<b>Officer of the Year</b>	Rik Gessler
<b>Citizen of the Year</b>	Ed Jones

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

Antler Antics	Membership: Steve Kerman & David Naccarato, PER
Editor & Email Distribution: Steve Smith, PER	Investigation: Alan Hardie, Diane Scott, John Duhig & Steve Kerman
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Calendar: Steve Smith, PER	Lapsed and Stray Elks: David Naccarato, PER
Website, Blog & Weekly Updates: Steve Smith, PER	Maintenance: "Max" Maxwell
Auditing and Accounting Committee: David Pearson	Grounds: Ben Rieger
Barbeque: Jean Miraglia	Facilities: Tom Hartin, Dean Reichle & Jeff Conyers
Photography: Jill Williams	Greeters: Dorothy Murray and Kathy Moye
Forward Planning: Jim Moye, PER	PER Association President: David Naccarato, PER
Protocol: Karen Martyn	Grants Coordinator: Jim Moye, PER
Parliamentarian/Presiding Justice:	

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

Bar Liaison: Dan Martyn, PER	Community Activities: Karen Martyn
Major Project/Purple Pig: Arthur Garcia	Sickness and Distress: Alex Rogers
Bequests & Living Trusts: Arthur Garcia	Charity Matters: Karen Martyn
Elks National Foundation: Donna Leary	El Konejo Kampers: Sherri Jones
Christmas Basket Program: Karen Martyn	Christmas Tree Lot: Rich Lucariello

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

Kitchen Liaison: Dan Hoffman	Public Relations: Dan Hoffman
Lodge Activities: Dan Hoffman	Conejo Valley Days: Jim Moye, PER
Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Government Relations:	Mothers Day:
Elks Memorial Service: Rick Herrera	Inaugural Ball: Dan Hoffman
Veteran Services: Carl Lanterman	Law Enforcement/Firefighter Appreciation: Paul Stein

### 2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

Youth Activities:	Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER
Hoop Shoot:	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol	Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief
Scholarships: Rick Herrera	Youth Appreciation Night:

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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	2015-16 Jim Moye
1991-92 *Gary Sleigh	2016-17 Mike Flannery
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	

By Affiliation:

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

\*Deceased