



# ANTLER ANTICS



Terry Baker  
Exalted Ruler

ELKS CARE ...ELKS SHARE

Vol 43, No. 3

Editor, Sally Claunch, PER

June '13

## Happy Father's Day

Elks Ladies Present  
Champagne Brunch

Sunday June 16th 10 am – 1pm

Adults \$12

Children under 11 \$6



### Menu:

Juice, Eggs ala Myrna, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes,  
Scrambled Eggs, Cheese Blintzes, Strawberries & Sour  
Cream, Bagel & Cream Cheese, Pastries and Coffee

Call the Lounge for Reservations 805-496-4550



**EXALTED RULER**  
Terry Baker



OK, I'm a month into my year as Exalted Ruler and so far no complaints. I hear the snickering about NASCAR and racing. I 'll bet we have many closet racers. Answer these questions truthfully. 1. When stopped at a red light do you glance over to the person in the next lane? I know you do. You might be a closet racer 2, Is the on ramp to the freeway your own personal drag strip? Of course we use the excuse "I'm just blowing out the carbon". 3 Do you track your tire wear in weeks rather than miles and 4, If you call the freeway off ramp the "shutdown area"? You might be a closet racer.

For those who may not get the paper or happen to live under a rock, we won the very first "Conejo Valley Days Outhouse Race". Designed and built by Past Elk Of the Year, Tom Hartin, and with some logistic input from PER, Terry Gicking the outhouse became a reality. It was powered by member Sherri Jones, David and Michael Smith. We needed a driver and we had to have something that would set us apart from the rest. Because there was also a people's choice category, if you did not win the heat races. Our Secretary David Naccarato who has performed Elvis Presley here at the lodge quite a few times told me "hey you know Elvis died on the throne". Fire suits are colorful and flashy and the outhouse was built on the frame of a wheel chair so who else should be inside risking his life but Elvis himself. We put David clad in Elvis Presley attire and paraded him around the rink. All the Elks were down there hooting and hollering so we first won the people's choice award for best out house. We ran two heat races and won them both. The main event got a little hairy. The finish line was a bottle neck. The race right before us they could not stop in time and ran into the steel fencing. There was carnage and bodies everywhere. People scattered in every direction. Well maybe no carnage. Any way the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 BAKER RACING entry won the whole event. The Lodge got much press for this. When we park the outhouse next to our BBQ's here at the lodge we'll get even more. Now we get Sam to put a line item into the budget and we can go on the National Outhouse Racing Circuit and travel the United States racing outhouses. Spreading that Elks Care Elks Share.

I want to thank Jill Williams and Rick Bennett on a job well done at Conejo Valley Days. CVD is a big event for this lodge. Two days before opening day I noticed the signup sheet had only two names on it. That's why Rick's hair is getting so thin. We had plenty of members to work it but no one knew who until the day. Only two others called in to the office to let us know Greg Metzgas and new member Daniel Hawkins . If you're

**Continued on page 3**



**LEADING KNIGHT**  
Dan Martyn



Last month I discussed the necessity of increasing bar prices due to rising costs of operation. No one, including myself, enjoys a price increase on anything, but I am encouraged by the fact that most of the member reactions received by me and our bar staff have been supportive and understanding. I would like to discuss a few very legitimate questions posed by several members.

"Why should we have price increases when I have to pay dues?" In response to this perhaps an understanding of what collected dues are used for and what they are not used for, is in order. After deducting \$20 per member which is paid to the Grand Lodge, the remaining dues are used for general operating expenses such as the cost of statements, membership cards, card keys, postage, conventions, printing and mailing the Antler and the cost of the Lodge office and office staff. Lodge dues are not used to support bar, kitchen and barbeque operations, special events like Mother's Day, Thanksgiving or New Years Eve, or the veterans and charities we support. All of these operations, events and charities are self-funded through a mix of sale revenues, fundraisers, donations, and the hard work of our member volunteers. All of these are self-sustaining operations, and are not supported by our dues.

Several members remarked that they were under the impression that the bar was already operating on a profitable basis. The answer is "yes-but". Yes, the bar is doing much better and has been operating in the black on both a gross and net basis. But—the bar net profit has not been significant enough to provide support for other increasing costs of Lodge operations. It is important to understand that in addition to the cost of inventory, bar supplies and payroll, bar receipts must cover our alarm service, entertainment, cable TV, janitor and laundry service and maintenance as well as a monthly rent allocation.

I was also asked about reportedly lower prices at some other Lodges in the area. This is true: some Lodges offer some lower prices for beverages and some have lower dues. However, each Lodge must be looked at as a separate self-supporting operating entity raising funds in various ways. Some Lodges enjoy a profitable hall rental and/or catering business. Some Lodges have successful bingo operations or other means of raising revenue. I visited one L.A. area Lodge that relies on rentals of its facilities for TV and movie filming. The revenue produced by such means sustains these Lodges and helps them to maintain prices at a slightly lower level in a few cases. Our Lodge mainly runs on the net profit from the bar, barbeque and Christmas tree lot, which may not match the revenue generated by other Lodges given their facilities and cadre of volunteers.

Finally, every so often I will hear a member question why he or she should patronize the Lodge when during happy hour elsewhere he or she might be able to get a drink special at a lower price than ours. Well, I guess my response to that has to be, if the only reason you come to our Lodge is to drink cheap, then that's that.

**Continued on page 3**

**LOYAL KNIGHT**

**Jim Moye**



And we're off. Our Kentucky Derby Day started off slow and grew into a Great Day. Many thanks to Richard Goldner, Terry Gicking, Greg Metzgus and Leo Rodriquez for setting up and running the races. ENF and Purple Pig did fairly well thanks to them and our ticket sellers Bev Erickson and Kathy Moye. Also thanks to Coleen Morris for organizing and spearheading the 3rd annual event

As we move into June we need volunteers to become kitchen crew chiefs to help plan and put together crews for our Monday, Wednesday and Friday night dinners. I'll be more than happy to work with anybody to show them the ropes and support their efforts in the kitchen. Find 2 or 3 friends that enjoy cooking and meeting people and pick a name for your crew. In no time you'll be famous.

Besides our major lodge events like the Chili Cook-off, Conejo Valley days, Mother's Day, Elks National Youth Appreciation Week etc. we need support to keep the place up. Nothing is more appreciated than members coming down to the lodge and helping out in the wood pile. Splitting and stacking the oak wood that we use to fuel out BBQ's is one of the best ways to meet people and support our lodge. Bill Maxwell (Max) oversees the yard and would be happy to have you. Contact Max to find out when the help is needed. I understand that we have 3 trees that have been donated that will need to be split and stacked shortly.

As always we're looking for input and new ideas for Lodge activities. Bingo, bunco, line dancing, sewing club, deep sea fishing trips, trap & skeet shooting events, scuba diving trips are just a few of the suggestions that have been made. All it takes is a few people with ideas and a little teamwork and we will have a great year.

And remember "Elks Care, Elks Share".  
Regards, Jim

**Leading Knight continued from page 2**

Before I am awarded the Gicking award for bloviating, let me mention a few things regarding our charity fundraising. This year Donna Leary as ENF Chair will be organizing several fundraising functions, and in the near future she will be scheduling a wine tasting event at the Lodge to benefit ENF. Please give her your support. Tom Ryder will also be doing his shrimp dinner as an ENF fundraiser. Our annual Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, October 26; please mark your calendars. I have received a number of other fundraising ideas, including an auction of donated items. Please feel free to give me your input on this idea as well as your ideas for other fundraisers.

Thank you for your support.

BROTHERLY LOVE



**LECTURING KNIGHT**

**Robert Jones**



**From the Chaplain:**

Our Mother's Day Brunch was a terrific success, with over 120 members and guests. My heartfelt thanks to the kitchen crew: Ed Bianchi, Joe Nemtusak and Mike Flannery, who not only cooked but were cooked in the kitchen that had to be at least 100 degrees. Our servers, Steve Smith, Pam Price and Sam Frankl really dished it out, and Johnny D' Ambrogio's crepes and David Nacarrato's waffles were a big hit. Robert Jones provided the Mother's Day cards. Thanks to Tom Corrigan for getting us the flowers directly from his wholesaler. Thank you Darryl Kopacz and Rich Romani for helping with the cleanup and again, thanks to Pam Price for double duty on serving and cleanup, and thanks to Max Maxwell for his help with putting away the tables and chairs. Special thanks to Cherri and John Peterson and their granddaughter Kylie and friend for spending the better part of a Saturday afternoon folding napkins with silverware.

Finally, my very special thanks to Kathy and Jim Moye, without whom we would not have had such a special day. I doubt that there are any other two people who work so hard and give so much of themselves to the Lodge. Working with Jim and Kathy also means that we will have fun while getting the job done.

Karen Martyn  
Chaplain

P.S. Thanks to Tommy the Kid Kozlowski for helping us figure out how to fit 117 reservations into the Lodge Room!

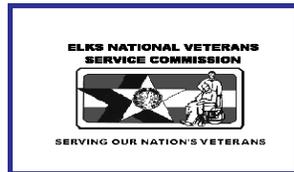
**Exalted Ruler continued from page 2**

going to help, sign up or let someone know. That way we don't worry. Some members worked different days and some bell to bell. They even worked the BBQ here and then went out to CVD. For that I say thank you. It's too bad we have bills to pay and offsite events helps more than you know. Lots more I want to cover but I think David will cover those in his article.

Thanks to you all Terry and Sharon Baker  
Exalted Ruler & First Lady 2013-2014



Carl Lanterman  
 Chairman-National Services  
[carlinfo@roadrunner.com](mailto:carlinfo@roadrunner.com)



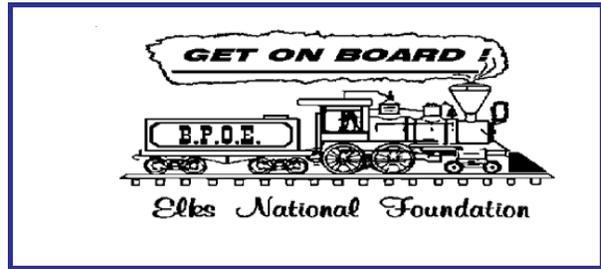
June 6, 1944 – D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe  
 June 14, 1775 – U.S. Army Founded  
 June 14 – Flag Day  
 June 22, 1942 – Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress  
 June 22, 1944 – GI Bill signed into law  
 June 25, 1950 – Korean War began  
 June 30, 2008 – Post 9/11 GI Bill signed into law

Again, our faithful crews of volunteers for veterans have provided the services to which our veterans at the Sepulveda VA Hospital and CalVet Home-Ventura have become accustomed. The bingo and karaoke crews made their monthly scheduled trips, provided snacks and made the days a little happier for the residents. Also, another trip with the Sepulveda veterans to their beloved Black Angus restaurant for lunch was scheduled for May. This is always a highlight for a dozen or more veterans and dedicated staff of the hospital.

I am happy and proud to have served as your national veterans services committee chair, appointed by ER Harry Brockwell (veteran-U.S. Air Force) after the passing of Jim Kellogg (veteran-U.S. Navy-WWII) in July, 2010. Even in my brief absence, I am looking forward to many years of expanded services through the lodge because so many of our members have been so dedicated to the support of our veterans. Though last year saw an unusually large amount of donations, more than \$7,000 in cash and goods, this year promises to be another good year. I trust that we will always have volunteers to fill in on our two crews when someone cannot make it, and that the clothing, videos, stationery and personal goods will keep coming. David Naccarato can always help find the right person to work with when you have time, money or other donations.

With the Ventura County Standdown coming in July and the November National Elks Veterans Remembrance month, including the annual brunch, there will be opportunities for your involvement. We started something last year that I would love to see continued; during the Christmas holidays, we donated almost \$600 in food and gas gift cards to active members and families at the Oxnard Airlift Wing, and included Christmas baskets for two families in need. Any donations and help in putting together the baskets, and providing gift cards will be greatly appreciated. Art Urbano has graciously volunteered to help coordinate some of these activities, and can use your help.

I have other ideas that I am anxious to pursue next year, and will be counting on your continued support to make the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge a leader in veterans support.



## Our Legacy to the Future

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 80 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

### Our Mission

The [mission of the ENF](#) is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

### Our Impact

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$324.6 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide. These funds enable programs that support youth, honor veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. [Click here](#) for details on all ENF programs. This year, the ENF will invest a record \$8.5 million in Elks communities through [Community Investments Program](#) grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants—which include Beacon, Gratitude, Promise and Impact grants—offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



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

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Entertainment this Month**

June 14—Pier 101  
June 21-Uncle Monkey

**HAPPY HOURS BACK!**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
4 pm—6 pm  
50 cents off any drink

**AREMINDER**

-Please continue  
to make Friday night dinner  
reservations by calling the bar  
805-496-4550 except fish  
fry nights, when no reservations  
are required. THANKS!  
Brooke Okray  
Club Manager

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

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

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Dee Ansell and family on the passing of her sister Glenda

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free;; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Margaret Thornton; Mike Ramirez is at UCLA for cancer treatment; Flo Lloyd to have surgery on a broken elbow; Cheryl Templeton broke her leg and will be in rehab; Harry Brockwell is in rehab after falls at home

**ON THE MEND:** Jim Mullen from back surgery; Dee Swanson from back surgery; Barbara Booker and Patti Serota are recuperating at home after a hospital stay; Kathy Ryder is home from rehab

Please join the Jellander family as they celebrate Herb's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. To honor their father and celebrate Elkdom, the Jellander daughters are hosting an open bar Happy Hour for everyone to enjoy from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



1961



2005



David Naccarato, PER



The following are the members that have not paid dues for 2013-2014. Many factors can come about, that we do not know. If you see anyone on this list that you may know of a situation that we can help, please let the office know. Reminder notices have been sent. Sponsors of these members I encourage you to make the call.

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| David Aubrey     | Robert Revell       |
| James Barker     | Tori Rogers         |
| Dennis Bock      | Robert Saynay       |
| Misty Boykin     | Michael Stark       |
| Joe Clancy       | Craig Stout         |
| Daniel carpenter | Leslie Smith        |
| Chuck Costigan   | Mitch Strunk        |
| Michael Dow      | Williams Stukes     |
| Earl Dyer        | Daniel Schuyler     |
| Danis Eglitis    | Grant Thistle       |
| Carol Flake      | Louis Thomas        |
| Bernard Gary     | Julianna Vahaw      |
| Neils Glickman   | Bud Vashaw          |
| Richard Hagy     | James Vils          |
| Jef Harriot      | Rick Wade           |
| Debra Hawthorne  | William White       |
| George Hees      |                     |
| Clint Howard     |                     |
| John M Kolb      | <b>Life Members</b> |
| John H Kolb      | William White       |
| Donald Long      | Robert Thornton     |
| Nancy Leathers   | William Wagner      |
| Wayne LaFarr     | Sterling Westeon    |
| John La Rue      |                     |
| David Maddox     |                     |
| Lamont Mc Namara |                     |
| Betty McFarlin   |                     |
| Charles Messmer  |                     |
| Douglas Morrison |                     |
| Bill O'shea      |                     |
| Ronda Olsen      |                     |
| Joe Palmer       |                     |
| Jacob Panczak    |                     |
| Charles Pederson |                     |
| Gerald Reingans  |                     |

We the Lodge have already sent in the assessment payments for these members. We want members to enjoy their lodge. Many members do live out of state, but wish to keep their membership at Thousand Oaks Elks and for that we appreciate it. We just need to know where we stand.

***I'm the Guy***

I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal to the organization.  
 I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to.  
 I'm the guy who tried several times to be a friend, but they all had their own buddy's to talk to.  
 I'm the guy who came several times, but no one paid any attention to me.  
 I'm the guy who was left out when I volunteered to help with fund raising projects and membership recruitment.  
 I'm the guy who missed a few meetings because I was sick, but at the next meeting no one asked where I had been.  
 I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.  
 You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who owns a home, and has a responsible job, loves his country and his community.  
 You know also who I am? I'm the guy who never came back

**Just A little House Keeping.**

Just to remind the members, if you need to demit to another lodge for whatever reason. You must be a paid up member in good standing to do so. .  
 Now that were on the subject of dues let me explain. The dues for this lodge are \$120.00 per year plus a \$20.00 assessment to the grand lodge and State Association. The Elk year 2014-2015 the assessment will be \$22.00 dollars for a total of \$142.00. The State association and Grand Lodge had not raised the assessment dues for many years but can no longer maintain that level. It is the same thing at our lodge. The drinks and the cost of food, meat and delivery has all gone up but the lodge just kept absorbing the higher costs till we had to raise our prices. We are glad for your understanding. This is your lodge. Our officers run it like a business. Decisions have to be made. Some we like some we don't. All I can say if you don't agree run for office and give it a go.

**Life Membership.**

To apply for life membership you need to qualify in 3 factors. First you must attain the age of 65. Second you must have been an Elk for at least 30 years. Third the last ten years of your membership needs to be at the lodge at which you are applying. Hope this clears things up.

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



**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**



L-R John Barr, Kathy Irwin, Louis Bremer and Dennis Shankel

**PIN NIGHT**



5 year members: Karen & Dan Martyn, Julie Cook, Lynn Rodriguez, ER, Terry Baker & Anita Gorino



10 year member s: Juanita Feamster, Gerry Feldman, Harry Isaman, Dean Reichle



15 year members: Bob Phillips, Cheryl Templeton, Ken Krabel



25 year member: Pete Padilla with 20 year member ER, Terry Baker



Leo Lambert 35 year member



55 year member David Burrows



### **Outhouse Races- Way to go.**

Everyone knows who the first man on the moon was. Do you know who the second one was? Of course not. There are no points for second place. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge entered and **WON** the Conejo Valley Days Outhouse Races. Tom Hartin a past Elk of the Year, built the frame of the outhouse on a wheel chair frame. I know firsthand wheel chairs are fast and easy to push. He added one other piece of engineering that put us over the top a center wheel with a camber that tilted the unit back for maximum performance. One rule to the races is that someone had to be riding inside. So I was selected to ride inside. I wanted to put my own spin on it so instead of a fire suit I came in my Elvis jump suit and that really got the crowd going. We received a lot of press for this. I want to thank **Tom Hartin, Terry Gicking, Sherri Jones** and her family members David and Michael Smith who were our pushers and pullers. It was youth that pulled us over the finish line. Michael is a teenager. The Baker Racing Team earns the **WOW FACTOR**

### **Yard Maintenance**

Elk of the Year, Ben Rieger does the lodge yard maintenance. His Knees have been giving him trouble so to help him out I called new member John Otte to see if he could take over cutting the grass for a while to give Ben a chance to heal."No problem "John said so he comes down and starts cutting the grass and all of a sudden the tire breaks in half. And not one to give up called around found a replacement tire and repaired it with no charge to the lodge. John Otte earns the Wow Factor.

Ben Rieger is not one to sit idly by. He is still down here doing trimming and racking leaves. Ben earns the **WOW FACTOR**.

### **Fire Wood**

We had a bunch of wood that was dropped off at our wood yard that is not suitable for use by the BBQ teams. Max Maxwell and others got together and split the wood, tied them in bundles and set them out for sale during our BBQ's and sold some to the public. Max earns the **WOW FACTOR** for taking an interest in the needs of the lodge. The **WOW FACTOR** goes out to Rick Bennett, Jill Williams and their team that worked the four days at Conejo Valley Days. Beside the smoke from our BBQ we had smoke from the brush fire. Then it rains on Sunday. They endured it all.

### **About Pin Night**

We had pin night last month which is where the members pick up a pin that represents their years as an Elk. Not well attended but we were able to meet a 55 year Charter member **David Burrows**. David joined the Elks in 1958 at Oxnard Lodge #1443. When he heard of a lodge being started in Thousand Oaks, David left Oxnard to become a charter member of Thousand Oaks. David Burrows became a Life Member in 2002. Why I'm bringing this up is for this reason. I want to let you know David Served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne. The pay for military service back then was \$78.00 a month with an extra \$50.00 if you were a paratrooper. He was telling us he weighed 120 pounds had a back pack that weighed 98 pounds. He had to carry his rifle, helmet and knife all while falling at a rate of 35 miles an hour. You count to 8 and pull the rip cord. In combat there is no emergency chute. If your chute does not open or you have a streamer you have 4 more seconds to make your piece. It was very interesting. Not attending lodge functions you'll never know what you'll miss. David Stull is also an Army Ranger and he still is carrying around a bullet in his knee, David Burrows and David Stull earns the **WOW FACTOR**.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

I was done writing my articles for this month's Antler until I went to our Mother's Day Brunch. Chaplain Karen Martyn hit a home run. "Good bye Mister Spalding"(that's a baseball). The food was out of the park. The Ritual service was given in the meaning the Elks intended over a hundred years ago. At Brunch Johnny D' Ambrogio was cooking crepes and had all the fillings. I was at my usual waffle and strawberry station. The officers were here in full regalia serving the mothers and guests all the while dodging egg yolks and waffle batter. At the door we gave our resident greeter Dorothy Murray the day off from greeting the members as they arrived. We had The M&M girls at the door. If you don't know who they are its Karen Martyn and Kathy Moye. As a team they cannot be beat. Any complaints we send in their direction. One look at these two past beauty pageant winners the complainer is putty in their hands.

The **WOW FACTOR** goes out to Joseph Nemtusak. While we were out working in air conditioned comfort, he was in the kitchen that was well over 102 degrees making more bacon, sausage and eggs when we screamed for it. Well maybe we didn't scream. When he walked out at about 12:30 dripping wet (I asked him did he run through the sprinklers.) I said you look beat, take a break, good job!

**David Naccarato**

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

All Friday Night Dinners are \$8 in June-comfort food month  
All Monday Night Dinners are \$6

Pati & Gary  
June 3



Chicken Caesar Salad with pasta

BINGO WITH POWER DAVE



Jellander's  
Birthday Happy Hour  
5:30- 7 pm

JUNE 7

Ballpark food-burgers, dogs, popcorn, etc. fries, dessert



Bar

June 10  
Eddie Rice



by Pier 101



Fish Fry

by Bennett's Bunch

JUNE 14  
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

The Moyes  
June 17



Tacos, rice & beans



by Uncle Monkey



June 21

Pam Smith  
Chicken Burritos  
with all the sides



June 24

Craig & Joe



Jim Moye

June 28

Meatloaf & All  
The Fixings

## 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



**The California-Niawau 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



### Flag Day June 14th

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, after watching an Elks flag ritual President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14th as Flag Day, in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday however; it is at the President’s discretion to officially proclaim its observance. Pennsylvania is the only State to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. New York State designates the second Sunday in June as Flag Day. The largest Flag Day parade is held in Troy, New York and draws 50,000 spectators.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Pics of the 3 of us (out of the 10 or more) who could make it to the Cal-Vet home “Volunteers Appreciation luncheon” in Saticoy on Saturday, April 20. (Dave Naccarato, Gerry Feldman and myself). It’s amazing that we all give of our time to entertain the Veterans and the staff at the home find the time to recognized us. It feels good to go to the Cal-Vet home, as well as the Sepulveda VA Hospital, and feel the joy of the Vets appreciating us for what we do for them every month. They gave OF their life to fight for OUR freedom and we owe it to them to show our thanks! The Elks will never forget! I feel every Elk should visit 1 of the 2 facilities at least once a year.

It’s a very humbling experience. One you will never forget.

**Terry Gicking, PER**



### Gas Prices

The price of gas is going up again and from the Kinder Morgan pipeline in San Jose Ca. offers these tips do your filling up in the morning hours when the ground is cool. Do not fill up on the fastest setting. Pumping slowly you minimize the vapors that are created and will get more for your money. Fill your tank when it’s half full or half empty. Gasoline evaporates faster than you think.



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

### PECHANGA RV RESORT!!

April 11-13, 2013

Not just for gambling! The sites were beautiful - grassy area, flat concrete, lovely scenery (mountains and trees). We had 24 hour shuttle service to the casino and golf course AND found out that we could have booked a shuttle to take us to and from Old Town - to shop, go on a trolley tour of wineries, and/or just hang out. This was a joint campout with the "Weakenders" (not misspelled) - nice group of people from the Conejo and San Fernando valleys who asked us to join them. (I got volunteered to do this article as ALL of the "usual" writers were not in attendance.) There weren't too many of the El Konejo Kamper group - John and Kim Puckett - our newest members (always interesting conversation with them), the Collerans (wonderful to see them), Templetons (Bobby came to play golf and just gambled with his insane sister), the Flannerys (who had a great visit with their son Ryan, granddaughter Mykala, and Ryan's lovely lady friend Brianna), Sue Osgood (whose son Ryan came to pick up his devil dog Lola - a bulldog who spent the weekend trying to bite everyone she came close to), the Moyes, who I couldn't find half the time). Pat Halfhill chickened out, the Ericksons were busy taking care of their incredible daughter Karen who is mending from a double lung transplant (and doing fantastic), the Stulls were on some fabulous European trip (not jealous, I promise), and I don't know where the rest of our regulars escaped to! It was great seeing Ron and Iris Schwartz (even though they had defected and are members of the Weakenders). I made a decent contribution to the Pechanga Indian Reservation at ridiculous hours - we do owe them, now don't we?? Sue just spent her time dealing with the devil dog she was watching for her son. Donna and Ed Colleran didn't feel like contributing very much to the plight of the indians and bailed out of the casino at various times (smart people). I found out that poker is fun to play, especially when the stakes are very low. Margaritas were flowing freely, but no onsite poker game! The weather was perfection except for one windy afternoon. I didn't realize how remote the area is until I heard coyotes yipping to the moon at night.

All in all, Pechanga is a lovely place to camp as long as you stay away from the casino - and there is MUCH to do there to entertain all of us. We should book a campout there again sometime. The next campout is Oceano Elks Lodge - May 17-18! Sardine camping, but great location up the road from the beach. Cheryl, your substitute roving reporter.

### Idaho Potatoes Hashed In Cream

4 large potatoes  
4 oz butter  
1 qt. half'n'half (or all cream)  
1/2 cup toasted bread crumbs  
salt & white pepper to taste  
preheat oven to 360 degrees  
peel and cut the potatoes in matchstick size (1/8" x 1/8" x 2-3")  
(use a cuisinart with a 3mm x 3mm julienne blade)  
butter a 8" x 8" baking dish - place a layer of potatoes in the pan - season with salt and pepper - dot with additional butter  
continue to layer the potatoes, etc. until the pan is full  
pour the cream over the potatoes to cover  
spread the bread crumbs on top and dot with additional butter  
bake in oven approximately 1 1/2 hours or until all cream is absorbed and top is golden brown  
Serves 6-8 hungry kampers.

### UPCOMING KAMP OUTS



June 14- 15 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>

2013-2014 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

# THE ELKS LADIES

## Lynn Rodriguez

2013-2014 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

O



**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sally Claunch  
**CHAPLAIN:** Barbara Gibbs  
**MAJORPROJECT:**  
**SUNSHINE:** June Leadam  
**HISTORIAN:** Carol Fredericks  
**CVD:** Jill Williams

The ladies prepared and served the dinner on Friday May 10th for Youth Appreciation. Spaghetti and meat balls, salad and garlic bread was the menu.

Coming up is our annual Father's Day brunch, Sunday , June 16th. Check the cover of the Antler for more info. We finally updated our by-laws and standing rules, all passed by the members. From Major Project \$1800 to our ER for Convention.

Our new members Anne Frankl, Terrie Barr and Faye Stevens are already stepping up and helping out.

More ABC's of Friendship Envisions the whole of you (even the unfinished parts

Forgives your mistakes

Gives unconditionally

Helps you

Noah Websters new improved and vastly funnier version

Age...A high price to pay for maturity.

Calories...Tiny creatures that live in your closet and sew your clothes tighter every night.

Myrna Block, 2nd Vice President

### BIRTHDAYS



2nd Pat Peterson

4th Mary Woodlief

16th Pat Jellander

17th Anne Ogden

23rd Barbara Gibbs

Heavenly Father We thank thee for the gift of another day, for our Mother's love and for the joys and sorrows of Motherhood. Dismiss us with your blessing and encourage us to exemplify our service here with a Mother's loving and giving heart. Amen



Special Kids Day



Elk Ladies-Carol Fredericks, Cornelia Meehan and First Lady Sharon Baker assisting at SKD

**OFFICERS 2013-2014**

EXALTED RULER - Terry Baker  
 LEADING KNIGHT - Dan Martyn  
 LOYAL KNIGHT - Jim Moye  
 LECTURING KNIGHT - Robert Jones  
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER  
 TREASURER - Pati Harrod  
 TILER - Gregg Miraglia  
 ESQUIRE - Billy Sternberg  
 CHAPLAIN - Karen Martyn  
 ORGANIST - Karin Speights  
 OFFICER AT LARGE - Bill Sternberg, PER

**TRUSTEES**

Daryl Kopacz	1 Year
Pam Price	2 Year
Sam Frankl	3 Year
Steve Smith, PER	4 Year
George Meehan, PER	5 Year

**2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler**

DICTIONARY PROGRAM: Richard Goldner, PDDGER  
 ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor  
 Calendar: Sally Claunch, PER  
 Distribution: Jessica Stull, Juanita Feamster  
 PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lynn Rodriguez  
 GREETER: Dorothy Murray  
 LODGE RENOVATION: Dan Martyn  
 LODGE VISITATIONS: Terry & Sharon Baker  
 AUDITING: Chet Kozlowski, PER  
 ELKS TRAINING: David Naccarato, PER

PER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: Steve Smith, PER

BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:

MEDIATOR: Greg Metzgas, PDDGER

PROTOCOL:

BBQ TEAMS: Rick Bennett

BLDG. MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS: Ben Rieger crew-John Otte

PARLIAMENTARIAN/PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann

HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK: David Naccarato, PER

**2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight**

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:  
 David Naccarato, PER  
 SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris  
 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Donna Leary  
 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Dan Martyn

ORIENTATION: Terry Gicking, PER

CHARITY: Dan Martyn

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Dan Martyn

MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER

Investigation: Alan Hardie

**2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight**

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Jim Moye  
 LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moye  
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS: Jim Moye  
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT TICKETS: George Meehan  
 MOTHER'S DAY: Karen Martyn  
 SCOUTING: Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg  
 YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

STRAY ELKS: David Naccarato, PER

CVD: Tom Hartin

LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Paul Stein

HOOP SHOOT: David Naccarato, PER

DRUG AWARENESS: George Meehan, PER

INAUGURAL BALL: Jim Moye

**2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight**

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY: Bill Sternberg, PER/  
 Billy Sternberg  
 AMERICANISM:  
 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera  
 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:  
 GOLF TOURNAMENT:

NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICES: Carl Lanterman

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Karen Martyn

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

LODGE PICNIC:

EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Joel Erickson

MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER

PHOTOGRAPHER: Jill Williams

**HONOREES**

ELK OF THE YEAR - Ben Rieger  
 OFFICER OF THE YEAR - David Naccarato, PER  
 MEMBER OF THE YEAR - Jim Moye

**EDITOR'S CORNER**

Sally Claunch, PER  
 claunchsally@gmail.com  
 articles are due the 5th of the month  
 send as a word document

### HONOR ROLL

- Coleen Morris
- Peter Gordon
- Kay Magil
- Greg Metzger, PDDGER
- Robert Jones
- Sam Frankl
- Paul Stein
- Pati Harrod (Century Club)
- Barbara Gibbs
- Dan Martyn
- Karen Martyn
- Steve Smith
- Darryl Kopacz
- Bill Sternberg
- Roy Ratcliff
- John Barr



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Michael Mathews-1     | Ronald Pizitz-16  |
| William Ratcliff-1    | Jerry Gilmore-18  |
| Steve McKee-2         | Randall Hays-18   |
| Dwight Williams-2     | Charles Maslin-20 |
| Bob Adams-3           | Walter Ogden-20   |
| Ronald Barron-3       | Steve Harrison-21 |
| Henry Germain-3       | Jim Allen-22      |
| Donald Velazquez-3    | Barbara Gibbs-23  |
| Abe Ganble-4          | Scott Dool-24     |
| Mary Woodlief-4       | Anita Gorino-24   |
| Woody Hammer-6        | Howard Johnson-25 |
| John Peterson-6       | William Rodarm-25 |
| Elise Murray-9        | James Horning-30  |
| Cherri Peterson-11    | Jack Wigmanich-30 |
| Patricia Heckatorn-13 |                   |
| Kimberly Rediger-13   |                   |
| Steve Smith-13        |                   |
| Alan Hardie-15        |                   |
| Ken Krabel-15         |                   |
| Ronald Hull-16        |                   |



COME BY AND RECEIVE  
YOUR FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK

### Help Fund



### Scholarship Fund

Bring your aluminum cans,  
plastic and glass bottles to  
the Lodge

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

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

for example:

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



Thank You for your continued support, Rick

FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:  
2013

### YOUR LODGE ON YOUTUBE---HOORAY

On the right hand side you will see videos.  
Just below them there is a link called see all.  
Click that to see all of them  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>

### CRYING TOWEL



Our sponsors through their generosity help defray the cost of this publication. We thank them. Please show your appreciation by supporting them.

**Sponsors**



**MacFarlanes**

Support Elkdom

In LOVING MEMORY  
Dr. Bob

**Smith's Trophies**

family owned and operated since 1988



3483 Old Conejo Rd. #201  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

tele / fax (805) 375-0212  
email:smithtrophy@aol.com

3483 Old Conejo Rd. #201  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

tele/fax (805) 375-0212  
email:smithtrophy@aol.com



Supporting Elkdom  
In  
LOVING MEMORY  
Bernie & David  
Swanson

**Richard L. Goldner, CSNA**

Financial Advisor  
(805) 381-2678  
2815 Townsgate Road, Suite 300  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management makes available products and services offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer and member SIPC, and other subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation.

© 2012 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved. AD-11-12-0316.A  
ARM313M5-08-11  
Code 444608PM-1112



901 E. Ocean Ave. Lompoc,  
CA 93436

Phone: 805-459-1310  
460 S. Dolliver  
Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
Fax: 805-741-7587

visit us at: [www.pacificcoastrv.com](http://www.pacificcoastrv.com)  
email: [pacificcoastrv@yahoo.com](mailto:pacificcoastrv@yahoo.com)



**THE RYDERS**  
Kathy and Tom

Support Elkdom

**WESTERN INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES INC.**

Richard H. Case  
Senior Vice President-Investments

Western International Securities Inc.  
2555 Townsgate Rd., Suite 300  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Main 805.446.3032  
Cell 805.217.1538  
Fax 805.496.0174  
rcase@wisdirect.com

Member FINRA and SIPC

Clearing through J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp.



*The Secretes  
Jerry & Patti  
Support Elkdom?  
You Betcha!!!*

**PARAGON SECURITY, INC**

AC03430

**Bill Oliver, President**

[www.paragonsecurityinc.com](http://www.paragonsecurityinc.com)

Los Angeles County Office:  
(323) 730-2936

Santa Barbara / Ventura

County Office: (805) 777-7588

Alarm Systems • Surveillance • PE Commercial Inst

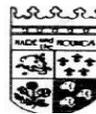


**CORRIGANS**

Est. 1982  
**RESTAURANT & COCKTAILS**  
STEAKS • BURGERS • CHILI

556 E. THOUSAND OAKS BLVD.  
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360  
(805) 495-5234

TOM CORRIGAN



**HARE AND THE HOUNDS**

GOODS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES  
TEAS-PASTRIES-SWEETS  
BANGERS-MEAT PIES  
GIFT ITEMS-NEWSPAPERS

2995 E. THOUSAND OAKS BLVD  
THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91362

PROPRIETORS - ANNE & PATRICIA  
HRS. 10:30 - 5:30 / SUN. 12-5. 805-495-4042

PARKING IN REAR! 1/2 BLOCKS WEST OF HAMPSHIRE

Kyle A. Sasaki  
Investment Representative



CA Insurance Lic# OH641 83

Fidelity Personal Investments  
Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC

Phone: 800-381-6154 Ext. 59282 Fax: 805-777-1 069

111 S. Westlake Blvd Ste 103, Thousand Oaks,  
CA 91 361

Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC, Member NYSE, SIPC



**Elks Ladies  
of Thousand Oaks  
Elks Lodge #2477**

**General Meeting  
every month on the  
1st Tuesday 7:30  
PM**

Official Publication of:  
1000 Oaks Elks Lodge NO. 2477 B.P.O.E.  
2330 Los Feliz  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

**Change Service  
Requested**

**POSTMASTER;  
DATED MATERIAL  
DO NOT DELAY**

158 Conejo School Rd.  
Office: (805) 496-2477  
(805) 494-6779  
Fax: (805) 496-9087  
Lounge (805) 496-4550  
Web Site: [www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com)  
<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>  
Office Hours 10:00-3:00 M-F  
[toelks@yahoo.com](mailto:toelks@yahoo.com)

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Thousand Oaks,  
Ca.  
Permit #237

## LOUNGE HOURS

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday  
10 am-8 pm  
Wednesday & Friday  
10 am- to closing  
Sunday  
9 am-8 pm



**\*House Committee meets the second Wed.  
of the month at 7:30 p.m. followed by Offic-  
ers' Meeting in Conference Room**  
**\*Trustees meet the second Wed. at 6 p.m.**  
**\*Your input is valued. Your attendance is  
welcomed.**  
**Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

## PAST EXALTED RULERS

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1974-75 *Richard Flake	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2004-05 Jay Block
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2005-06 Sally Claunch
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2006-07 David Naccarato
1981-82 * Robert Hardy	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2011-2012 Steve Smith
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER,DL	2012-2013-Leo Rodriguez
1987-88 John E. Henry	
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	By Affiliation:
1989-90 Don Skinner	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1990-91 Don Ansell	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1991-92 Gary Sleight	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	2002-03 Russel Robison
1993-94 * Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	
1997-98* John Kelly	*Deceased

The ANTLER ANTICS is published monthly in Thousand Oaks, California as the official Bulletin of the Thousand Oaks Lodge no. 2477 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America, 158 Conejo School Road, P.O. Box 2110, Thousand Oaks, 91358. Publication of the ANTLER ANTICS is an activity of the Lodge and contributions and interesting and pertinent reading material and photographs are welcomed. *Photographs MUST be identified and captioned or they will not be published.* Deadline for receiving ALL material for publication is the **5th** of each month.