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Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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SUPERBOWL PARTY



Where: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
When: February 3rd
When: Starts at 2:30 pm- Kickoff 3:30
(Come early to sign up for games)

POT LUCK- PRIZES- GAMES

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND GET
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EXALTED RULER

Leo Rodriguez



Here we are, already into the second month of 2013. Hopefully wherever or with whomever you celebrated and rang in the New Year, you did it with style and flair! I'm sure that everyone is also still sticking to their New Year's "RESOLUTIONS" so far. I have just finally figured that the easiest way to not break a New Year's Resolution is to NOT make one! I have found that works well for me.

Again, as we do month after month, year after year, try to write about an event that hasn't happened when I am writing this article, but by the time you are reading it, it has come and gone. What do you say about an event that hasn't occurred, but come and gone prior to press time? Go figure. So here we go; the first Saturday of February, the Elks Ladies do their Major Project Fundraiser. This year the event was held on February 2nd. Year after year, Niki Case, Chair for the Elks Ladies Major Projects Fundraiser, and her team seem to outdo themselves, therefore, I am confident in saying, I hope that you all had the opportunity to attend and support the Ladies in the exceptional way they do parties, at "An International Affair"!

Now on a more serious note, I want to remind you that this month it is important for all members to attend the meetings and take an active role in the Nominations/Elections of Officers for the Elks year 2013-2014. Nominations will be held Wednesday, February 6th and then Wednesday February 20th Nominations and Elections of Officers will take place. All members should come and take a proactive interest in this process. The Officers should have the trust and support of the Membership and vice versa. Remember that every Elk is eligible to be an Officer and the Membership votes the Officers in, if you should so desire nominate yourself or, another brother or sister whom you feel to be best fit for the job. Let's give the 2013-2014 Officers your support and participation for the coming year. Keep in mind that this is your Lodge and it can only be as good as those who get involved and work together in unity!

Until next month, be safe and healthy but most of all be kind to one another. - "Bring the Spirit . . . The Time Is Now"



Gratitude Grants are \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President's per-member goal for giving to the ENF. These grants can be used to serve a variety of community needs

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CHARITY



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



Well, after my plea went out for officers to help me run our lodge next year, it didn't seem to hit home. I had my phone checked by Verizon and it's working correctly. So all I could figure is that you are all worried about the Mayan calendar. All I can say to that is we're all still here. The Elk year for 2013-2014 will start April 1st. I need my officer corp. in place now. I will need Chairmen and Chair Officers. If you have any interest on running your lodge, please get with me and we'll talk. Our Lodge has been existence for 40 years and 145 years with the BPO Elks themselves. We've come a long way and we are not going to quit now. OK I'm finished.

I want to talk about our lodge Christmas Cheer Program. This year we fed 70 families. Two were active military. The office and the First Lady received the names from various groups from the community. We had 198 children that we provided presents for. Our Elk ladies wrapped every one of them and loaded them in boxes according to families and gender of the child and their names. No small task. David Pearson sorts all that information and it takes him a long time. Just about the time he's finished it never fails, we'll get that last minute phone call to add just one more. Of course we'll do it. Tom Hartin made the trek with me to the base at Point Heneme to pick up the food at a substantial discount. The guys worked real hard at the tree lot this year to raise most of the money that we spent on the basket program. We had a large donation from Coleen Morris and the Kampers and a couple in memory of Jon Anderson. Every year it's good to know we can count on the faithful that come out to set up tables, build and load boxes. Show up on Saturday in the rain to make the deliveries. If I start naming names I'll leave out someone and I'm trying to get officers so I'm not going to make anyone upset. After deliveries are made the drivers know they can come back for PER, Sally Claunch's sloppy Joes. My wife can attest to how sloppy they are. I want to thank each and everyone of you who helped us roll out the program this year. Come up to me and tell me you helped and I'll thank you personally

Collection bin in the lounge awaits your donations for

MANNA





LOYAL KNIGHT

JB Bre



It's often said "I'm only one person, I really don't matter that much; nor can I make a difference."
I beg to differ...

The Power of One

We can all make a difference in one small way everyday. You've heard of random acts of kindness and paying forward I'm sure, what I'm suggesting is one isn't a lonely number as the Beatles sang about, but it's a very powerful number. When each of us put in our "one's worth" it will all add up to an amazing result.

A good example of this is our California-Hawaii Elks Major Project slogan of 'A coin a day and they'll walk, talk, see and play' CHEA has been using the power of one since 1950 and the impact of that one coin added to all those other one coins has impacted so many disabled children and their families. We will never know how many lives have been touched by so many ones.

One word, one action, one commitment can change a person forever. One minute, one day, one week, one month, one year all add up to one lifetime and it's priceless.

One hope, one dream, one goal... Start with your one and add it to everyone's and we can achieve far more than any of us can imagine.

Be the one change that you want from others and we'll be One Amazing Lodge in One Accord!!!

I'm in with one... Any One else?

In Service ~jb



While each state has its own **Major Project**, CHEA is working to help kids with disabilities. Further, each lodge is working to ensure the future and well-being of our youth by being involved with the [Dictionary Project](#), [Scouting](#), [Hoop Shoot](#), [Drug Awareness](#), Americanism Essay Contests and, second only to the Federal Government, [Scholarships](#). You'll also find them helping during the holidays with parties and gifts for the kids.

Carl Lanterman
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There are no specific veterans remembrance days in February.

Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 17, 1910.

Thanks to all those who donated gift cards to the military families in Oxnard. We collected \$450 worth of cards and donated Christmas baskets to two families in need. One tear is all you need to see to know how important this is. And I get the same story from those who delivered Christmas baskets to all the families in town. Because of the slow veterans month, I was able to help a little with the boxes and have come to appreciate the organization and dedication that our members show every year. **THIS IS A SERVICE THAT NEEDS TO CONTINUE!** Thanks to Terry Baker and all involved, especially Jim and Kathy Moye, Terry Gicking, Colleen Morris and others who were working every day.

Thank you for your continued donations of clothing and toiletries and stationery for the veterans. I can tell you first hand that they are well received.

Five elks volunteers saw 28 residents for our December bingo in Sepulveda, but the karaoke at the CalVet home in Ventura was not well attended due to illness, family visits, etc. We are back full force in January.

Planning is in progress for a new project to support a platoon of 8 soldiers in Afghanistan with cards & letters, phones, cookies and whatever we can give them. The Elks Ladies are interested in supporting such a program. More about that as we get the program under way.

Veteran of the month – Marshall Knowlton – U.S. Army



Chef Mike Lodi, for the 2nd year, presents a check to Carl Lanterman, Chairman-National Services for our veterans fund. Chef Mike gave his time at "We Olive" in Ventura for demonstrations and in return received a check for \$650 for the charity of his choice; our veterans program.

SEE THE SPONSORS SECTION TO SUPPORT "WE OLIVE"



MARDI GRAS PARTY

Friday, February 15, 2013

New Orleans Style Dinner at 6:30 p.m. by

**Cherri Peterson (direct from the Big Easy)
&
Jim Moye**

Gumbo, Jambalaya, New Orleans Style Bread Pudding

\$10

Followed by music and dancing to the sounds of

UNCLE MONKEY

with some Mardi Gras tunes

FOOD-MUSIC-DANCING-FUN

Wear a Mardi Gras Costume and Get a Chance to Win \$100

Try a Hurricane!

Questions? Call Brooke @ 805 496-4550

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Elk Ladies International Party- Feb. 2
Superbowl Party- Feb. 3
Firefighters & Police Appreciation Dinner-Feb. 8
Mardi Gras Party-Feb 15

St. Patrick's Day Party- March 15
Elk of the Year Dinner- March 22
Installation of Officers-March 27
Inaugural Ball- March 30
Easter Egg Hunt- March 31

ENTERTAINMENT



Feb. 1- Karaoke by Jim & Patty
Feb. 15-Uncle Monkey
Feb 22- Pier One
Feb. 25- Bingo

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Eula McKee widow of Bob McKee on her passing Lois Jones widow of Wayne Jones on her passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free, Kathy Ryder; Angie Prizzi, Bev Erickson from cancer surgery; Dee Swans broken bones from a fall



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”

Jeff Enger

born 10.17/1943
initiated 6/27/1990
died 1/2/2013



Pull Tab Collection

Elks Care – Elks Share

Thanks to the Thousand Oaks Elks 2012 was a good year for the Ronald McDonald House pull tab program. We made holiday season a little better for the 28 families staying at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House because Elks care.

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Gerry Gillies

**POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER
APPRECIATION NIGHT**

**FRI DAY, FEBRUARY 8TH 2013
BBQ STYLE DINNER WITH ALL YOUR
FAVORITES
COME ON DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR
PROGRAM
THIS YEAR'S CHAIRMAN IS PAUL
STEIN, PAST FIRE CAPTAIN**



David Naccarato, PER

The Mayans were wrong. Here we are in 2013 and we have a chance to make a fresh start. I have been told that December is the busiest month for the lodge. It is a busy month but we have an active lodge and every month is busy.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Our Christmas tree Lot did very well again. I really miss not being able to help out with that project. The workers would be picking me up more than picking the trees up. Our Tree Lot Team unloaded, drilled and mounted 494 trees to tree stands for display. We sold 452 trees to our customers to bring in \$ for our lodge charities. We sold tree stands and received \$ in delivery charges. We donated 30 trees to the Manna food bank so every child had a tree to decorate. Our Christmas Tree lot chairman this year was Ben Rieger. Ben was at the site sun up to sun down and he even was able to negotiate with the tree farm and we received a \$400.00 discount. Ben did a fabulous job this year and put in allot of hours. Thank you Ben. Bill Sternberg and Ed Rice also put in hours from bell to bell. All the members that worked the three week period deserve a round of thanks from the Lodge. It is no easy task and if I remember from when I was able to walk around down there they all probably gained 10 pounds by all the ladies showing their appreciation with the goodies that were brought down to share. That's not to say none of the men do any baking. I make a pretty mean chocolate chip cookie. The tree lot tip jar piggy bank was broke open today and our gracious workers have decided to divvy up among our charities as follows : Memorial fund \$200.00. The Memorial fund covers food for a memorial held in honor of one our Elk members. \$200.00 for the dictionary program. We give every 3rd grader an Elks dictionary presented from our lodge. \$300.00 to our Veterans program. Enough said. \$500.00 to the Elks National Foundation. Once we donate \$1,913.00 we will be able to apply for a \$2,000.00 Grant to use for all these programs. Sounds good to me. Also \$200.00 to the Purple Pig. We will receive two Century club certificates that we can display at the tree lot next year.

CHRISTMAS CHEER: We also held our annual Christmas Cheer program where we receive names from various agencies of families that may need a hand this year. We provided food, a Christmas dinner, and presents for all the children in the family. Also this year we donated Christmas trees for these families. We should feel proud that we did our part. Our Elk Ladies had a toy drive for the lodge at their Christmas party which was held here at the lodge. Our Elk Ladies also wrapped over 200 gifts on the Wednesday before



delivery. We had many toys donated from Temple Adat here on Janss Rd. The Conejo Valley Legal Women's professional group invited Leading Knight, Terry Baker to their Christmas gathering to talk about our program and to receive gifts that the organization had collected for us. Past Elk Ladies president, Elaine Goldner, is a member of that group and she turned them onto us.

Lynn Rodriguez and Sally Claunch held the Children's Christmas party. Terry Gicking was Santa (whoops the secrets out) and all had a good time. In addition we still held our meetings and our Friday night dinners, Monday and Tuesday meals, Saturday Bar B Q's. And the beat goes on. Take a fast breath because here we start again. We just finished new years. In February we will hold Elk of the Year nominations, officer nominations, Elk Ladies Major Project Function, The Police and Firefighters Appreciation Night. These are all areas that you can be involved in. Involvement means buying a ticket. If we sell enough tickets to cover the cost then the overage goes in our coffers to donate to scholarship, Veterans, Scouts and disabled children. This is why we have a lodge and why this organization exists. This year be pro active. Come down to meetings, come down to dinners, let people know that you want to see something happen. If we keep doing what we've been doing, we'll keep getting what we've been getting.

SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera and his team judged 30 scholarship applications and he and new member Mike Mathews took a trip north and went to District judging and will be going to Fresno for state judging.

LETTERS: We received a thank you card and pictures of the children from the Nichols family it read; "Dear Elks Lodge #2477, I want to thank you for reaching out my family with the food and gifts. That was very thoughtful of you. It is organizations like yours that strive to make a better community. Thank you again." We received thank you letters from the Sepulveda VA facility where our lodge goes to play bingo with the Veterans and ruin their appetite with our snacks. We also donate playing cards and toiletries.

MEMBERS: By the end of January member, Richard Herrera will have brought in 11 members this year. At the January 5th lodge meeting we presented Rick with his second of three pins from the Grand Exalted Ruler, Tom Braizer for recruitment. Every three members or reinstatement's you will receive a recruitment pin. After eleven new or reinstated members Grand Lodge will present the sponsoring member an Elks watch. Rick will soon be receiving his watch with I'm sure with much fan fare (any reason for a party)

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

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Charity Basket Project-packers, drivers,workers



Terry Baker



Grant Thisle & Coleen Morris



Kathy & Jim Moyer



Terry Gicking

Members gathered at the lodge for an exquisite Beef Wellington dinner created with care and perfection by Chef Lodi. Our Loyal Knight JB Bre organized an evening filled with joy and happiness. Thank you JB .



Pam & Steve Smith



Mary & Mike Flannery



JB Bre-(r)



Dave Naccarato

During Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge weekly BBQ Event Members and Community Residents turned our for another Elks Blood Drive Event



Dwight Williams



Gerry Gillies



Jerry Feldman



Jon Preston, Dick Johnson & Sam Frankl



MILITARY HISTORY

ANZIO, January 1943

After an impressive beginning, pushing back German defenders in quick order, Allied ground forces have become stalled. At this point, it's hard to recall the optimism and the spectacular possibilities which looked so simple the day of the landing.

January 22 1944

In order to jump-start the attack, Allied troops have stormed ashore, initially taking the Nazis completely by surprise. However, the battle-hardened German troops appear to have regrouped and are now responding in kind. But despite fierce shelling, British and American forces are holding firm and taking heavy toll in German casualties.
(taken from original WWII field reports)



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Richard Herrera is our Scholarship Chairman. Rick is a retired horticulture teacher and has held different lodge positions.

THIS LODGE is your lodge. Many groups don't have their own facility and are forced to hold their meetings in hotels or restaurants. We open our doors to the VFW and Rolling Thunder which are both Veteran groups. Your attendance is always welcomed. We want this lodge to be a place that you would like to come down and enjoy. We can't make that happen without input from you. If there is something you feel we can do better, let us know. We've tried suggestion boxes, interest forms. We need fresh bodies involved this year. First when you read an event come support it. February will be the ladies Major Project fund raiser. One week later we honor our Firefighters and Police officers. We comp their dinner so we need to purchase our dinners to help cover the expense. That's how it works. This is what we do.

CIGARNIGHT; A fairly new member whose schedule does not always allow for him to be here, has asked for a cigar night. To talk about the finer ways to smoke and get the most out of your cigar. Did you know that you are suppose to dip your cigar in brandy? If you think this is a fun idea please call the office and we'll get with the lodge activities chairman and come up with a date. Scott Dool had started the cigar fund for the Purple pig. It is now self sustaining. We spend money on things that go nowhere. If there is no interest we want to stop now before money is spent.

2013-2014 DUES: Notices will be sent out in February. Get the early bird sticker by getting your dues in before April 1st 2013.



A monument in the truest sense, the Elks National Veterans Memorial was built in 1926 to honor Americans whose profound sacrifices for the nation can never be recognized by mere words. With its massive dome, heroic sculptures and intricately detailed friezes, the Memorial is a distinctively American interpretation of classical greatness. On this website, you can explore the Memorial without leaving your chair. You can [read about the building's history](#) or [take a virtual tour](#). When you're ready to come and see the Memorial in person, you can [plan your visit](#), too.

www.elksorg/vetetansmemorial

MEMBERS LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED.
THE OFFICERS OF THOUSAND OAKS LODGE
ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
WE NEED 30 DINNERS PREPARED
EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR MEETING NIGHTS
8 VOLUNTEERS = ONLY ONE DINNER EVERY
OTHER
MONTH. NOT A HUGE COMMITMENT + YOU
GET
TO MEET THE OTHER LODGE MEMBERS.
MAYBE YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE YOU
WANT TO TRY OUT
WE HAVE THE PERFECT VENUE FOR YOU
CALL THE OFFICE
496-2477

2013 Elk's Ladies Major Project Fundraiser
AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

February 2, 2013
\$25.00 per person

Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Marsala
catered by: Country Harvest

Door Prizes!
Raffle Baskets!

Social Hour @ 5:30pm
Dinner @ 6:30pm

Music by One Last Dance



Buy your tickets by January 28, 2013!

No tickets sold at the door! Tickets available at the bar
or call Niki@ 805-492-0212

Reserved Tables Available.

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

Service dog Buddy brings smiles to the Veterans at Sepulveda Hospital



Lorraine Rice, United States Coast Guard WWII. She was so happy to see Buddy as were several other seniors. It took Buddy about 10 minutes to start warming up. He had to look the place over first.-left picture

Buddy decided to help Sam with the numbers. Sam kept the quarters and Buddy got some of his banana..... Many of the senior veterans have outlived family and friends and at this stage of their lives Fraternal and Military visitations become part of their family. An occasional visit by a Service Dog brings big smiles to many as well.

Our T.O. Elks Lodge is very dedicated to our Veterans as are all Elks Lodges. Our T.O. Veterans Representative, Carl Lanterman keeps us up to date. right picture



HOSPITALITY CORNER



February already? Yes, and we have some special events this month. We start off February on the eve of Groundhog's Day, Friday, February 1, with a special pork tenderloin dinner by Jim Porter (who is quite a chef) followed with Karaoke by Jim Miller and Patty Bauman. Jim and Patty really did a great job at their January karaoke night, and we expect even more crooners and divas to take a turn at the microphone. Even our ER belted out a few tunes, along with David Naccarato, who apparently believes that he is the King. I guess Elvis is still around after all.

Following the Elks Ladies International Affair Party on Saturday, February 2 (is it true our ER and a few others are coming in drag?), we have another major event: Our Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 3. Come on down and enjoy the games as well as good food, bowling and drink specials. For those of you who missed our New Years Day Hair of the Dog Party, it was a well attended blast, and our Superbowl Party will be even better! Bring a dish and get a chance to win \$100.

On Friday, February 8, Rick Bennett will handle the cooking chores for our Firefighter and Police Appreciation Dinner. Please come down and support these dedicated men and women who serve our community.

It's Mardi Gras time, and on February 15, Cheri Peterson is making a stop at our Lodge enroute from the Big Easy to cook her fabulous jambalaya and Jim Moye will be cooking up a great gumbo. Music will be provided by Uncle Monkey so come on down and have a great dinner, enjoy a Hurricane, and party hardy. We will have some beads, hats and masks, but wear a Mardi Gra costume and get a chance to win \$100!

We close out our February Fridays with a fabulous Italian dinner by Jean Miraglia. Even though Jean left Brooklyn many years ago, she still has that touch – just remember to ask for “gravy” rather than “sauce” on your baked ziti and homemade meatballs. You New Yorkers out there know what I'm talking about! If a diet was one of your New Year's resolutions, forget about it! MANGIA BENE! . . . and don't forget the Chianti!

We will have food every Monday night and Wednesday night in February, as well as 2 Buck Tuesday on February 26. Check the calendar for details, and note the pulled pork sliders on Monday, February 18, by Craig Burns and his crew.

Although we will not have breakfast on Sunday, February 3, there will be breakfast on every other Sunday in February.

What's coming in March? Guest Chef Tom Corrigan prepares corned beef and cabbage, the Inaugural Ball and a few other surprises. Stay tuned.

My thanks to the bar staff and kitchen volunteers for a great start this year. If you are thinking about preparing a meal or volunteering in the kitchen, please talk to me. Dan Martyn, Chair



KAMPERS HOLIDAY BRUNCH AT THE “JUNK YARD”??

What a name! Actually their banquet facility is very attractive, and their bar is in the room. Some found these appealing – varied opinions on the food quality. Their restaurant is quite junk decorated, very unique.

Be that as it may, everyone was in a festive mood and the decorations lent a festive atmosphere.

Several years ago, Doris and Don Newcomer had purchased tickets for the brunch. As it got later and later, we called them – OMG in their minds (alleged) the brunch was the following weekend. Guess what? Every year since, they get several phone calls to remind them of the correct date.

We were quite disappointed to learn Deb Drake is retiring as our resident decorator as well as our Manna representative. Over the last number of years she has (with minimal help) created all of the awesome table decorations as well as decorative prizes for contributions to Manna. Gonna be tough to fill her shoes.

As usual the array of raffle prizes was awesome. No pun intended but there were some very HAPPY kampers.

Some time ago Patty Miller mentioned she had replaced the majority of her large kitchen appliances. She hit the jackpot with small appliances. As I recall, a blender as well as a mixer of some type.

Thought Jim Porter was going to stumble all the way to the table when he won the TV. Rumor has it that VP Moye got a great deal on the TV and several people would have purchased extras – if only he had thought of that.

Most of us know Steve Chiszar has somewhat of a strange sense of humor. His donation was a basket with a couple bottles of wine along with a “breathalyzer”. Are you trying to make a point Steve – or keep one of us safe?

Chet’s friend, Rosa, (I’ve failed to get this charming lady’s last name) was quite happy as she walked out with a new camera.

Jeanne Bateman carted off the camp stove/oven to us outside – what’s for breakfast next campout Steve/Jeanne?

Cheryl Templeton always brings her entire staff plus a few extras. Wouldn’t you just know it, her secretary/slave won the 50/50?

I think one of Cheryl’s group also won the propane patio heater. While those of us who still indulge were outside, the heater was wheeled by. Must confess I did a bit of whining about that – but bless Jim Moye said that he had a table-top model (which is what



I really wanted) in his storage that he would be happy to get rid of – walla – just what I wanted, and it is one of the most attractive one I’ve ever seen – THANK YOU! Jim and Kathy.

It is really tough to come up with things of interest for this article since everyone is well dressed and well behaved (at least in my sight).

With that said - HAPPY NEW YEAR from all the Kampers and friends



Only a part of the raffle tables



President, Joel Erickson welcomes everyone

February 8-9 - Acton
March 15-17- Newport Dunes



visit the website:
<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

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THE ELKS LADIES
Cornelia Meehan

2012-2013 COMMITTEE
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2013 in Review
By Jessica Stull

We're moving right along through 2013 without a hitch. Used to be we all wrote checks for everything and we used the old year at least into early February, but with on-line banking, even that is a thing of the past. Life is good.

Last night the Elks Ladies had their monthly meeting with much business to be attended to since there was no meeting in December. I'll fill you in on some of that momentarily. First, President Cornelia has asked me to give a BIG "Thank You" to Dean Reichle who did a wonderful job of building a new entry into the ladies closet adding lights and functionality. Thank Dean, from all of us.

It was wonderful to see Kathy Ryder back among us last night ... We've missed you. We missed Dee Swanson whom we heard had a fall. We all wish you well and encourage you to take it easy and come back soon. Angie Prizzi, it was reported, is still not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers and, Angie, know you are sorely missed at the meetings and social events. If you know about any of the ladies who are ill or have other issues where the Elks Ladies could reach out to, please contact June Leadam, Sunshine Chair or any of the other officers. We all need our friends.

Something near and dear to my heart. Terry Gicking has asked for comfort items for eight young men who are in Afganistan serving our country. The lodge is going to be sending care packages near the beginning of each month. Items that can be donated are combs, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, mouthwash, magazines, stationery, envelopes, stamps, pens, CDs, DVDs, hard candy, beef jerky and other such items. Comfort items should be of small sizes as they cannot carry large bottles. Every month is a new opportunity to help out. Look for a box in the lodge. Also needed (in case you are one of the rare ones who doesn't like to shop) is cash to mail the packages. We have been told that it is quite expensive so that's an easy one.

Okay, business reported, now on to fun. Its almost here - An International Affair is coming your way and you only have until January 28th to make your menu selections. Chicken Marsala or Pork Tenderloin with all the fixings catered by Country Harvest Restaurant. These folks are known for their generous portions and tickets for the party are only \$25 each, a real bargain for dinner, music and dancing, special surprises, laughter, camaraderie and so much more. The international decorations will be fab, I'm sure and who knows, James Bond may show up sporting his tux and Astin Martin. One can only dream!

Until next month, keep smiling.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Grace Wallace-1
- Suzanne Osgood-4
- Pam Smith- 8
- Kathy Ryder- 10
- Karen Naccarato-14
- Margaret Thornton- 16
- Gayla Lindquist- 23
- Kathy Jenkins-24
- Jan Stockton-29



Elk Ladies Enjoying the ER Christmas Party



**Carol Fredericks
& June Leadam**



Kathy & Tom Ryder



Sharon Baker & ??



**ER, Leo
& Lynn Rodriquez**

OFFICERS 2012-2013

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