



# *Antler Antics*

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*



*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

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\*The article regarding the Boy Scout on page 8 was provided by **Billy Sternberg**.

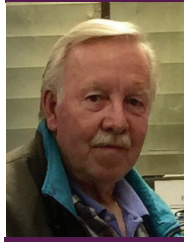
## Duty Officers

08-31 to 09-06	David Naccarato, PER
09-07 to 09-13	Paul Radomski
09-14 to 09-20	Pam Price
09-21 to 09-27	Dan Martyn, PER
09-28 to 10-04	Dave Anderson

### 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 Elk of the Month is Ed Rice. Ed is the BBQ chairman and is Crew Chief on a BBQ team. He puts in many hours coordinating the ordering of needed supplies for the weekly BBQs and off site events. Ed is one of the quiet members, who steps up when help is needed. Thank you Ed for the many years of dedication and service to our Lodge.

## Members & Friends attend Simi Elks Lodge Car Show



Gerry Gillies



DL Greg Metzger



Frank Williams



Frank Williams with Ron Fairchild

## New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Scott Wanamaker	FBI	Ben Reiger
Anna-Christina Garcia	Financial Advisor	Art Garcia
Claudia Frappier	Insurance	Alexandra Rogers
Rosalind Stenson	Bio Chemist	Reem Agel
Viktoria Kuzma	Bookkeeper	Herb Jelander
Richard Newkirk	<b>Reinstatement</b>	John Nau
Paul Walker	<b>Transfer from Canoga Park lodge</b>	

## Meeting Attendance

	07-05	07-19	07-26
<b>General Members</b>	4	12	19
<b>Officers</b>	15	11	14
<b>PERs</b>	5	5	4
<b>Total</b>	24	28	37

## Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members as of 7-31-17	24
Reinstatements and Transfers	2
Total Member Loss 7-31-17	6
Delinquency as of 7-31-17	37
Total Membership as of 7-31-17	472

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## Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



I had a great time at my ER Going Away Party. The food was delicious and the Horse Races were fun. My horse came close, however, as in horseshoes, close doesn't count. Thank you PERs for a fun evening and for the goody bag of snacks, creams, soap, a game, and a candle. The candle helped me find my way to the 6:30 am meetings.

The convention in Reno was filled with many hours of business meetings. The opening of the Convention was impressive, and each day brought a lasting memory. I had the opportunity to have a brief conversation with Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Zellen, and I was in attendance at the Installation of Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. I also attended the Jeweling of DDGER Shelley Gonzales.

GER McPherson's theme for the 2017-18 fraternal year is "Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness." This is obtainable by working with the Elks National Foundation.

There were three speakers who stand out in my mind, Colin Norick and Zoi Urban, \$50,000 scholarship winners, and the Keynote speaker. I had an opportunity to



Colin Norick with ER Jean Miraglia

speak with both Colin and Zoi, and their families. It is through the dedication and support of the families that these young adults are able to accomplish their goal.

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## Leading Knight Karen Martyn



It's time to mark your calendars for a couple of very special events coming up in October. Our annual Charity Basket Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. This year we are doing something different. The theme will be "A Night at the Grand Ole Opry". Please see details in the flyer in this Antler. Because the Charity Basket Dinner will be early this year, tickets for our baskets will be in the mail to you early this month. Please return them with your donation as soon as possible. Remember, all proceeds go to help the needy in our community this holiday season.

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Major Project Chair Art Garcia will be having a fundraiser for the Purple Pig. Please come down and support this very worthy project. Details will be forthcoming.

At the last House Committee meeting, it was decided that we will discontinue happy hours Saturdays through Tuesdays. Also, we are discontinuing our extended hours for the lodge on weekends and going back to closing at 6:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This is due to lack of member support. Please keep in mind that when there is a private function on the weekend that goes beyond 6:00 pm, members are welcome to come in and patronize the bar.

Our karaoke night in August was a big hit and we expect to schedule monthly karaoke nights in the near future. Please see the calendar for details.

On a lighter note, a funny thing happened at the lodge on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. It was Karaoke night and two people I did not recognize came in. They were from the Santa Maria Lodge and introduced themselves as Cliff and Beverly Erickson. Well as luck would have it, our very own Beverly Erickson was there so I just had to introduce them. Cliff took a photo of the two of them because he said meeting another person with the same name would

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## Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



The message from our Grand Exalted Ruler for September 2017 is to practice the three R's: recruit, retain and respond. We cannot sustain our organization without installing new Members, and by focusing on membership growth at our Lodge, we are investing in the future of the Order. We ask that all current members focus on new member recruitment and recruit new members from your circle of friends and family. Invite non-members to Elk events. The amount of available activities at our Lodge is admirable. For starters, focus on the dinners that are available each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Your presence at these dinners will foster an atmosphere that will be conducive to retaining new members and facilitating the ability to respond with a helping hand on the numerous activities our Lodge supports.

All of us should be proud of the fact that the Elks are a nationwide community-service organization of well over a million Americans. We love our Country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, traditions and values. We respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well-being. I always start with this statement when I am asked "Who and what the Elks are". Who would not want to be part of an organization that promotes these type of values? It is up to each of us to spread the word on Elkdom. Be proud of the fact that you are an Elk and share the good work we accomplish with all of your associates. Embrace the fact that Elks seek to serve, rather than to be served.

Summer is winding down and football and Fall are around the corner. Take advantage of all the upcoming opportunities and activities offered by our Lodge. I hope to see you at the Lodge. If I can assist you in any way, please contact me at [fivehofies@yahoo.com](mailto:fivehofies@yahoo.com) or 818 822 2219.

Dan Hoffman  
Loyal Knight

## Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



Brotherly love was in full swing in mid-August. At our Tuesday House Committee meeting the issue of what to do about the two vertical blind-covered openings to the left of the meeting

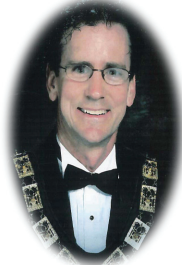
room stage came up once again. It was decided that the left stage wall would be filled with drywall and we'd reduce the height of the opening where the chairs are stored. So, the following Saturday, while Steve Woodlief framed in the openings, I rounded up and installed the drywall. Had some great help from Rich Lucariello and Tom Hartin who held the drywall in place while it got attached. Max Maxwell was there to help keep our mess in check and when we were done by the following Tuesday Rich applied a couple of coats of paint. Thank you all for the help!

So, there it was. We had a problem that needed a solution and, instead of talking the problem to death, we had enough willing souls who decided to act. Problem solved.

In last month's article I wrote about the Ventura County Stand Down. The problem with writing articles for the Antics is our deadline to the publisher is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. So, when I wrote the August article, the Stand Down hadn't even occurred yet since it didn't take place until the last weekend of July. Now that it is officially past, there was one more thing I wanted to share. While I was heating up the 600 tortillas for the 300 plates of tacos that we served, I overheard two homeless veterans talking to each other. One said, "We haven't eaten this good in a long time." The other replied, "Praise God, we are blessed that He provides!" And, you know what? That conversation was all I needed to hear. To me their words felt like God put his hand through my chest and massaged my heart. THAT...is Brotherly Love!

Paul Radomski  
Lecturing Knight

## Secretary David Naccarato



### Bulletins

Consider keeping the office updated if there is a change, in address, e-mail address, marital status, etc. I will be monitoring undeliverable bulletins and stop sending them to addresses that are no

longer correct. There are always a few and we continue to pay for printing and the cost to mail them out.

### Amendments

At The Grand Lodge Convention the Exalted Ruler's from all over the country gathered to hear proposed changes that were brought forth from lodges and put to a vote. To make it real simple, although complete proposes are available on line or in the office, may I try to hit the highlights.

*Merced Lodge #1240 proposed to remove the option of a shortened initiation.*  
*Passed*

*Manchester Lodge #146 proposed to require all lodges to be incorporated.*  
*Failed*

*Pennsylvania Elks Association proposed curreant officers to perform long form initiation for the DDGER visitation.*  
*Failed*

*Proposal to wave dues and fee's for members serving in the military.*  
*Passed*

*Proposal to remove the visitor's register.*  
*Failed*

*Proposal to prohibit consumption of alcohol at any lodge meeting*  
*Passed*

### Membership

As of July 31, 2017:  
We have initiated 24, reinstated 1, transferred in 1 for a total of 26 IN.

We have dropped 0, transferred out 1, deaths 5 for a total of 6 OUT.

We have a gain of 20 with an average age of 66.04 years.

As of July 31, 2017, 37 members are

### *Secretary's article continued*

delinquent with an 8.19% lapsation rate. We can't get All American Lodge with 8% lapsation. Come November the following members will be dropped from the rolls for non-payment. The names with an asterisk have called to state their reasons.

Ted Barnes 6yr  
Michelle Boyster 2yr  
Diana Brace 2yr  
Clarence Brown 36 yr  
Scott Cameron 3yr  
Leon Cano 1yr  
Charles Christensen 19yr  
Marian Cirelli\* 2yr  
Paul Coy 2yr  
Mathews Daniels 2yr  
Michael Dow 5yr  
Bill Golubics\* 5yr  
Marco Polo Gomes 2yr  
Lewis Jones 3yr  
Wayne LaFarr 20 yr  
Brian Mattson 8yr  
Kristain Oats 1yr  
Joe Palmer 7yr  
Francine Pitass 3yr  
James Rinaudo\* 12yr  
Patricia Ringo\* 2yr  
Tori Rogers 10yr  
Corey Rose 1yr  
Nicholas Rose 25yr  
Deborahann Sankovich 1yr  
Fred Schaffner 8yr  
Paul Schuyler 3yr  
Rhett Searcy\* 1yr  
Karin Speights\* 10yr  
Barbara Stevenson 2yr  
Larry Thompson 8yr  
Todd Turnham 3yr  
Dwight Williams\* 10yr  
Robert Wyllie 7yr  
Robert Wyman 8yr

As of date 3/31/2017 we have 2 candidates on the books. We have 38 life members and 2 honorary life members.

David Naccarato, PER  
Lodge Secretary



Our Bingo game on August 3rd drew the most members. Probably wanting to get out of the heat. Whatever the reason we were able to pay out more pots. And of course lunch was served.

New to our bingo was Carol Spinner and Ann Disman. Carol single handedley put the other players out of business She had

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## Sickness & Distress

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

### Condolences to:

To the family of **Shannon Galloway** on the passing of her 20 year old son (**Dick McCann's** grandson), **Max**.

### Keep in your prayers

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

**Pam Price**, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

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

Past 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, **Myrna Block** recovering from surgery.

**Joe Medrono's** wife, **Lydia**, who is being treated for a hernia.

**Dan Kozlowski**, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

**Billy Sternberg** recovering from hernia surgery.

**Carol**, wife of **Bill Sternberg, PER**, dealing with health issues.

**Kaycee**, wife of **Paul Radomski**, still dealing with nerve pain.

**Jim Moye, PER** suffered a back injury

**Jim Mullen**, lymphoma is the same, new treatment to follow.

**Ed DaCorsi**, has prostate cancer.

## September Birthdays

Edward J Ayrall- 03  
Julie Cook-03  
Daniel Hoffman-03  
Barbara Stevenson-03  
Thomas Ryder, PDDGER-04  
Dick Churik, CM-05  
Len Cardoni-06  
Ed Jones-06  
Dorothy Murry-07  
Vern Noell-07  
Jean Niraglia, ER-10  
Larry Zarbnicky-11  
Kathee Wilson-12  
Dennis Anderson-13  
James LaRue-15  
Christine Rundle-15  
Deborahann Sankovich-16  
Lisa Teevan-16  
Bill Lloyd, PDL-17  
Ed Rice-17  
Christopher Campbell-18  
Kirk Keeler-18  
John Wendling-18  
Ray Sorbino-19  
Robert jacalone-21  
Juanita Feamster-22  
Jerry Serota-23  
Stella Violano-23  
Boyd Lindquist-24  
Karen Martyn-25  
Robert Wyllie-25  
Marshall Knowlton-26  
Vanessa Romero-27  
Stephen Buczynski-28  
Doug Carroll-28  
Brian Boals-29  
John Nau PER-29  
Reem Nicole Agel-30

## Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris  
Gerry Gillies  
Jim Moye  
Kathy Moye  
Billy Sternberg  
Dan Martyn  
Karen Martyn  
Brenda Hagen(Century Club)  
Ray Laraway  
Carol Spinner  
Bill Sternberg  
Max Maxwell  
Gregg Miraglia  
Jean Miraglia  
Paul Stein  
Rick Herrera  
Kathee Wilson  
Alexandra Rogers  
Darryl Kopacz(Century Club)  
Steve Kerman(Century Club)  
Bill Figge  
Alan Van Cleave

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a good first time. Kathy Jenkins who is a top supporter of our bingo won our first of two U-Pic-em bingo games where I do not choose the numbers entered on their game card and refuse to be held responsible for them not winning. A lot of fun.

Game two went to new member Dreena who had to split with Carol. The third game was our horse race in conjunction with the regular pattern game and who won BOTH??? You guessed it Carol Spinner. We payed out for place and show but I don't remember who they were. Kathy Jenkins won the double action and didn't share with anyone. The 2nd U-pick-Em netted four players when the number

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## The Crying Towel



**07-05-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$175**  
Zhipi McDougald - Not present

**Lucky 13 \$75**

Mary Woodlief - No Winner

**07-19-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$200**

Robert Wilie - Not present

**Lucky 13 \$90**

Paul Radomski - No winner

**07-26-17**

**Capsule Drawing \$225**

Lynette Michelli - Not present

**Lucky 13 \$105**

Raymond Laraway - No winner

### *Bingo continued from column 2*

7 was called. Lucky number 7 is a popular number. The four winners were Jim Moye, Virginia, Lynn and Charlotte who is not used to going so long without a win.

The next game, Two Blocks of Four, was won by Ann Disman. Her first time and didn't share. Charlotte came back with the vengeance during the crazy bow tie and Lynn Rodriguez finished up with spelling ELK and taking the final game.

Not at the game but very much my right hand is my wife, Karen, who sets up and picks up the lunch. Bobby Williams, who blanked this week, still stuck around and helped me tear down. Thank you Bobby. Kathy Moye and Sylvia Kofer both went without wins this week but had a good time.

We meet first and third Thursday's at 1pm. I try to get you out by 3:30 but sometimes things happen. 20% goes to the Purple Pig on top of the \$250 the Trustee's put in the budget. We'll make it. Bingo took a hit the last two months but if this is any look into the future we'll do just fine.

David Naccarato, PER



## Veterans Services

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

September 2, 1945 – V-J Day, Japan Signed Formal Surrender  
 September 10, 1962 – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated  
 September 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force Established  
 September 18th – POW/MIA Recognition Day  
 September 29, 1899 – VFW Established/VFW Day

**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 NSCC (Naval Sea Cadets Corps)** was founded in 1958 by the Navy League of the United States at the request of the Department of the Navy. In 1962, the USNSCC was chartered under Title 36 of the United States Code as a non-profit youth organization with an emphasis towards the sea-going services of the United States. The law was amended in 1974 to allow female participation in the USNSCC.

Initially part of the United States Army, the **USAF** was formed as a separate branch of the military on September 18, 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947. It is the most recent branch of the U.S. military to be formed. The USAF is the largest and one of the most technologically advanced air forces in the world.

The **VFW** was reorganized in 1913 as the result of a series of mergers of previous veterans organizations which consisted of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. The VFW modeled its organization, terminology and ritual on the Grand Army of the Republic—an organization for veterans of

all ranks who had served in the American Civil War, but kept the “foreign” aspect of the organization, which excluded Civil War veterans.

The 25th annual Ventura County Stand Down was held on July 28-30, 2017 at the Army National Guard Armory in Ventura. As in years past, the participation of our lodge and of Elks around the county was terrific. Terry Gicking again organized the four VC lodges to provide sodas and Sunday bag lunches for more than 250 veterans and volunteers. Tom Hartin again got his team together to provide a great Mexican lunch. Carol Fredericks, in addition to providing most of the photos that are on the website gallery ([vstanddown.org](http://vstanddown.org)) also assisted me in the personal welcome of the veterans as they came in on buses and vans that were provided, from West L.A. to Santa Barbara, as Gerry Gillies again provided transportation from Thousand Oaks. Steve Kerman also assisted with transportation and with twice baked potatoes, and Friday’s Mexican lunch and anything else that was asked of him. When a “thank you” was offered to Steve, his response was “Thank you for the opportunity for

such a humbling experience.”

It is estimated that about 25-30 Elks gave of their time over the weekend. Our lodge provided about 15 volunteers giving 60 hours, driving 840 miles, and \$600 cash and \$1,800 non-cash contributions.

*As the honored recipient of the Annual Volunteer Award for the Stand Down, I want to say thank you to all the volunteers and other lodge supporters of our veterans programs!* Among all the military, county, Elks, VFW and American Legion volunteers and others, this was an honor beyond imagination.

Below, and on page 7, are some photos from the Stand Down. For a complete gallery of photos, go to [www.vstanddown.org/gallery/2017gallery](http://www.vstanddown.org/gallery/2017gallery).

One last note, it is time to make everyone aware that the annual Veterans Brunch is on Sunday, November 5th.

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



## Meet Our New Members



Richard Platt sponsored by Max Maxwell and pictured with Loyal Knight Dan Hoffman who served with Richard on LAPD



Jodi Nevandro and Dennis Angelini sponsored by Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



Mati Cohen co-sponsored by Steve Kerman and David Naccarato, PER



Sergey Pinchuk(C) sponsored by Alan Hardie(R) and accompanied by his son Ivan Pinchuk who was initiated last month



Douglas Brown(C) and Milton "Butch" Price(R) sponsored by Brian Boals Standing in for Brian is Gregg Miraglia

*Have You Proposed*



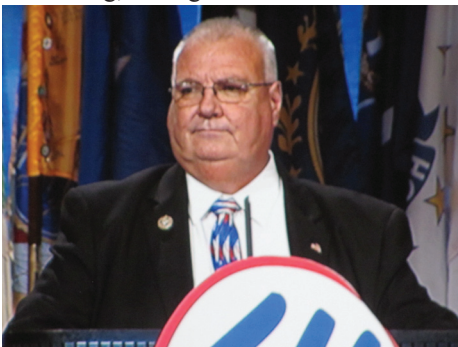
*a New Member today?*

***Exalted Ruler's article continued***



Zoi Urban with ER Jean Miraglia

The Keynote speaker was Chuck Rosenberg, Acting administrator of the



Incoming Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.

The Convention kicked off a yearlong

celebration for the Elks' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information will be forthcoming.

**FYI** – Plumbing is a reoccurring problem. Be mindful of what you dispose in the commodes.

**Reminder** – For security, safety, and health reasons **ONLY** service animals are permitted entry into our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia  
Exalted Ruler

***More Pictures from the Grand Lodge Convention***



Hoop Shoot Winner Sophia Phillips with ER Jean Miraglia



CHEA President Chuck Nolan and 1st Lady Ginger with ER Jean Miraglia

***Leading Knight message continued***

probably never happen again. While Cliff showed off his karaoke skills, the two Beverly Ericksons became fast friends. Check out their picture below. I love when these fun things happen!

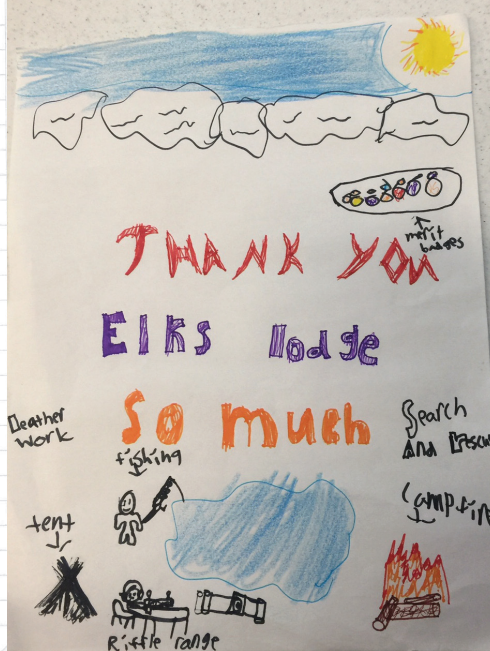
Fraternally,

Karen Martyn  
Leading Knight



## Boy Scout Dane Riggs Says Thank You

Hi, I am Dane and before I say anything else I just want to say thank you for sponsoring me and thank you for making this possible. Now I want to start talking about what merit badges I did first I did the Rifle Range. I also did fishing which I got an award for for not giving up even though I didn't even catch a fish. I also did the merit badge for search and rescue. Last but not least I did teamwork down in Wyoming it rained alot which was nice but eventually got annoying but then you just get used to it and it doesn't bother you anymore the actual camping part was nice to and surprisingly sleeping on the ground was actually pretty comfy.



Boy Scout Dane Riggs and ER Jean Miraglia

The young man that the Thousand Oaks Elks sponsored is Dane Riggs. He comes from a single mom home. He wanted to join troop 754, which is the BSA Troop the we charter. He also wanted to go to summer camp but his mom could not afford to send him.

The hat was past at a meeting and \$365 was collected from various members. Jill Williams gave \$580 towards camp and the Gesslers bought his scout book with some merit badge books. In all, about \$1,000 was collected.

The trip to camp was a trip of a life time for this young man. The camp is Camp Buffalo Bill in Wyoming. They car pooled to camp, so this was a great road trip. Before camp they toured Yellowstone National Park.

## Elks Trivia

At the last orientation, you don't always have candidates that know absolutely nothing about the Elks. In fact when our latest officers Paul Radomski (not Randomski) and Daniel Hoffman did all their research before joining the order. Anyway, to continue my story, one candidate spoke up asking about the blindfold. It caught me off guard that he would ask but he was totally correct. To fill you in a bit more (this will be a question on a future trivia game some Friday night) the ritual used to have four raps of the gavel. In 1952 the Elks discontinued the use of the blind fold which was removed with three raps of the gavel. The four raps was to call up the lodge which is now the three raps of the gavel.

With baseball well underway and our own Dodgers 40 games above 500, on June 12, 1939 the baseball hall of fame opened in Cooperstown, New York. A member of the Carnegie Elks lodge, 'Honus' Wagner was among the players inducted.

Our own Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia has returned from Grand Lodge Convention. On page 32 of the October, 1928 issue of the Elks Magazine there was a complaint of the lackluster attendance at the Grand Lodge Convention. A full 1/3 of the lodges did not send a representative. Back then were just 500 lodges. Just sayin', I don't know if I'd want to fly back in 1928. We'll have to check with our pilot members. Of course we did have train service. I love this stuff. OK I'm done.

David Naccarato, PER

## New Member, Reem Angel, Heads Her First Kitchen Crew



New Member Reem Angel heads up her first kitchen crew with a Southern Style Dinner. If you missed it, you missed out.

Reem Angel's kitchen crew: (L-R) Rosalind Stenson (prospective new member), recent member, Zipi McDouglaId and Reem Angel



# ***“A NIGHT AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY”***

**Lodge Annual Fundraiser  
for Christmas Baskets**

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**6:00 pm**



- **Southern Fried Chicken Dinner by renowned chef Jim Porter and his crew.**
- **Performances of your favorite country & western tunes by Cat/Dave Productions and surprise guests!**
- **Line Dancing**
- **Gift Baskets and Opportunity Drawings**
- **\$15.00 per person; tickets available September 15<sup>th</sup> at the bar (dress-casual/western)**

## 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

### Birthdays

5 <sup>th</sup>	Cornelia Meehan
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Miraglia
12 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Pearson
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Becky Krabel
26 <sup>th</sup>	Evie Bystrom

### Welcome our New Members

Roberta Kopacz  
Mary Catherine McBride  
Lindsey Choudhay  
Arleen Cohen  
Heather Meyer

### Recognizing our Members!

We have decided that we should recognize our members for the time and effort they put into making our organization successful in the work that we set out to do! This month, we are recognizing Jill

## Elks Ladies



**Karen Naccarato, President**

Williams. Whenever there is a need for volunteers, Jill always steps up to fill the gaps. Jill always has a positive and friendly attitude making her an asset not only to the Elks Ladies, but for the Elks as well.

Jill is once again Chairing our Ladies Appreciation Luncheon in October, she has volunteered and co-chaired the Kids Christmas party to name just a few and has sat on the Board of Directors for the Ladies. In addition she is the Elks Photographer, does the Fish Fry every month, often selling dessert for the Ladies and heads up her BBQ Team the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month!

October 21<sup>st</sup> we have our Annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon, it will be a Tea

## 2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

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

Party from 12:00 noon thru 4:00 pm. There will be people selling a variety of things including, hand crafted jewelry, hand made and embroidered items and clothing! We look forward to seeing all the members come out and get reacquainted with our long time members and a chance to meet our new members! Invitations will be mailed out with all the details!

### Inspirational

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well preserved body but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, latte in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "Woohoo! What a ride!"

## El Konejo Kampers



The July campout took place at the Oceano Elks Lodge. Our usual days to go out are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Somehow the lodge got the reservation mixed up and could only accommodate us for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Since David and I had vacation plans that began on Monday, we were unable to attend. So I asked Jane Watson, the Wagon Master, for the campout to tell me a little about it so I could pass it along. Below are her thoughts.

We had a total of 15 RV spots and Shirste and Rik Gessler stayed at the hotel across the street. Herb and Pat Jellander were all packed and ready to leave Friday morning, and had to cancel. Herb's neck had gotten stiff and he could not turn his head. They

were going to try and come Saturday morning, but had to cancel also.

Everyone got up to Oceano Friday about 11 to check in, and we all found out they would not let us get a spot until 1 PM, even though all the spots were vacant. So after we had the whole road and driveway blocked, they decided they could make an exception....Thank you Oceano Rest Area Host.

Went to Jocko's on Sunday evening, everyone was very happy with their meals. We had split up into two tables and it seemed to help with quicker service.

Sue Osgood and Kathy Moye won the Free camp out vouchers. All enjoyed a campfire every night. Thank you Jimmy Miller for the firewood. Rik and Shirste enjoyed the campout so much they bought a brand new RV when they got home.

Overall the consensus was that it was a relaxed campout with people doing pretty much what they wanted. Some visited the Elks Lodge, some the Moose Lodge, some ate Mexican food and some visited a mineral spa. Thank you, Jane, for doing your usual fine job of hosting.

The Erickson's were not in attendance since Joel still can't drive because of his foot. They are playing it by ear as to when they can resume camping. Pat Hafhill spoke to Bob and Margaret Thornton and they would love to hear from folks. Judy Nemtusak will need surgery on her knee soon. Keep all our absent campers in your prayers.

July figures for the breakfasts will be reported next month. Didn't have time to research it for the article. Happy summer to everyone.

## Officers 2017 - 2018

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

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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
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Flag Day, Flag Retirement: Bill Sternberg, PER	Mediator: Boyd Lindquist
Government Relations: Richard Platt	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

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Hoop Shoot:	Americanism: Terry Gicking, PDDGER
Drug Awareness: Don Sabol & Mary McBride	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
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1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1983-84 John Nau	2008-09 George Meehan
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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	

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

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