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Terry Baker
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RICHARD L. "DICK" MCDONALD CHEA PRESIDENT 2013-2014

Dick was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He lived in Iowa until age 13 at which time the family moved to Pittsburg, California.

Dick was invited to join Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 in 1983 and started in the chairs as Esquire in 1984-1985. Progressing through the chairs, Dick served as Exalted Ruler in 1988-1989. Dick served as lodge Secretary, 2 terms as lodge Trustee, lodge Ritual coach for 16 years, and on almost every committee in the lodge including the new building committee. Dick is an Honorary Life Member of Pittsburg Lodge.

Dick has served the Central District as Scholarship, Membership, Lodge Activities, Americanism, Drug Awareness and Ritual Contest Chairman. In 1993-1994 Dick served as Auditor for the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Dick has served as President and Vice President of Central District Jamboree Association and President of the Central District Past Exalted Rulers Association.

Dick served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Central District Association Vice President in 1999-2000, CHEA Americanism chairman 2004-2006, CHEA Board of Trustees 2006-2009, the last two years as Chairman of the Board, 2009-2010 as CHEA Assistant Tiler and 2011-2013 as First Vice President of the California-Hawaiian Elks Association.

Dick also served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2002-2003. In 2005-2006 Dick served as Administrative Assistant to the Grand Exalted Ruler. In 2010-2011 Dick was appointed to the Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee.

Dick graduated from Pittsburg High School, attended Diablo Valley College after high school and later attended Los Medanos College studying Business Management.

Dick served his Country in the U.S. Army and the California National Guard. Dick belongs to SIRS "Sons in Retirement" and ARNAMA a Veterans organization. Dick was employed by a large paper manufacturing corporation for 35 years. When his division transferred to Wisconsin Dick retired and started his own business.

Dick met his wife Claudette in high school. They were married shortly after Claudette's graduation and have been married 50 years. They have 2 children a daughter Lisa and Son Richard. They have 6 Grandchildren, 3 boys and 3 girls and 5 Great grandchildren, 3 boys and 2 girls.

Dick's interests now are his grandchildren and family, Elks, travel and golf, which he's the first to admit that he's not very good at but loves the game



EXALTED RULER
Terry Baker



Boy, it's been a hot summer. I stopped by the lodge on Saturday to see the PER Association take their turn at BBQing at the lodge. I noticed they brought in some young talent because the PERs are getting up there. Ever see that T-shirt that reads "Old Guys Rule" well at the end of the day the old guys were still standing and the young-ins were passed out from the heat. In my 20 years as an Elk here at #2477 there is not much I have not done. You also have heard the old saying "Those who can do those who can't teach". I've worked many a BBQ with it over 100 degrees.

Everyone has their way of cooking so I'm going to give you mine that your back yard BBQ will be the best ever. Of course you can pick up a phone and order your BBQ here at the lodge (on Saturday). If you want to brave the temperatures and risk burning your fingers follow these special tips. Also my good friend Bobby Flay borrowed these tips from me. In fact he called me one day and asked what I was doing. I said I'm out back BBQing and kicking back. He said "Chill in" I said yeah Chill-in and Grill-in. Next thing I know on Food Network Bobby has a show "Chill-in and Grill-in". I'm still waiting for my royalty checks. How long does that take?

Anyways when you BBQ number one rule is DON'T over flip. Let the grill do its job. Put the food on the grille and leave it alone. Flip it only once, and let it crust up on the other side. Number two rule, is when making burgers DON'T press your patties. It's tempting to squish down a swelling burger but that allows juices to escape. Juices are good. Third rule DON'T smear on the sauce. Saucing too early you have a chance of burning and imparting an unpleasant acrid flavor to your food. Wait until the end to brush it on.

If you like to BBQ your veggies don't cut them too small or you'll lose them through the grating. Slice your veggies in half, rub a little corn oil and plunk them down flesh side down. Fourth rule DO coddle your chicken. Cook chicken with skin on, bone in over low-medium heat. Cook skin down 20 -25 minutes before turning and shifting to indirect heat. Cover the grill and let it work as an oven you'll get perfect chicken every time. There you go that's my input have a good BBQ. I have to get ready for the Vice Presidents visitation and the Grand Lodge Convention. I'll let you know how they went next month.



CHARITY



LEADING KNIGHT
Dan Martyn



It's August already, and before we know it we will be up to our necks in year end planning. As I mentioned in last month's article, we have started to raise funds for our annual charity basket program, and we will continue monthly 50-50's to support this project. Please note that our annual Charity Ball will take place on Saturday, October 26, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

As some of you are aware, we adopted a new meeting format that greatly reduces the length of our regular Wednesday night meetings. Even with the occasional bloviating that occurs, our regular Wednesday night meetings have taken about an hour or so to complete. Attendance at meetings, however, is extremely disappointing, given the efforts to shorten the time involved. Just as disappointing is the lack of support for our kitchen volunteers who prepare some very fine Wednesday night dinners. If you want to stay in touch with what's happening or not happening at the Lodge, come out on a Wednesday night and join us. You may be surprised to find that our meetings are both informative and fun.

Finally, I would like to bring you up to date on Lodge renovations. As you are aware, over the last two years we have completed a new ladies restroom and BBQ room, and renovated the Lodge room and anteroom. As Lodge Renovations chair, I have been asked regularly when we plan to renovate the lounge. The answer is: soon. We expect to have an initial renovation plan shortly which will be reviewed by our Renovation Committee and then presented to the Trustees and House Committee members for input, along with a budget and funding plan. This will be followed by a presentation to the membership for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting.

I expect that the proposal to renovate the lounge will be met with some degree of resistance, but I strongly believe that improving our facility will support recruitment of new members as well as make our Lodge more enjoyable for all members. Our goal here is to grow membership and revenue, which in turn will enable us to contribute more to our charities and our community, while enjoying fellowship with our members. And that, my friends, is what it's all about.



LOYAL KNIGHT

Jim Moye



If you are one of those who couldn't make it to the 4th of July pancake breakfast, make sure you put it on your calendar for next year because it was Great. Fantastic job Max. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make it a successful event. We need more ideas like this one to add to our lodge activities list. On the subject of food we had a fantastic VP visitation dinner provided by the kitchen team I call the JP's, Jim Porter and John Puckett. Good meeting and an excellent dinner.

I'm still looking for the next Iron Chef crews to provide culinary delights for Monday and Wednesday night dinners. Any interested members please contact me and I'll be more than happy to assist you in getting started. If you don't see me around, let Brook know and she will get the information to me.

As you know I'm always looking for new lodge activities. I have had several members suggest that we add a pool table to our array of gaming equipment. I'd also like to see Horse Shoes brought back. We could have some great tournaments down here.

We were going to begin the "Queen of Hearts" raffle this month but it has been put on hold until we can work out some of the issues with the game.

The EL Konejo Kampers are interested in adding new members. Starting in August on the last Sunday of the month we will be holding our meetings immediately following the Kampers breakfast, so come down for breakfast and sit in as a guest to see if you would be interested in joining in on the fun.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

We need foursomes for the GOLF TOURNAMENT to be held at Sunset Hills on September 16th. Get your teams together and let Dave Pearson know as soon as possible so we can confirm are date. If you need a team we can help put one together for you.

Power Dave's Bingo which is gaining recognition as one of the best with big \$\$ games in town is moving to the third Monday of the month in August so come on down and join in on the fun.

On a final note our quarterly blood drive was very successful. Many thanks to all of you who came down to donate and thanks to Grant Thistle for coordinating to effort. Remember "Elks Care Elks Share"



BROTHERLY LOVE



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



FUNDRAISING DINNER 4 FELLOW LODGE MEMBER

MIKE RAMIREZ

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

COCKTAILHOUR 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

DINNER PUT ON BY
TWO GUYS AND A LADY
WITH GUEST CHEF TOM CORRIGAN

Menu:

- *BOYD LINDQUIST'S
MOIST & TASTY PORK CHOPS**
- *KATHY MOYE'S
HAWAIIAN EYE COLE SLAW**
- *TOM CORRIGAN'S
HEAVENLY RICE PILAF**
- *TONY P. GOMES'
BEST BAKED BEANS**
- *DESSERT**

MIKE RAMIREZ SUFFERED THE TERRIBLE LOSS OF HIS SON LAST YEAR. HIS WIFE JAN IS ALSO ILL.

NOW MIKE HAS LEUKEMIA AND LUNG CANCER AND THE COUPLE IS FINANCIALLY STRAPPED.

50/50 TICKETS AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT FROM JESSICA STULL AND KAREN MARTYN

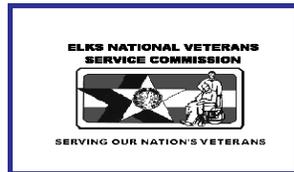
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(DONATIONS WELCOME IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND)

PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO MIKE AND HIS FAMILY

CALL LOUNGE FOR RESERVATIONS (805)496-4550

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Services
carlinfo@roadrunner.com



August 4, 1790 – U.S. Coast Guard established

August 7, 1782 – Purple Heart Medal established

August 14, 1945 – Japan Surrendered, ending WWII

August 16th – National Airborne Day

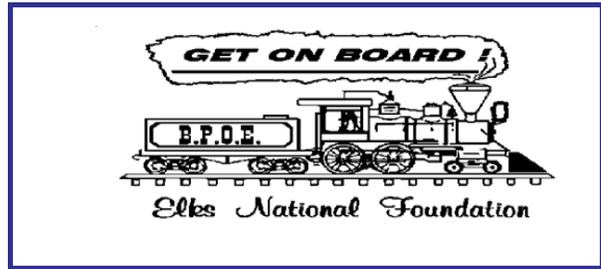
August 19th – National Aviation Day

With the calendar year a little more than half over, our members have already served more than 250 veterans with over \$2,000 in cash and non-cash contributions, about 250 hours of service accumulating over 4,000 miles on the road.

With the writing of this issue, the 21st annual Ventura County Standdown had not yet taken place, but was scheduled for July 26th – 28th at the National Guard Armory in Ventura. I will take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated clothing, shoes, food, water, and miscellaneous (including money) www.vcstanddown.com. Art Urbano and JB Bre have been instrumental in keeping our lodge among the leaders in providing all that we can to the efforts of the organizers of the standdown; Claire (Hope) Farmer and Cal Farmer. Their contribution over 21 years cannot be counted, but can only be felt by those who have served and those who have received those services. And let us not forget the efforts of Terry Gicking and Pat Von Wittenburg over the years, and Gerry Gillies for driving when needed. Thanks to all.

August has only the two regularly scheduled events; bingo (Sepulveda VA) and karaoke (CalVet Home) on the calendar. Feel free to join in, and provide assistance when asked.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THE VETERANS SERVICES OF THIS LODGE
And a SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VETERANS HELPING VETERANS!



Elks know how important it is to keep a promise. Community Investments Program Promise Grants help Lodges keep their word to build stronger communities by offering them a chance to be positive influences for local youth.

Look at how one Lodge kept its promise. Murphysboro, Ill., Lodge No. 572 used its Elks National Foundation Promise Grant to hold an Elks Fun Day for local families. To encourage productive lifestyles, Elks provided games and workshops that promoted healthy eating, exercise and neighborhood safety.

“The kids had fun participating in the activities,” says Project Manager Merle Evans. “Their parents had a great time seeing what the Elks do for the youth in the community.”

ENF Promise Grants are \$2,000 grants available to the first 500 Lodges that apply to hold an eligible youth project. Promise Grants motivate Elks to actively engage with youth through an event that builds the character and competence of local youth. Applications for 2013-14 Promise Grants are available starting July 1 at www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm.

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
 - * Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- * Holding Toys 4 Tots drive
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
 - *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- * Cooking for Brownilympics & Scouting Events
 - * Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- * Giving VFW free monthly meeting room
- * Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
 - * Providing meeting place for community clubs
 - * Preparing and delivering food baskets
 - * Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids
 - *Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Sept. 2-Labor Day/Lodge Picnic
Sept. 14- Mike Ramirez Fundraiser
Sept.-16-Golf Tournament
Sept.- Jr. PER Roast



Oct. 6-Day at the Races
Oct. 26- Charity Ball

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Dick Churik on the passing of his sister; Coleen Morris on the passing of her sister-in-law and Carol Stewart on the passing of her father

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free;; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Margaret Thornton; Mike Ramirez is at UCLA for cancer treatment

ON THE MEND: Joe Nemtusak from hip surgery

KATHY and TOM RYDER

**INVITE YOU TO A
CELEBRATION AND PARTY
AT THE ELKS LODGE**

SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 4th, 2013

FROM 4PM UNTIL ? ? ?

~ TO HELP CELEBRATE ~

**KATHY and TOM's
53rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

TOM's 80th BIRTHDAY

FOOD AND LIBATIONS

**NO SPEECHES ~ NO
PRESENTATIONS
NO GIFTS ~ FUNNY CARDS OK !**

ENTERTAINMENT



AUGUST 2-PIER 101

AUGUST 16-RUNAMUCKS



AUGUST 19TH 6 PM \$10 BUY IN

LABOR DAY

**LODGE PICNIC-TAILGATE PARTY
SEPT. 2ND
BBQ- MUSIC-CAR SHOW-
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CONTEST**



David Naccarato, PER



Back in 1917 when we entered WW1 the United States was poorly prepared to fight a war. The Army had no hospitals to care for mass casualties. Just like our namesake animal, Elks were not belligerent, but they defended and looked after their own. So at the Grand Lodge session in Boston, the Elks pledged a sum of one million dollars into the war relief fund.

One base hospital in France and one at the University of Oregon, the Elks bought the equipment and paid for these hospitals. The Elks built a 700-bed hospital for rehabilitation then built housing for the families of the men who were at the hospital. These hospitals soon became the first VA Administration This is the organization we belong too. 70,000 Elks joined the military. We lost 1,000 in WW1.

We the Elks were such a force to be reckoned with that in 1941 with our air power almost nonexistent the U.S. Government asked the Elks for help with the "Keep 'Em Flying" program by finding qualified candidates to enter the Aviation Cadet Training Course. More than 400 lodges conducted special refresher-course schools to assist recruits in passing the test required of the Aviation Cadet Training Course. At the end of 1941 and the attack on Pearl Harbor still fresh on everyone's mind, Grand Exalted Ruler, McClelland telegraphed President Roosevelt, who himself was a member of Poughkeepsie, New York lodge #275. McClelland told Roosevelt that the entire strength of the order was at the country's call. This is the organization you are a member of.

In his address to the Nation, Roosevelt mentioned the work of the Elks in national defense. A few days later the Elks War Commission came into existence. The Government's War Department asked the Elks to assist in recruiting 45,000 enlistees for the Air Corps ground crews. A few months later 97,000 skilled recruits were brought into the Air Corps to the astonishment and delight of the Army Adjutant General.

The Navy saw what we were doing for the Air Force and asked for help. The local lodges responded magnificently. This is what we belong too.

By 1949 the Order helped sell U.S. Savings Bonds in continuing programs. When the Korea conflict erupted in 1950 the government again asked the Order to help with collecting 3 million pints of blood for the wounded in the Far East. The Grand Exalted Ruler, Howard Davis, pledged one million pints from the Elks. The program was a success. By July 1952 the director of the National Blood campaign gave full credit to the Elks. The blood was used for the desperately wounded in Korea. This is why we are members.

From 1945 till now our Order's greatest work goes largely unheralded and unseen, except for the men and women whose lives

it touches. Elks now serve in Veterans' hospitals all over the United States with monthly visits and entertainment. We collect, repair and return usable items and equipment and distribute them to Veterans hospitals.

The Elks were responsible for the GI Bill. When the men came back from WWII with no skills the government would train them. But that did not include if the person was disabled. The Elks stepped in and loaned the GI money so that he would not think it was charity. When the loan was repaid we would loan it out again. The program was so successful the government took it over. This is the Elks we belong too.

Even now we collect and create packages and send to Afghanistan in our adopt-a-platoon program. This is what we are; this is what we do. Be proud and loud.

With the visit of our CHEA Vice President, James Smitley, he raised the issue of declining membership. To give you an idea about Elks, back in 1932 the Grand Lodge felt the impact of the depression and thousands of Elks were dropped from our rolls. We had 779,973 members in 1929 and by the end of 1936 our membership dropped to 466,520. However our charitable expenditures rose. In the world's darkest hours true nobility shines its brightest. By 1940 the Elks membership stood

THOUSAND OAKS FIRST



The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge held their first 4th of July pancake breakfast on; yes you guessed it the 4th. We had a large turn out with patriotic movies playing in the lodge room. The weather cooperated for outside seating. It was a brain child of Past Elk of the year Max Maxwell. He put key players in place and we never saw him again. In the kitchen we had Jim Moye, Mike Flannery, Sherri Jones, Jimmy Miller and Patti. At the cashier station was Pat Jellander and Christine Harrison. On waitress duty is a couple of the best looking waitresses around Kathy Moye and Jessica Stull and Carol Fredrick's. If the order was wrong who could get after them? Gerry Gillies was at the controls of the train with rides for the kids. I was at my table to answer any questions about Elks and run the movie. Very interesting. I learned some facts that I had never known-such as "No taxation without representation." Robert Jones was on hand in full Air-Force regalia. He could overhaul a B-52 with everything he carries in his breast pocket. It was a bargain and a good time. Thank you to those who supported our efforts

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

is pleased to announce *Sunday at the Races*

October 6, 2013



Itinerary

- Depart Thousand Oaks Lodge 10:30a.m.
- Arrive at Santa Anita Park no later than Noon
- 1st Post is 1:00p.m.
- Depart Santa Anita Park at 4:30p.m...ish
- Spaghetti Dinner at the Lodge 6:00p.m.

We will be seated in the Clubhouse Terrace, which includes a gourmet buffet.

Cost is \$78.00 per person, which includes round-trip bus ride, admission to the park, racing program, lunch in the Clubhouse Terrace and spaghetti dinner at the lodge upon our return.

Also included are complementary Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Beer, wine, soda and water *while on the bus.*

Deadline for sign-up is August 15th. All money is due no later than August 30th. **No Refunds** after August 30th.

Sign-up sheet is behind the bar.

Any questions call **Steve Smith 805-857-9789** or email him at smithlasdret@gmail.com.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE visit our website for more pictures-www.elks2477.com

It has been a long-time tradition to give the West Central Coast District Exalted Rulers a proper send off before traveling to Grand Lodge Convention. In keeping with that tradition the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge PER Association hosted yet another annual "ER Going Away Party".

Because the venue for the 2013 Grand Lodge convention is Reno, Nevada, the theme for the party was a Casino Night. Also, in the tradition of PER events, a horse race was held which involved the visiting ERs



First Lady, Sharon and Jean Miraglia enjoying the craps table



ERs are at the gate



Who is that person with Brooke and Julie?



Anyone for 21?

This 4th of July the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 served a pancake breakfast not only to members, but to the public as well. Well over 100 breakfasts were served. Children in attendance were treated to rides on the Elk Train engineered by Gerry Gillis.

The public was made aware of the breakfast via announcements in the Thousand Oaks Star and the Acorn thanks to Lynn Rodriguez. The photographs of the event were captured by Jill Williams.



Jim Miller & Sherri Jones flipping pancakes



Train rides for all



Mary & Steve Woodlief enjoying the meal



Satisfied customers

Elk Ladies Fete Fathers with a Brunch



Duke Kopacz & family



Ken Krabel and family



3 generations of dads



Elk Ladies serving

Donating Means Different Things to Different People

. It seems everyone has their hand out and it gets old, real fast. But as Elks it's different. We are different. Just for example (I hope he won't get mad at me) we had a going away party for the Exalted Rulers in our district. We held a Monte Carlo Casino Party and played games that would be played in Reno We don't have enough PERs to cover all the tables so Tiler Greg Miraglia volunteered to run the craps table for me. Greg still bought \$40.00 in chips knowing he would not be able to play. The money raised went to our Frank Rindone Scholarship Fund. That's our motto "Elks Care Elks Share."

We also had an opportunity to help out the Catholic Church where quite a few of our members belong. They were having a Trip to Hawaii. To help them sell tickets they asked us and other non-profit organizations to help sell tickets. And they would donate half back to us. Plus they have a nice basketball court that they will allow us to use for our Hoop-Shoot. I want to recognize those who helped us in the Hawaiian trip ticket sales: **Jay & Myrna Block, Arthur & Shar Urabano, Steve Finnerty, Patti Harrod, Lynn Rodriguez, Tom & Marlene Walsh, Dan & Karen Martyn, Bobby Williams, Tommy Tyler, Coleen Morris, David & Karen Naccarato, Gerry Gillies and Rick Herrera.** Thank you and good luck. Someone has to win.

Sure if it's a charitable gift you can write it off on your taxes. If you are getting something for it, you cannot. With the Elks only ENF and CHEA are 501c(3) and are tax deductible. Donating is not seeing what can I get out of it. Someone always is having a 50/50 or a drawing of some type. You can't buy them all but participating in some is what we do.

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

Disabled Vets Sail Day 2013 -Carol Fredericks

On Sunday July 14th, those from the Lodge that went out for the day to help were Sam and Annie Frankl, Jim and Claudia McHale, Jerry Feldman, Dick McCann, Dave Anderson who took two vets with him on his boat "Vamoose" and me. Anacapa Yacht Club sponsored the event and they were thrilled that they had 130 vets and spouses and 28 boats!. Jersey Mike's provided sub sandwiches for all- It was a glorious sailing day and was truly a wonderful event.

(L-R) Carol Fredericks, Jerry Feldman, Dave Anderson, Dick McCann, Annie Frankl, Jim McHale and Sam Frankl



PLEASE MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE LOUNGE 496-4550 OR WITH ANY BARTENDER



LINDQUIST & GOMES
\$10
MOIST & TASTY

BY PIER 101 

JIM MILLER
BEEF STROGANOFF
\$10



by Bennett's Bunch
AUGUST 16
\$8

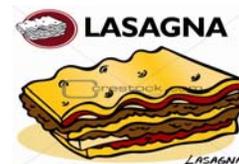


BY RUNAMUCKS

WAYNE LAFARR'S
MEXICAN FIESTA



STUFFED CHILIES
WITH SIDES
\$8



BY STEVE SMITH
\$8

BINGO

It was a second month in a row of record breaking attendance at Monday night **Bingo**. And again hundreds of dollars were returned to the players and of course our state association Major Project came out ahead. Last year our lodge was able to donate over \$12,000 and Bingo players participation is a part of that figure. We were still lacking on our members from our Elks Lodge West (i.e. Thunderbird Mobile Home Park). Two of my faithful players from there were here for my game but went away empty handed, **BUT** everyone who came to play received information on receiving a free 7-11 Slurpee.

You never know what's going to happen at **Dave's Power Bingo**. We are not just calling numbers. Last month winners received a kiss from me (Hershey's) this month Slurpee's. Next month who knows you will have to show up to find out. Now that brings me to this that in **August** we will be playing on the **3rd, THIRD, III Monday** which is the **19Th. Pati Harrod** who acted as my **Vanna White** to help you keep track of the numbers being called will be cooking dinner for you. For you hearty diners she will be serving Pasta with Italian sausage. For you lite eaters she will also have chicken Cesar salad. Dinner will be ready at **5:00** and Bingo will start at **6:00**. We try to play a maximum of 10 games at a buy in of \$10.00. 20% comes off the top for the State Major Project. Sometimes I hold back 10% to pay for new paper but the last two times everyone was having fun I just used that money to call another game. This game in July, **Paula Williams** was the big winner. Not to give away how much money she won but she could now afford to put the down payment on our new lodge building. Last month's winner Shar Urabano went home empty handed except for the Slurpee. Robert Arbetman visited us from Lancaster and won back his entry fee. New member John Otte won a game and when I gave a short bio on him he had known Bob Arbetman back when they both owned Union 76 gas stations. They stuck around a while when the game was over and talked shop. You never know what can happen at a **Power Dave Bingo game**



L to R Bob Arbetman, Christine Harris, John Otte, Paula Williams (who won 5 games) and her hubby Bobby Williams



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If you are at all engaged on the internet please visit the website listed above. It is yours. This site is where we try to keep you up to date on what has taken place at your lodge and by your fellow members within our surrounding communities. It is also a source of reference on what your lodge is planning in the immediate future with a calendar and other Blog announcements.

No one can be everywhere all of the time. However, many of us are somewhere at some time. There are often one or two or three of us who have "Smart Phones". That usually means someone can capture highlights of a significant event either as a photograph or video on the fly. When that happens during a lodge event please take the time to forward it to elks2477@gmail.com and chances are you will soon see it posted on our Blog. Once it is posted, it will immediately migrate to the lodge Facebook and Twitter social sites.

Navigating the new trend of social sites can be a pain in "the you know what." Nonetheless, I think it's here to stay. If you Tweet on Twitter, follow us by using "@1KOaksElks2477".

If you use Facebook, it is easy to find us by referencing elks2477@gmail.com otherwise search "Thousand-Oaks Elks Lodge" and friend us on Facebook. The key in this search is remembering to type the "-" between Thousand and Oaks. There is an existing but outdated Facebook page without the "-" and does not receive our website Blog posts nor has it been maintained since December 31, 2012.

I hope this helps you be in touch, stay in touch and always be informed of the activities of your Thousand Oaks ElksLodge #2477.

Fraternally, Steve Smith, PER

Sunday at the Races

Several years ago the Elks Ladies organized an event that was a bus trip to Santa Anita Race Track or as it is now called Santa Anita Park. It was a fun time to spend with members as well as friends who were non-Elks. Sally Claunch, and Annie Pearson and other Elks Ladies created an event that was not only an excursion, but a fun and frolicking experience as well.

Those were days gone by. However, we still have days ahead. Inserted in this issue of the August Antlers is a flyer. One announces **Sunday at the Races** that will be at Santa Anita Park on October 6th.

We have embarked on these trips in the past and have some crazy stories of yore to tell. I hope you will join us on this journey and maybe create legendary tales worthy of reminiscing with others in the future.

Fraternally, Steve Smith, PER

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

STUCK IN THE MUD

By Beverly Erickson

Another small kampout with only five rigs in attendance. The Erickson's and the Nemtusak's were the only ones to arrive on Thursday. The Moye's needed to wait until Friday because their granddaughter, Madison Moye, was being promoted from the 8th grade. Thursday evening the four of us had a wonderful dinner at La Cubana, our favorite Mexican restaurant in the area.

Friday morning Joel and I left the campground early so we could attend the promotion ceremony for our grandson, Kevin Benton, from 8th grade. We had a family celebration that evening so spent the night at home.

Meanwhile back at the campground, the other three Kampers arrived (Collerans, Moyes and Sue Osgood). I heard that both Sue and her Scottie, Megan, were stung by Yellow Jackets. Not a happy experience.

Joe Nemtusak was scheduled for a hip replacement surgery the Wednesday following the kampout. This surgery was successful and Joe is on the mend. He was taking pills in preparation for surgery. From what I heard, Joe was in and out of la-la land. Everyone agreed it was a good thing that Joe doesn't drink. That evening around the kampfire, Joe put his foot too close to the fire and burned a hole in the bottom of his shoe and didn't even feel it.

Joel and I arrived back at the campground early Saturday morning in plenty of time for the brunch. Even with such a small group, we had all the bases covered: bacon, eggs, potatoes, fruit, pancakes and muffins. Yum!
Ed was lamenting the fact there weren't enough poker players. He used his persuasive skills (begging) to convince Joe to play. Things were fine until Joe noticed his coach wasn't level. He was parked so his jacks were on the grass instead of the site pad. The ground was wet and the coach was sinking – more on the driver's side than the passenger side. He worked at least an hour (with "help" from the peanut gallery) trying to lift the jacks. This was a no-go situation. He finally called AAA for help. When the AAA guy arrived he assessed the situation, tried several things and finally got half way under the coach and started digging at the hole with a claw hammer. He discovered that somehow the jack got wedged under a water pipe. He had Joe move the coach forward about two inches and then Joe was able to pull up the jacks. It left a hole about 8-10 inches deep on the left side and only two inches on the right side. Needless to say, that was several hours of entertainment for the rest of us! Not so good for Joe and Judy. Their free

VENTURA RANCH KOA



kampout (wagonmasters get free Friday and Saturday) only cost them \$160.00 (AAA) less the \$21.00 50/50 winnings.

While the guys were playing RV fix-it, Donna got her jigsaw puzzle board out. The puzzle she chose had about a bazillion pieces with lots of flags and balloons. We did manage to get quite a bit done.

The day ended with a lovely potluck dinner followed by a fire. What a wonderful bunch of people to spend a weekend with.

(photo: Joe "helping" the AAA guy)



UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

August 9-10 -Pt. Mugu
September 13-14- Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
October 11-12 - Flying Flags
November 7-8 -Kenney Grove
December 8- Annual Brunch- TO Elks Lodge



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Upcoming Ladies Events....Appreciation Luncheon (Expressions of Friendship) Saturday August 24th., look for your invitation in the mail.

A short note about our 50/50 raffle on fish fry night. Everyone is eligible to buy raffle tickets, even the person selling them. This shows that we are all supporting the Charity we are selling the tickets for- kitchen equipment

More abc's of Friendship:
Makes a difference in your life,
Never judges,
Offers support,
Picks you up

More from Webster's Dictionary
Psychiatrist...The next person you start talking to after you start talking to yourself.
Vegetarian... An old Indian word meaning "lousy hunter"
Myrna Block
2nd Vice President

WE GET LETTERS



One Job of being an Elk member is to reach out to the community. The ones who really appreciate it; the ones who appreciate it most take the time to send us a card to let us know. The ones that we received since the last Antler are printed here.

Dear Rick Herrera and the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for a lovely evening Friday May 10th and the scholarship money that the Elks were able to bestow upon such a grateful recipient! Pass along my thanks to the rest of the lodge as well. The Elk ladies made a delicious dinner. My future successes at UCLA and beyond would not be possible without your support. Thank you for everything you do. Natalie Green. Rick Herrera and Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, We want to thank Member Steve Kammerer for attending the Senior Awards assembly at Westlake High School. The recognition which you gave to Natalie was much appreciated by her as well as her family. Taking time out of your busy schedules to present the award to the student was the icing on the cake and made the award more memorable for the recipient. I know that reviewing and selecting final recipients was a difficult and lengthy process. Thank you for devoting the time to this task. I look forward to working with the Elks again next year! Rebecca Mertel, Westlake High School College and Career Specialist.

Dear David and the Elks Lodge, thank you so much for your water donation to our Junior Olympics swim meet. With your help and kindness we were able to keep everyone hydrated. We can't thank you enough. You are the best!!! Kit Cooke, Conejo / Simi Swim Club. Receiving cards and letters like this show us what we do is not in vain. This is why we are Elks. This is what we do and why we do it.

David Naccarato, PER, Secretary

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5th- Beth Kozlowski
9th- Niki Case
10th- Jeanne Sandt
16th- Faye Stevens
17th- Tina Dow
21st- Jean Kammerer
26th- Myrna Block
30th- Gladys Ennis



We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed.
filling a vessel drop by drop,
there is at last a drop which makes it run over, so in a series of kindnesses,
there is at last one which makes the heart run over.

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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT TICKETS: George Meehan
 MOTHER'S DAY: Karen Martyn
 SCOUTING: Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg
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the Lodge

Drop off at Wed. meetings
or at Sat. BBQ
by rear entrance to the bar
parking lot

Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items
for recycling.

for example:

- Milk bottles
- Engine oil bottles
- Plastic alcohol containers (IE Tequila)
- Medicine bottles
- Plastic cups
- Salad dressing containers
- Aluminum foil



Thank You for your continued support, Rick

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- June 5th capsule drawing \$275.00 Ronald Barron not present
Lucky 13 Bill Miller no winner
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