



ANTLER ANTICS



Terry Baker
Exalted Ruler

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ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



MAY 12TH
10 AM- 1 PM

\$12 ADULTS
\$6 CHILDREN

RITUAL 11 AM

MENU:

- Eggs
- Ham, Bacon, Sausage
- Hash Browns
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Waffles by David Naccarato
- Crepes by Johnny D
- Fruit
- Pastries
- Orange Juice
- Coffee



FLOWERS FOR ALL MOTHERS ATTENDING

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EXALTED RULER
Terry Baker



Well I felt like my first day home from going to school and my mother asking me "What did you learn at school today?" I answered her "not enough they want me back tomorrow". I get home from my first meeting as Exalted Ruler and Sharon asked "How'd it go?"

I answered "OK I guess I wasn't told to give it up". I love talking about nothing for it's the only thing I know anything about. At my first Lodge meeting, even with balloting we were done in 63 minutes. Nay Sayers that say the meetings go to long can't say that any more. When we have Initiation just add on 15 minutes.

I want to thank JB Bre for heading up Sharon and my more Inaugural Ball on March 30th. It's a tough job because if it goes wrong, you'll hear about it. I'm sure she didn't hear anything but accolades. The team she assembled worked together like a Swiss watch. The portion of prime rib we took home and had two more meals in it. KC Phillips, for a one man band has a good sound for that type of event. We could visit and it was not annoying. Dan Martyn, Donna Leary and Brooke had the servers doing a wonderful job and Boyd Lindquist and his crew went over the top on dinner preparation. I don't know all who were in the kitchen with him and I don't want to leave anyone out. I'll quit here while I'm ahead. The decorations were to my liking and I feel the combining of Installation and Inaugural Ball went off just fine. Sally Claunch as Mistress of Ceremony kept things moving at a good humorous clip.

One thing our Exalted Rulers look forward to is to ride in our train in the Santa Maria Parade. My back just won't last and with having the new West Central Coast District Leader from our Lodge and the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler this year is from our lodge I will give up my seat on the train to allow them to ride the 5 mile trip and give the parade wave.

Our lodge has a long line of DDGER's. Erle Pittman, Bill Lloyd, Frank Rindone, Gil Riding, Greg Metzgas, Tom Ryder, Richard Goldner, Robert Thornton and now Terry Gicking. Bill Lloyd also served as our District leader for 13 years which is only a 5 year gig.

We have many hard workers here at the lodge and I will try to mention all of you. Between my secretary and myself we will try to get you the recognition you deserve. Most don't want recognition, but it's nice. In fact this year's Elk of the Year (you can read his story elsewhere in the Antics) knew he was nominated many times before and always said "Don't give it to me" and we always obliged. This year he had no choice. He is who we chose. All the former Elks of the Year and officers make the decision. It's like the Oscars. We take nominations; talk about them (behind their backs) narrow it down to 5 then to two then to one. Now you can say "just wait your turn". We do have criteria that Ben went above and beyond. Besides the criteria, Ben sponsored two new members into our order this year. Took them through the process. He went to their balloting and initiations. Sounds like what you should do but many sponsors don't. We made the right choice. I'll close for now, but again thank you again for my Inaugural Ball. It was a (wait for it) real Ball.



LEADING KNIGHT
Dan Martyn



In any occupation, profession or trade, there is, hopefully, the enjoyable part of practicing, building, fixing or accomplishing a task, and then there is the business side of things. Most days hopefully we enjoy what we do, and then comes the billing, the accounting, the collections and so forth. And so it is with the Lodge as well. We enjoy the socializing, the events, our charitable works, but there is the business side to the Lodge as well. Without a sound business, the Lodge would flounder.

Our Lodge, like any other business, faces many challenges financially. We are operating in what some might say is an improving economy, but we face ever increasing operating expenses, taxes and costs for goods sold and supplies. One need only make a list of the bars and restaurants that have either closed or changed hands in our area to realize that operating this type of business in the current economic environment is difficult to say the least. Other Lodges in the area are facing the same issues as our Lodge, particularly with regard to the financial performance of their kitchens, and increased pressure to take corrective action from our District leaders and above. I am aware that other Lodges are rethinking their meal pricing and, in some cases, reducing kitchen service or raising prices across the board. Our Lodge is not taking such action at this time, but we are taking a hard look at our kitchen costs and expenses with an eye towards containing costs and avoiding unnecessary expense and waste wherever possible. In this regard, one of the recent actions taken has been to encourage dinner reservations on Friday nights. We have had tremendous member cooperation on reservations, and while we are still working out a few kinks, reservations have been working well and help us with our planning and avoidance of waste.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

As Chair of the Hospitality Committee, I have been involved with the Lodge kitchen and bar for the last 18 months. The kitchen, in particular, has been a real challenge. We try our best to serve a good meal at a very reasonable price to our members, and we recognize that a significant increase in kitchen prices would negatively impact a good number of members on fixed incomes who come regularly to the Lodge to enjoy a meal and socialize. We will make every effort to continue to serve a good meal at a reasonable price.

While the financial performance of the bar has improved, the Lodge still frequently finds itself short on operating funds. In short, we have been living, to some degree, hand to mouth. At the beginning of 2012, bar prices were adjusted, roughly half higher and half lower, to better and more fairly reflect the costs of the various beverages. At this time, given the continual increases in operating expenses and goods, the Officers have approved an across the board price increase of 50 cents for all beverages, other than coffee and soft drinks, effective May 1, 2013. Please remember that the price charged includes sales tax, which was recently increased to 7.5%. Even with this modest increase, the bar prices at the Lodge are extremely competitive and lower than all or most other establishments in the area.

We thank you in advance for your support and continuing patronage.

LOYAL KNIGHT

Jim Moye



The old adage "April showers bring May flowers" couldn't be more apropos for our lodge activities. May is going to be blooming with activities. It starts out with our BBQ crews going out to Conejo Valley Days. Big time \$\$'s for the lodge. Sign up boards are up in the lounge for volunteers. It's a blast. Sign up and have fun.

I wonder what types of flowers will appear on some of the ladies hats at the Kentucky Derby Day hat contest? Don't miss this one, lotta of fun. It's Pot Luck so bring a Derby Day dish and have a Mint Julep while we entertain ourselves with derby race side events. Speaking of Derby Day, don't forget to bring a quart of your home made salsa to enter into the salsa contest. Big prizes. See the flyer for details.

May also hosts our Elks National Youth Appreciation Week capped with our Youth Appreciation dinner on Friday May 10th. Awards will be presented by committee chairs at this event. Reservations are requested.

Our third bowling league is coming to an end but don't despair, sign up sheets will be posted for the next league to start in June. Thanks David and Annie, couldn't have done it without you. Monday night dinners will continue in May, however, we just need to identify the volunteers who will prepare them.. hint. If you are interested please contact me. Special thanks to Eddie, Jimmy, Gary, Patti, Pam, Bobby, Paula, Joe, Craig and their crews for a great job. Sorry if I missed anybody.

Mother's Day is May 12th so mark your calendars. It is a full blown Champagne brunch from 10 AM to 1 PM with Waffles by David Naccarato and Crepes by Johnny D' Ambrogio. Doesn't get any better than that.

Looking for a great way to spend the day or two outdoors? National Field Hockey championship contests at Moorpark College. You guessed it, a BBQ team will be needed. See Rick Bennett for information. This is a major competition venue and fun to watch.

One of my new responsibilities is the kitchen. "What" you say does that mean? Well for one it means that I'm continually asking the same people to volunteer for kitchen duty. Don't get me wrong we do have fun, but we need new and return people to share the wealth of these precious moments. I love to cook and I know that there are many of you out there that feel the same way. Volunteer once or twice and come on down and let's expand on our resources.

Looking forward to a Great New Year. Thanks again Jim



BROTHERLY LOVE



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



Got extra recyclables? If you do the Elks Lodge will take your recyclables and turn them into scholarship money for our local top high school senior applicants.

People in the lodge bring all color glass, CA redemption plastic and aluminum cans to the Lodge and the committee takes it from there..

Glass is sorted by color and put in barrels which are stored in the new storage building next to the permanent BBQ. Plastic and cans are separated and bagged and again stored in the new recycling center. Tabs are removed by Gerry Gilles and collected for the Ronald McDonald house.

Periodically the barrels and bags are taken to the recycling center and cashed in with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

The new storage facility was approved by the House Committee for construction in mid Elk year. The group that designed and built it was: Rick Herarra, Erik Kraszowski, Greg Metzgas, Bill Sternberg, Tom Hartin, and Bobby and wife Paula Williams. My thanks go out to all those who helped in construction and to the bar for recyclables and all those who faithfully bring down recyclables.

If you have not yet gotten involved start today by bringing to the lodge CA redemption cans and plastic and all your extra glass.

Drop them by any time and place in the gated recycling center by the back of the kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Herrera
Scholarship Chairman

P.S. We are collecting close to \$5,000 per year.

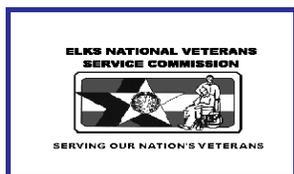
Collection bins in the lounge
await your donations for

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TROOPS



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May 7, 1945 – Unconditional Surrender of all German forces
 May 8, 1945 – VE Day declared
 May 15, 1942 – Women's Army Corps Founded
 May 18th – Armed Forces Day
 May 27th – Memorial Day

I thought that it would be a good idea to start noting what veterans have done after their military service.

Bob Reeves, a Korean War Veteran with whom I have been working for more than 4 years, celebrated his 45th year as owner of Bob Reeves Brass Mouthpieces (bobreeves.com). At 81, he is the world's best at making trumpet mouthpiece, still doing the custom work himself, and aligning the valves on trumpets. His consultation is like no other, generally at no charge. People like Doc Severinsen, Arturo Sandoval, Rick Baptist and Herb Alpert are among his old friends. His product is sold round the world, and when he and his staff can make the trip to Japan and Germany and to the International Trumpet Guild annual events, they are swamped with requests for valve alignments, mouthpieces and special requests.

When Bob was discharged in 1955, having served as a navy machinist for four years, he went to trade school at the China Lake Naval Test Station. He started playing the trumpet and met other trumpet players, and with his machinist background that eventually led him to make his own mouthpieces. Working with Purviance for several years, he obtained the patent for the Purviance mouthpiece, and still makes the original plus his own version.

Bob has worked with engineers and physicists to come up with his own patented H2Oil (oil & water mix) for valves, and has an item list of nearly 1500 mouthpieces and other parts that he has developed. He can tell you more about what is happening inside your trumpet than you know yourself, including his famous "gap" test with a piece of paper. The gap left when the mouthpiece enters the lead pipe of the trumpet is measured in the thousandths of an inch, and he will be the first to say that no one can tell you what that should be, but he certainly will educate you.

Among those who visited his shop in Valencia, CA for the 45th anniversary was Terry Warburton of Warburton Music Products who flew out from Florida for the event.

If you would like to see more stories of veterans, please send them to our secretary David Naccarato at

toelks@yahoo.com. He will see that I get them and I will try and get them into the Antler with my monthly newsletter.

Five Elks each month continue to visit the Sepulveda VA Hospital on the 2nd Friday of the month at 1:00 pm (leave the lodge at 11:30). Four to seven Elks visit the CalVet Home-Ventura on the 4th Thursday each month at 6:00 pm. Thank you to those dedicated crews.

Please drop off your goods for our platoon in Afghanistan. The container is in the lounge near the door. Contact Terry Gicking for more information. Also, the \$25 gift cards were well received by deserving military families. Drop them off at the office anytime.

BOWLING FOR DOLLARS



A huge "shout out" goes out to David and Annie Pearson and the 74 bowlers who participated in their fund raising effort to continue the lodge make over. We all had a good time. I even won a free game when a red pin appeared as the head pin and I rolled a strike. It was a little getting used to throwing from the chair, but I eventually got the hang of it. I watched these guys play soccer and basketball at the "Disabilities Expo" at the Convention Center so I thought I'd give it a try. They had a different type of wheel chair but I made it work. It was real cool, the lights were out, the pins glowed and all the white on your shirt from the black light showed up. No, I'm not saying Head and Shoulders. Just a note though, don't stand behind Mary Moore when she's got her back swing going. I'll leave it there.

After paying for the use of the alleys, pizza and snacks Dave and Annie were able to jump start the lounge renovation by \$556.33. They want to do it again, but with a little more lead time. We can activate our lodge data base to fill in the extra spots needed- 96 spots. We had 74 needed 22 more. That is with 4 on a lane. We could do 5 on a lane. There's plenty of room and the more the merrier.

David Naccarato



COMING ATTRACTIONS



- 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
- June 9- Flag Retirement Ceremony
- June 16- Father's Day Brunch

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"

Born 8/6/1932
Initiated 9/28/2012
Died 3/18/2013

Jon Rich



ENTERTAINMENT



- May 3- Big Adventure
- May 17- KC Phillips
- May 24- Horse Racing
- May 31- runamucks

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: David & Karen Naccarato on the passing of his father; the family of Jon Rich on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free.; Kathy Ryder; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Dee Swanson ; Margaret Thornton; Barbara Booker had surgery

ON THE MEND: Ben Rieger; Bev & Karen Erickson



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
MAY 4TH 1 pm SNACKS-SALSA TASTING CONTEST-
MINT JULIPS



BEST HAT CONTEST

Watch the sport of kings
on multiple tvs..... 3:20 pm



SALSA TASTING CONTEST
MAY 4TH



The salsa contestants need to sign- up and bring one (1) quart of their salsa to the kitchen by 12:30. A table with chips and the salsa in bowls will be identical and will be numbered. Everyone is open to tasting but to vote you will need to purchase tickets. \$3.00 gets you 5 voting tickets.



David Naccarato, PER



Dues are coming in at a nice pace, however it is less than half. The key cards have been changed. Toss the yellow card when you receive the red card. For the future the key cards will not change till at least April 1st 2014-maybe a few days leeway.

Dan Martyn and Jim Moye have been getting the right people into our kitchen and we have great meals that you cannot get at a better price. I had a fellow tell me he will just go to Denny's for a \$4.00 breakfast. We have a \$4.00 breakfast. At Denny's if you want coffee adds \$1.25. If you want orange juice add \$1.75. Your \$4.00 breakfast is now \$7.00. Hey, we have that too with omelets, pancakes, toast and meat. Plus our profit goes to support our charities not line the pockets of investors.

Reggie Fleeman from Ventura Lodge is coming back to do his Fried Chicken Dinner on April 26th .It been sold out twice now. You know it has to be good. Call in for your reservation. Do not call in on that Friday, do not come in at 8: pm; it will be gone.

Each of us should re-invite our less active brother and sister Elks and their spouses to revisit their lodge, especially those whom you sponsored. The reason(s) why they joined are still present. The reason(s) why they became less involved may no longer exist. It's our untapped strength in good people, fellowship, our family attitude, and our gregarious nature which will permit the many benefits of our refurbished facility. Our Lodge membership is approximately 415, yet our Lodge activities are measured by about 120 members. Of this, we are all aware. Action is being taken to adjust the lodge's physical environment to improve member comfort. The goal is to achieve a more favorable "climate" for the members and guests to ENJOY. This year several pleasant lodge beautification and improvement projects are planned. Many have already been started and completed. More are in the works as money will allow. David Pearson held a no-tap bowling fund raiser at Simi's Harley's Bowl to continue what Dan Martyn started. The PER Association raffled off a trip and was able to donate \$4,000.00. Why do I bring that up? That \$4,000 was with less than half the tickets being sold. If all of them were sold \$10,000 would have been generated. That's getting involved. Odds are you won't win but getting involved, supporting your lodge helps us all around and you may be the winner. Never know till you play.

We received a call from the Den mother of Cub Scout pack # 3721 looking for a sponsor. She found us on our web-

site and called to inquire. I called our chairman Bill Miller who met with Janette Fox. I am proud to say we have another scout pack to call our own. This is what we do

We rented our lodge room to Life Line Screening. They want to come back to this location 4 times a year. Why? because of the improvements we've made. Even our conference room is getting more action. Move a wall and see what happens. I want to have a shout out to Tom Hartin and Kirk Keeler for coming out on a Saturday night to cook for Rick Godfrey's retirement party that he held at our lodge. Rick was our Officer of the Year recipient from 1990. Tom and Kirk had help from Faye Stevens, Christine Harrison and Brook. Robert Jones was down as Duty officer. I was here to just get in the way and collect the check which I did quite well.

. I want to thank the members who sent the card to my family while I was away tending to my father's funeral. Thank you ever so much. My father was an Elk in Tacoma Washington. We had his memorial at their new lodge. It was very nice. David and Karen

Remember today is the oldest you've ever been yet the youngest you'll ever be enjoy this day while it lasts. Your kids become like you but your Grand Children are perfect

WE GET



LETTERS

On our answering machine heard in the office we received a call from a very pleased grandmother who brought her grandson to our Easter Egg Hunt. "Please tell everyone in charge. It was our first time and the grandson had the time of his life. I've lived here for 28 years and it's the first time I had been there. Thank you Elks Lodge."

Dearest members of the Elks Lodge and Carl Lanterman, Veterans Chairman

On behalf of being a member of the 146Th Channel Islands Air National Guard, my family and I would like to thank you all for your kind, heartfelt and generous holiday Christmas Basket. Thank you ever so much for the delicious (large) turkey, dried and canned goods and especially the wonderful children's toys. It's always a joy to see the look in my child's eyes of pure delight when they have a new toy to play with and to have fun with their imagination.

With people like you giving your time and hearts, it truly touches our hearts to know that a community really cares and shows that they care. That is contagious and please let me know if I can ever be of help to you one day. I would volunteer in a heartbeat for any great cause you believe in. May God bless all of you and thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely

The French family Sgt. Linda French, Lee, Liberty and Ian

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

Bugsy Ansell's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bugsy is pictured extreme right with the mike.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS-DINNER-BALL



ELK OF THE YEAR

Past Elks of the Year

Dick Lewis 73- 74
Ernest Harter 74-75
Milt Mortenson 75-76
Floyd "Frosty" Miller 76-77
John Farhat 77-78
Jack Henry 78-79
Bob Ckark 79-80
Jerry Tait 80-81
Bob McKee-81-82
Bill Cairns 82-83
Dick Churik 83-84
Bill Whitney 84-85
Bob Cissell 85-86
Tommy Thompson 86-87
Roy Cooper 87-88
Vern Ogden 88-89
Vince Bailie 89-90
Don Steinhelper 90-91
Sherwood McDonald 91-92
Jeff Enger 92-93
John R. Evans 93-94
Tom Ryder 94-95
Kirk Keeler 95-96
Chuck Busch 96-97
Jerry Serota 97-98
Tommy Claunch 98-99
Frank Coley 99-00
Dave Pearson 00-01
Ken Keeler 01-02
Gil Riding 02-03
Dick Mc Neal 03-04
Ed Rice 04-05
Max Maxwell 05-06
Tom Hartin 06-07
Herb Jellander 07-08
Jim Allen 08-09
Terry Baker 09-10
Johnny D. Ambrogio 10-11
Sally Claunch Jr 11-12

Our Lodge has had 41 Elks of the Year. We get together once a year to swap stories of them and bring members up to date on the progression of our lodge. Many come up to me after and tell me they had no idea about a particular event or member of our lodge. We talked about Dick Lewis who was our first and the dinner that was served was prime rib for \$6.25. Now that was 1974. We serve fish now for \$8.00. That's really because it seems the fish crew had been and I say HAD been all previous Elk of the Year winners. We still will have a fantastic fish dinner once a month except Nov-Feb. We discussed Elk of the Year 1979 as being Jack Henry who with eleven others took out a 2nd on their homes to raise the money to buy our property. He told me when I first joined the Lodge that it's OK if you disagree with me, I can't

force you to be right. Kirk Keeler was 1996. He got our lodge in shape by organizing softball games. What we learned at the EOTY is that he had a kegger in the bed of his truck all piped in to a spigot behind the tail light. He had no problem finding players. In 2001 David Pearson was elected. Dave took two of our members to the winners' circle of Grand Marshal of CVD. He proved to us that he does not cheat at golf. It's that he plays for his health and the low score makes him feel better. Even our new Exalted Ruler was EOTY in 2010.

Now 2012-2013 we chose a member who was born in 1942 in Odessa Russia. (SNOW!) After two years his family moved to Stuttgart, Germany.(SNOW!) Finally the family moved to the United States (probably to find warmth) settled in Minot, North Dakota. (SNOW!) After graduating college he joined the Army to get warm. He was stationed in Greenland (didn't help). As a bomb technician, he told the guys in his platoon "if you see me running , keep up".

After the army he moved to California,(yeah warmth.) and got a job with Montgomery Wards repairing freezers. (COLD). His motto is if you can't fix it with duct tape you didn't use enough. Ben met his wife Elaine as a customer (he installed her washer and dryer) Their first date was New Year's Day 1968. He took her horseback riding but the horse got away from him and his foot got tangled in the stirrup. Elaine jumped off her horse and ran into the K-Mart to get the manager to unplug it. They were married in 1971 and moved to Port Hueneme. He joined the Elks in 1970 and transferred to our lodge in 1987. This past year he was Chair of the Christmas Tree Lot. Ben did a great job. Ben helps on our BBQs He is familiar with a lawn mower and handles all our landscape maintenance. Ben even has pushed me back up to the office when my power chair took a dive.

Ben very nicely told me I spelled his name wrong on all the awards. I thought it was Benard Reiger. Sounds good to me. It's Bernhard Rieger. I'll call him Ben from now on. Bernhard (Ben) Rieger is Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 Elk of the Year for 2012-2013.

Come out next March 2014 and some history of our lodge. Take part in next year's program. You'll have good fish and a good time learning the history of your Lodge



Ben Rieger with wife Elaine

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We had a problem with an out of control car on Los Feliz Dr. that crashed into our BBQ. Tom Hartin repaired the BBQ trailer at a cost of xxxxx. The traffic officers were called and a report was filed and a copy was sent to the insurance company of the party involved. A check was sent to the lodge to cover expenses. The money will be used to further the progress of the BBQ room and again a huge thanks to Tom Hartin.

Also I want to thank Tom Hartin for taking the lead in dressing up our picnic area with the building of the fencing and then the painting of the fence

I want to thank John Otte for stepping up and helping out the newly crowned Elk of the Year Ben Rieger with the yard maintenance here at the lodge. Ben knees have been giving him trouble and his body is telling him to "give me a rest".

Bobby Williams and Paula, Dave Biedbach, Mike Mathews, Jean Duffy and Craig Burns got together and painted our newly expanded recycling area. People helping people it's what we do.

A huge job every month is the Antler Antics. Sally Claunch is our editor in Chief. Sally compiles, corrects the articles, and uses software to put the Antler in publication form. Again this is for procrastinating officers. Sally gives us to the 10th to submit articles but we should really get our articles to her by the 5th so she is not rushed. Let's give her a break. Plus for Public Relations we get 2 points for an officer article. So if you miss one we miss out.

She still keeps a smile on her face and politely waits to assemble the Antler and gets it to Jessica and Juanita on time for distribution.

Thanks Sally.

Behind the scenes every month is Jessica Stull and Juanita Feamster. We now do our Antler Antics in house which means all the inserts need to be stuffed and stapled. Now you do not just drop them off at the post office. They have to be separated by zipcode. The Antler need to face a certain way, be bagged in special bags and bound together with special bands and if it's not right they, the post office gives them right back to them to re-do. So if you enjoy your Antler Antics let them know. Tell them thank you. Also if you are a read only on-line type let the office know and we won't mail you one-\$.46 saved.

David Naccarato, PER, Secretary

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

SHEPARD'S PIES



MAY 3

BY JIM PORTER
BEEF, LAMB, OR VEGGIE
\$10

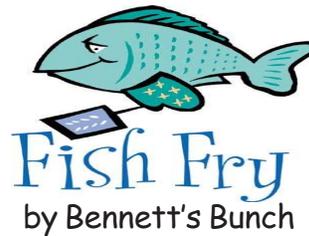


MUSIC BY BIG ADVENTURE



May 10th \$8

Elks Ladies Prepare Youth Appreciation Awards Dinner
Open to All Members



May 17th \$8

MUSIC BY
KC Phillips



May 24
\$10

Pork Chops/Swiss Steak
with all the fixings



PERs
Night at the Races



Johnny D'
& The Kaybees

Anti Pasto Plate
Minestrone Soup
Homemade-
Stuffed Manicotti
Dessert
\$12

Music by Runamucks

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 Brownlympics & 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



Elks participated in the local CROP WALK March 3rd at Cal Lutheran University. CROP means Community Responding to Overcome Poverty. Participants get donations for their 2 mile or 4 mile walk. 25% of all monies raised go to local charities including Manna, Community Gardens and other local hunger fighting institutions. The other 75% to world endeavors.

What's the point of walking? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food and water, and fuel and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggles for existence. We WALK because they walk.

Over fourteen lodge members donated over \$125 to the cause. Rick Herrera walked on their behalf. This year over 200 individuals participated in the Sunday walk. A special thanks to the Elks who support not only this project but numerous other charities in the community.

The following Elks were my sponsors for the walk. Billy Sternberg; Herb Jellander; Greg Lockwood; Jay and Myrna Block; Dave Anderson; John Duhig; Gerry Gilles; Jerry Serota; Greg Metzgas; J.B. Bree; Daryl Kopacz; John Sanchez; Barbara Ann Gibbs; Bobby Williams.

Thanks,
Rick Herrera



HOSPITALITY CORNER



This will be a short article this month. Let me start by again thanking all of the kitchen volunteers for their hard work. The kitchen cannot function without volunteers, and we need more – particularly on Sunday mornings and on weekdays for lunch service. If you are interested in helping out at lunchtime, please see Jim Moye or Brooke. We need your help.

Last month, the fish fry returned with Rick Bennett at the helm, with a crew of very experienced teachers passing the torch to Rick. Thank you Chuck, Tommy, Ken, et al for years of tremendous service and success with the monthly fish fry.

A special thanks to Tom Corrigan, who helped out with a Wednesday night dinner as well as with the hors d'oeuvres at the Inaugural Ball. Our St. Patrick's party was a success, thanks again to Tom and his corned beef and cabbage.

Finally, I thank Boyd Lindquist, Ed Bianchi, Mike Flannery, Jim Miller, Donna Leary and Gayla and Molly Lindquist and their serving crew for cooking and serving at the Inaugural Ball. It could not have been any better!

This will be the last Hospitality Committee article as the Committee is being discontinued. The kitchen falls under the responsibility of Loyal Knight Jim Moye, and I have every confidence in his ability to keep moving the kitchen in the right direction. I will continue to act as bar liaison, but my expectation is that things are already well on track at the bar, and I will be able to direct more of my attention to my other responsibilities as Leading Knight.

Please review the calendar for the schedule of meals and entertainment, and thanks for your continued patronage and support.

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee



The California-Hawaii Elks Association CHEA is best known for its support of children with disabilities.. The Purple Pig is the fundraising arm of this charitable work and serves as a reminder to the membership that our greatest joy is in **giving to and helping others**. Whether you help through the various support methods such as [Bequests and Living Trust](#), regular [monthly donations](#), filling the Purple Pig with the "A Coin A Day so they can Walk, Talk, See and Play", or simply using the [GoodSearch](#) Search Engine—there are many ways to support the children and their families who may have had little hope without the CHEA intervention



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

AT THE HARBOR WITH SIMI VALLEY ELKS

By Beverly Erickson

The March kampout at Newport Dunes this year was the largest ever with 62 rigs (30 T.O.; 32 S.V.) and 4 cabins (all T.O.). Only 4 of us from T.O. arrived on Wednesday, but there were already 12-15 rigs on site from S.V.. Debi and Jeff Drake were very busy on Thursday and Friday checking everybody in. Steve Chiszar brought a golf cart for them to use, which made the job much easier and more fun.

Steve is a man with many toys. He also brought a second golf cart and a pontoon boat. He was busy much of the weekend giving rides on his toys to other kampers. He needed to make multiple trips to get all of his toys to the kampout and back home again.

Thursday Jim and Kathy Moye arrived at David and Jessica Stull's house with plans to caravan. NOT! Jim and David spent about 2 hours trying to get the Stull's rig started to no avail. They had it towed to a repair shop where they found out it was the fuel pump and a new one had to be ordered. The Stull's decided to come on Friday and stay with relatives in the area Friday night, and then rent a cabin for Saturday.

Thursday evening almost everyone went to the Newport Elks Lodge for dinner. This was followed by a campfire (6 firepits) back at the campground. There are plans in the works for next year for a BBQ at the campground instead of going to the Lodge.

Friday morning about 20 ladies from both kamper klubs gathered at the clubhouse to help Debi Drake arrange the hundreds of dollars worth of prizes into baskets. It was quite an array! There was the usual poker game in the afternoon. We all gathered at the clubhouse in the evening for Hors d'Oeuvres and Margaritas made by our own premiere bartender, Walter Ogden. These were served by his lovely assistants Kathica (Kathy Moye and Jessica Stull) collecting \$2 per drink for the Purple Pig. This was followed by another campfire.

Saturday was quite an eventful day. Three women from S.V. tripped and fell. A dog, lunging for another dog wrapped its leash around Beverly Erickson's legs and down she went in the middle of the street. One of the rigs from S.V. group filled with smoke when a pot was left on the stove unattended (they thought it was shut off). There was some fire damage, but fortunately it was confined to the stove and vent areas. Jessica Stull's Mercedes was parked in front of her cabin when an incoming motorhome ran into it while attempting to park in a kamping space.

Now for the good stuff. The S.V. klub challenged T.O. to a double elimination Cornhole (bean bag toss) tournament. There were 26 teams (14 S.V. and 12 T.O.). The tournament began at 11:00am and finished at about 6:15pm. Most of the spectators abandoned them and began gathering in the clubhouse for the potluck dinner scheduled to start at 6:00pm. T.O. took 3rd and 1st in the tournament. YEA! James Dills and John Puckett took home the "Newport Kup" along with a little cash for each of them. (See accompanying photo of them with the Kup.)

The potluck dinner was a rousing success – and there were Margaritas again. After dinner, the drawings for the raffle prizes began. I heard that each of people who had a problem throughout the day won a raffle prize. Cherrie Peterson was the big winner with 6 prizes. Vickie Stigile again donated one her beautiful necklace and earring sets as a special prize with the money going to Manna. Beverly Erickson was the winner. The free kampout was won by someone for S.V., AGAIN! There were 50/50's from both klubs. Ken Stockton won the S.V. one for \$500 and Tina Dow took home \$445 from the T.O. one.

There was a final campfire following the festivities, but very few people from S.V. showed up. I guess they were licking their wounds from losing the tournament.

All in all it was a great kampout. Many, many, many thanks to Debi and Jeff Drake for all the hard work and many hours of preparation so the rest of us could have a good time.

Remember to check us out on our website (<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>) for photos posted after every kampout.



James Dill & Jim Pluckett with the Newport Kup

UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

May 17-18 - 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



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Well here we are at the start of Lynn's year. She hopes to have a fun year for the ladies and the Elks. We will be having a 50/50 raffle every Fish Fry night for the benefit of raising monies to help projects around the Lodge, and supporting the Elks many Charities. Lynn also would like to see the Ladies membership increase. We will be organizing all of the Ladies property in our closets. Another goal is making sure the Ladies get recognized for all their efforts. Also there will be programs of interest at our meetings. I will be posting tidbits of interest for your reading pleasure...First installment....The ABC'S of Friendship:

Accepts you as you are
Believes in YOU
Calls you just to say HI
Doesn't give up on you.....To be continued

BIRTHDAYS



- 5- Barbara Metzgus
- 11- Joan Ayrat
- 17- Patti Serota
- 20- Diane Isaman
- 29- Alice Kennedy

Expressions Of Friendship

"From quiet homes and first beginnings
Out to the undiscovered ends,
There's nothing worth the wear of winning
But laughter and the love of friends"
Amen
Hillaire Belloc



Lynn Rodriguez giving Terry Gicking the 50/50 winnings



Myrna Block (r) announcing the gift to outgoing president, Cornelia Meehan (c) , while Lynn holds the bag

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