



Exalted Ruler  
Leo Rodriguez

# ANTLER ANTICS



**Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now**

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## Installation of Officers Inaugural Ball



MARCH 30, 2013

HONORING EXALTED RULER TERRY BAKER AND FIRST LADY SHARON  
AND THE NEW OFFICER CORP

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 5:30pm  
DINNER 7pm  
GRAND ENTRANCE & GIFTS 9pm



Chef Boyd's:

Prime Rib or Salmon, baked red potato confetti  
with garlic roasted Brussel sprouts carmelized shallots and bacon.  
\$20.



For your listening and dancing pleasure the sounds of KC Philips

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR OR FROM OFFICERS  
RESERVED TABLES AVAILABLE 496-4550



**EXALTED RULER**

**Leo Rodriguez**



As this year comes to an end, and this will be my final article as your Exalted Ruler, I feel that through the year of 2012 to 2013, it has been my privilege to have served you, the members and promoting the Elkdom Spirit in our Lodge,.

I am so proud of all the accomplishments we have achieved together over the past year and of the members who made these accomplishments come about. Of course we would have liked to achieve more of the goals that we have, but we can only do so much in one year. Nevertheless, we have started the steps forward towards our other goals that I feel without a doubt will come to realization in the future if we all continue to focus and work together as a whole.

I would like to recount some of the undertakings and continued hard work and efforts in which I feel made this year a success, with the outstanding support of the dedicated members and a dutiful Officer Corp.

1. Our BBQ teams continue contributing their dedication and time which carry on serving our loyal members and our community.
2. The outstanding continued support of the Past Exalted Ruler's, the Elks Ladies and the El Konejo Kampers.
3. A successful Christmas Basket Program serving 78 families in our community.
4. Continued renovations to make our Lodge one that we are proud of, including the enhancement of the Lodge Room, Anti Room, Pantry and a new BBQ room just to mention a few.
5. Many new members who are getting involved in the committees and activities that we do.
6. Successful year once again with the Christmas Tree Lot.

There are way too many people to name that have made a difference with the dedication of their time and hard work as Committee Chairpersons, BBQ team members, Lodge beautification and in so many other different capacities, but without all of you we would not be the exceptional first-rate Lodge that the Thousand Oaks Lodge has become known for. I feel that the friendlier environment and the momentum we have, our Lodge has come a long way and we would like to see this continue and carry out our goals.

I want to thank Tom Ryder, PER and his wife Kathy for all of their support during the past 5 years as Lynn and my Mentors, and I want to thank all of you our members for the support you have shown to both Lynn and I this past year. I hope that you will continue your support for our Officer Corp for. this coming year. We should remember to "Bring the Spirit – The Time is Now!" and God Bless you



**LEADING KNIGHT**

**Terry Baker**



Turn out the lights the party's over! Or is it Turn 'em back on. It's just beginning. The hump for the Leading Knight is the Christmas basket program. The help I received from our lodge was overwhelming and it went off without a hitch. So now I take a deep breath and get ready for Exalted Ruler. As I write this article I have not been voted in yet, so I'm being a bit presumptuous but I'm going with it. I want to thank my wife Sharon for backing me up this year and hope she sticks around for next year. I learned allot from the Past Exalted Rulers.

I will follow Brother Dave's route. When he needed to make a decision it was W.W.S.D. Now it will be W.W.A.PER. D. That is code for "What would Sally do" and "What would a PER do." I don't know. I'll ask one. That way if I go down I don't go down alone.

I plan on continuing where Leo left off. Again, to my brother and sister Elks, thank you from the bottom of my heart for a wonderful Leading Knight year.



**Firefighters honorees with greeter, Dorothy Murray**



**Police honorees at Appreciation Night**



**LOYAL KNIGHT**

**JB Bre**



This is the end of our Elk year and so this will be my last article as your Esteemed Loyal Knight. So many thoughts and emotions are running through me as I write. Mainly, how could this have gone so quickly and I'll never have enough words to thank all of you who have made this such an amazing experience.

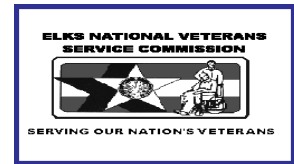
We have accomplished so much this year. I'll always be grateful to know that we were able to supply 200 military duffle bags for our homeless Veterans. They were able to put them to good use right away with the toiletries and clothing we supplied. We also had the opportunity to serve them their Saturday lunch at the Ventura County Stand Down, as well as, distributing bag lunches to everyone as they left. Christine Harrison, Terry Gicking, Carl Lanterman, Tim Newman, Dave Anderson, and Leo Rodriguez are sandwich makers extraordinaire and that will be a memory I'll always remember!!!

Being raised in the military has given me a deeper understanding and respect for our Servicemen and women and the sacrifices of families who must endure long separations. Giving back to them is an honour I treasure. Going to the Veteran's hospital and playing bingo and singing karaoke is a small pittance compared to all they have done for us. I'm lucky to be able to share these moments with Robert Jones, Jerry Feldman, Ed Ayril, Terry Gicking, Bill Aubry, Carl Lanterman, and Vern Josie. I also look forward to our yearly Veterans Breakfast knowing that we can honor their services to our country. Our Flag Retirements touch me deeply! Seeing the dignity and respect expressed brings me to tears every time.

I'm so thankful to have had the privilage of working with all of you this year! The Elks Ladies, El Konejo Kampers, PER Association helped to bring in new chairs for our lodge. The BBQ crews who continue to be the lifeblood for our financial foundation. Christmas tree lot workers who make our charity basket program viable. Hospitality providers, Brooke, Katie, Tom, Krista, Ryan who service our members and guests. Cooks, (I can't begin to list all of you!), who use their skills to keep our tummies happy. And those of you who go about on a daily basis to keep and maintain our lodge, insuring that we have one. The Board of Trustees who tirelessly work the books; and certainly not last nor least, our office staff David and Karen Naccarato! All of you have played a major role in my year and there are no words to truly express my gratitude for all you do and continue to do for our lodge!!!

There is so much I could say but not enough time or space to do so. I'm grateful for the privilage of serving as your Esteemed Loyal Knight this year. And pray many blessings on our next officer corp.

**Carl Lanterman**  
**Chairman-National Serv**  
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March 2, 1965 Vietnam War began  
 March 3, 1931 Star Spangled Banner made the U.S. National Anthem  
 March 19, 2003 Iraq War began  
 March 31, 1995 Samalia Campaign ended  
 And, the Girl Scouts of the USA was founded on March 12, 1912

February was a quiet month for Veterans' activities, in public view. Although, there are little activities which are continual.

More donations are received all the time; clothing, toiletries, stationery, etc.

We had a request through the Ventura County Military Collaborative (VCMiC), from the Ventura Veterans Service Officer, for assistance to a Vietnam Veteran in need. Bruce, resident of Moorpark, lost his wife about 6 years ago, and in the process he lost his home and other assets to the medical bills. He is living in low cost housing, on a very small income. His primary contact with the outside world is his telephone; which he was about to lose. Through emails to The VCMiC members, we were able to collect \$450 and we added \$100 from our own fund, and \$40 cash from veterans in the patio area at the Lodge. Bruce and his caregiver, and very good friend, Fran were able to join us for dinner on Wed. Feb.6th for dinner. They are both so appreciative of our help, and have offered any assistance that they may give to our Lodge. I explained that Elks do this with no expectation of returns

March will also be quiet for military activities, as we have so many other activities at the end of the Elk's year. Hope you will join us for those activities. Watch your calendar, so nicely done by our Elk of the Year, Sally Claunch. Watch your web site for additional Veterans information, coming soon.

Veteran of the Month Terry Baker, Exalted Ruler Elect

*Collection bin in the lounge  
 awaits your donations for  
**MANNA***



LET US NOT FORGET OUR TROOPS OVER SEAS

OUR LODGE HAS SPONSORED A TROOP  
OF SOLDIERS IN AFGHANISTAN

WE WILL BE SENDING THE BOXES OF  
GOODS EVERY MONTH



WE CAN ALSO USE MONEY  
DONATIONS FOR THE POSTAGE

## ITEMS TO DONATE

SHAMPOO    CONDITIONER    LOTION    COMBS  
MOUTHWASH    MAGAZINES    SANITIZERS    WET NAP  
STATIONARY    PENS    STAMPS    ENVELOPES  
HOT SAUCE    CRYSTAL LITE    ICE TEA MIX    BEEF JERKY  
TRAIL MIX    POWER BARS    PROTEIN BARS    MICRO POPCORN  
FRUIT SNACKS    SWEETENER    EZ MAC N CHEESE  
HARD CANDY    CHAPSTICK    SPF 15  
FOOT POWDER    BABY POWDER    ODOR EATERS FOR SHOES  
SOCKS    CARDS    OR LETTERS OF SUPPORT



PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX IN THE LOUNGE AT THE LODGE

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



Whale Watching Trip- March 8  
St. Patrick's Day Party- March 15  
Elk of the Year Dinner- March 22  
Installation of Officers &  
Inaugural Ball- March 30  
Easter Egg Hunt- March 31

April 19- Pin Night  
April 28- Chili Cook Off

May 2/5- Conejo Valley Days  
May 4- Kentucky Derby Party  
May 5/11- Elks National Youth Appreciation  
Week  
May 10- Youth Appreciation Night Awards  
May 12- Mother's Day Brunch  
May 15/18- CHEA State Convention

**ENTERTAINMENT**



March 1- Runamucks  
March 8- Uncle Monkey  
March 15- Open Juke Box  
March 22- Karaoke  
by Jim & Patty

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

**Coleen Morris**  
**805-241-8928**

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free.; Kathy Ryder; Roy Cooper; Angie Prizzi; Phyllis Rding

**ON THE MEND:** Jim Brown from back surgery

**ELKS EASTER EGG HUNT**

**HOSTED BY:**

**P.E.R. DON "BUGGS" ANSELL**



**DATE:** MARCH 31, 2013 "EASTER SUNDAY"

**TIME:** 1 pm - ?

**LOCATION:** Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477, 2330 Los Felix, T.O. CA

**AGE FOR EGG HUNT:** Children up to 12 years old

**ALL AGES welcome to come for the fun and refreshments!**

**\*\*\*EGG HUNT (bring basket to put eggs in)**

**\*\*\* PRIZES**

**\*\*\* EASTER BUNNY (bring camera for pictures)**

**\*\*\* SODA, WATER, CANDY**





David Naccarato, PER



**Dues notices** have been mailed out for the 2013-2014 Elks year. Please mail in your dues before March 31st 2013. We have dropped 25 members for non-payment of their 2012-2013 dues. That makes it difficult for our Trustees to work our budget and to have a +1 year. We will have to replace those 25 first. Rick Herrera has done 1/2 that for us right out of the shoot with 11 new members brought in by him. Other contributing members were Steve Chizar with 3, David Naccarato with 3, Greg Metzgas, Carol Fredricks and Ben Rieger with 2 each. Others with 1 are Terry Baker, Billy Sternberg, Chris Prince, Chuck Costigan, Robin Foly, John Moran, Bill Burmister, James Abbitt, Bryant Burns, Bobby Williams, Coleen Morris, Jim Porter, Joesph Kilrain and David Biedebach. Members coming in the last two months are being sponsored by Leo Rodriguez, Bob Phillips and Patricia Koeritz. So we will be a +1 lodge which makes us look good to the Grand Lodge. It would be nice to bring in new members and keep the others. Having a revolving door is not good for anyone. I've said it before to call me if you have a problem. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke. I already get Antler's returned to us via the postal service from members who have moved with no forwarding address and phone disconnected and that's 50 cents worth of postage each. The dues notice will not make it through to those people and here we go again.

**Elks Ladies** put on an excellent Major Project Fund Raiser. We were bursting at the seams. Our Major Project is Disabled Children and our Ladies do a fine job every year. The entertainment was hilarious and those who missed it missed what camaraderie with your fellow Elks is like. Now can we talk? If you didn't go we had a Victor Victoria thing going on in reverse. At the Jolly Corks induction you can see from the pictures what went on. At the ER going away parties the entertainment runs about the same way. Now I've read all information on Elks that I can find. Although we were started by a group of actors wanting to make a difference in their community I can't find anywhere where it says they entertained in drag. That's all I'm saying on the subject.

**Superbowl party** that was put on by Dave Pearson was reminiscent of parties of old. Food, food and more food was the order of the day. The lodge room was packed. The bar did well. Our bartenders did well and Karen won a pool. That's a swimming pool we don't have football pools. At one point I counted 41 members on the patio. Even with an exciting football game, bowling still interested others. And that's OK

My **Hats off** to a few members who went above and beyond the call of duty. We had an electrical concern and

kept blowing circuit breakers out in the patio. It plays havoc with the bowling machine. We called upon the talents of **John Puckett** who is a retired electrician.

John helped us find the short and get back on line. John recited a line from Godfather III. "I thought I was out and they pull me back in." John really bailed us out.

**Wilson Dyer** and his wife **Rena** came out and hung up all the plaques in the conference room. **Wilson Dyer and Bill Sternberg** built a holding area to house the bread bar B Q and fan to make it easier accessible to the crews. Come and check out their handy work.

**Dates** to remember Installation of Officers and the Inaugural Ball is slated for March 30th.

**Easter** for the kids comes early this year Sunday the 31st. **PER Don Ansell** and his wife **Dee** color and hides 200 eggs and have presents for all the kids so bring the Grand kids or your own kids and the neighbor's kids.



## WE GET LETTERS

Dear Elks,

Thank you so very much for the generous gift of food and presents to my family at Christmas. My four year old Granddaughter asked me to prepare a big Christmas dinner. Of course I told her I would, but I had no clue how I was going to pull it off. Then the Santa Elks showed up. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Paula Rena Francis, Suriah, Sebastien and Jasmine.

P.S. The scribble in red pencil is from Suriah, the 4 year old. Those are her words of thanks.

Hi Elks Lodge 2477,

I feel like I just became part of a family and then left. I am still volunteering at the local nursing home and am a member of the Optimist Club. I was taking care of my father there in T.O., and as soon as he was better he wanted to live by himself. I joined the Elks thinking I would be taking care of him forever, and that time might come again, as I am always ready to help my Dad. I read the Antler cover to cover. Maybe one of these days I'll be back. I'm sending a check as my way of helping our lodge. I have a 380 sq ft bedroom & bath. If any of our members would like to vacation in Santa Claus Inn .they will be welcome.

With love, Peggy Dann

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE** visit our website for more pictures-[www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com)

JOLLY CORKS ELK LADIES INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR  
SUPERBOWL PARTY MONDAY NIGHT BOWLING  
FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE APPRECIATION DINNER



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



**Rick Herrera**  
with new member **Kay Magil**



**David Biederbach**  
with new member **Wendi Stuart**



**Billy Sternberg**  
with new member **Allan Zatkin**



**Rick Herrera**  
with new member **Joe Noonan**



**Rick Herrera**  
with new member **Doug Morrison**



**Rick Herrera**  
with new member **Dan Yates**



**Greg Metzgas**  
with new members **Paul & Dan Schuyler**

**Eight new members are now part of the fraternal brotherhood of the BPOE (Best People On Earth) Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and our Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477**



**ACCOUNTING & BUDGETING  
SEMINAR  
For  
THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE  
#2477**

Carl Lanterman, ASA  
Sam Frankl, CPA

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013  
\$6 DINNER @ 6:00 and PRO-  
GRAM @ 7:00**

- \*How is my Restricted Account protected?
- \*How does my project get into the budget?
- \*What am I voting for when I vote for a budget?
- \*Who has the final word on the budget?
- \*How do I know if there is money for something I want to do?
- \*And, learn about Elks accounting, financials & budgeting

**GET THESE AND OTHER ANSWERS AT THIS INFORMATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPED JUST FOR YOU!**



Whale Watching Trip  
March 10  
Channel Islands Harbor  
9:30 am- 3 hours  
\$32-adults  
\$26-children

Call Jim Moye  
**805-443-6261**



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.



***MEMBERS LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED.***  
THE OFFICERS OF THOUSAND OAKS LODGE  
ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.  
WE NEED 15-20 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



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

Eddie Bianchi's homemade lasagna

\$8



Lasagna

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March 1

Dance to the sounds of Runamuck



Pork Chops

by Bobby Williams and the Krazy Krew with twice baked potato and Paula's famous green beans \$10

March 8

Music by Uncle Monkey

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

guest chef Tom Corrigan prepares corned beef & cabbage \$10

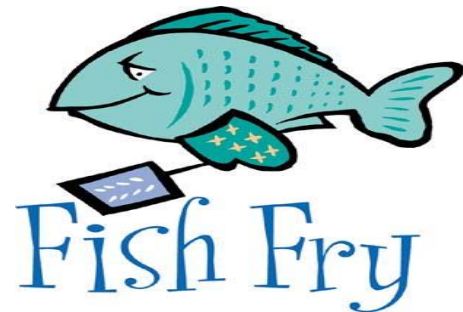


March 15

drink specials all weekend:



- Green Beer \$2
- Tulamare Dew \$4
- Irish Coolers \$3
- Irish Collins \$3
- Jameson Drinks \$4



by Bennett's Boys assisted by Past Elks of the Year

\$8

March 22

Elk of the Year Dinner

Karaoke by Jim & Patty

## 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



### Marilyn Cissell's Elk Ladies Inspirational

PLEASE DON'T LET US BE PRIDEFUL

YOU WANT US TO BE CONFIDENT,  
BUT PRIDEFUL'S NOT THE SAME.  
HOW NICE TO SMILE AND THINK WELL DONE  
YOUR HELP MADE IT ALMOST A GAME.

AND IF WE HAVE A TALENT GOD,  
THAT IS A GIFT FROM YOU.  
WE NEED NOT BOAST ABOUT IT,  
JUST GIVE MORE PRAISE FOR ALL YOU DO.

AMEN



## HOSPITALITY CORNER



Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? It depends on the menu, the cooks, the price, the weather, the time of year, the time of the month, the mood of the day, the whim of the moment. Basically, we usually take a semi-educated guess, a shot in the dark. This is one of the dilemmas we face in the kitchen: how many meals shall we prepare; how much do we purchase? We don't want to run out, but we don't want leftover food or waste.

Managing our kitchen is a real challenge. Our members can contribute to the success of our kitchen. It's very simple. **If you are planning to enjoy a Friday night dinner at the Lodge, please speak with any bartender or call 805-496-4550 and reserve your dinner.** A few weeks ago, Reggie from Ventura put on his famous fried chicken dinner and we had 75 reservations. We served 83, but still turned some members away so... you can help us by calling anytime before noon on a Friday and reserve your Friday night dinner.

Now let's focus on March. Please review the calendar for the meal and entertainment schedule. We want to point out a couple of special meals: Eddie Bianchi doing his famous lasagna on March 1, and Bobby Williams and Crazy Krew doing his Killer Pork Chops on Friday, March 8. Come and dance both Fridays to the best bands we can afford!

St. Patrick's Day has been expanded to an entire weekend, starting with corned beef and cabbage dinner by none other than Tom Corrigan on Friday, March 15 (please call to reserve your dinner!). We'll have Irish drink specials all weekend, and Steve Smith will be doing breakfast on Sunday, March 17 featuring corned beef hash. Come on down and enjoy!

For those of you who have been waiting for the Fish Fry to resume, **THE FISH FRY IS BACK!** On Friday, March 22 come and enjoy the fish fry and Elk of the Year presentation followed by Karaoke by Jim and Patty. Last time Jim and Patty did Karaoke, it was quite an eye opener, with courage winning out over talent, but with a lot of fun along the way.

We finish up March with the Inaugural Ball on Saturday, March 30. Chef Boyd will be preparing prime rib and salmon, for only \$20. Come and enjoy a great Saturday night dinner and dancing, and meet your new officers.

Check the calendar for other meals and events in March. We look forward to seeing you!

Dan Martyn, Chair  
Hospitality Committee



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

### The Chill That Can't Kill By Jessica Stull



Travel Village in Valencia seems to be the place the El Konejo Kampers settle each January and 2013 is no exception. On Thursday most of the campers arrived amid the cold wind and low temperature. When David and I pulled up mid-afternoon the place looked like a graveyard of empty RVs. Where is everyone we wondered? It took only a few minutes for Kathy Moye to greet us all bundled up like a little snowman (woman?). Just opening the door I realized why – the temperature was in the 40s. Not a problem, El Torito is just down the road a piece and they have Happy Hour and heaters! The Flannery's, Moyes, Stull's, Nemtusak's, Cheryl Templeton, and Sue Osgood all piled into two vehicles and headed out. We ate dinner there and reluctantly returned to the campground well after dark. I, for one, couldn't get into the rig fast enough to get out of the cold since I had left two electric heaters running. Still fighting a cold since Christmas, I didn't want to take any chance of a relapse. Even KC, my cat, was under the down comforter and bedspread when we returned. In fact, he stayed there most of the weekend – a new trick in his repertoire. We turned on the TV and was watching some mind numbing show when I spotted a glow through the front windshield. Lo and behold, some of these diehards had started a fire and were sitting out there. Kathy had come by earlier to invite us over and I thought it was a joke. Not for this kid.

Regardless of the weather which continued on the rest of the weekend, we managed to have fun. Donna and Ed Colleran did their usual fine job of being wagon masters and their Saturday evening taco, enchilada and general Mexican food bar was an inspiration. Cheryl Templeton broke out two Margarita machines and bartended for all. She's good enough to get a job at an Elks Lodge. Way to go, Cheryl. Jim Miller, Patty Bauman, Kim Rediger, and John Pucket rounded out the attendees list. Most of us played Left, Right, Center on Saturday evening and had more fun. Football games, poker, Rummikub rounded out the games list, with shopping at Camping World, Bed, Bath & Beyond, the mall and various other stores filling our afternoon on Friday. No one is ever bored in this group.

The Kamper's generally have their meeting after brunch on Saturday and this was no exception. Being the first meeting of the year, the new officers presided. One notable exception was that President Joel Erickson was absent and Vice President Jim Moye conducted the meeting. Jim did a fine job and the meeting went smoothly and quickly. Good Job, Jim. Sue Osgood, as the new Secretary read the minutes and took notes. She's great. Beverly Erickson, who was also not in attendance, is the new Treasurer but she's done it before and is always good.

Speaking of Beverly and Joel Erickson, there are not too many campouts they do not attend. Their absence was due to Beverly having major surgery and she is now recuperating and following doctor's orders to take it easy. This couple is foundational to our group and were sorely missed.

Beverly, for those of you who don't know her, is rather quiet, a little shy until she gets to know you, and certainly very warm and caring. Beverly loves Christmas and decorates her house with amazing, unique and beautiful pieces. She is never without a needlework project and she has needlework wall hangings that span many, many years. She has more figurines than most gift stores and even has a Star Trek ornament full size Christmas tree. Their home is aglow with decorations all of December. Beverly was not born in California but met her beloved Joel while attending college here. They have been married 51 years and still love each other completely. Beverly loves her Norwegian heritage and holds a Lefsa party each December to honor that tradition. Lefsa is a type of flat bread similar to a very thin tortilla made with potatoes. If you don't know Beverly introduce yourself. She's generally at the lodge on Friday evening. Also, keep Beverly and her family in your prayers and good wishes as we need the Erickson's back at the campgrounds.

On a final note, when we got up on Sunday morning, none of us had water – that's right it froze. The temperature dropped down to 27 degrees and our hoses froze. It seems comical to say we are heading to Acton for the February campout when just a few years ago it snowed on us in Acton. We'll be celebrating Chinese New Year. Are we crazy or what?

### UPCOMING KAMP OUTS



- February 8-9 - Acton
- March 15-17- Newport Dunes
- April 11-13- Pechanga Resort
- May 10-11 - Oceano Elks Lodge
- June 7-8- Ventura Ranch
- July 12-13 -Santa Maria Elks Lodge
- 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

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

2012-2013 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

## THE ELKS LADIES

### Cornelia Meehan

2012-2013 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

**1ST VICEPRESIDENT:** Lynn Rodriquez  
**2ND VICEPRESIDENT:**  
**SECRETARY:** Jean Miraglia  
**TREASURER:** Charlotte Gessler  
**AUDITOR:** Beth Kozlowski  
**TELEPHONE:** Mary Flannery



**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Kathy Ryder  
**CHAPLAIN:** Marilyn Cissell  
**MAJOR PROJECT:** Niki Case  
**SUNSHINE:** June Leadam  
**HISTORIAN:** Carol Fredericks  
**CVD:** Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

### An International Affair Promotes World "Peas" By Jessica Stull

You'd have to be there to understand the caption, but it's not important. What is important to tell, is that everyone who went really enjoyed themselves. The planning – flawless, the decorations magnificent – each table a different country from Mexico, USA, Greece, France, Holland, Ireland, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Japan and England. There were even some folks who dressed in traditional costumes of countries, though dressing was not a requirement. The band played like never before with foreign travel films acting as background lighting. The food was delicious and plentiful. The main event was a Miss Universe contest with finalists from seven countries. Each paraded down the runway to music of their country when introduced and then performed in the talent portion. The real winners of the contest were the crowd. I thought some of the people laughing so hard were going to fall off their chairs, and when the "Lady" from Scotland offered a free drink to vote for her, I thought there'd be a stampede to the bar! The skit was choreographed by Carol Fredericks and Beth Kozlowski. This is a letter to the participants:

Dear Miss Ireland (Steve Smith), Miss Germany (Leo Rodriguez), Miss Afghanistan (David Biederbach), Miss Scotland (Craig Burns), Miss U.S.A (David Pearson), Miss Mexico (Terry Giking), Miss Italy (Gregg Miraglia), our M.C.(David Naccarato)and our sound guy (Robert Jones),

How can we ever thank you guys enough for being such good sports and really giving our Miss Universe contest your utmost. Needless to say the crowd loved it!! You all absolutely outdid yourselves with your costumes and I for one can't wait for the pictures (wonder how much I could make blackmailing you all to NOT put those shots on FaceBook!!). Kudos to David N. for a great job as M.C. and to Robert for pulling all the music together. This event is the Ladies largest fund raiser of the year and on behalf of all the kids that the Elks help through their mobile medical units we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I'm already looking forward to next year-how about you!!!

Hugs to you all,  
Carol, Beth and Niki and all the Elks Ladies

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ruby Metzgu-1  
Jet Perry -1  
Angie Prizzi- 1  
Phyllis Riding- 5  
Dee Ansell-6  
Crystal Dool- 11  
Jill Williams -20  
Melinda Pekow- 22  
Jessica Stull -25



Needless to say, these big events cannot go on without lots of help. To that end, let me add a big thanks to Niki and Rich Case, Beth Kozlowski, Carol Frederick, Sharon Baker, Jessica Stull, June Leadam, Jeri Miller, Catherine Koeritz, Lynn and Leo Rodriquez, Barbara Booker, Jill Williams, Kathy Moye and everyone from the pageant. If I've forgotten anyone, it is my memory, not your performance.

For some other news – the nominations are in and for President we have Lynn Rodriquez, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jill Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Myrna Block, Secretary Jean Miraglia and Treasurer Charlotte Gessler. Next month is voting with the installation dinner on March 12, 2013 so mark your calendar. A big welcome to Lee Yates the newest member of the Elks Ladies. President Cornelia Meehan won the 50/50 drawing at the Ladies meeting and there was no winner for the bubble... so next month it will be \$80. Until next month, keep safe.

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| Leslie Smith-01       | Phillip Johnson-19     |
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| Pete Jackson-10       | Donald Shewmon-27      |
| George Meehan PER-10  | Williams Jones-30      |
| Bryant Burns-11       |                        |
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