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EXALTED RULER



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*"Catch the Spirit of Elkdom"*

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477



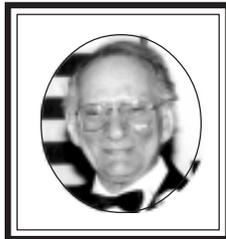
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### "CATCH THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM".

I became a member of this Lodge five years ago. Richard Goldner was our Exalted Ruler and Jacob Panczak was Leading Knight. Jacob asked if I would be his Inner Guard the following year and I figured what the heck, why not. The ensuing years have been the most rewarding, and I have found that its never to late to expand ones family. So I want all of the members to know that I am most humble to have been found worthy to be your Exalted Ruler at this propitious time in our Lodge's history.

With what I hope is a growing realization by the general membership, a new Lodge can and will be built in the near future. This is due to the loyal members who approved our BOND Drive initiative and the outstanding efforts of our Jr. PER Greg Metzgas, Secretary Bill Lloyd, all of the Trustees, our venerable PER Association and the "Trustee Emeritus" Dave Pearson. I have complete confidence that with the continued support from the membership, as well as the backing and guidance from the aforementioned, we will not only have the new Lodge, but the financial stability which we enjoy at present. I will report to you each month on the status of both the Bond Sales and the new facility progress.

The momentum generated last year in all phases of activity at the Lodge, will not only be continued but increased. We now have ALL SATURDAY's covered with our BBQ teams. This means real hard financial stability in and of itself. The events, entertainment venues and functions will continue to draw our members to the Lodge, as well as help generate new members. Our Lounge Manger Judy Brayman, has already improved the ambiance of the Lounge, and has plans to introduce more improvements to promote an even more friendly atmosphere.

Your Officer Corp, which in my opinion is the finest in



### First Lady's Corner

In the past five years since Jay became an Elk, I have made so many new friends here at the Lodge, and I look upon you all as extended family, just as long as you don't ask me for money.

As First Lady we will be representing Our Lodge at many district functions, and I hope that we can count on many of you to also support us in this important activity.

Looking forward to your continued support in the coming year.

First Lady, Myrna Block

our district, state and for all I know in all of Elkdom, is looking forward to the Ritual Contest being held this year at the San Luis Obispo Lodge. And I promise, we will do the Lodge proud, just as we did last year.

Thank you all for you continued support. Myrna and I are looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Exalted Ruler Jay Block



### IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND  
 ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW  
 MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---

**"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
 RECOLLECTION"**

**Sherwood 'Mac' McDonald**

**Born:** July 29, 1915  
**Initiated:** January 22, 1986  
**Died:** February 21, 2004



## EDITORS CORNER

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In 1973 a group of Lodge Brothers got together and made a commitment because they not only believed in Elkdom but they believed in the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. They called themselves the Conejo Brothers. What they did took courage and commitment. They went to the bank, put up their homes for security and engineered a deal to buy a church and make it into an Elks Lodge.

Brother Frosty Miller was in the Real Estate business who put the deal together. Brother Jim Fletcher owned 6 acres of property in Newbury Park which he traded to the church for our present Lodge. Over time the Lodge repaid the bank loan to Brother Fletcher and the Conejo Brothers disbanded.

A letter came today giving us the green light to sell bonds to enlarge the original dream of the Conejo Brothers. Like them it will require a commitment by our members to make it a reality. We have come a long way since those early days. Our membership has grown to over 500 members. It is time for the Conejo Brothers Spirit to rise again that gave us the home we now enjoy into something we can all be proud of. It will take courage and commitment to reach our goals and yes we will forge ahead and create a more beautiful tomorrow. Our Elks Lodge has become our extended family and we won't let it down.

Please let the Conejo Brothers Spirit move you and respond to the letter you received with your purchase of a \$500 or \$1,000 bond. To date the Spirit has moved us \$21,500 closer to our goals. We have joined the spirit, won't you be a part of that spirit and join today!.



## JAY BLOCK Exalted Ruler, 2004-'05



Jay was born in Chicago at the John B. Murphy Hospital on Halloween Day 1932, almost exactly ten years after his grandfather, Harry Block, became a member in Lodge # 4. Since his parents were only there visiting the family at the time, he was quickly whisked back to California, where he has resided ever since (except for a short stint in New Jersey during WW II). His dad was a sound engineer at Warner Brothers Studio, and his mother was a singer with several well known bands of the time, and performed at most of the better known clubs around town.

With the start of World War II, his father was called up as a Captain in the Signal Corp, and sent to Fort Mammoth. After the war had ended, the family resettled in Los Angeles and by this time Jay had attended 22 grammar schools, and was ready to stay put for a while. He went to LeConte Jr. High and then to Hollywood High, where he graduated in June 1950.

Having talked his parents into letting him join the Air Force Reserve as an electronics tech in Dec. 1949, he found himself in basic training at March Air Force Base six weeks after graduation, Korea you know. His tenure in the service ended in 1953, after which he took advantage of Uncle Sam's Scholarship Program Public Law 550 better known as the GI Bill, and graduated from UCLA in January. 1957 as an electronics engineer.

While still a senior at UCLA, Jay obtained a position at Hughes Aircraft Co. as an electronics technician in 1956. By the time he took early retirement in 1987, he had risen to be Chief Scientist in the Electro-Optical Systems Group. Since he was still active in his field, he applied for a position as Research Scientist at the Information Sciences Institute of USC, where he also doubled as an Adjunct Professor in Electrical Engineering. In 1999, he finally figured out how to do IT, and joined the ranks of the leisurely retired.

Jay, his lovely wife Myrna, and their two children, moved to Conejo Valley in May of 1964, (soon after to be called Thousand Oaks), and became active in various community organizations. Jay was the first Cubmaster of Pack 3765, and later became Scoutmaster of Troop 703. Both he and Myrna were very active in the Ventura County Red Cross as volunteers, as well as the local Y, where Jay began a Backpacking Club in 1974.

Jay joined Lodge 2477 in 2000 when Richard Goldner was ER, and began the climb through the Officer ranks as Inner Guard under Jacob Panczak. Having being an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, he has chosen for his motto "CATCH THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM"

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## LEADING KNIGHT

### Sally claunch

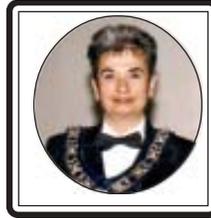
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CHARITY DINNERS: Jay & Myrna Block**

**Random Thoughts from Claunch**

As Leading Knight, my principal responsibility is being the overseer of the charity projects run by our lodge. Elks consider charity to be the cornerstone of every Elk structure, and the highest virtue of every Elk creed. For this reason each month in my article I will focus on a particular committee under my station.

In April it is only appropriate to write about Conejo Valley Days. How does Conejo Valley Days relate to our lodge's charity works, you ask? In fact Conejo Valley Days is run by a parent company called Conejo Valley Activities Corporation that owns and operates Conejo Valley Days. Twenty-five local organizations make up the corporation, which we are one. All profits from the event are divided among the various organizations. These monies enable us to perform our various charitable works. Tom Hartin is our representative on the committee

It may surprise you how many of our members are intimately involved in the management and planning of the annual event. Tom has been involved for 25 years, acting as general chairperson in '95-'96. His involvement is so great that when his daughter was once interviewed about her father's occupation, she replied that he was a clown for CVD. This year he goes to the planning meetings and will serve on the site preparation crew. Past Elk of the Year, Kirk Keeler serves as the on-site chairperson. Elks, Tommy Tyler, Ron Earle, and Bobby Williams are members of his crew. Keeping it a family tradition, MaryAnn and Ken Keeler, Kirk's parents have been 40-year volunteers for CVD.

Our Elk Ladies treasury also benefit from CVD. Marilyn Cissell and Dee Swanson spearhead the committee that solicits volunteers to be ticket takers at the gates. For this service our Elk Ladies' treasury is \$1800 richer. They in turn give monies to the Lodge for our Christmas basket charity, ENF and other needs.

At the Kick off Picnic for CVD, our BBQ wagon delights picnickers with our famous tri tip sandwiches. Monies gleaned from BBQ wagon then enable us to perform charitable works in the community, such as sponsoring 11 Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and veteran's visitations at the hospital.

This year, if you have not heard we are sponsoring a candidate for Grand Marshall, Calamity Annie Pearson. To propel her to the winning slot, our Lodge is sponsoring many fundraisers. Over 60% of all funds raised by us for the Grand Marshall race come back to

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

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our organization. It is one more source of revenue for funding our charitable works. A recent member Frank Lussier and his wife Mary Alva, owners of Lussier Productions, operate the beauty pageants connected with CVD.

During CVD our Lodge runs the stalker dog booth, serving Polish sausage sandwiches. These revenues enrich our treasury enabling us to sponsor hoop shoots and soccer shoot outs for the youth in the community. Proving Elks Care Elks Share for Special Kids Day at CVD, we cook and serve hamburgers. Afterwards we act as escorts for the challenged youngsters. Carol Neuner is project chairperson. Lastly on May 22nd our Lodge will host and prepare the food for the Wrap-Up party for workers. Tom Hartin will chair it. Conejo Valley Days is a win win for our Lodge. Our enriched coffers allow us to do charitable works for the community and our involved members become enriched by being active community members. Become part of the Elk team working CVD. Sign up sheets for the various events will be posted in the Lodge.

**Coming Attraction**

Inaugural Ball- is April 3rd. It is a dance that is open to all members and their guests. As Elks, we dress up in our finest and hold a dinner dance honoring the new officers, especially the new ER, Jay Block. One of the highlights is The Grand March which is unique in our district. You need to experience the event at least once. The next morning come to the lodge for breakfast and meet and greet the new officers. I hear that bloody Marys are on the new ER.



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

### FEBRUARY AT OAK PARK

Although some claim this isn't their favorite campsite, the tide seems to be turning. We had 13 rigs and would have had 14, which is about max, if Barbara Kurmas hadn't tried to play Superwoman! Oh yeh! The wind blew a smallish Rubbermaid storage container in her pool and on Tuesday night, single handedly, tiny thing that she is, she decided she would remove it! It has drain holes in it - guess what it was filled with? You got it - WATER! As she was tugging on one of the doors, it came off, she started to fall backwards, using her RIGHT (writing) hand behind her to (no pun intended) to break her fall and broke her wrist. So much for our 14th camper.

Anyway, Thursday night we had quite a few rigs already in and it was good to see the Ericksons. They left after the January campout and pulled in directly from Indio, Thursday morning. Welcome home you two! They tell us they had a terrific trip - they are now being referred to as "the Coleys".

Since the Ericksons hadn't seen their grandkids, Kevin and Lizabeth, we were treated with a visit on Friday. Joel is some kind of grandpa - and he got fined for it too, passing off nickels as quarters on those children. But then again, there were quite a few at the poker table having fun with the kids, tossing pennies and other coins and telling the little people they were coming from the trees. Then they were told the pennies were from Heaven. Do you think the poor kids will be seeing a shrink one of these days cause they were told these stories J! Whatever, they sure had fun retrieving the coins.

Did you know the latest "fad" among the younger set? I certainly didn't and thought Christina Fitzpatrick might be sick - when she showed up in her pajama bottoms and a top. Apparently that is how the kids are dressing for school these days. Lord - I must be getting "real" old.

Don't get me wrong here - cause I truly appreciate all the help I can get. Frank Coley ran the washer toss and diligently reported the winners. First place - Walt Egan and Frank Coley; Second place - Doris Newcomer and Jack Henry; Third place - Kathy and Carol. Now if I hadn't seen Kathy Jenkins show up and by the way, it was really good to see you Kathy, I would have had no clue who the 3rd place winners were. I guess Carol Ewald was the only Carol there this weekend, that isn't always the case. That's pay back Frank for the fine about my cold



ears and putting them between Walt Egan's legs - you're getting to be a "dirty ole' man".

As usual, the Newcomers did a fabulous job as wagonmasters. Saturday night, Doris did her infamous chili which was terrific. Now here's something you may not know, that is unless you're a competition chili cook. Don was concerned because we have several competition chili cooks in the group and Joel Erickson often is head judge at chili cookoffs. Well people, there is a world of difference between competition chili and eating chili. The likelihood of sitting down to eat a big bowl of competition chili probably isn't very good, cause it is VERY rich. Composed only of meat, sauce, spices and vegetables that are chopped so fine they are nearly invisible, NO beans or tomato chunks or stuff usually associated with eatin' chili. Competition chili, if eaten directly it is generally eaten over rice or noodles or some such. Didn't mean to digress! Dang - this word count gets away a hurry. Charlie Henry wasn't there to continue her 50/50 record. But Marva shows up - walked away with the 50/50 again. Peggy can you do something with her - even if she is your OLDER sister?

Frank was awesome as Sheriff, got Donna Hardy for whacking him with a roster and had I know then, what I know now - she should have hit him with something more substantial.

I think I've mentioned before, one should REALLY listen to Gary Mullenau. You just never know what he's going to come up with. Frank was fining Vicki, Mollie and Debi for rocking his rig (I think) and Gary quietly says "from the inside or outside?" What were you thinking Gary?

ONE MORE THING - I have the NEW information on Poli-Glow, the product that restores fiberglass on the motorhomes. I understand the Colleran's is an awesome example.

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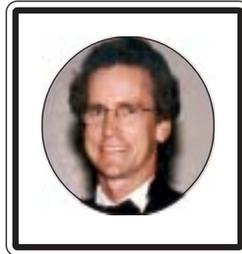
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**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
**David Naccarato**

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**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Tom Hartin  
**SCOUTING:** Jacob Panczak, PER  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:**  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:**  
**MOTHERS DAY:** George Meehan



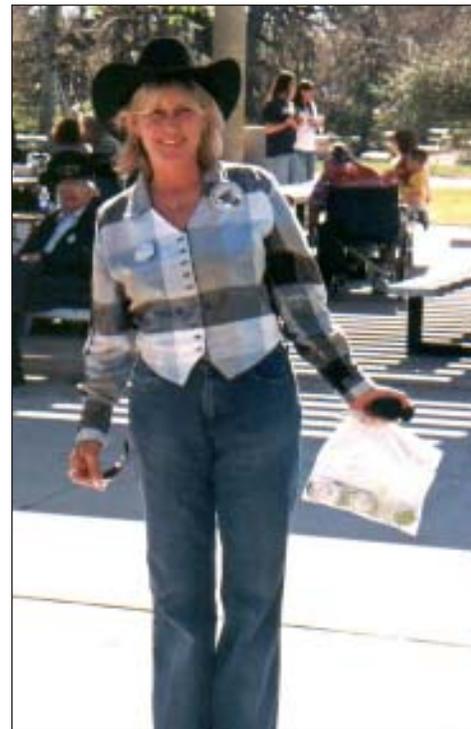
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**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:** Raven West  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER**  
**APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**DISTRICT PICNIC:** Tom Ryder, DDGER  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Heather Maddox

Its April and Sally Claunch is moving up to Leading Knight and soon to be our first female Exalted Ruler. I on the other hand am moving up to Loyal Knight from Lecturing Knight, and seeing that no one goes hungry.

Sally did a fabulous job and I'll have a hard time filling her shoes (what she wear a size 6). At our lodge we don't have the privilege of having a recreation room or a gym or a sauna, pool, Jacuzzi. What we have is a full working kitchen. What we need are volunteers to put on a Friday night dinner or a Sunday morning breakfast or even a Wednesday night feed.

Please contact me with dates of when you would like to put on a meal. It is a lot of work but also at the same time a lot of fun and rewarding. Dinners along with Pete's entertainment brings in revenue to this lodge.

We do need to keep the lights on and ultimately our charities reap the benefits .

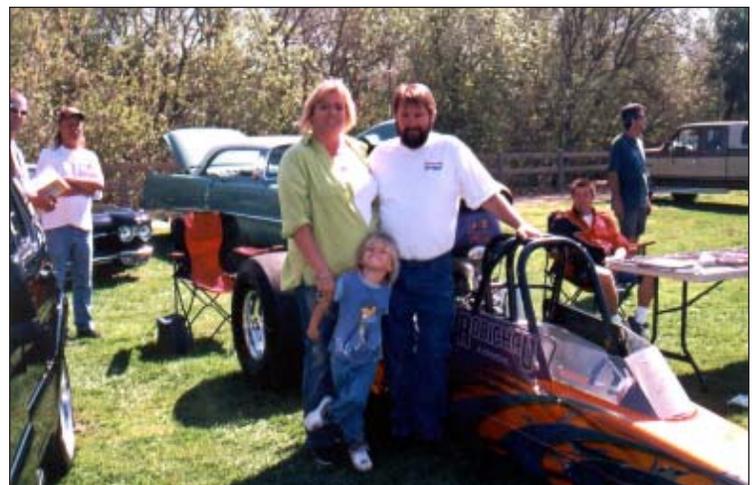


Calamity Annie at the Kickoff Picnic after judging the beauty contest CVD badges in hand. Do you have yours?

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



The Robichau Rail



The Robichau entry at the CVD Kickoff Picnic. It looks like the little one is ready for the drivers seat

**SHERWOOD 'Mac'  
McDONALD  
1915-'04**



The fates were not too kind to Mac because at an early age he was left parentless. He also grew up during the great depression. Then when he was 21 years old the fates smiled on him and he met a beautiful young lady named Ella and though she was only 18 years of age he won her over and within a month they were married. The fates were kind and that marriage lasted 67 years. They had 2 children; 2 grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren. Their youngest child Bobby preceded Mac in death a couple of years ago. Once again the fates were not too kind because Bobby was born with a congenital birth defect cerebral palsy.

We know Mac as hard working and talented master cabinet maker. We can look around our Lodge and see the many refinements he created like our memorial board and the frame for the Bi-Centennial Eagle and Flag. 'Mac' was named Elk of the Year 1991-92 for his many contributions to our Lodge and to Elldom.

We know that he was the contractor in building the Epithany Church in the valley before coming to Thousand Oaks. He was devoted to the adult handicapped home, in Westlake and he and Ella donated many hours to their cause. They were instrumental in getting the UCP Adult Home in Westlake started and then petitioned the City of Thousand Oaks for a \$30,000 grant for construction of an outdoor patio.

Mac had an impish smile like the cat that swallowed the canary. He helped serve in the kitchen and would tease us about the change if we tendered a \$20 bill. As often as the fates dealt him a bad hand he never lost his sunny disposition.

Once again the fates were not too kind to Mac when he came down with cancer but it never daunted his sunny disposition. In fact I think he was smiling that impish smile as he looked fate right in eye, and put his cabinet maker skills to work by building his own wooden sarcophagus in place of an urn for his ashes.

Mac lived the motto: **'ELKS CARE and ELKS SHARE'**. We have lost a great Elk and will miss him dearly, especially that spirit that was his. *"An Elk is never forgotten"* and his memory will last a long time every time we look at the things he did here.

Our condolences to Ella and the rest of the family. Our heart and prayers are with them.



**Ella & Mac  
McDonald,  
Flag Retirement  
Services 2002**

**"Major Projects Benefit",  
Murder Mystery, Casino Night**

**Boy!** I don't even know where to start! What Laughter Roared through OUR LODGE THIS NIGHT!!

I can still here that "**Ashley Sugarbaker**" (aka. **Frank Coley**) saying, "Daddy, My Dear Sweet Daddy!" and reciting "Stomp the Orange", "Stomp the Grapefruit! (*That Poet he is*) and is wife **Melanie (Judy. Bar Manager)** dancing. By, the way. I know a good DANCE INSTRUCTOR!

My hats off to Jay Block who gave an in creditable performance as Hamilton Earl (**Big Daddy**) Sugarbaker. (that HAT) ... put you over the TOP!!

**Bobbie Joe:** Nurse! Butler. played by our very own **Chaplin, George Median!** What a sport you were to take on this role. Kiss .Kiss...heeheehee !!!!

Then there's **POOR, Rhett Sugarbaker (Jim Rochford)** left with only **FIFTY CENTS**, with all those millions to be had. **For all it's worth Thank YOU !!**

Rhett's Wife Scarlett... "**Oh Scarlett !**" "**REMEMBER TOMORROW IS ..... "Another Day"!** (Even though you killed. The beloved Ashley!) Thank You. **Annie!!** (Pearson)

**Philomina**, Bid Daddy's Sister (aka **Catherine Koeritz**) "**Philly**" "**Life in the Big House** didn't seem to **CURB YOUR PHILLY WAYS!!**

**And who could forget... Savannah !!!** (Alice Kennedy) Sweet an Innocent. (yeah right!) Flashing Dig Daddy's **under Drawer's.**

To Miss Beula **Busty!** (Our very own Crystal DooI) What an Attorney. Greg Metzgas Big Daddy's Partner.. **Thank Goodness** your Slogan really isn't "**Pay Cash will Flash**"

Robert Jones (The Milkman, Elk BBQ Recipe Holder) and Dr. Earl Kildare (Robert Neuner) Thank you Both for Caring off the Carnage (heeheehee..)

Very Special THANKS! to Dave & Karen Naccarato. for SUPPLYLNG & DONATING. The use of "Their Gambling Tables" and "**All**" "**Who**" **Volunteered their time to help this Night!** "**Be A SUCCESSFUL EVENING**"!

**On Behalf of the Elk Ladies, Karen Naccarato and myself, We THANK YOU !** For help making this "**Major Project's Benefit**" "**A Great Success**"!

A personal note; Thanks Karen, "**I'll chair with you anytime**"!!

Thanks again to all. Carol Neuner

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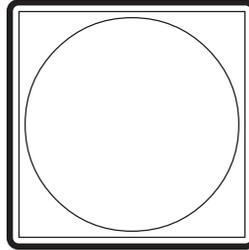
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## LECTURING KNIGHT

### Catherine Koeritz

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 David Naccarato  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldstein  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** George Meehan  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
 Tommy Claunch

**LODGE PICNIC:**  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Bob Hardy, PER  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:** Walter Ogden

## TRUSTEES CORNER

Herb Jellander, Chairman of the Board

Our Lodge Officers are volunteers, duly elected by the membership. However, two of these officers conduct day to day business of the Lodge, and by necessity, contribute much more of their time and labor than the rest of us.

By grand Lodge policy, and our own Lodges tradition, the positions of secretary and treasurer are paid a stipend of \$580 and \$340 per year respectively. This level of compensation has been in effect for approximately 15 years, and probably doesn't even cover the cost of driving to the Lodge 3 to 5 days a week for their duties.

All Lodges in our district provide compensation to these officers, and all at a significant higher level than our lodge, one at \$1,500/month for the secretary.

In the interest of justice, common sense and good business practices, the Board of Trustees, meeting March 3, 2004 recommended an increase in the stipend for the positions of secretary and treasurer to \$1,000 and \$500 yearly respectively. These payments will still be extremely low for a lodge of our size. The board recommendation will be voted on by the membership, at a regularly scheduled meeting, after publication and dissemination of this information.

It should be noted that neither of the incumbents in these positions has requested this increase.

### NOTICE OF BY-LAW CHANGE

The trustees, on March 3, 2004 recommended a by-law change to increase the salary of the lodge secretary and treasurer. It has been approximately 30 years since this increase has been made. The recommendation from the trustees is to raise the secretary's salary from the present \$580.00 per year to \$1,000.00 per year, and the treasurer's salary from \$240.00 per year to \$500.00 per year. This by-law change will be voted upon at a regular session of the lodge on April 14, 2004. The change will not become effective submitted to and approved by Grand Lodge.

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Pharmacy and Philanthropy



More Student Testimonials  
 Luann Quach, the 2003 MVS female third place winner, is in her first year at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. The program lasts six years, and while Luann is only a freshman, she remains optimistic about her future as a pharmacist.

Instead of working numerous hours to cover tuition costs, Luann has more time to focus on her studies. She also volunteers to help other students with their studies by leading review and study sessions. The community also benefits from Luann's graciousness through her volunteer work for various causes around the area.

"It always seems as if no amount of time is enough to accomplish all that one can in the college environment," says Luann. "That is probably the case for most lifestyles though."

Luann is a busy woman, but she finds that her happiest moments are when she provides happiness to those around her. She doesn't mind spending her weekends helping classmates study. The joy she brings to those in need is all the motivation she requires to continue with her benevolent ways.

The pharmacist-to-be is grateful to the Elks National Foundation and its donors for the chance she has been given. The numerous new opportunities that have opened up for her are more than she ever imagined.

"My first semester in college has been a wonderful experience and a success with the help of the Elks National Foundation," Luann says. "I will never forget it."



### *"Calamity Annie's" Corner*

I hope everyone had a good time at our Events in March. Your support at our functions and Calamity Annie's General Store was greatly appreciated. The Kickoff Picnic & Auto Show was really a lot of fun. A really big thanks to all of my helpers at the store (Sally Claunch, Jackie Coley, Vicki Eagan, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Catherine Koertiz, Mary McKee, Susie Ross, Pat VonWittenburg) and to those GREAT guys and gals that worked so hard making and selling our delicious BBQ Sandwiches!! Oops! Robert Neuner and John Peterson, too, for the use of their trucks.

March really flew by! I had a fabulous Italian Dinner by John & Marva D'Ambrogio, bowled at Harley's Simi Bowl with the lights off, stuffed myself with a huge, delicious omelet made by Richard Goldner & Crew, drank some great wine laid out by Judy Brayman, munched on a juicy steak prepared by Chet Kozlowski & Crew, had fun bidding on great auction items, and got my car washed by the Junior Elks. Whew! Are you ready for more?

Here are my April functions that you don't want to miss:

April 3rd, Saturday Rummage Sale and BBQ at our Lodge.

Rummage Sale is from 8am - 3pm. You may bring your "treasures" to the Lodge starting April 1st. So, start digging through your "stuff" and help us win!! Don't forget that we will be serving the famous T.O. Elks Lodge BBQ Sandwich!!

April 8th, Thursday Jail & Bail at the Oaks Mall from 3pm - 7pm.

Come see your friends "locked up" in the Conejo Valley

Days Maximum Appreciation Facility. You will be surprised what people will do for a little more bail money!!

April 17th, Saturday Calamity Annie's Multi-Game Day Extravaganza at our Lodge.

Bunko Tournament, Pool Tournament, Mexican Horse-shoe Tournament, Mega-Touch Tournament, Video Golf Tournament, and more. Time: 4pm-10pm?? All games will be played most of the day and evening, so look for the flyer or call for details for what time suits your schedule. Dinner will be available starting at 6pm until sold out for \$10. So, you can come early-leave early, come early-leave late, just come on down!! Prizes, Raffles, and a lot of Fun!!

April 19th, Monday Calamity Annie's CVD Golf Tournament

Tierra Rejada Golf Course in Moorpark. Dinner, Trophies, & Prizes back at our Lodge.

This is a Texas Scramble Tournament so you don't have to be a pro! Check in at 12 Noon, 1pm Shotgun Start. \$110 per player.

April 23rd, Friday Final Countdown for CVD Grand Marshal Race

Goebel Senior Adult Center 7pm - 11pm. Come for the fun and help us win!!! CVD Grand Marshal will be announced at the end of the evening.

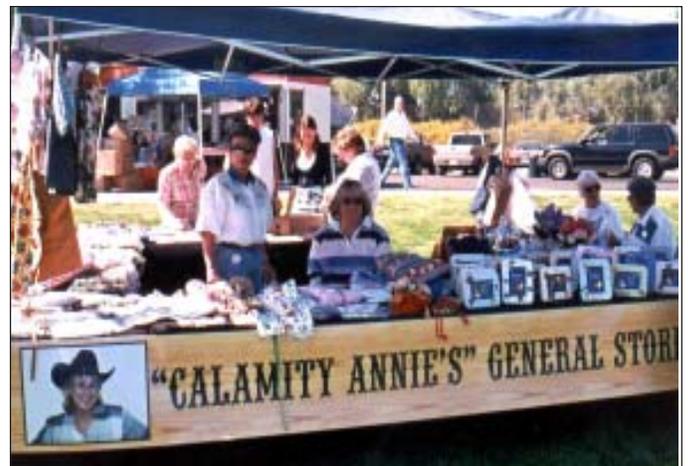
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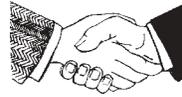
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David Pearson

Thank you all again for your continued support. I hope to see you all at my April functions. I guarantee you a lot of fun and laughter with charity being the biggest winner.

"Calamity Annie" Pearso





**WELCOME ABOARD  
OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Jay Block, Leading Knight and Com. of X-mas Baskets welcomed toys from Jack Lynn Sawyer, Pres. of Conejo Valley Legal Secretaries**



**PER's conducted a very fine initiation of our new members Robert Bell and Judi Palmquist**



**Richard Goldner, CHEA Public Relations Chairman, Doug Larsen, State President, John Holt, Past State President and Bill Lloyd, District Leader at the Corona States Presidents visitation**



**Judi Palmquist with Gary Erlander standing in for sponsor Jim Kellogg who was ill**



**Ken and Rosemary Moore, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Elaine and Richard Goldner, CHEA Public Relations Chairman at the Corona States Presidents visitation**



**Robert Bell with sponsor Herb Jellander**

**GARY WEEKS, EAGLE SCOUT**

A Court of Honor was held for Gary Weeks, Eagle Scout at the Rockwell Science Center in Thousand Oaks. Gary now joins his father, brother Ryan, and two uncles who are also Eagle Scouts. The invocation was given by Gary's Pastor and over 100 family, scouts, and friends were in attendance.

Gary is a member of Boy Scout Troop 754 which the Thousand Oaks Elks #2477 sponsors. He completed his Eagle Scout Service Project by refurbishing the Field House Locker room at Newbury Park High School. Gary's project included 28 scouts, youth and adults working a total of 172 volunteer hours over 3 separate workdays in August 2002. His team repaired holes in the walls, repainted damaged doors and installed kick plates and door bumpers as well as reinforced many areas that were water-damaged. A special thanks to Gary's uncle Darryl Weeks for his technical assistance and to Larry Winter for his support in obtaining a \$500 grant through Thrivent Financial's "RespectTeem" program.

Brother Bart Vanderlip represented Elks Lodge #2477 in presenting Gary with an American Flag and a plaque honoring him for his achievement.



**Eagle Scout Gary Weeks is presented with An American Flag and an Elk Plaque By Bro. Bart Vanderlip at a Court of Honor for his achievement in scouting**



**As Melanie Sugarbaker I would like to thank Carol & Karen for asking me to be apart of the Murder Mystery cast. By the way I came back to life and my dancing**



***New Facilities***

This is the first of a monthly series of updates on the status of our New Facilities project. I am hoping that before long there will be a ground breaking and then every member will be able to see the progress when they drive by the lodge.

The date of the ground breaking is completely dependent upon our members and the sale of our bonds. For those of you that have already purchased your bonds in support of this project, thank you very much. For those of you that haven't but intend to, please do not hesitate. For those of you that are skeptical, please read on.

The preliminary estimates we used to come up with the projected building costs were not just numbers we pulled out of the air. Construction professionals such as Valley Commercial Construction, Blois Construction, Nye Nelson and The City of Thousand Oaks were asked to put together a rough estimate to determine what amount of money would be needed to build a 10,000 square foot building similar to the Glendale and Burbank Elks Lodges. These numbers are available for anyone to see that so desires. From this, numbers were revised upward to allow for inflation. The final amount calculated is just slightly less than \$1,000,000. This will not build us the Taj Mahal but it will allow us to have a reasonably sized facility with moderate interior improvements.

Although the bonds are non-maturing, it is to the lodge's advantage to retire them as income will allow. Our bond committee is working with 2 models for paying back the bonds; one system to pay the bonds back in 20 years or another model for 30 years. The bonds being sold are of a combined value less than that our current debt free property. This should give everyone that is purchasing a bond a sense of security.

Should the lodge ever fail financially during the life of these bonds, Grand Lodge would come in and pay off the bonds with the sale of the lodge assets which include the land that the lodge is sitting on.

At this point, we are receiving bond applications almost daily. As I stated above, the starting date of the actual lodge construction depends upon our members' participation in the bond issue. A Pre-Construction permit has been filed with the City of Thousand Oaks. When that is approved and we are within sight of our financial goal, we will begin the processes of securing an actual building permit.

Please stay tuned. This is our best shot ever at having a new lodge building, one that will reflect the generosity and enthusiasm of or lodge membership.

Greg Metzgas, PER

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> Karen Naccarato	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Alice Kennedy <b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Carol Neuner <b>3RD VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Jeri Miller <b>SECRETARY:</b> <b>TREASURER:</b> Donna Hardy <b>AUDITOR:</b> Kathy Ryder <b>TELEPHONE:</b> Patti Serota		<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> Myrna Block <b>CHAPLAIN:</b> Marilyn Cissell <b>MAJOR PROJECTS:</b>  <b>CVD:</b> Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell <b>HISTORIAN:</b> <b>SUNSHINE:</b> Shirley Kozlowski

**Farewell is such sweet sorrow:**

I would like to thank all of you that have come to the meetings, helped with decorations, worked the gates (in the rain) at Conejo Valley Days, cooked so many wonderful dishes (and you sure can cook) and brought all the baked goods this past year. You are amazing! I don't think there is another group that has done such a terrific job (even at the drop of a hat). I don't think that you can be thanked enough. So for all of you, THANK YOU!!!

Our group is only as good as the individuals that comprise it: and that's why we have such a terrific group!

The new officers for the coming year are:

- Karen Naccarato President
- Alice Kennedy 1st Vice President
- Carol Neuner 2nd Vice President
- Jeri Miller 3rd Vice President
- Donna Hardy Treasurer

As always, I wish you well and May God Bless.

Alice Kennedy



**Myrna Block passes the gavel to new incoming Elks Ladies President, Karen Naccarato**



**BY THE HAND OF GOD**  
Marilyn Cissell

**You always know what's best for us.  
Why do we struggle on our own?  
Our choices, God, you freely give,  
decisions can't be made alone.**

**More often than we realize,  
We think we have that perfect plan.  
Amazing obstacles occur  
to block us by your unseen hand.**

**Amen**



**APRIL**

- 2. Nancy Holton
- 8. Madeleine Brockwell
- 14. Elverna McNaboe
- 15. Mertice Nichols
- 15. Roxanne Horning
- 21. Theresa Kingsland

## HONOR ROLL



- Scott Dool
- Greg Metzgus, ER
- Bryan & Catherine Crawford
- Tim & Nicole Kalowski
- Marion Baker
- Philip Ward
- Richard Goldner, PER
- Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL
- Gil Riding, PER
- Jay Block
- Friday Dinner
- Armando Cid
- IB Jenson
- Patrick Lynch
- Don allen
- Al McCloud
- George Villamore
- Patrick Flowers
- Floyd Lindquist
- Michael Markey
- Robert Williams
- Richard Rogge
- Dick McCann



## APRIL

- |    |                 |     |                    |     |                 |
|----|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 2. | Greg Metzgus    | 10. | Robert Foley       | 24. | Wallace Boggess |
| 3. | Leo Rodriquez   | 13. | Ray Taylor         | 25. | Steve Chiszar   |
| 4. | Roman Perrotta  |     | Jim Hamilton       |     | Alfred Battles  |
| 5. | Peter Ingolia   |     | Steve Smith        |     | Michael Vince   |
| 6. | Henry Vega      | 14. | Jim Beaty          | 28. | Jerry Case      |
|    | Roger Mortenson | 16. | Richard Dahse      |     | John Ferrie     |
| 7. | Joe Urbina      |     | Chuck Busch        |     | Gordon Reed     |
| 9. | Ken Krabel      | 19. | Mitch Strunk       | 29. | Anthony Myszka  |
|    | Neils Glickman  | 20. | Bill McKenna       |     | Jim Basile      |
|    |                 | 22. | Richard DeLorenzis | 30. | Dick Conant     |
|    |                 |     | Jeff Harriott      |     | Harold Calvin   |
|    |                 |     | Harris Wasser      |     |                 |
|    |                 |     | Frank Pavone       |     |                 |

## FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON

Date: April 14, 2004

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|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| John Good          | V.P. Drum Workshop Inc.  | F. Terry Baker       |
| Deborah Clingan    | Administrative Assistant | Boyd Lindquist       |
| Joe Clancy         | Construction Operator    | Jim Wagner           |
| Gerald Feldman     | Retired                  | David Naccarato      |
| Holly Lore         | Retired                  | Chuck Busch          |
| Alton Dean Nash    | Retired                  | Jim Wallace, PER     |
| Kevin Gullick      | Carpet Cleaner           | Bob Hardy, PER       |
| Katherine Burns    | Bar Server               | Pete Jackson         |
| James Andrews      | Retired                  | Pete Padilla         |
| Carol Jean Stewart | Sales                    | Abe Gamble           |
| Pearl Gibbs        | Retired                  | Tom Klomparens       |
| C. George Wolters  | Retired                  | Tom Bolton           |
| Denis Douchette    | Buisness Owner           | Reinstatement        |
|                    | Douchette Security       |                      |
| Ken Carroll        | Coach/Security Officer   | John D'Ambrogio, PER |
| Caren Longson      | Project Manager,         | Jack Malone          |
|                    | Teradyne Inc.            |                      |
| Wendell Oxford     | Owner, Thousand Oaks     | Pete Jackson         |
|                    | Meat Locker              |                      |

## CRYING TOWEL



- |          |    |             |        |               |
|----------|----|-------------|--------|---------------|
| February | 4  | \$350.00    | #1807  | Frank Mancuso |
| Lucky 13 |    | No Winner   |        |               |
| February | 11 | \$375.00    | #1018  | John Miller   |
| Lucky 13 |    | Gary Erland | WINNER |               |
| February | 18 | \$400.00    | #1278  | James Rapp    |
| Lucky 13 |    | No Winner   |        |               |
| February | 25 | \$425.00    | #1237  | Douglas Ross  |
| Lucky 13 |    | No Winner   |        |               |

## BAR MANAGERS CORNER

Judy Brayman



As Ms. Melanie Sugarbaker I would like to thank Carol & Karen for asking me to be apart of their Murder Mystery cast. By the way I came back to life and my dancing improved I may be going on to

Broadway & it all started with Ashley's poem "Stump the Oranges Stump the Grapefruit".

I hope everyone who participated in my wine tasting event enjoyed tasting the variety of selections provided to him or her that evening. With everyone voting on their favorite wine I will carry the top three that received the most votes. Good luck to all of you and look for our new wine list soon.

St Paddy's Day whow! I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner and the entertainment I especially would like to thank Catherine for sharing her lovely voice with us, Catherine you sing like an angel. And what about Sally & Jack they dressed for the day and served up some pretty fine coffee drinks, thank you both for making the day even better. While I can't forget Mr. Tom Ryder & Bruce Fitzpatrick for cooking up the main coarse and Ms. Vicky for the Irish soda bread thank you, thank you, thank you. I can't wait until next year!

Now for some new news I'm getting closer to finding a cook to start serving lunches at the lodge. I am working on a menu and getting everything in order. When we start to serve lunches I will be serving on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.

Look for our new suggestion box by the jukebox please fill it up with your idea's you know what they say. "I'm open for suggestions"

We have started two pool tournaments one on Monday & one on Tuesday evening. Everyone is welcome to sign up and enjoy the fun we start at 6:00 p.m. Not everyone has to start at 6:00 p.m. so don't let the time stop you from joining. Glenn will be organizing the tournaments so if you have any questions please call Glenn at the lounge. I would like to introduce Glenn to you if you haven't meant him yet. Glenn is our new bartender he comes to us with a lot of experience. Glenn has been a bartender for over 16 years he bartended for 9 years in Vegas and 7 years in Ventura County. On his first day believe it or not he had eleven visitors visiting him in the lounge and all of them accept our invitation to become members they will be joining us sometime in May. I have hired a new little lady to help us out bartending on our busy nights some of you already met her but let me tell you a little something about her. Her name is Erin and she is completing her college degree in environmental biology she hopes to return to Washington State and further her career there working with the Fishing Environmental Department.

Some of you may have seen my picture hanging on the wall at the lodge. If you have then you know I may be



When our Elks Lodge says lets get cookin' our members roll up their collective sleeves to get the job done. CVD Kickoff Picnic'04



Heaather Maddox and Bob Neuner accept on behalf of the Jr. Elks, the Presidents Century Club Certificate for their donation of \$100 to the Major Project

put in jail and I need to raise bail to get myself out. Yep! you've guessed it I'm helping our Calamity Annie with Jail-N-Bail. You can donate to get me out or as some are doing they are paying to keep me in (now that's not very nice of them is it.) Locking up the Bar Manager. Help! If you would like to donate to my cause come in and see me in the lounge or just come in to visit that's okay too.

Now for some serious business regarding our credit card policy we are asking everyone who would like to run a tab to leave with the bartender a credit card. Some exceptions will be allowed we are trying to prevent leaving open tabs at the end of the night by forgetting to pay. We would like all daily sales to be paid per day in order to keep the bar sales recorded correctly on the same day that the tab was opened. We do not want to offend anyone by asking for a credit card so please accept our apology if we have offended anyone. If you leave a tab open more then three times you will have 2 options:

1. Pay as you go (Cash or Check)
2. Leave a Credit Card with the bartender.

You know what they say "Don't leave home with out it" well our motto is

" Don't leave without paying".

The office staff and myself would like to thank you for your understanding on this issue, Thank You!

And with that I will say goodbye and see you soon.

## PIN NIGHT

### 5 YEARS

Dennis Anderson  
 Jay Block  
 Tom Bolton  
 Jack Carter  
 Richard Case  
 Jeff Drake  
 Mike Ferragamo  
 Bruce Fitzpatrick  
 Patrick Flowers  
 Ronald Guy  
 John Heaton  
 Michael Idol  
 Pete Jackson  
 Howard Johnson  
 Daniel Kozlowski  
 Steven Kozlowski  
 Joe LeFlore  
 William McKenna  
 Heather Maddox  
 Leo Massicotte  
 Chris Meske  
 Jack Murray  
 Jerald Olson  
 Jim Rochford  
 Larry J.R. Savokinas  
 Lawrence Savokinas, Sr  
 Lee Westenhiser  
 Louis Wolff

### 10 YEARS

James C. Allen  
 Terry Baker  
 Carlos Carbajal  
 Jeffrey Eichel  
 Joel Erickson  
 Richard L. Goldner  
 Tom Hartin  
 Rusty Kennedy  
 Kenneth Kenyon  
 Ron Maddox  
 Jack Panczak  
 Jim Porter  
 Charles Rees  
 Bill von Wittenburg

### 15 YEARS

Robert Cooper  
 Neils Glickman  
 Dale Haas  
 Kirk Keeler  
 Richard McDonald  
 Al McLoud  
 Charles Maslin  
 Robert R. Jones  
 Bill Moran  
 Peter Padilla  
 Joseph Palmintiero

Paul Rambacher  
 William Rodarme  
 Greg Ryder  
 Rolla Thompson  
 Joe Urbina  
 Donald Woodford  
 Alex Work

### 20 YEARS

Don Ansell  
 Joseph Blum  
 John Conn  
 Donald Dittman  
 Earl Dyer  
 Elmer Johnson  
 Timothy Kelly  
 Chuck Morsa  
 Arthur Robitaille  
 Richard Smith

### 25 YEARS

Brian Boals  
 Ron Collins  
 Virgil Craig  
 Larry Deeder  
 Ray Hinton  
 Leo Larnbert  
 Bill Lloyd  
 Michael O'Kelly  
 Jerry Risvold  
 LeRoy Russell

### 30 YEARS

William Allinson  
 William Cairns  
 Anthony Gambino  
 Clifford Jones  
 Kenneth Maurer  
 Jay Schmidt

### 35 YEARS

Larry Pile

### 45 YEARS

David Burrows



### DDGER Visitation Schedule to WCCD Lodges (Initiation Req'd?):

Location	Day	Date
Paso Robles #2364	Wednesday	20 Oct
Atascadero #2733	Thursday	26 Aug
Oceano-Five Cities #2504	Tuesday	27 Jul
Ventura #1430	Thursday	29 Jul
Simi Valley #2492	Tuesday	26 Oct
Santa Maria #1538	Thursday	23 Sep
Lompoc #2274	Tuesday	28 Sep
Oxnard #1443	Thursday	16 Aug
Santa Barbara #613	Tuesday	24 Aug
Santa Ynez #2640	Thursday	16 Sep
Thousand Oaks #2477	Wednesday	27 Oct
Homecoming	Saturday	30 Oct



## POETS CORNER

Ken Muellerlelei

Calamity Annie

Everyone has heard of  
Annie Oakley of the west,  
she took the west by storm  
with a gun, she was the best.

Then there was another  
her name was Calamity Jane  
unlike Annie Oakley  
she wanted just the fame.

Now there is one with zest  
by the name of Calamity Annie,  
she also lives out in the west  
part of the Conejo Valley.

She was asked run for Sheriff  
by the Elks lodge as a contender,  
Vie for the post of Grand Marshal  
for this honor she did endeavor

She did accept the challenge  
and thats a little story.  
She strapped on her 6 shooter  
and the rest is history.

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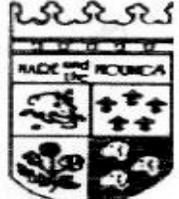
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