



Antler Antics

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

“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 15th at the bar (dress-casual/western)**

***DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL VETERANS APPRECIATION BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 5th at 10:30 a.m.***

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Duty Officers

10-05 to 10-11	Dave Anderson
10-12 to 10-18	Rich Lucariello
10-19 to 10-25	Ray Laraway
10-26 to 11-01	Jean Miraglia

LODGE ROOM RENTALS

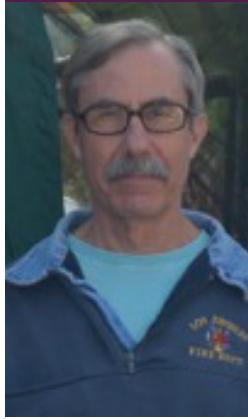
Our renovated Lodge Room is available for rental at very reasonable rates. Catering can be arranged. For more information contact Brooke at 805-496-4550.

Have You Proposed



a New Member today?

Elk of the Month



This month's Elk of the Month is Jeff Conyers. In the mornings you will see Jeff working around the Lodge. You might find him up in the attic, with Max, trouble shooting whatever needs attention or checking the plumbing or working on one of the doors. Jeff is always around helping to maintain the upkeep of the Lodge.

Jeff is also on Jill's (the Outcasts) BBQ team. Jeff is another dedicated Elk who goes about his business quietly. Thank you Jeff for all that you do.

Jean Miraglia
Exalted Ruler

Member Recognitions



Greg Metzgs, DL receives a plaque in recognition for reaching the \$5,000 contribution level to CHEMPI. Also pictured is Art Garcia, Purple Pig chairman, and ER Jean Miraglia.



In recognition for flying their flags 24 hours per day, every day of the week, Reem Agel, Americanism chair, presents certificates to Loyal Knight Dan Hoffman and Bobby Williams.



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

New Candidates, Transfers and Reinstatements

Candidate	Occupation	Sponsor
Joseph Buckout	Retired	Rita DaCorsi
Viktoria Kuzma	Bookkeeper	Herb Jellander

Meeting Attendance

	08-02	08-16	08-23
General Members	14	20	5
Officers	15	14	12
PERs	9	6	11
Total	38	40	28

Membership Report

Membership as of April 1, 2017	452
Total New Members as of 8-31-17	24
Reinstatements and Transfers	3
Total Member Loss 8-31-17	37
Delinquency as of 8-31-17	6
Total Membership as of 8-31-17	442

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

Exalted Ruler Jean Miraglia



How quickly the months are flying by. October will be a busy month, filled with Lodge activities. We start off the month with the Moorpark Days Parade on October 7th. Later that evening there is, the

not to be missed, Charity Ball. That will surely be a fun filled evening. Remember to return the other half of your red tickets, along with \$20 to the office. Check your calendar for other Lodge events.

Mark your calendar for October 18th, Shelley Gonzales' visitation to our Lodge. Show your support for our DDGER. More information will be forthcoming.

September has not been kind to us. Our BBQ teams are real troopers. They weathered the heat with dedication to the cause. This is what Elkdom is all about. They gave their all, and then went into the Lounge to cool off. Cool off you say, no, more hot air. An enormous "THANK YOU" for your dedication. The necessary repairs are underway, so that we can be at the Lodge in comfort.

Have you noticed the wall closure in the chapel area and the lowering of the opening where the blinds once were? Many thanks to Paul Radomski, who plastered, Steve Woodlief, who gave a lending hand, and to Rich Lucariello, who did the painting. We are currently looking into a covering for the opening.

The Popcorn machine has been placed in the lounge for your use. Remember to use the scooper when getting popcorn, and to clean up after yourself.

Keep in your prayers the families of our recently departed brothers, Alvin "Bully" Caddin, James "Jimmy Joe" Brown, Edward Cassase, and Harry Isaman,

Fraternally,

Jean Miraglia
Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight Karen Martyn



Well here we are in October and I am giving you my last pitch to come and attend the annual Charity Ball on October 7. This will be a fun-filled evening with a delicious (and very

reasonably priced) fried chicken dinner prepared by our very own Chef Jim Porter. There will be beautiful gift baskets filled with spirits and goodies and an opportunity drawing. We will have home grown entertainment (the best kind) and of course each and every dollar made will go into our Christmas Basket Fund that will be used for food and gifts for the needy in our area. Tickets are \$15 each and on sale at the bar until Wednesday, October 4.

Please see the flyer in this newsletter from our Major Project Chair, Art Garcia. His "Octoberfest" fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, October 27. This will be another enjoyable evening with dinner and dancing, with all proceeds going to a very worthy cause.

Regarding the bar, if you are trying to contact the office and you get the answering machine, please leave a message and either David or Karen will return your call. Please do not call the bar and inquire if either of them are in because the bartender on duty has no way of knowing if they are or are not, and cannot leave his or her post to go inquire. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

In late August I attended the WCCD District Deputy Clinic in Santa Barbara. It was the most informative clinic I have ever attended. There were two speakers that were very knowledgeable and interesting. Kevin O'Shaugnessy is the CHEA Insurance Chairman. He had a lot to say about avoiding incidents, accidents and claims and I believe we all came home much more educated after listening to him speak. Nancy Kulinski who is the CHEA Business Practices Chair also shared very pertinent information with us. In addition to what you learn from the presenters at these clinics is an awareness that all the lodges in our district, while very different in size and facilities, have similar issues and concerns.

Loyal Knight Daniel Hoffman



Two principles highlighted in the Elks Mission Statement are to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members and to cultivate good

fellowship. Attending our dinners/ prepared meals at the Lodge is a good first step in achieving these goals. The menu is diverse and each meal is prepared by the involved members as if you were a guest at their home. On top of it, you will be unable to beat the price. Please consider joining your fellow members for a home cooked meal at the Lodge. The schedule for prepared meals is documented on the monthly Calendar.

Some "housekeeping" tips:

1. Please assist us in getting accurate headcounts for the Friday night dinners. As a reminder, you can achieve this by calling the Lounge at 805 496 4550, by signing up on the dinner list at the Lounge bulletin board and feel free to email myself at fivehofies@yahoo.com or Brooke at brookeokray@gmail.com.
2. As a reminder, the Lodge has a link that you can utilize for timely updates on our weekly events and activities. Additionally, you can utilize this link to receive the current Antler's Antics and monthly Calendar. You need to register for this service. Simply email our Secretary, David Naccarato, at toelks2477@gmail.com and ask him to register you for this service.

Fall is upon us and football has kicked off. Take advantage of our Saturday barbecues and pick up some great sandwiches, ribs and chicken to share with family and friends at half time. If I can assist you, feel free to contact me at my email address or via phone at 818 822 2219.

Dan Hoffman
Loyal Knight

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Lecturing Knight Paul Radomski



Do you believe in prayer? I do. I really like that one of the components of our Lodge meetings is Sickness and Distress, where we have an opportunity to hear the needs of those who

need prayers. One of my favorite quotes comes from the Initiation ritual as the Lecturing Knight instructs new members. "...but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burdens, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn..."

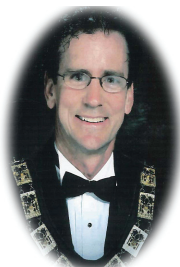
Prayers are particularly thrilling when they are answered. Whether it is the good news that an Elk has recovered from a serious illness or, on the lighter side, someone steps up and volunteers to fill a position as a committee chairperson. In the latter case, I was elated to announce at our September 6th Elks meeting that new member Reem Agel agreed to chair our Americanism committee. She immediately fulfilled one of her obligations as Committee Chair by presenting certificates to two of our members for flying the American flag 24 hours a day. Reem is a firecracker. No sooner did she become an Elk, than she quickly oversaw the preparation of a fabulous Friday dinner feast! Like I told her, "Your enthusiasm is contagious!" I look forward to working with Reem in the future with the utmost confidence in everything she brings to Elksdom.

People like Reem Agel bring a fresh breath of new ideas and excitement to the Elks. They are genuine souls who truly believe in charitable deeds. But they also like to have fun and can usually be found at the center of our more memorable activities where splendid times are had by all. True brotherly love involves taking the time to get to know all of our new members. It all starts with grasping the hand in friendship.

In Brotherly Love,

Paul Radomski
Lecturing Knight

Secretary David Naccarato



First, I must come clean and apologize for listing Clarence Brown as being delinquent. He was actually one of the first to send in his dues.

Lodge meetings are held every Wednesday. With the first, third

and fourth being general meetings and the second Wednesday has more to do with running the lodge, meeting with the House Committee, the Trustees and bar manager, and going over the figures. We must be dropping the ball somewhere at orientation because we have brought in around 21 new members. So, why do I only see two new members at meetings?

When you joined the lodge, it now is yours. It's up to you to make this lodge the best lodge in the district. The best way to do this is to come around and see firsthand what is going on. I have heard it all before, "I come down and we always have our hand out." Well, that's the nature of the beast. We have the Charity Ball, ENF, Veterans, the Major Project/Purple Pig, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, the Dictionary Program, Memorial Fund and now the Disaster Relief Fund all needing to be funded and that all comes from us, the members.

Now, if you break it down, the ENF per capita is \$4.60 per member. What's that, a Starbucks you go without? The Disaster Relief Fund is a buck a member. A Dictionary costs the lodge \$2.65. The look on the 3rd graders faces, priceless. We get letters from the kids who received a dictionary and I read them at the lodge meetings, but wait your not there to hear it. Hoop shoot is just a morning of your time and it's coming up. Trophies are donated and food this year will be covered. The Charity ball is \$15. You have to eat somewhere and it's a lot of fun. We will be having our carnival for the handicapped children at Dean Triggs. We requested and received a grant of \$2,000 to put this thing on. All it took was hitting the goal of \$4.60 per member for ENF (last year).

We also received a Beacon grant worth \$2,000 for veterans at the Ventura County Stand Down just for applying so we got

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Secretary's article continued

a pass on that one. The Major project funds a therapy program for children from 6 months to 18 years old. At 18 if still under the care of the California-Hawaii Elks Major project they receive a scholarship. Our State Sssociation owns this therapy program. We offer physical and occupational therapy, speech language pathology and we travel to preschools giving kids free eye screenings. Arthur Garcia, our Purple Pig chairman, has a \$20,000 goal for our lodge and it's within reach.

Did you notice our Exalted Ruler with the Boy Scout we sponsored to go to camp in the CHEA magazine? How about on the back page with the Purple Heart for David Stull. Yeah he's milking it for all its worth. He deserved it. (Just giving him a hard time) Again thanks to Al Mayer for filming and putting it on our website. OK I'm off my soap box.

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Wantta Have Fun?

Are you just saying you want to have fun or do you really want to have some fun? I've heard about people who fill a Sparklett's bottle full of pennies but had never seen one until now. Actually, it's been a few months but from the initiation in June an incoming candidate heard about our Major Project and slogan, "A coin a day they will walk, talk, see and play." The next thing I know is Gregg Miraglia is bringing me a Sparklett's bottle in a mop bucket full of pennies. (Incidentally the wheels need changing, I'm just saying.)

Okay, now what? First, I don't know who brought it in. 2nd, do I redeem them at Coin Star and give up 10%? We have an account at Bank of America and they will take them with no fee attached. Or 3rd lets have a search party. I'll supply Tri-tip sandwiches on a Saturday and we'll go through every coin. First up is separating the "Wheat Ears" from the standard Lincoln Memorial reverse. Wheat Ears are worth more than a penny in copper. The others cost the government more to manufacture than they're worth.

What we are looking for is the 1909 penny with the initials VDB on the reverse side of coin. Victor David Brenner designed the

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Sickness & Distress

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

Condolences to:

To the family of **James Brown, Jr.**
Born February 16, 1929, initiated May
29, 1985, died 8-28-2017.

To the family of **Alvin "Bully"
Caddin.** Born May 16, 1948, initiated
July 26, 1995, died 8-30-2017.

To the family of **Edward Cassese.**
Born December 3, 1928, initiated
November 4, 1968, died 8-17-2017.

To the family of **Harry Isaman.** Born
December 20, 1928, initiated May 5,
2004, died 8-2-2017.

To the family of **Dana Rheaume.**
Born January 29, 1955, initiated
October 22, 2014, died 9-4-2017.

To **Tom Hartin's** family. His brother,
Daniel, passed away 9-14-2017 from
cancer.

To the family of **Terry Gicking,**
PDDGER whose brother, **Jim,** passed
away suddenly on 9-19-17

Keep in your prayers

Secretary David Naccarato, PER
who had an outpatient procedure to
replace a pump.

Barbara Metzgus who is recovering
from Cat Scratch Fever.

Kevin Metzgus who is undergoing
physical therapy for a broken, twisted
elbow. Injuries received from keeping
a table umbrella, caught up in a micro
burst, from striking his children.

Joel Erickson who has an infection in
both feet and cannot walk

Holly Heally whose daughter, **Megan,**
was in a serious auto accident.

Rita DaCorsi who will have
undergone a cervical spine procedure
on 9-22-17.

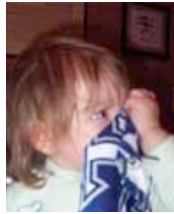
On a Good Note:

Max Maxwell's daughter came
through the hurricane in better shape
than most.

October Birthdays

Koeritz, Irving R - 01
Gates, Dave - 01
Jacobson, Howard - 01
Endsley, Terri - 01
Brown, Douglas Lee - 01
Rieger, Bernhard - 02
Tyler, Thomas R - 02
Paulson, Jack L - 03
Hinsche, Timothy A - 04
Gomes Da Costa, George - 04
Barr, John - 06
Radomski, Paul - 06
Godfrey, Forrest - 07
Laraway, Raymond - 08
Shankel, Dennis - 10
Gessler, Andrew - 10
Kolde, Kenneth L - 11
Miraglia, Gregg - 11
Gonzales, Margaret - 11
Angelini, Dennis - 12
Messmer, Charles J - 15
Puckett, John - 15
Vrakelos, Christopher - 16
Porter, James - 18
O'Kelly, Michael - 19
Panczak, Norman J - 22
Stark, Michael - 26
Schaffner, Fred - 26
Gillette, Dennis - 27
Nolan, Peter J - 27
Leadam, June M - 27
Milner, Angelique - 29
Gicking, Bryan - 30
Krieger, Winona - 30
Cummings, Larry - 30
Metzgus, Chris A - 31
Charles, Gregory A - 31

The Crying Towel



08-02-17

Capsule Drawing \$275
Sandra Ragan, not
present

Lucky 13 \$120

Leo Rodriguez, PER, no
winner

08-16-17

Capsule Drawing \$300
Alan Gotlieb, not present

Lucky 13 \$135

Rich Lucariello, no winner

08-23-17

Capsule Drawing \$325
Robert Thornton, PDDGER, not present

Lucky 13 \$150

Gregg Miraglia, no winner

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris
Max Maxwell
Bobby Williams
Art Garcia (Century Club x2)
Darryl Kopacz (Century Club x2)
Ed and Rita DaCorsi
Paul Radomski
Gregg and Jean Miraglia
Greg Metzgus, DL
Karen and Dan Martyn, PER
Art Garcia
Paul Stein
Leo Rodriguez
Reem Agel
Casey Boggiano
Bill Sternberg, PER
Ray Laraway

Leading Knight message continued

Fraternally,

Karen Martyn
Leading Knight

Good deeds ring clear through heaven, like
a bell.

-Jean Paul Richter

"Wantta Have Fun?" continued

Lincoln cent and was feeling pretty good
about himself. So, he signed his work.
Once stamping of the coin was started and
the coin was in circulation there was an
outcry as to, "How conceded can he be?"
The government backpedaled and stopped
minting the penny with the initials. But,
some made it into circulation and the
fact that there are so few, compared to
the millions minted, makes them worth
looking for.

Now, condition is everything but on
average the VDB penny would bring us
\$12.50. Plus, who knows how many
Indian Head pennies, steel pennies or
"shell case" pennies are in that bottle?
And plus again, we'll become lifelong
friends, sitting around the table with our
magnifying glasses getting our fingers
dirty. (I'll bring gloves) The time will fly
by. Yeah right! Give me a call. We'll pick
a Saturday and git'r done!!

David Naccarato, PER
Lodge Secretary

Veterans Services

Dates to Remember (Taken from VFW Calendar)

October 7, 2001 – Afghanistan War Began

October 13, 1775 – U.S. Navy Established

October 23, 1983 – Grenada Campaign Began

October 27th – Navy Day (After official establishment, the day of Regatta remained.)

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

Our three ladies who staff the activities events for the Cal Vet Home are retiring: Lynda Griffin in September, Delsie Anthony and MaryAnn Allen in October. We will surely miss them.

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

November is Elks National Veteran Services recognition month for veterans. Our brunch is on Nov. 5th and Veterans Day on Nov. 11th.

Since I took over duties for the veterans

committee in 2009 (helping Jim Kellogg), I have expanded the program to countywide events. Events for the veterans at that time were monthly bingo, annual lunch for Sepulveda vets and annual brunch in November at the lodge.

Much of what I do now is on my own, sometimes asking for help from members, which has always been forthcoming. My health crisis last year made me realize that I needed good backup; at the time that was Art Urbano. I still have great support from members, and Steve Kerman has been especially eager to volunteer.

I would like to have the help of our members to document a more localized program within Thousand Oaks that will live on regardless of leadership at the time. Please review, on page 7, the agenda from

the recent meeting and let me know if you are interested in long term participation, or in helping with any one event. Also, any suggestions you would like to submit via email will be welcome.

Please give special consideration to the days of recognition, e.g., Veterans Day, etc. Please see Steve Kerman with your ideas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
FOR VETERANS.

Carl Lanterman, NVSC Chairman
(805) 630-8110

carl.silverstrand@gmail.com

Don't miss lost pictures of volunteers from the Ventura County Stand Down last July on page 8.

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. - Grand Exalted Ruler 2017-2018



Malcolm J. (Mac) McPherson, Jr. was born in Newark, New Jersey on December 7, 1955 to Malcolm J. McPherson, Sr. and Miriam (nee Murray) McPherson. Malcolm has one sister, Susanne McPherson. He attended Sacred Heart Grammar School, Lyndhurst High School, Seton Hall University, and Seton Hall Law School, graduating law school in 1981.

Malcolm met his wife Patricia (Pat) (nee Schember) in high school and they were married on August 15, 1981. They have

two daughters, Meghan and Mallory, both of whom are officers of Lyndhurst Lodge No. 1505. Upon graduation from law school, Malcolm joined the law firm of Edwards and Antholis as an associate until becoming a partner in 1986, remaining there until 1990.

In 1991, he opened his own private practice specializing in civil law, including matrimonial, municipal land use, wills and estates. He was also a former attorney for the Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center. In 1992, he was appointed the attorney for the Lyndhurst Rent Leveling Board and presently still holds that position.

Malcolm was initiated into Lyndhurst Lodge No. 1505 in March 1981, proposed by his soon to be father-in-law, Walter Schember, Sr. He was installed as Lodge Esquire in March 1982 and continued on as Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight and elected as Exalted Ruler in 1986-1987. Following that, Malcolm served his Lodge in many capacities including Justice of the Subordinate Forum from 1987-2005. He achieved Honorable Life Membership in April 1997.

On the State level, he served as Chairman

for the North Central District's Ritual Committee as well as being a certified Ritualistic judge, which he continues to be to this day. He served as attorney for both the New Jersey State Elks Association Convention and Special Children's Committee. Malcolm was also Chairman of the New Jersey State Laws Committee. He was elected President of the New Jersey State Elks Association 1999-2000.

At the Grand Lodge level, Malcolm was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New Jersey's North Central District in 1995-1996, Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committeeman in 2002-2003, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary in 2003-2005, member of the Grand Forum from 2005 until 2010, serving as its Chief Justice, and Chairman of the Pardon Commission in 2009-2010, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of New Jersey from 2009 to the present.

On a personal level, Malcolm was a member and coach of the Little Falls Athletic Club. He coached basketball and softball in Little Falls from 1989 until 2001. He was a member of the American Bar Association. He and his family are parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel R. C. Church.

National Veterans Service Committee

Meeting of September 2, 2017

1. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

2. Elks National Veteran Services Committee

- a. Adopt-A-Vet: Monthly visits & continual support – Bingo & Karaoke
- b. Freedom Grants: \$2,500/yr – David applies
- c. V.A. Volunteer Service: Our service @ 2 facilities
- d. Veterans Leather: 17,000 hides for craft kits
- e. Welcome Home: \$200 reimbursed to help vets in new homes

3. NVSC Quarterly Report 1Q2017

4. VP Visitation Annual Report 061617

5. Need volunteers for currently planned events

- a. Listen to programs & ideas; volunteer as you wish

6. Need volunteers for expanded veterans program

- a. PR – Photographer & Writer – articles in Elks publications!!!
 - i. Get the right shots, select other publications, etc.
 - ii. Get the word out to our community
- b. Entertainment/Event Organizer
 - i. Get people to attend
 - ii. Get ads out, local publications
 - iii. Raise money – we're in competition with other programs
- c. Community Liaison; new members/military
 - i. Attend local meetings on military, homeless, etc.
 - ii. Find opportunities to let the community know who we are
 - iii. Appear on public television

7. Events for 2018?

More Pictured Highlights of Volunteers from the VC Stand Down in July



Feed The Pig Night!!



Help The Kids!



Friday October 27th 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Join us for Oktoberfest dinner:

\$8 per person

Art Garcia & Crew

**Opportunity
Drawing and Raffle
with Great Prizes!**

A Deluxe Gift

***Basket full of
spirits and other goodies!***

Raffle Tickets \$5 each OR 5 for \$20

All Proceeds Go To Purple Pig Fund



**Please see the sign-up sheet in the lodge, or call the bar to reserve a meal
(805) 496-4550**



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

October Birthdays

7	Rena Dyer
12	Deanna Savonkinas
21	Lee Yates
22	Carol Fredericks
22	Sandy Hoffman
25	Margaret Thornton
27	June Leadam

This month, the Elks Ladies would like to recognize June Leadam. June has been a member of the Elks Ladies for 18 years and an Elk for 12 years. She has served on the Board as President, Vice President

Elks Ladies



Karen Naccarato, President

and Secretary, was Elk Lady of the Year, and given the Elk Lady Appreciation Award. Currently June is our Sunshine Committee Chairman and has been for the last 10 years making sure to send out Birthday, Get Well, and Thank You cards and sends flowers to all of our members, reports on sickness and distress at our monthly meetings and for this, we thank you June.

Our Annual Ladies Appreciation Luncheon will be held October 21st from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lodge. The theme this year is a "Tea Party". Jill

2017 - 2018 Committee Chairpersons

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

Williams is chairing this event and all the details will be included in the invitations that will be mailed to all members. We look forward to seeing everyone. This is a great opportunity to get together and catch up with old friends and to meet new ones!

Finally, some fun food for thought. A keen sense of humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected and outlast the unbearable. Good humor is goodness and wisdom combined!

El Konejo Kampers



The September campout was once again at the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge, an El Konejo Kampers favorite. The location gives easy access to many fun places in the county. While

more were scheduled to attend, things came up at the last minute for several of the campers, and the final count was seven rigs. Jimmie Miller and Patty Bauman were the wagon masters once again. Sounds like deja vu from May doesn't it? Others attending were Jim & Ruth Mullins, Herb & Pat Jellander, Carol Spinner and Ann Digman, Rik and Shirste Gessler, Don & Roxie Skinner and Ed & Rita DaCorsi.

Speaking of fun places to go and explore, Jim and Ruth reported they went to the Presidio, the oldest building in Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara courthouse

built in 1872 among other stops. Carol and Ann, always the explorers and able to root out little hidden gems, visited the Alice Keck Park and Memorial Gardens and Alameda Plaza with many very old trees. They also went to the Sea Glass and Ocean Art Festival on Sunday. All highly recommended by these folks.

While Thursday several campers partook of the hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the lodge and some had the pork chops or sole offered for the Friday night dinner, everyone agreed that the Champagne party hosted by the Gesslerers was a highlight. I hear they have a very nice motorhome. Kind of sorry we had conflicting plans and were unable to go.

Saturday evening, several campers played Left, Right, Center. Six games we played and Patty Bauman won four. Pat Jellander won two games and Carol Spinner won one. Could the fact that they were Patty's dice have anything to do with her

victories? Makes you wonder.

Lucky winners of the free campouts were Pat Jellander and Carol Spinner. The 50/50 was won by Don Skinner. Congrats to all the winners. While big campouts are often very fun with lots of activity, the smaller campouts allow everyone to sit together and socialize really get to know one another. This campout didn't disappoint in that area. Thanks to Patty and Jimmie for stepping up to the plate again and being great wagon masters.

Your hard working El Konejo Kampers served the following: for July 30 there were 37 AAs and 40 Elks; for August 3 there were 64 AAs and 26 Elks, and; finally for August 20th there were 29 AAs and 40 Elks. Looks a little like the AAs are going down while the Elks number is going up! Perhaps its just been the hot weather.

Until next time.



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2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

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2017 - 2018 Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

<p>Youth Activities:</p> <p>Hoop Shoot:</p> <p>Drug Awareness: Don Sabol & Mary McBride</p> <p>Scholarships: Rick Herrera</p>	<p>Scouting: Bill Miller and Bill Sternberg, PER</p> <p>Americanism: Reem Agel</p> <p>Dictionary Program: Steve Woodlief</p> <p>Youth Appreciation Night:</p>
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2nd Wednesday of the Month

Trustee Meeting: 6pm

House Committee Meeting : 7:30pm

followed immediately by Officers meeting

Past Exalted Rulers

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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
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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

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