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Annual Membership Meeting And Election of Officers

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Topa Tower Club
300 Esplanade Drive
Oxnard

**A Buffet Dinner will be served.
No Charge for Members
\$20.00 for Guests**

RSVP is Required
Call President Karen Kurta
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Election of New Board Officers

Special Guest

Nominees are:

President: Karen Kurta

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This is an excellent opportunity to introduce friends and potential members to the Ventura County Lincoln Club. Please plan to attend and bring guests. RSVP Today.

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*Ventura County
Republican Party*

Fall Barbecue

Sunday, October 14, 2007
1:00-4:00 p.m.

Conejo Creek North Park
1379 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks

**All You Can Eat Tri-Tip and Chicken
Drawing – Games & More!**

**Cost: \$25 per person
Children 12 and under Free**

Special Guest Speakers

Local Elected Republican Officials And

The Rev, Jesse Lee Peterson
Nationally syndicated Radio and TV host
and speaker on FOX, CNN and MSNBC.
Founder and President of BOND
(Brotherhood Organization of a New
Destiny)
Author (book signing)

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