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Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith

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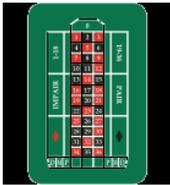
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AUGUST 27

**CASINO
NIGHT**

7 PM-10 PM

\$20



*includes hors d' oeuvres, \$200 Elks Money
Karaoke by Jimmy Miller*

50/50 drawing

**casino games-blackjack, roulette
craps and horseracing- hosted
by Power Dave Naccarato**



Prizes for top winners



fundraiser for ladies powder room

**EXALTED RULER****Steve Smith**

Were you there? Where? You ask... The Butt Stops Here of course. If you missed this event you missed out on a wonderful evening of wholesome entertainment. You also missed out on an outstanding meal as well. It was reminiscent of days gone by when our lodge was the focal point of fun and fellowship.

Thanks to Dave and Catherine for their fabulous production. Dave's daughter Fallon provided a lovely presence and performed graciously along with the other participants. Robert Jones put his karaoke equipment into service for the event. Catherine seemed to be in a constant wardrobe change while Terry Gicking and others made use of the various props provided to enhance the performances.

This event was just one of many planned by your Renovation Committee Chairman Dan Martyn. Although the attendance for the event was good and substantial funds were raised, the turn out could have been better. Dan is planning an Oktoberfest, a Halloween night and other events surely to be as fun and enjoyable as The Butt Stops Here. Please make it a priority to attend each of these fund raisers. Remember the funds raised at these events are for the renovation of *your* lodge beginning with the ladies restroom; a project long overdue.

At our first meeting in July our lodge was visited by Christine Moyers who is the State Vice President for the West Central Coast District. As part of her responsibilities she met with certain committee chairmen asking them to report on their progress and outlook for the future. I am pleased to report that she was very impressed with how well our chairmen continue to manage their committees and who many of them are striving to improve our presence in the community. I am truly grateful for their efforts.

Also part of Christine Moyers visitation was a special dinner. I would like to thank Tom Hartin, JB Bre, Terry Gicking, Rick Bennett and Ben Reiger for their efforts in preparing a wonderful meal. We also had help in the planning of this event. Our Protocol Chairperson Myrna Block, Cornelia Mehan, Kathy Ryder, and my wife Pam all pulled together along with June Leadam and her family to make the evening a success. And a special thanks to Grant Thistle for chauffeuring Christine to and from her hotel.

Looking forward! I want to remind all of you that our Laughlin Bus Trip is rapidly approaching. The dead line for ticket sales was July 22nd. At the time this article was written that date was still in the future. If all goes well we will have full bus of members and friends to join in the fun and "fun"d raising for Elks National Foundation. I need to make one change to the trip itinerary, and that is **we will be departing Sunday morning at 8:00am** rather than 10:00am. I was reminded that this was the departure time for previous Laughlin trips. I assure you this will in no way impede the flow of Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys

**LEADING KNIGHT****Leo Rodriguez**

Here we are, the month of August, more than ½ way through the 2011 year! Where does the time go? As the year continues forward, the Officer's are looking to bring new and exciting events so that we keep moving forward with growth of our income. We encourage all members to come to the Lodge and become an active Elk.

Dan Martyn has been given the duty of heading up the Ladies bathroom renovation. He has been doing a tremendous job and moving ahead to see the project come to fruition, with 4 contractors submitting bids and going to the House Committee. There have been several fundraisers planned for this project and we need all of our members to come and support this much needed improvement to our Lodge.

August 27	Casino Night and Karaoke
September 24	Oktoberfest
October 29	Halloween Party

One Last Dance is donating their time for this event.

On August 24th, Lance Erickson, the DDGER will be visiting our lodge. It would be great to have as many members there to greet him!

I have to mention again the 2012-2013 Officer Corp. We are looking for members who would like to get involved. It is a great way to become an active member and play a part in this wonderful organization. If you have any interest or questions with regards to what it entails in being an Officer, please don't hesitate to call me at 805-338-3195.

Another reminder that the Charity Ball, "*Black and White the sequel*" is October 22nd. This is our event to raise monies for our Christmas baskets for the community. We need all of our members to participate so we can continue our charity to those families within our community that are in need.

Sickness and Distress

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Chet Kozlowski and family for the passing of his wife Shirley. Nick Schiele and his family, for the passing of his son Vincent; the family of Bill vonWittenburg on his passing.

KEEPIN YOUR PRAYERS: Dee Swanson who is home recovering from back surgery.



LOYAL KNIGHT

TBA



LECTURING KNIGHT

TBA



To the Officers and Members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

In the last few weeks it has become very apparent that being an Elk Officer means being present, being “familiar” and being able to hear and see the things that are happening at the lodge. To lead by example.

Life circumstances, including work, has taken us some distance away to the Antelope Valley. As an end result of moving to Palmdale, the distance has precluded my regular physical presence. Additionally, consistent communication is primarily by word of mouth (need to be there to know what is going on).

All of this resulted in Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge having an ineffective Loyal Knight which it isn't good for, or fair to, the Lodge. So while I've already submitted the request for the Transfer Demit, I'm sending this in as my “formal” resignation as an Officer of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477.

Please know that I will continue to hold the Lodge and its members in highest regard and hope to see you in the future as I will always be involved in the world of Elkdom. May the principals of Brotherly Love, Justice, Fidelity and Charity always govern our actions and keep us moving forward in order to make this world a better place to live.

Sincerely, Kira Wagner

Editor's note: We wish the Wagners the best of success, luck, and happiness in their new location -Palmdale, CA.

Lance Erickson
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
West Central Coast District
2011-2012

**MEET OUR DDGER DURING HIS VISITATION
 TO OUR LODGE ON AUGUST 24TH**

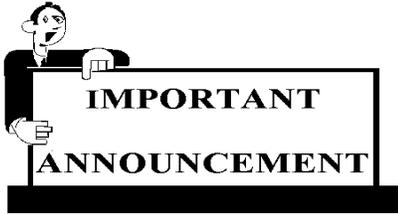


Lance was born in Jamestown, New York. He graduated from High School in 1966 and joined the U.S. Navy. He was promoted in 1967 and served aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga as an Aircraft Support Supervisor and Master of Arms Officer. He is a Vietnam Veteran and served in the Gulf of Tonkin during the 1968 Tet Offensive. After being discharged from the Navy, he attended Glendale College and the University of Redlands where he obtained a B.A. Degree in Personnel Management.

Lance was sworn in as a California Highway Patrol Officer on April 6th, 1970 and attended the Highway Patrol Academy in Sacramento. His first duty station was the Glendale Area where he rode motorcycles for four years. During his career Lance served in several positions including Vehicle Theft, Environmental Crimes, and K-9 Narcotics Supervisor. From 1983 to 1985 Lance was assigned to the 1984 Olympics, FBI Intelligence Task force. After 32 years in State Service Lance retired as a Investigative Services Supervisor from the San Luis Obispo Coastal Division CHP Office.

Lance and Karen were have been married for 45 years. They have four grown children, two boys and two girls and have ten grandchildren.

Lance was initiated into the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 in 1994 and transferred to the Atascadero Elks Lodge #2733 in 2004. During the past 7 years he has served on several committees in the lodge and was elected Exalted Ruler in 2007. He served as the District Clms Coordinator in 2008-09 and was the Secretary for Atascadero Lodge for the past 3 years. In 2009-2010 Lance served as the West Central Coast District State Vice President. He is the first State Vice President and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler to serve from Atascadero Lodge #2733 since the inception of the Lodge in 1987.



LODGE

Since my article in last month's Antler, we have made significant progress in getting our project underway. Phase I of our project is to build a new ladies restroom, which will be located in the current badge room. Initial concerns regarding structural support were alleviated based on an inspection by a general contractor which revealed that the building supports were in generally excellent condition.

Your Renovation Committee has prepared a request for proposal and a floorplan which have been sent out to several general contractors who expressed an interest in our project. We should have received the proposals by mid-July, and we will review them and present them to the Trustees and House Committee as soon as possible, together with the Committee's recommendations. It is our intent to bring this matter to the floor for approval by the membership in early August. The required notice of meeting will be sent to all members.

With regard to funding, the Committee thanks David Naccarato and Catherine Koeritz for their fundraising efforts at "The Butt Stops Here" dinner and variety show which was held June 25th.

David and Catherine raised \$1,318 for the renovations, and as a result of their event, the bar receipts were approximately \$400 above the Saturday night norm.

Our next event will be the Laughlin Warm-Up Casino Night on Saturday, August 27, 2011. We will have casino games, finger food, and karaoke by Jim Miller. All proceeds will go to the renovation fund, so there will be no losers. Other upcoming events include Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 24th, and a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th. We are planning a golf tournament, yard sale and a monthly 50-50 drawing to support our renovation efforts.

Our committee's goal is to complete the new ladies room, relocate the kitchen serving window and renovate the anteroom and lodge room by March 31, 2012. This goal cannot be reached with only the funds raised between now and then; nor can it be reached without your support. At a properly noticed meeting, hopefully in early August, we will ask to use a specific amount of restricted facility funds to complete our project and present a plan to replenish those restricted funds.

As always, our Committee welcomes your input and we encourage you to participate in this project. Some of the needed work will be done by our members, and if you wish to help out, please contact me or any Committee member.

Finally, the Committee recognizes that members have varied feelings about this project and, in particular, the use of restricted funds. I believe that the completion of this renovation project is a key component of a larger plan to increase revenue, attract new members and encourage the use of the Lodge by members and their families. I have been told



RENOVATION

by some of my senior brothers that people have been talking about some of our proposed renovations for 20 years or more. We believe that the time to invest in the future of our Lodge is now. If not now, when?

Dan Martyn,
Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Tom Ryder
David Naccarato
Terry Gicking
Steve Finnerty

Donna Leary
Abe Gamble
Boyd Lindquist
Sharon Baker

Wednesday July 6, 2011 the CHEA Vice President, Christne Moyers from San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge #322 made her official Visitation to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge \$2477. She complimented our Lodge for 34 dollar per capita member to the Major Project Purple Pig. Also she gave credit to Carl Lanterman for the work with the veterans,



Christine Moyers addressing the membership

Glad Tidings

Member Janine (Jellander) Van Poppelen and her husband Eric welcomed the birth of a baby girl, Cameron, on July 8, 2011. She weighed 5lbs. 1oz. and was 17 inches. After a successful heart operation at Children's Hospital, Cameron is on the mend.



ON THE MEND: Dee Swanson is at home recovering from back surgery; Scott Dool had brain surgery for the removal of a benign tumor

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- Aug 6-Car Show & Meet & Greet
- Aug. 24-DDGER Visitation
- August 27-Casino Night renovation fund raiser
- Aug. 28/30-Laughlin Trip

- Sept. 5/9-National Patriotism Week
- Sept. 9-Jr. PER Roast
- Sept. 10-Meet & greet w/ Flag Retirement
- Sept. 17- Lodge Picnic
- Sept. 24-Octoberfest-renovation fund raiser

- Oct. 14- Spirit of America Award Banquet
- Oct. 22- Charity Ball
- Oct. 29- Meet & Greet
- October 29-Halloween Party- renovation fund raiser

- November 4-5- Mid-Term Riverside
- November 12- Flag Retirement
- November 13- Veteran's Appreciation Brunch
- November 19- Blood Drive
- November 24- Thanksgiving Dinner

- December 10- Christmas Floral Arranging with Rick Herrera
- December 12-17- Charity Baskets w/ Saturday delivery
- December 31- New Year's Eve Party



ENTERTAINMENT



August 19- One Last Dance
August 26-Bingo with Power Dave

Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

2011 Charity Ball

October 22, 2011

To raise funds for our Christmas Baskets

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For The sequel of

the Black & White Affair



Cocktails

Catered and Served Dinner

Entertainment

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

and even more great FUN!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Chet Kozlowski, PER, and his family on the passing of his wife Shirley; Nick Schiele and family on the passing of his son Vince; Pat vonWittenburg and family on the passing of her husband Bill

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free; Grace Wallace and Don Ansell, PER are hospitalized in ICU

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



SATURDAY AUGUST 6th

**THIRD ANNUAL
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY
CHARITY CAR SHOW**

**CLASSES: PRE 1950- ORIGINAL/
MODIFIED**

**1951 THRU 1999- ORIGINAL/
MODIFIED**

DECADE 2000 & LATER- ORIGINAL

1910-1930- ORIGINAL/MODIFIED

MOTORCYCLES

**\$20.00 ENTRY FEE
INCLUDES AN AWESOME
TRI-TIP SANDWICH & SODA**

*CARS LINE UP 9:AM

*SHOW STARTS 10:AM

*AWARDS 1:PM

805-496-2477-Ask for Power Dave



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

As of this printing we are at 39 delinquent members. Now you had a thought at the time you joined as to why you are joining. You have heard the saying “you get out of it what you put into it.” We have activities available, but we are not going to pull you out of bed and drag you down in the morning for a particular activity. If that’s the way you operate let us know and we will send Guido to yank you out of bed and down to the lodge. We just had a nice dinner and variety show at the Lodge. Did you attend? If not, it’s your Loss. Ever ask yourself “**WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR DUES**” here is some not all:

1. You get the opportunity to belong to the finest Fraternal Order in the world.
2. You get to be associated with the finest American citizens.
3. You get the opportunity to enjoy the comforts of your Lodge and Lounge both socially and fraternally.
4. You get the opportunity to take part in the Lodge’s charitable work.
5. You get the opportunity to participate actively in all the programs sponsored by the lodge.
6. You get the opportunity of electing, by democratic process, the officers who run your lodge
7. You get the opportunity to visit other Elks Lodges and enjoy their hospitality
8. You get the opportunity of wearing the Elks insignia and showing everyone that you are proud to be an Elk.



Review of the Butt Stops Here



We held the first of many fund raisers for our Renovation Project. Catherine Koeritz and myself with the help of many of our members put on a variety show that compare to Vegas. If you didn’t come out to support the cause, you just missed out. We have many members who put in allot of work around here. Here was a chance to come down to the Lodge to enjoy a fabulous dinner prepared by Ed Bianchi , Robert and Catherine Koeritz. Toni Hartin lent a hand and I saw Bob Arbetman back there also.

I didn’t want to spring for servers to have more money for the project, therefore it was self serve. However my Daughter, Fallon, and her friend came to the show and volunteered to serve the members. Her Friend had a great time and thought our Lodge was a fun place. Dinner was done and dessert was served-succulent chocolate cake and carrot cake.

First on stage was Catherine and I to welcome everyone and to start the show with a new song sung to the tune of the “Beverly hillbillies”. Next Terry Gicking as Waylon Jennings , Robert Jones as Kris Kristofferson and myself pulling double duty as Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash. We were the Highwaymen. I stayed on stage for Mel McDaniel’s “Baby’s Got Her Blue Jeans On”. Audience participation included some ladies in blue jeans strutting their stuff . I told a story of taking my daughter shopping. She tried on some jeans and went to the mirror, kick out her backside and looked over her shoulder at the mirror and I said “you better be looking for the tag”

We had a moment when Barbra Metzgun was in tears thinking about her father because Fallon did the song, “ Who I Am” .Catherine had downloaded pictures of her and me back when I had hair. It got mushy, but we are all family. Terry Gicking PER, set us all straight on his beverage preference doing Tom T Hall’s “I like beer”. Robert Jones brought his

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Elks Care - Elks Share



Pull Tab Collection

Lead By Example

The California – Hawaii Elks, July/August 2011, page 5- Hemet Elks Lodge 1740 donate aluminum pull tabs. Nancy and Bill Cook delivered an astounding 321.8 pounds of pull tabs to the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House. That's 408,043 pull tabs. WOW. Elks Care – Elks Share.

Thanks to the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks continuing support to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House, I was able to deliver a large quantity of pull tabs and toiletries this last month. Thanks to all contributors, especially Dee Swanson, John and Sharon Mello and Dorothy (Big Mama) Murray. Remember every one counts.

Thanks,
Gerry Gillies

Elks Care - Elks Share

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Carl Lanterman



Veterans Services Chair.

SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Last month, we talked about a busy 1st quarter for Veterans Services. At the end of June, we added one more impressive event at the Cal Vet Home – Ventura. Due to the hard work of one of our Marine veterans, Jerry Feldman, we were able to present the 2/23rd Marine Color Guard from Port Hueneme. The four Marines who were in attendance for dinner and part of the karaoke show were impressive and impressed. They very much enjoyed speaking with some of the residents and listening to some great singers, including our own David Naccarato who was practicing for the big Cat/Dave show fundraiser.



The 2/23rd Marine Color Guard is also available for veterans funerals. Please let me know in the unfortunate event of a military funeral. It need not be an Elk member for us to help a veteran and family.

A new Elk member, William Aubrey also joined the group and is expected to be involved in other veterans events. Our bingo crew to the Sepulveda V.A. continues to meet their monthly schedule; 2nd Friday of the month at 13:00 hours. Call me if you are interested, or email to carlnto@roadrunner.com. Remember, "As long as there are veterans, the Elks will not forget them." This month, I will be pleased to present this impressive report to our new State Vice President, Christine Moyers. Our veteran for the month is Dick McCann – Korean War.

Thank a Veteran— free postcards provided by Xerox and the link is on our Veteran's Page <http://www.elks2477.com/veterans.html>— a moment of your time will give someone...who is laying their life on the line for your freedom...the knowledge that someone cares

Collection
await



bin the lounge
your donations

I spent a glorious day with family this 4th of July and the food was abundant. As I looked at the food on the table we were once again reminded that there are less fortunate in our community to have a happy family get together. Remember when everyone goes on vacation the less fortunate must rely on us. During the Summer months Manna does not go on vacation and is there for the needy. **Jerry Serota**



Dear Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge,
Thank you for your February 2011 donation to Manna. Your generous contribution helped us feed 433 families for the month of February. Manna is truly neighbors helping neighbors and you have made a difference in these economic times.

Mike Mathews,
Executive Director
Manna, Conejo Valley Food Bank

YOUR LODGE ON YOUTUBE---HOORAY

On the right hand side you will see videos. Just below them there is a link called see all. Click that to see all of them

<http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Michael White with Dan Matyn



Leslie Donovan with Bev Reis



Joshua Tenenbaum with Dave Naccarato

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-

State VP Visitation



Certificates for donations to the Purple Pig to Richard Goldner, PDDGER, and JB Bre Christine Moyers in appreciation of her visit

Father's Day Brunch



Smiling Elk Ladies serving the crowd

BBQ Team in Action



The Cut Ups doing their thing

"BUTT STOPS HERE" RENOVATION FUND RAISER



EL KONEJO KAMPERS VENTURA KOA MAY 2011



We all miss Pat and Bill von Wittenburg, who are in Napa, while Bill receives medical treatment. So while they are out of town, I, Jessica Stull, Secretary of the El Konejo Kampers, will give you the latest news.

The June campout at the Ventura KOA in Santa Paula held plenty of surprises and really fun experiences for the group. This park, formerly known as Far West, has entered into a partnership with the County of Ventura to develop the park into a family friendly retreat. While we were there we took part in the grand opening ceremonies attended by Santa Paula's mayor and a county supervisor along with Corporate KOA people. David and I happened upon the ceremony while taking a walk and learned that we were invited to lunch served by Wood Ranch BBQ Restaurant. Who said there's no FREE lunch? After enjoying our lunch we headed back to the campsite and told everyone else who promptly showed up to enjoy the delicious food. Next, the park opened their new zip line, a 750 foot mind bending ride where the rider is harnessed in and helmeted and jumps from a platform down into a valley and lands (mostly on their feet) after being "caught" by two people at the other end of the line. Yes, you guessed it; I was the first of our group to experience the wind in my hair and the bugs in my throat, followed by Kathy Moye, Jim Moye, Mike Flannery and Ed Colleran.

Another surprise was the number of peacocks and pea hens along with their babies that are permanent park residents and have no fear of campers. Wherever we gathered, they were there too. My kitten, KC, actually learned to "meow" from those peacocks who sound very much like angry cats. The males just preen all day long while the females look at them as much to say "Yea, guess again!"

Joe and Judy Nemtusak surprised themselves, I think, at how well their maiden voyage at being wagon masters went – perfect. Thank you guys.

Friday night's campfire was outrageously fun, but particularly for five women – and you know who you are. One, who shall be nameless, even attempted to climb to the top of a motorhome to capture a beautifully lit American flag, surprising everyone. The flag's owner, however, thwarted her attempt (no, it wasn't me).

Judy N. surprised us all at Saturday's campfire where she sang songs for us from her high school and about her produce man. Imagine that! We laughed until our sides hurt. Even the peacocks joined in despite the lateness of the hour. We had a lot of happy news from our earlier meeting so there was much levity and cheerfulness among the group, with Joe and Judy really happy that their 'official' duties were through.

I was surprised at how many pets there were; I counted at least five cats and six dogs from our group. The Thornton cat, Tommy, is the most pampered, as Margaret walked him about in his own stroller.

Don't know if this surprises anyone, but the attendees at this campout were the Ericksons, Moyes, Drakes, Stulls, D' Ambrogios, La Farris, Collerans, Flannerys, Thorntons, Millers, Hoberts and Nemtusaks.

Mary Hobert was surprised to win \$80 from the 50/50, but Ed Colleran was really surprised to win the free campout for the second month in a row. How does he do that? Jim Moye was the Sheriff and did a surprisingly comical job.

And finally, I'm surprised that I was able to dash this article off so quickly.

On a more serious note, the Kamper's lost two active members recently. Shirley Kozlowski, whose great laugh could be heard anywhere near her rig and Bill von Wittenberg, one of the dedicated poker players in the group have gone to heaven. We know they are looking down and smiling upon us. We'll miss you both so much. **Jessica Stull**



IN MEMORIAM
THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS
STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MO-
TIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR
OF ELEVEN, WITH US--
"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
RECOLLECTION"

Bill von Wittenberg

Born: 9/21/1935
Initiated: 1/19/1994
Died: 7/7/2011

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

Aug. 12-13 Santa Maria Elks
Sept. 7-10-Santa Barbara Elks
Oct. 7-8 Flying Flags
Nov. 11-12-Kenney Grove
Dec. 11-Brunch Grand Vista Hotel

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>





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 as food vendor
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
- *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- *Cooking for Brownlympics
- *Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- *Giving VFW free monthly meeting room

**BE PART OF THE ELKS
VOLUNTEER TEAM
CALL THE OFFICE
OR COMMITTEE CHAIR
TO PARTICIPATE**

Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, by undertaking projects that address unmet need, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

- Elks in Alexandria, Va., hold a soup kitchen at the Lodge each weekday at lunch, serving 30 people, many of whom are veterans.
- Wheeling, W.Va., Elks Lodge hosts local youth once a week for a wholesome meal. They also provide homework help and invite community leaders to speak at the meals.
- Elks in Lockport, N.Y., provide an annual weeklong summer camp tailored to meet the needs of people with disabilities. **Elks Website**

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electronic equipment to save us money and sang Roger Miller's "King of the Road" He later did "White Sport Coat" and new member John LaRue and his wife Francie got up and cut a rug (actually we have tile). Catherine and Jay Block also showed us some moves. Catherine Koeritz performed Reba McEntyre's "Fancy" which was a quite a production. She had costume changes, slit her dress, had Dorothy Murray putting on lipstick and a dab of perfume on her and put her out in the street (You've got to hear the song). Catherine had a power point program that added a nice touch to the performance. Dorothy Murray played Grandma from Beverly Hillbillies from her 410 shotgun to her moonshine bottle. Much more happened, but to write about it takes too many words and you'll get tired of reading so you should have been there. We had a 50/25/25 drawing and door prizes. The hit of the night was Leading Knight Leo Rodriguez in an oversize sombrero selling Tequila shots. The PERs were out in force. Even newest demit from Oxnard Lodge PER Russell Robinson and his wife Geraldine were in attendance. We need to be sure to invite him to our next PER meeting.

Special thanks to Grant Thistle besides being Comic Relief he would support me when I needed to get on or off stage.
David Naccarato, PER (Dave of Cat/Dav Productions)



There are many things you can do alone. You can walk, read, and sleep alone. But you can't run a Lodge alone. It requires volunteers to cook dinners, to organize and run social functions, to do maintenance work, to serve on committees and to serve as chair officers, to set up tables, etc. Have you ever tried to pick up a table by yourself? You can't do it! You may make it, but it will be ugly. If one other person helps you, it's easy! If a couple more help, it's a piece of cake! Remember **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.** **David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary**

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AUGUST MILITARY HISTORY



OUR HISTORY IN 1981

David Naccarato, PER

V-J day in Times Square is a famous photograph that portrays an American sailor kissing a young nurse in Times Square on August 14th, 1945- Victory over Japan Day. I'm sure you all have seen it at one time or another. Kissing was a favorite pose encouraged by media photographers of service personnel during the war, but the spontaneous quality of that photograph has made it the quintessential image of an end to war and a return to peace; an end to hate and a return to love. That explains why the Image is also known as the Victory Kiss.

After 35 years, the woman in the photo came forward to identify herself. her name is Edith Shain. She was 27 at the time of the kiss and working at Doctors Hospital in Manhattan. She lived in California most of her adult life, and sadly she passed away on June 20th 2010. The identity of the "crackerjack" sailor remains a mystery.

8/3 1940 World War II in Africa begins

8/4 1790 Coast Guard formed

8/6 1945 B-29 named the Enola Gay drops the atomic bomb on Hiroshima

8/7 1942 US troops land on Guadalcanal

8/8 1945 Russia declares war on Japan

8/9 1945 B-29 named box Car drops an atomic bomb on Nagasaki

8/10 1944 US Troops take Guam

8/14 1940 US and Britain sign the Atlantic Charter declaring their joint opposition to fascism

8/14/1945 Japan agrees to unconditional surrender

8/15 1943 US troops take Kiska Island in the Aleutians. 1944

Operation Anvil begins in France 1945 V-J Day is

declared(Japanese Time)-Victory over Japan.

8/17 1943 Allies take Messina in operation Husky

8/19 National Aviation Day

8/20 1944 Russia invades Romania which is held by Germany

8/22 1942 Brazil declares war on Germany and Italy

8/23 1939 Germany and Russia divide Poland 1944 Romania

surrenders

8/25 1944 The Allies liberate Paris

The year is 1981, Robert Hardy was Exalted Ruler his motto was "Growth and Prosperity...It's up to you" John Nau was Loyal Knight, Bill Lloyd was Lecturing Knight and John Nicols was Leading Knight. The Lodge just finished a remodel of the Bar. All in a weekend and all by Lodge members. Doors and windows were added where there were none and same was covered and boxed in where they were no longer needed. Working together, what a concept, we could do it again. Are we that much different? But that's another article On August 5th we lost Harold Flecher. Bar Manager Jerry Serota Praised Dick Flake for winner of the Lodge cribbage tournament and promoted the pool tournament to be held September 27th 1981. Donna Churick Won the bubble drawing at the ladies August meeting.

Bill Lloyd held bingo games at the Sepulveda VA every 4th Monday and brought refreshments. We still make that trip. It's now on Fridays and is headed up by Carl Lanterman.

Move up to August 1987, Vince Bailie thanked those who helped rebuild the entry way we now enjoy- Dick Johnson, Bill Whitney, Jack Lacey, Skip Harrington and Carpenters Local 1930 for donating paint.

Tom Ryder was Chairman of the Trustees and Harry Brockwell who was the Exalted Ruler started a committee to move the pool table next to the cigarette machine (imagine that). The Bowler group met at the Lodge on the 20th Hoop Shoot on the 16th Lodge picnic the 28th First Lady Madeleine hosted a dinner at their home for DDGER Don Aris and his wife Barbra. There was an apology by the editor of the Antler, Leon Forbes, to PER Bill Wagner for losing his article on how to properly salute the Flag. It was found and here it is for reprint:

When the occasion calls for you to salute the Flag of our Country, DO IT RIGHT! Hold the right wrist stiff with the four fingers held tightly together and in line with your arm. The thumb MUST be tucked out of sight in the palm of your hand. Stand as erect as possible, face the flag and place your right hand over your heart. Do it smartly and try to look like you mean it. To half heartedly flop your open hand up in the vicinity of your heart and stand looking bored, when called upon to salute our Flag is a demonstration of disrespect directly to our Flag and indirectly to all of your brother and sister Elks and the untold thousands of service men and women who have suffered and or died defending it. Respect of our Flag is like good manners—it is catching- help spread it.

The Scholarship report was in the August Antler. Rick Herrera was the chairman in 1987. A total of \$2100.00 was given out to 6 students from 6 different schools.

the Victory Kiss



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SHIRLEY KOZLOWSKI

1930-2011

The Conejo Valley lost one of its leaders on June 30th. Shirley Kozlowski was born in Michigan in 1930. Shirley was a Thousand Oaks resident since 1968. She served on the Council on Aging, the Ventura County Grand Jury, she had been twice the president of the Elks Ladies of Thousand Oaks, and she was the leader of the local chapter of the Red Hat Society. She was also elected the Grand Marshal of Conejo Valley Days as Shotgun Shirley. Shirley had a rich, full life and was much loved in the community and was known for her smile and her welcoming spirit.

She is survived and sorely missed by her loving husband, Chester Kozlowski, and children, Lynne D'Anna, Nancy Rogers, Daniel Kozlowski, and Steven Kozlowski. Her grandchildren are Marcus D'Anna, Brian D'Anna, Megan Rogers, Eric Rogers, Jeffrey Rogers (who passed before her), Jessica Kozlowski, Thomas Kozlowski, Miles Kozlowski, Brent Kozlowski, Dena Spenard, and Lindy Kozlowski. Her great-grandchildren are Angela D'Anna, Mathew D'Anna, Tessa Spenard, Jaidynn Spenard and Caleb D'Anna.

As we read this obituary how the essence of Shirley impacted our lives with the sharing of her love and humanity to all the things she held dear. The children's Christmas party, Special Kids Day during CVD, Shotgun Shirley, and the patriotic Shirley who volunteered to serve on the Grand Jury, The community spirited Shirley who served on the Council of Aging. The gathering of the clan supervising the memorable Polish Night dinners.

Yes, she impacted our lives and we will miss that special love and affection that she shared with us.

Jerry Serota



Chet and Shirley Kozlowski at their 60th Anniversary Party

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Sharon Baker
- 2- Beth Kozlowski
- 2- Marie Wagner
- 9- Niki Case
- 10- Jeanne Sandt
- 26- Myrna Block
- 30- Gladys Ennis



OUR ELKS LADY SHIRLEY



Everyone loved Shirley, Lord
Now she's forever at home with You.
Because she always loved to help,
In Heaven give her lots to do.

As President for Elks Ladies
And belonging to Red Hats Society
Grand Marshall as Shot Gun Shirley
Participating, sure made her happy.

Shirley looked so good in red,
From lipstick to brightest fingernails.
In Heaven, God, may children angels
Take turns painting her lovely nails.
Amen

The Ladies dinner on July 1st was a great success, the food was delicious. Once again, Kudos to the ladies.

We would like to take this time to thank Bob and Fred who are always there to help cook whenever needed. By the way, they are great cooks. Thank you, Bob, and Fred for always being there to jump in and help with their ready and willing attitudes.

Independence day was enjoyed by all. The Elks had a fun day planned for everyone from hot dogs to hamburgers. We hope that you had fun and were safe on 4th of July. The fireworks are always amazing and always a wonder by not only children, but adults as well.

The next Ladies meeting will be held on August 2nd. Come and join us we would like to have each one of you. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet people and there is always scrumptious desserts following the meeting.

Get ready, Ladies, for the unbelievable fashion show that will be on August 13th. The Ladies are looking for "models" that will be showing the latest fashions of the season. Take care and God bless, Melinda Pekow

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LODGE ACTIVITIES:
 Public Relations
 Sally Claunch, PER: Americanism
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
 Rick Eddy: Memorial Service
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: Lodge Picnic
 Carl Lanterman: Nat'l Veterans Service
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 Wednesday Night Dinners
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 Rick Eddy: Mother's Day

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera 2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot
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 Robert Jones: Drug Awareness
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 Bill Miller: Scouting
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:
 Tom Hartin: CVD
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- Howard Lapier



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1-Darryl Kopacz | 17-Dennis Bock |
| 1-James Mullen | 17-Donald Skinner, PER |
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| 14-Ralph 'Bud' Vashaw | |

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June 1st capsule drawing Rick Obryant not present
Lucky 13 Greg Metzgus Winner

June 15th capsule drawing Mac Moffat Hays not present

Lucky 13 Dick McCann Winner out of 13 card may I add.

Dick danced a jig

June 22nd Capsule drawing June Leadam

Lucky 13 No Winner



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