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The Changing of the Guard

3,234,414
Raised

2014 Theme Child Ethan Kempton
receives his gift (donated by Ray Din,
Tracy Lodge No. 2031).

President
McDonald,
Detective Rick
Cox (Enrique
Camarena award
winner), GER
Millard Pickering,
NW DDGER
Tim Jaeger.

Incoming President
Skip Henke accepts
his gavel from
President Dick
McDonald.

Danny and Janelle
Kempton with their
sons Cameron, Ethan
(2014 Theme Child)
and Danny, with CA-HI
magazine Editor
Ian Lanouette.

Skip Henke, Karen Henke,
Claudette McDonald and
Dick McDonald, our
incoming and outgoing
Presidents and their
First Ladies.



Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 hosts a "Children's Carnival"

On Sunday, April 27th, the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 hosted its "Fourth Annual Children's Carnival." Lodge members, joined by the Foothill High School National Honor Society, hosted 125 Tri-Valley children, ranging in age from 2-12 at the lodge event. The children participated in carnival games, enjoyed a free hot dog lunch with cotton candy and popcorn. They talked with members of the local Fire Department Engine 98 who showcased one of their fire engines. The kids also enjoyed some arts and crafts and received balloon characters that were donated by our local Shriner clowns (also members of our lodge).



Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 honors "Earth Day"

On April 19, 2014, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 recognized "Earth Day" by sponsoring a "Shred Your Old Records" project as a community service. Lodge members and the local community were invited to bring up to three boxes of old bank statements, journals, checks, and other paperwork to be shredded at no cost to them.

Exalted Ruler Mike Hobbs stated that the turnout was so good it was possible that this could become a Lodge sponsored yearly event. Cintas Document Service processed 163 boxes of obsolete Lodge records.



L to R: Chris Goebel, Chas Goebel, Chuck Goebel, Sue McKee, Roger Vulgamore, Linda Vulgamore, and George Flores

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 held a car show for charity

Saturday, May 3rd, was a beautiful sunny day, and the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 was proud to host its fourth annual classic car show. K. J. Miller, a lodge member and the car show event chairman, stated, "it's a good day," as he stood by his 1957 Ford Fairlane "hard top."

This popular event raises money for various lodge charity funds and some maintenance and operations expenses. In addition to viewing the beautiful cars that were on display, the attendees enjoyed exhibits of restored vintage tractors, engines, a modular train display, raffles, a silent auction, food and a disc jockey. It appears that all enjoyed "a good day."



Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 awards scholarships

During Youth Week, on May 7th, the Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 presented \$400 scholarships to each of its six finalists in the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Most Valuable Student Scholarship (MVS) Contest and to the Student of the Year.

The School District Superintendent, Dr. Stanley Rose, and Santa Clara City Councilmember, Debi Davis, assisted the lodge in presenting the scholarships and a City Youth Week Proclamation. Two of these students, Marisa Kwiatkowski and Michael Li, were national MVS contestants, and each has won a \$1,000 per year, four-year scholarship from the ENF. Three students, Daniel Stapleton, Ruby Chien and Himani Madnawat, each won an \$800 award from the California-Hawaii Elks Association.



L to R: Councilmember Davis, MVS Finalist Himani Madnawat, Student of the Year Lucero Mendoza, MVS Finalist Dan Sui, MVS Finalist Michael Li, MVS Finalist Ruby Chien, MVS Finalist Daniel Stapleton, Exalted Ruler Grover Wolk, Superintendent Rose. Not pictured: Marisa Kwiatkowski

President's Message



Greetings and Aloha!

The thrills and excitement of our 99th CHEA Convention fade into the sunset and the glow of Elkdome brightens the future. I am extremely proud and humbled to be your California-Hawaii Elks Association President, and I look forward to a fun and exciting 2014-2015. My First Lady, Karen, and I had a wonderful time and enjoyed meeting many of you who attended the Convention.

My heartfelt thanks and congratulations go out to the Convention Committee from the South District. They created a wonderful Convention in an absolutely beautiful setting. Barbara and Chuck Knox, Carol and John Leiser, my hat is off to each of you for your hard work and leadership in preparing and coordinating this Convention. Also, a special thank you to the members of the South District who worked so hard to assist in making the Convention a success.

My slogan for this year is "Feel the Glow of Elkdome." The many things that we do for our Communities and our Association gives us pause to reflect on our efforts and to enjoy the warm 'Glow' that comes over us as a result of those efforts.

As your President, I have selected the following programs as priorities for this Association year: Membership, Lodge Activities, the Major Project, the Elks National Foundation and Public Relations. These programs compliment each other in ways that will help our Lodges and Association to grow and prosper.

This year, your Vice Presidents have opted to be known as "Skip's Recruiters," and, as they complete their visitations in your Districts, they will be promoting the programs I have selected with a special emphasis on membership. Last year, we almost achieved a "Plus" in membership in our Association. I have no doubt that with some dedicated effort this year we will succeed and really "Feel the Glow of Elkdome." Remember, you too can be a recruiter!

Next year, at our 100th Anniversary Convention, the Lodge and the District with the highest gain in membership and lowest percentage of dropped members will receive an award from me as President. Stay tuned for details and remember that the year started on April 1, 2014.

This year, our members have contributed the most donations ever to the Major Project (\$3,234,413.53) and we did that at a time when our membership was dwindling. Just think what we can do with a growing membership!

Karen and I both look forward to seeing you as we travel throughout our great Association this year and attend the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans.

Floyd "Skip" Henke

Feel the Glow of Elkdome

Culver City Elks Lodge No. 1917 treated vets to a basketball game

The Culver City Lodge Elks Lodge No. 1917 recently hosted two groups of 20 veterans each from the West Los Angeles Veterans facility to a basketball game at the Staples Center in Los Angeles to attend a Clippers game. Some of the vets were from the "New Directions" program and other vets were volunteers working at the VA. Big Mac meals and Clippers tee shirts were provided to the vets. A few members from outside the Lodge accompanied the group to interact with the vets. There were happy faces all around!

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- ✓ Occupational Therapy
- ✓ Speech-Language Therapy
- ✓ Preschool Vision Screening
- ✓ Physical Therapy
- ✓ Disabled Student Scholarships
- ✓ The Eye Care Fund
- ✓ Bequests and Living Trusts
- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

*Give to your Major Project.
"A coin a day so they can
walk, talk, see and play."*

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

July 13-17, 2014
*Grand Lodge Convention
New Orleans, LA*

August 1-3, 2014
Orange Coast District

August 8-10, 2014
West Central Coast District

August 15-17, 2014
South Central District

August 22-24, 2014
Northeast District

August 29-31, 2014
Central District

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 recognizes youth with \$52,000 in awards

On Tuesday, May 6, the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge hosted one of its most special events of the year where outstanding youth in the community are recognized and honored. Before the awards ceremony, an Italian buffet dinner was prepared for those receiving awards, their families, and attendees. After dinner, members from Sea Scout Troop No. 1767 presented the Colors and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the invocation and introductions, the presentation began with slightly more than \$52,000 in awards being presented to local elementary and high schools, scouting awards, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Home for Children, Police Dog Drug Awareness Program, Little League, and well-earned scholarships for twenty graduating seniors. The evening was brought to a close after a special thank you to all who attended the event and those who served on the Newport Harbor Elks Charitable Foundation.

Feed Your Purple Pig!



Membership/Lapsation

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership/Lapsation Chairman

WINNING COMBINATION

Multiple rewards abound with membership development. Plan to see the district with the best winning combination of gross membership gain and retention receive a distinctive award from our CHEA President Skip Henke in 2015. Look for CHEA Vice Presidents with net district membership gains to receive awards too. Finally, expect special recognition in 2015 for the Lodges in each membership category with the most effective membership programs.

Hints to win: Set your Lodge's gross membership goal at 10% and its membership lapsation at 2%. Maintain a membership team that includes the chairs of public relations, lodge activities, membership recruitment, orientation, and retention. Ask questions: Does the Lodge bill monthly and creatively? Routinely recognize proposers? Has every officer sponsored a member? How about the Lodge's image in the community? Does the Lodge have events that make it a destination that draws new members? Does the Lodge have a Second Step Program for new members?

Think about an Elks information booth at a community event. Have color-coded dues notices. Recruit and retain by telling the story of Elkdom: the Elks patriotism, the Elks charity, and the Elks significance in our American fabric.

Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 uses Beacon Grant to help vets

The Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 presented a \$1,700 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to the "Veterans Employment Committee of Contra Costa County" at a Veterans Employment Committee meeting on May 7, 2014. A history of the Pittsburg Elks Lodge's role in helping soldiers during World War II and the Korean Conflict was read to the committee. Pittsburg's Camp Stoneman was the Port of Debarkation for soldiers leaving for the Pacific Campaign and Korea. The Lodge No. 1474 opened its doors to all military servicemen and women and their families. The Lodge was utilized for blood drives, selling War Bonds, making bandages, offering recreation, providing dinners and even had 50 cots available for families who had no lodging.

Today, the Lodge is assisting in the "Career Days" and "Job Fairs" that are put on by the Veterans Committee throughout Contra Costa County.



L to R: Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS) Coordinator Crae Lynn Christenson, Richard D. Enea (Lodge Trustee), and Gerald G. Wilson (Executive Director, Delta Veterans Group)

2014 CHEMPI theme child speaks at the convention



Ethan Kempton was introduced to the assembled members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Convention attendees on May 17, 2014. He bounded up the stairs to the speakers' platform accompanied by parents, Danny and Janelle Kempton, and his brothers, Taylor and Cameron. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI) Occupational Therapist, Mavis Johnson, accompanied the family to the stage.

Ethan was born on June 16, 2006. His arrival was timed at two weeks prior to his due date because his mother had a history of huge babies. Labor was long and difficult and, when born, he suffered from oxygen deprivation due to the umbilical cord being tightly wrapped around his neck. In hindsight, it was a blessing that he was induced two weeks early, because he might have had even more severe brain damage had he gone to full term. Ethan spent a week in the neonatal intensive care unit before going home, and it was evident that he was having some undiagnosed medical issues. Over the next few months and years, it was apparent that he was having developmental issues with severely crossed eyes, inattentive behavior, lack of clear speech abilities, an overall lack of coordination, and little ability to crawl, sit, walk in a timely manner. Finally, in 2010, a neurologist was able to diagnose little 4-year old Ethan with a mild to moderate Cerebral Palsy. In addition to his CP, Ethan suffers from a myriad of physical, developmental, and psychological issues.

In 2011, Ethan was referred to CHEMPI, and Mavis Johnson came into his life just when Mom and Dad were scrambling for the means to afford private speech therapy to address his severe language and speech delays, let alone private Occupational Therapy. Mavis was challenged with providing therapy for a child who could essentially not communicate effectively and who could not do so many things that most kids take for granted, like sitting still, grasping a pencil, tie his shoes, button his pants, wear his clothing properly, write legibly, ride a bike/scooter/skateboard, jump on a trampoline, organize his thoughts properly, process proper sequences, etc.

With therapy techniques and other occupational therapy strategies, Mavis has worked wonders with Ethan. He has improved ten-fold since the Major Project came into his life. To be sure, his family has provided a lot of support with Mavis' direction. In addition, she was able to provide a plethora of community resources, advocates, social networks, and at-home therapy ideas for Ethan. If she hadn't been a part of the Major Project, she would not have had access to these invaluable resources with which to share.

To the clear astonishment of those on stage at the Convention that Saturday morning, and to the delight of the assembled Elk members and guests in the audience, Ethan was joined by his mother and brothers to perform a four-person dance recital and demonstrated some pretty impressive dance moves. Please check the www.chea-elks.org web site for a video of their performance. The Kempton family offers their deepest and humblest thanks to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and to the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association whose donations have made Ethan's therapy possible.

Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 honors fallen

The Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 honors America's fallen servicemen and servicewomen with wreaths. On Memorial Day, the Lodge placed wreaths at three of the local cemeteries where our veterans are buried. This is an annual event for the Lodge to honor those veterans who have passed on. The Lodge will honor our living veterans later in the year.

Piggy Bank

By Bob Farrens, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



THANK YOU!!

\$3,234,413.53!

I want to thank the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for their generous donations this past year. You are the Best People on Earth!

Here are some of the statistics from the Convention:

The Five Highest Lodges (per-capita):

1. Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128	\$89.91
2. Big Bear Lake Elks Lodge No. 1787	\$88.66
3. Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289	\$77.52
4. Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121	\$71.90
5. Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919	\$65.62

The Five Highest Lodges (dollars):

1. Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616	\$122,397.07
2. San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966	\$47,554.75
3. Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794	\$40,525.50
4. Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289	\$40,001.00
5. Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538	\$37,968.75

The Five Highest Districts (dollars):

1. Orange Coast District	\$240,045.60
2. West Central Coast District	\$198,986.50
3. Southeast District	\$161,716.69
4. West Central District	\$152,614.89
5. Hawaii District	\$142,534.54

In addition to the above donations, the Piggy Bank received \$633,050.00 from the Elks National Foundation; \$257,922.71 from the Peters and Potters Trusts and 443,433.90 from various other miscellaneous sources for a total of \$934,406.61 from those donors.

Winners of the **Chairman's Challenge** were Cheryl Waters of the North District and Judy Sutton of the South Central Coast District. The winners of the **Leading Knight's Challenge:** Best District, West Central Coast with \$27,827.72 in donations and Best Lodge, the Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 with \$8,873.13 in challenge donations.

The Downey, Chula Vista, Fremont, Walnut Creek, Porterville, San Clemente, Santa Cruz, Thousand Oaks, San Luis Obispo, Oceano/Five Cities, Santa Barbara, Sunnyvale, Oxnard and many other Lodges all made significant donations. The total funds raised in the Leading Knights Challenge exceeded \$47,000.00. I want to thank all of the participating Lodges for stepping up to the challenge.

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 served a dinner to veterans

On May 20th, the Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 provided dinner for 81 veterans and members of their families as a pre-Memorial Day Tribute. The dinner consisted of rib-eye steak, baked potato, vegetables, salad and dessert. By providing these dinners, the lodge is affording many veterans the opportunity to meet and share stories as well as renew old friendships. Our dinners reach out to veterans in over four communities within Plumas County.

Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616's donation of an AED saves a life

Last year, the Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Makua Alii Softball League (Editor's note: see the article on page 19 of the September/October 2013 California-Hawaii Elk Magazine).

AEDs can be found in airports and other places of public assembly. These devices, when properly placed upon a person's torso, will automatically detect any life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia, and is able to treat the condition through defibrillation. In layman's terms, it administers an electric shock to the heart muscle and causes the heartbeat to stabilize. We've all seen this type of therapy dramatized on television when the EMT places paddles on a person's chest, hollers "Clear" and the patient jumps from the jolt of electricity.

Well, on April 16th of this year, Dennis Kekona collapsed during a softball game. Kekona's teammates and opposing players rushed to his aid, initiated CPR and used the AED to get his pulse back. Honolulu paramedics confirmed that the use of the AED helped to save Kekona's life.

In other news, twenty-nine seventh grade students attending Washington Middle School participated in the Honolulu Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Essay Contest. A total of 29 essays and one poem were submitted. This year's theme was "Down with Drugs, Up with Awareness." Each student composed a one-page, hand-written essay on how the affects of drug abuse can hurt you and how to take steps against illegal drug use through education. Each student who participated was awarded a Participation Certificate, a \$5.00 McDonald's restaurant gift card and a Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 "purple sunglasses."



Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 donates \$2,000 to local non-profits

At a recent Elks National Foundation (ENF) Awards Dinner, the Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 donated three cash awards, totaling \$2,000, to three local non-profit organizations. Since the Lodge had achieved a minimum of \$4.60 in per-capita member donations to the ENF, the ENF, in turn, awarded the Lodge a \$2,000 "Gratitude Grant" that was subsequently used to fund the donations to the non-profit entities.

The organizations receiving these donations were: the Yuba-Sutter Gleaners Food Bank, which helps to feed the needy; the Marysville High School athletic department, for the replacement and repair of damaged athletic equipment; and the Yuba-Sutter Training Officers Association ("YSTOA"), which helps provide ongoing firefighting training for volunteer firefighters and new firemen.

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 hosts fund raising event

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 hosted a fundraising event for the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Educational Foundation. Family and friends for this daylong event surrounded Mika Camarena, wife of "Kiki" Camarena.

Approximately 150 people purchased tickets for delicious Mexican cuisine prepared by the Chula Vista Elk of the Year Ralph Ford, who received a special award for his service. The afternoon was filled with music by the Grammy nominated Los Dandy's and was followed DJ Juan Robles. It was non-stop dancing, singing, and laughter.

The Camarena Foundation supports scholarships for high school seniors, promotes the national Red Ribbon Day Drug Awareness Campaign, and sponsors the Kiki Camarena Memorial Bust that is presented to a special recipient each year at the Elks National Convention.



L to R: Ralph Ford, Board Director Steve Crane, Mika Camarena, Rosie Gonzalez, Pete Gonzalez (Elk member), and Hilda Magana

Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 distributes Drug Awareness Program literature

On April 12th, the Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 used an Elks National Foundation Promise Grant to purchase over 500 pounds of fish to stock the Hesperia Lakes Creek for 228 children who came out for the Hesperia Park and Recreation Annual Fishing Clinic. The Hesperia Elks were a co-sponsor of the event and used their grant money towards the fish and goodie bags given to the children. The bags included tackle, line, coloring books and various other items for the children to enjoy. Members were also able to hand out information about Bullying, Drug Awareness and Child Abuse Recognition Month.



L to R: Joe Cerna, Harry Thayer, Percy Bakker, Bill Alves and Tom Buchanan

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 BBQ for girl's softball teams

On Saturday, March 29th, the Santa Ynez Valley Girls Softball Association held their Team Presentation Ceremonies at the Santa Ynez Valley High School Elks Field. Volunteers from the Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 BBQ'd hot dogs and donated a portion of the sales to the girls' softball association scholarship fund.

"Elroy the Elk" made a surprise appearance, and his handlers passed out age appropriate materials about the dangers of drinking and drugs. Elroy is the mascot for the Elks Drug Awareness Programs. He reminds young kids that "Hugs are better than drugs."

Again this year, the B. P. O. Elks teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce the "Hard Choices" comic book that features several Marvel Superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking.

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The Santa Ynez Valley Lodge greatly appreciates the Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 for bringing Elroy to the event. He was a big hit.



El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 teams with VFW posts

Don Dunlap, District 1 Adjunct of Team AmVets, addressed the El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 at an open meeting. He is the veteran's coordinator for all California VFW posts. He talked about the number of suicides among veterans nationwide - about 2,000 suicides daily. He told the Lodge about the VFW program to help stem this problem. There is a help line customized to address some of the unique problems veterans face. Many vets are not aware that such help is available. That's why he came to our Lodge. He passed out pamphlets, wristbands, and key chains with the contact information printed on them. We will give them to any vet we know or meet through our daily activities.

CHEA 2014 Ritual Contest Report

By Frank D. Almazan, CHEA Ritual Contest Chairman

As always, we had an outstanding year and a great end to the Ritual season by having the CHEA Ritual Contest held in Palm Springs, CA. I want to congratulate all of the teams that performed at the CHEA Ritual Contest and thank them for their commitment to perform an outstanding Ritual for the incoming new members of their lodges and their dedication to perform in a contest setting as well. These participants are a great asset to the Order's traditions. I also thank my Vice Chairman, William "Bill" Darr, and his wife, Mengo, for all of their support and help during this year and the final contest.

The preliminary contest was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 with seventeen teams who had previously won their district contests and who were now performing in the Grillo and Moore Divisional competitions. The two top scoring teams in each division moved up to the final round of competition that was held on Friday, May 16, 2014. The winner of that final round of competition is the team that will represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association at the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest that will be held in New Orleans in July. The Grillo and Moore Divisional competitions also determined the All State Officers, Candidates, and Coaches within each division. Here are the results:

Grillo Division Teams

Ninth Place (score 90.0223) Indio Lodge No. 1643; 8th Place (score 92.4093) West Covina Lodge No. 1996; 7th Place (score 93.7547) Tulare Lodge No. 1424; 6th Place (score 94.4094) Auburn Lodge No. 1691; 5th Place (score 95.1829) Lodi Lodge No. 1900; 4th Place (score 96.5650) Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge No. 2790; 3rd Place (score 97.3166) Huntington Beach Lodge No. 1959; 2nd Place (score 98.2227) Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; and 1st Place (score 98.4391) Carmichael Lodge No. 2103.

Grillo Division All State Awards

All State **Inner Guard** (score 96.0400) Michael Fox, Carmichael Lodge No. 2103; All State **Chaplain** (score 95.9160) Janet Byrd, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; All State **Candidate** (score 102.0000) Judy Tucker, Carmichael Lodge No. 2103; All State **Lecturing Knight** (score 95.3510) Dave Miller, Huntington Beach Lodge No. 1959; All State **Loyal Knight** (score 96.3070) Diana Peel, Carmichael Lodge No. 2103; All State **Leading Knight** (score 95.2520) Genie Jenness, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; All State **Esquire** (score 95.4980) Ashley Munoz, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; All State **Exalted Ruler** (score 95.4390) Phillip Byrd, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; All State **Coach** Helena Scherrer, Carmichael Lodge No. 2103.

Moore Division Teams

Eighth Place (score 92.7219) Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378; 7th Place (score 93.2294) Chico Lodge No. 423; 6th Place (score 93.4410) Santa Cruz Lodge No. 824; 5th Place (score 95.7287) Alameda Lodge No. 1015; 4th Place (score 95.7799) San Rafael Lodge No. 1108; 3rd Place (score 96.2290) Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538; 2nd Place Score (96.5536) Riverside Lodge No. 643; 1st Place (score 96.5666) Norwalk Lodge No. 2142.

Moore Division All State Awards

All State **Inner Guard** (score 94.7580) Lorraine Oropeza, Norwalk Lodge No. 2142, All State **Chaplain** (score 94.0360) Tamara Schirmacher, Alameda Lodge No. 1015; All State **Candidate** score (98.0000) Nikki Jags, San Rafael Lodge No. 1108; All State **Lecturing Knight** (score 94.9530) Lee Watson, Alameda Lodge No. 1015; All State **Loyal Knight** (score 95.3950) Karen Feldpouch, Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538; All State **Leading Knight** (score 95.0490) Jonie Zuel, Riverside Lodge No. 643; All State **Esquire** (score 93.5720) Pat Baar, Norwalk Lodge No. 2142, All State **Exalted Ruler** (score 93.3240) Steve McGehee, Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538, and All State **Coach** Scott Ludwick, Norwalk Lodge No. 2142.

Final Four Team Contest Results

The winner of the **Harry Hoffman Perpetual Trophy and 1st Place Team** with a score of (97.3621) is the Norwalk Lodge No. 2142, who will be representing CHEA in New Orleans this coming July at Grand Lodge. In 2nd place, with a score of 97.1383, was Carmichael Lodge No. 2103; in 3rd place, with a score of 96.3885, was Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011, and in 4th place, with a score of 96.3151, was Riverside Lodge No. 643.

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is given to the Exalted Ruler who has the highest score in the category of impressiveness in the final four. The Exalted Ruler with the highest impressiveness score (48.3100 out of a possible 50) is Ned Fox from the Carmichael Lodge No. 2103.

The **Bud Tari Perpetual Trophy** is awarded to the most underappreciated member of the ritual team, "the candidate," as was stated before. Bud Tari was the first Exalted Ruler of the Livermore-Pleasanton Lodge No. 2117. Trill Torrilhon, the CHEA Historian, obtained the trophy, which was the "winners cup" for the California Ritual Competition from 1925 to 1930. The most impressive candidate of the 2014 final four contest is Judy Tucker from the Carmichael Lodge No. 2103.



PGER Jim Grillo, GER Millard Pickering, PER Nacho Garcia (Candidate), PER Gabriel Romo (Chaplain), Gerson Prieto (Lecturing Knight), PER Pat Baar (Moore Division All State Esquire), Stephanie Amaya (Loyal Knight, behind the trophy), Sam Pritchard (Leading Knight), Lorraine Oropeza (Moore Division All State Inner Guard), Tobias Baar (Exalted Ruler, holding plaque), PER David A. Willis (Coach, behind Exalted Ruler), PER Scott Ludwick (Moore Division All State Coach), Skip Henke (CHEA President, 2014-2015), Dick McDonald (CHEA President, 2013-2014)

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 entertains vets

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 entertained over 200 veterans, members and families at a back yard barbeque on Memorial Day. Vietnam veteran and double Purple Heart recipient Lodge member Dennis Lumley spoke on behalf of all service members present and past. Ray Mallen played "Taps." Lodge member Roy Southerland, who donated his overflowing tip jar to the Lodge's Wounded Warriors fund, provided entertainment.

In other news, Lodge members entertained veterans at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Veterans Committee members Dennis Lumley, Maria Jacobs, and Clint McDonald distributed much needed clothing and toiletry items valued at more than \$300. These Elks volunteers also provided our veterans with refreshments of cookies and lemonade, prizes for Bingo games and companionship. Each veteran was awarded a cash prize per Bingo win and enjoyed the visit from caring Elks members.

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Welcome to a new Elk Year! As we begin a new chapter in our great Order, we have an opportunity to be a part of one of the most exciting years in the Elks Drug Awareness Program's history!

Did you know that our Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer organization in the United States to provide Drug Awareness literature at no cost? You might ask yourself "How is that possible?" The answer is simple: by the countless hours that our members volunteer each

and every year! Thank you to our dedicated Members, Lodge Chairs, and District Chairs that really bring this program to our communities.

Our theme this year for the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest is: "Refuse to Use: You're Never Alone." More information and contest rules can be found on the CHEA Website.

Even though many schools have started their summer break, now is the time to start planning for the new school year. School District officials work all year round, and summer is a great time to visit the District Administration to introduce our programs. In addition, there are many summer activities where you can display Drug Awareness Information. Little League games, day camps, soccer games, and swim team events, are just a few of the recreational opportunities where we can promote a safe and healthy drug and tobacco free lifestyle.

If you have a successful event, please send me your information and I will pass it on. We can all benefit from great ideas that work! I look forward to working with you, our California-Hawaii membership, in this exciting and important program.

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 appreciates vets

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 supported the Lake Mission Viejo Troops Appreciation Day. The Elks, led by Veterans Committee Chairman Dennis Lumley, joined volunteers of the Palmia and Costa Del Sol Military Veterans Clubs donating food, refreshments and children's gifts. Also participating in the event, and expressing the City's support of our military, was Mission Viejo Mayor Trish Kelly.

The Marines, Sailors and Air Group of the First Marine Division from Camp Pendleton and their families were given free admission to Lake Mission Viejo to enjoy the lake's pleasures: a pontoon boat ride around the lake, kayaking, paddleboard "cruise," swimming, some fishing and other lake activities. Each child also selected one gift from a selection of toy vehicles, dolls, DVDs, basketballs, board games or stuffed animals. The troops enjoyed live music, a lunch of barbequed burgers, bratwurst and hot dogs, chips, cookies, cupcakes, apples, oranges, water, juice, soda and other refreshments. Other attractions included a punt, pass, and kick contest and a parachute exercise game.



L to R: Elk Veterans Co-Chairman Dennis Lumley, Colonel Joe Russell, City of Mission Viejo Mayor Trish Kelly, Elks Vets Committee member Maria Jacobs, City of Mission Viejo Marine & Sailor Adoption Committee Chairman Bruce Hunt

Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 sends Treats for Troops

The Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 received a delivery of 70 cases of Girl Scout Cookies that were purchased by the members of the Auburn community. This is the second year the Girl Scouts have participated in this program.

During the past three years, the Lodge has sent 184 packages to various troops in the conflict zone. The Lodge members donate the items needed to complete the packages and pay the postage. The Lodge has received thank you notes from members of the military. "There is nothing like Girl Scout Cookies to remind them of the support they have at home."



L to R (back): Elaine Jenanyan (Chairperson) with Girl Scouts Kyra Kappos and Sophia Velge (in front)

San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 awards scholarships

On Monday, May 12th, the San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 held their annual Scholarship Dinner and Awards Presentations for their Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship winners and their families.

Exalted Ruler Paul Ohlms assisted the Lodge's MVS Scholarship Committee members, Eva Mino and Peggy Cranford, in presenting a total of \$5,000 in scholarship awards to these students.

Six of the recipients' applications were forwarded to the Southeast District Elks level of competition for judging, and three of those applications progressed for judging at the California-Hawaii Elks Association competition. Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
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Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 dedicates Veterans Memorial Monument

Recently, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 unveiled a long-awaited monument, which is dedicated to our veterans and located in front of the Los Banos Elks Lodge. Later, two 30-foot tall flagpoles were erected that bear the US and the MIA/POW flags.

The front of the monument reads "We Honor Our Veterans, POW-MIA". The backside of the monument is inscribed with the Elks motto "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them," and the phrase "Elks Care – Elks Share" which are flanked by the US Flag and Elks Clock Logo.

The fundraising for this monument and flagpoles began nine years ago, with an original intent to install them at the Santa Nella National Cemetery. However that turned out to be unfeasible, so they were installed on the Lodge property.

Approximately 100 people attended the dedication ceremony. All were treated to a luncheon that was prepared by the local VFW and American Legion Chapters. The Lodge received Proclamations from both the City of Los Banos and Merced County.



L to R: Veteran Bill Souza, Veteran Norm Donovan (PER), Tom Hill, (PER, Treasurer), Richard Barcellos (PER), Veteran Robert Strauch (Captain, Los Banos Fire Department), Richard Frontella (PER, Trustee), Rob Fischer (ER), Larry Carmo (Leading Knight), Veteran Mario Talamonte

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 honors Eagle Scout

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 held a court of honor for a new Eagle Scout, Garrett J. Marin. Michael O'Donoghue, a lodge member and a past Scout Master for the Orange Elks Lodge Boy Scout Troop #1475, presided over the Court of Honor. Garrett is the ninth Eagle Scout for our troop since 2006. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor is the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers. Garrett received a certificate from the Lodge and a U S flag. Garrett's accomplishments include 32 merit badges, Arrow of Light, Order of the Arrow, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. Garrett's best scouting experience and memories are being Senior Patrol Leader and Summer Camp. His duties included running the troop and getting the scouts through their required duties.

For his Eagle project, Garrett built a basketball court at the Covenant Community Church. Outside of scouting, Garrett is a member of Calvary Chapel Old Towne and is planning to attend A Vision for Life six-week mission in Hungary. He will graduate from Villa Park High School where he was a sprinter on the Track and Field running the 200, 400 and a member of the 4 x 4 relay team. He will attend Santiago Canyon College and pursue a degree in Biology.



L to R: ER Phil Moore, Eagle Scout Dillon Marin, his mother Lisa Marin and new Eagle Scout Garrett Marin

Visit the BLOG on the NEW AND IMPROVED California-Hawaii Elks Association website. Awarded 5 stars by the Grand Lodge BPOE. It's a site to see! Go to www.chea-elks.org

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 awards scholarships

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 presented \$500 MVS scholarships to eight students. These eight students had a total of over 10,000 hours of extracurricular activities; 2,500 hours of community service; and over 1,500 hours of work experience while maintaining an average of 4.0.

30th Annual Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament

Thirty years ago, several members of the CHEA Southeast District met at the Redlands Elks Lodge to discuss how they could use their hobby, bowling, to raise money for the Major Project. Out of this meeting came the Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament. Over the past thirty years, the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club has donated over \$380,000 to the Major Project. Their \$30,000 donation this year was the group's largest.



L to R: Bob Farrens, Toby Venable, Cecil Drysdale, Mike Rentschler, Jack Schamburg, and President Dick McDonald

Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 hosts veterans for a brunch

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 hosted over 90 veterans from the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center, East Los Angeles Clinic and Sepulveda VA facilities for an "After St. Patrick's Day Brunch." The guests enjoyed Belgian waffles, eggs, sausage and juice.

This brunch was requested by these guests after they had enjoyed a similar, and very successful, Veterans Day Brunch last November. After the meal, lodge members and some veterans acted as "jockeys" for horse "races" where the winners won cash awards. The lodge also donated 200 hygiene kits to the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center to be distributed to the homeless Veterans who use the facility for services. Sandwiches were also provided for 200 attendees at the Vietnam Veterans Day program at LAACC.

CHEA/CHEMPI Information on a Credit Card USB Drive

This credit-card size USB drive is your one-stop source for CHEA/CHEMPI information. It contains the following information: CHEA Directory of Officers and Committee Chairmen; CHEA Graphics and Logos; CHEA Manuals; CHEA President's Photo and Biography; CHEA/CHEMPI Expense Vouchers; CHEMPI Purple Pig Graphics; CHEMPI Candy Wrapper Template; CHEMPI Dues Inserts; CHEMPI Theme Child Photo and Brochure; Brochures; Lodge Management Program; Scholarship Information; Supply Order Form and so much more! It is available to Elk Lodges and Elk members for \$10.00 from the CHEA Office (while supplies last). Their phone number is 559-255-4531. Please note that this USB drive is compatible with the Microsoft Windows operating system and is not compatible with Apple OS X systems.

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 awards scholarships

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 recognized the excellence and hard work accomplished by many of the best students in the city at a scholarship awards dinner. At their regular Thursday meeting, the Lodge hosted the student award recipients and their parents to a dinner at the lodge. These college and university bound students successfully competed for scholarships from the Elks.

Male scholarship winners: 1st place – Kevin Nguyen (\$1,000); 2nd place – Kelvey Mansfield (\$500); 3rd place – Huan Khong (\$500). Female scholarship winners: 1st place – Michelle Dinh (\$1,000); 2nd place – Joanne Vu (\$500); 3rd place – Erica Duran (\$350).

The Garden Grove Elks are very proud of these students and those who didn't finish among the first three, but whose scholarship and student ethics were also very high.



L to R (front row): Exalted Ruler Randy Eldridge, Michelle Dinh, Joanne Vu, Erica Duran, and Scholarship Chairperson Karen Lewin
L to R (back row): Kevin Nguyen, Huan Kong, Kelvey Mansfield and Incoming Scholarship Chairperson Jeremy Harris

Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948 honored by local school

Recently, the Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948 received the following invitation: "Dear Torrance Elks and Torrance Ladies of the Elks: CONGRATULATIONS! You have been nominated by Dolores St. School Staff to be honored at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. You were chosen based on the time and service you have dedicated to our Dolores Community. We want to THANK YOU and remind you that the dictionaries you donate every year, are truly making a difference in our children's lives. Please join us on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. during our Morning Assembly on the South Yard, and at 8:30 a.m. for a Volunteer Breakfast in the Auditorium."



L to R: Carol Simons (Past Lady President), Principal Battle, Kevin Abreu (Co-Dictionary Chairman), and Rosie Abreu (Lady Co-Dictionary Chairperson)

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 educates youth on drugged driving

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donated \$1,000 to Promoting Resources in Drug Education Inc. to help support their program "Every 15 Minutes." This program vividly demonstrates the potentially dangerous consequences of drug/alcohol usage and driving. During this program a deadly accident is simulated, complete with auto wreckage, police, fire and paramedics, and students are invited to view the scene and internalize the dangers of intoxicated driving.

The powerful objective of this program is to reinforce the student's awareness that, on average, someone is involved in a deadly accident every fifteen minutes due to drugged/drunken driving. The program involved students from Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach.

In other news, the Lodge served BBQ lunches to 267 veterans at the Cabrillo Developmental Center in Long Beach. The Developmental center is an adjunct of the Long Beach (CA) Veterans Hospital. The lunches included BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and dessert. Organized by Lodge Veterans Affairs chair Linda Luft, the Lodge staffed this event with 35 members. Exalted Ruler Greg Neneman said, "This is only the beginning of what we can do to help the men and women who have valiantly served this nation." The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge has an active role in the community serving veterans and troops deployed around the world, and, to that end, the Lodge and Girl Scout Troop 7999 donated 400 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to various military and veterans organizations. The recipients of the cookies include the 314th Military Police Company of Tustin, CA, the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, and packages for troops deployed overseas.



L to R: Sgt. Bob Barr HBPB, PER John Nielsen, and Richard Wright, a board member of Promoting Resources in Drug Education Inc.

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 hosted autistic children's event

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 hosted 65 autistic children and their families at the Lodge on Saturday, April 19, 2014 for a pre-Easter Egg hunt with games, crafts, food and movies. The scene was complete with the "Mad Hatter" Chris White Sanborn and his friend Haley Patague who took photographs of the kids having tea with the Mad Hatter.

Deborah White organized the affair with Katie Mervin of the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center. A Grant from the Elks National Foundation made this event possible. Gary Gustafson, a puppeteer from the Santa Maria Lodge, entertained the kids with various hand puppets. The children had a good time.

Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 thanks youth for their community service

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 hosted a pizza party for the K-Kids from Ridgeview School to reward them for collecting and donating non-perishable foods for the Elks Christmas baskets. The group is a service club that works all year for the community. Last holiday season, they offered to help the Elks because Past Exalted Ruler Patty Trask had worked at the school. The Lodge provided 30 food baskets to families in the Yucaipa area.

In other news, the Ladies and Lads of the Elks Lodge No. 2389 presented a \$500 scholarship to Ashley Anderson, granddaughter of Elk members Lew and Sheila McCollum. She will attend Folsom Junior College this fall.



L to R: Trinity Button, Brittani Button, Sara Muller, Tea Durenberger, Jorie Cagle, Danielle Gee, Ty Durenberger, Samantha Nickell, Shelby Perea, Courtney Madril, Logan Ford, and PER Patty Trask (standing in back)

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 holds Youth Appreciation Night

The Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 held their annual Youth Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 2, 2014. We invited our twelve Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship recipients and three Americanism Essay Contest winners to our monthly Rib Night. They arrived with their family members, joining 300 other Elks and guests at the event. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ pork ribs, salad, beans, and dessert.

The Americanism Essay Contest winners were: Paola Neri, Estefania Orozoco, and Jeniffer Rosas. ER Charlie Frost presented certificates of accomplishment to each of them. Patricia Mason and her committee did a great job in reviewing the essays and selecting the winners.

The Lodge Scholarship Chairman, Pat Egan, increased this year's annual scholarship budget from \$2,000 to about \$8,000, which allowed the Lodge to help twelve student scholars. Cole Rianda, one of our MVS scholarship winners, went on to win a \$4,000 national MVS scholarship from the Elks National Foundation. Miguel Valdivia, another winner, received help with his travel expenses, which allowed him to compete and win a scholarship to Wabash College in Indiana. Miguel will major in Theater Arts.

The other High School graduates received \$250 or \$500 awards to assist in their education. In addition to being outstanding scholars, these young people performed over 3,000 hours of community service in the Salinas area. These other scholarship recipients are: Adrian Garcia, Elmer Zarazua, Jack Traina, Orlando Sanchez, Lauren Sutliff, Angelique Alvarez, Viviana Figueroa, Anacecilia Ceja, Lilly Caster and Mylieneth Guiang. We are proud to help these young citizens on their way to change the world!

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 solicits charity donations at a studio

The Elks Ladies of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 hosted a Fundraiser for the Major Project and ENF on May 20, 2014. Elks Ladies, Elks, family and friends went to NBC Universal Studios to be a part of the Live Audience at the Chelsea Lately Show. For everyone that attended, a donation was made to the Thousand Oaks Lodge where the proceeds will be donated to both the Major Project and ENF. This is the second Live Audience Fundraiser that the Elks Ladies hosted and it was a very successful and fun day for all those who attended.

In other news, the Lodge held a Youth Appreciation Awards dinner and presented their six Lodge Scholarship Winners with plaques from the Lodge as well as Certificates of Achievement from the City of Thousand Oaks and the County of Ventura. The female winners were: Girls 3rd Place, Sarahanne Heredia; Girls 2nd Place, Monica Shi; Girls 1st Place, Amanda Shi. The male winners were: Boys 3rd Place, Kishan Desai; Boys 2nd Place, Dominic Conti, and Boys 1st Place, Alexander Loh.



San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 helps college veterans

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Veterans Service Chairwoman, Donna Donovan presented two checks totaling \$1,000 to Coast Guard Veteran Randy Ryan of the Cuesta College Veterans Center to purchase computers and a printer. A Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation provided \$700 and the remaining \$300 was from members fund raising activities. In honor of their service and sacrifice the Elks support our local military Veterans with updated resources needed to succeed academically.



L to R: Marcos Areval (USN veteran), Randy Ryan (Coast Guard veteran), Shannon Hill (Executive Director of the Cuesta College Foundation), Donna Donovan, and Gary Donovan

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 assists a veteran and his family

On May 7, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 provided an Army veteran and his family with numerous household items as they transitioned from the Abode Services' Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter into their own home. Using designated funds from the Lodge's Community Special Project account, the Lodge was able to provide the family with towels, silverware, dishes, a microwave, pots, pans and other household items. In addition, the Lodge provided the family with two new beds and bedding.

In other news, the Lodge recently donated \$1,000 to the Northern California Hub of the Honor Flight Network. The goal of the group is to transport America's veterans to Washington D.C. for them to visit the war memorials constructed in their honor. First priority is given to survivors of World War II and to those who may be suffering a terminal illness. The Network's philosophy is: "Since America felt it was important to build a memorial to the service and ultimate sacrifice of her veterans, the Honor Flight Network believes it is equally important that they actually get to visit and experience THEIR memorial."

In more news, in addition to almost 300 dictionaries donated to four local elementary schools, the Fremont Lodge 2121 donated dictionaries to three local charity organizations: 32 dictionaries were donated to Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter, and 24 each to SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) and One Child (providing for disadvantaged children). Community service and paying it forward are commitments Fremont Elks Lodge 2121 has made in keeping with the motto "Elks Care, Elks Share."



L to R: Peggy Smith, Sheila Spangler (PER, Treasurer), Army veteran (name withheld for privacy), Joan White (Lodge's Community Special Projects Chair), and Trina Murphy

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 prepares dessert for Hospice event

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 donated the facilities, food and volunteer members to make bread pudding with bourbon sauce dessert for 350 people for the Lodi Butterfly Auxiliary's first annual Kentucky Derby West event for Hospice. Julie Traxler was the chairman of this charitable endeavor towards our continuing commitment to the community.

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Eleanor Bolton	614	Irwin "Irv" H. Martin	1471	Philip Heinemann	2121	Chris Seifert	2599
Dean Callender	614	Mathew J. Ferrero	1475	Michael Kovacich	2121	Birney L. Carter	2698
Loyd Mayer	614	Leroy Stanford	1538	Joseph Ledbetter	2121	Kenneth "Ken" Bodenhofer	2801
Norman Riggs	614	Quirino "Dino" Uribe	1613	Pat Terrell	2358		
Patrick K. Keliinui	616	Dottie Ijames	1968	Don Andrews	2379		
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Flo Gandolfi (8)	168	Norman Riggs	614	John Buezi	888	Chuck Navarro	1289
Leonard Bohlke	218	Mary Jane Rogers	614	Patricia Devine	888	Hugh Scanlon	1289
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Stockton Emblem Club No. 226 (5)	218	Bill Scruggs	614	Joseph Checchi	906	Henry Mathis	1298
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Paul Stolberg	218	Barry Wilson	614	John Larkin (2)	906	Terry Tippey	1298
Tuleburg RV Club	218	Bruce Wissler	614	Shari Larkin	906	Mike Wiebe	1298
Verne Andreasen	423	616 Hawaiian Singers	616	Margy Pickett (2)	906	James Campbell	1328
Bill Bateman	423	Malcolm Barcarse	616	R.A. Pickett (2)	906	Robert Jenkins	1328
Gus Borchers	423	S. Kalani Brady	616	Doug Randall	906	Michael Tsumura (5)	1328
Richard Carver	423	Margaret Bukatz	616	Irma Santiago	906	Gene Day	1342
John Garcia	423	Barbara DeWitt	616	Steve Schechter	906	Howard McDonell (2)	1342
Dona Garrison	423	Evelyn Evoniuk	616	Ann Scully	906	Michael Sawyer	1342
Terry Horne (2)	423	Connie Hennings-Chilton	616	Gwen Zeller	906	Robert Uphoff	1342
Richard Hughes	423	Kimie Hirabayashi (2)	616	Alameda Lodge Reno Bus No. 1	1015	Shannon Hartman	1378
Dennis Leis	423	Mary Ann Kawakami	616	Alameda Lodge Reno Bus No. 2	1015	Tom Hartman	1378
Ernest Lemm	423	Patrick Keliinui (2)	616	Alameda Elks Rolling Herd (2)	1015	Larry Moore	1378
Howard Lewis	423	Stanley Osseman, Jr. (2)	616	Alameda Lodge Reno Bus No. 3 (3)	1015	Ed Coulter	1420
Ron Magoon	423	John Southworth	616	Thomas Donato (5)	1015	Ron Stillman	1420
John McMackin	423	Claude Thompson	616	Helen Marcevic (2)	1015	Richie Windsor	1420
Mary Sakuma	423	Jason Tokunaga	616	Heather Paton	1015	Brenda Bernal	1436
Jim Saxton (2)	423	Teru Yasuda	616	Red Solo Bus Group (4)	1015	Jerry Pingree	1436
Norman Stump, Sr.	423	Rick Bailey	652	Randy Brower	1240	Mary Crum	1471
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Chuck Wood	559	Charles Blunk	652	Richard Carstens (2)	1250	Claudette McDonald	1474
Eleanor Bolton	614	Troy Combs (2)	652	Red Bluff Emblem Club No. 408	1250	Robert Ambrosetti (3)	1538
Floyd Bolton	614	Dave & Jill Creech (3)	652	Sandi Caldera	1259	David Campbell (2)	1538
Jerry Cailotto	614	Dogs Made Hot (2)	652	Andrew Martin	1259	Bailey Hudson	1538
Dean Callender (2)	614	LeeAnn Duco	652	Ray McCoy (2)	1259	John Mascarenas	1538
Alex Camany	614	Hans Gerstacker	652	Kerry Rhodes	1259	James Snowdy	1538
Carolyn Cleaves	614	Ramon Herrera	652	Moana Sawyer	1259	Leroy Stanford	1538
Mario Federico	614	Dennis Hunter	652	John Wheeler (2)	1259	William Stanford (2)	1538
Charlie Frost	614	Barry Jacobsen (6)	652	Marsha Andreae	1282	Mike Tabisola	1538
Ben Hanly (2)	614	Dan Marchetti (3)	652	Clay Bunte	1282	Myrl Wallace	1538
Ray Harrod	614	Jerry McDowell (2)	652	Tom & Holly Fielder -Goodtimers/Columbia	1282	Michael Bernal	1567
Donald Hart	614	Jack Nash (3)	652	Loren & Geneann Hill -Goodtimers/Columbia	1282	Steven Mayne	1567
Clair Hicks, Jr.	614	Ernie Nunes	652	Bruce Jorgensen	1282	Jim Vaden	1567
Doyle Horton	614	Jim Olson (2)	652	David Lucero	1282	Bill Butler	1587
Robert House	614	Gary Payne (2)	652	Louise McCoskey	1282	Frank Taylor (2)	1587
Stephen Jensen	614	Jim Pell	652	Bill Phillips	1282	David Utech	1587
Antonio Mariscal (2)	614	Barb Ranstrom	652	Bill & Linda Welch	1282	Ralph George, Jr.	1608
Elisa Mariscal	614	Ryan Seroggins	652	Cathleen Freeman	1285	Nancy Larkin (2)	1608
Blanca Martinez	614	Ziggy Ziegenfuss (2)	652	Rick Barnes	1289	Richard Pyle (2)	1608
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Frank Nunes	614	Clinton Herr	824	Charles Follett	1289		
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John Albrecht (2)	1613	Dan Casey	1993	Robert Linkram	2121	Bill Harrison	2484
Gary Armijo (2)	1613	Manny Castillo	1993	Gary Pond	2121	Richard Herlache	2484
Kim Bell	1613	Tom Conlon	1993	Deborah Rizotto (2)	2121	Shirley Houx	2484
Claranne Clatt	1613	Jan Crook	1993	John Shaffer	2121	Ronald Howell	2484
John Clatt	1613	Fran Drum	1993	Endesto & Zenaida Zamora	2121	Alan Lawson, Sr.	2484
Ron Eastman	1613	Paul Dudley	1993	Kenneth Beck	2128	Debra Pritchard	2484
Hollis Green (2)	1613	Karen Edmonds	1993	John Blaul	2128	Rancho Cordova Emblem Club No. 479	2484
Danny Hopper	1613	Judy Givens	1993	Michael Buccini	2128	Jacque Reimer	2484
Gary Kerr	1613	Mark Givens	1993	Joe DeLisle	2128	Jean Walker	2484
George Pryor	1613	Jack Gordon	1993	Don Dilbeck	2128	Christine Wash (2)	2484
Ken Smith	1613	Frances Hardie	1993	Fred Farnsworth	2128	Bob Cherry	2504
Dino Uribe (3)	1613	Bob Harraka	1993	Steve Gollob	2128	Bobbi Cherry	2504
Dawn Wingfield	1613	Brian Hogan	1993	Frank Graziani	2128	Shirney Colwell	2504
John Young	1613	Alan Kelley (2)	1993	Donald Koester, Jr.	2128	Barbarba Cooper	2504
Antelope Valley Emblem Club No. 76 (3)	1625	David Lawhorn (2)	1993	Dottie Krull	2128	Richard Cowles	2504
Linda Smith	1625	Phillip Marquez	1993	David MacNair (2)	2128	Lana Kay Fleming	2504
Ronald & Nancy Hinman	1643	Martin McAllister	1993	Nancy Matthews	2128	Margi Hanes	2504
Cliff McBride	1643	Brian McNamara	1993	Blue Max	2128	Carol Hanna	2504
Darren McElfresh Law Firm	1689	Dick Moore	1993	Jim McCloskey	2128	Al Hicks	2504
Katie Micks & Wayne Franklin	1689	Alex Nunez	1993	Frank Paetow	2128	Ken Nelson	2504
Lisa Specchio-Wolfe	1689	Marie Nunez	1993	Charlene Rebholtz	2128	Arleen Olson	2504
Ken Sullens	1689	Nick Ortega	1993	Don Roach	2128	Daniel O'Sullivan	2504
Gary & Lisa Wolfe	1689	Claudia Renfroe	1993	Al Tagami	2128	Charles Roady	2504
Michael Abbott	1691	Bob Schmidt	1993	Joseph Villa	2128	Howard Walmsley	2504
Auburn Elks RV Club	1691	Mary Schmidtgal	1993	Doug Correa	2230	Richard Wilson	2504
Mike Bashore (2)	1691	Michael Spratt (3)	1993	Kim Correa	2230	William Knoff (2)	2510
Roy Kleger	1691	Scott Stephens	1993	Mary Ann Dinic	2230	South Coast District Elks Riders	2543
Manny Martinez	1691	Margaret Sweney	1993	Matt Dinic	2230	Donald Kammerer	2577
Reginald Murray	1691	Dominic Trapasso (3)	1993	Richard Ho	2230	Phil Morrison	2577
Dick Robart	1691	Steve Vartanian	1993	Elmer Kapuaala	2230	Christopher Orrock	2577
Kenneth Sherer	1691	Bob Ziebell	1993	Betty Kemp	2230	Marjorie Samaniego	2577
Ray Uebner	1691	John Ammon	1996	Deborah Kim-Ito	2230	Frank Brown	2591
Glen Croft	1712	Tony Cortez	1996	Sally Meditz	2230	Herman DeJong (5)	2591
Tom Blecka	1740	John Donovan	1996	Raymond Monmaney	2230	Joseph Penwell (2)	2591
Hemet Elks Auxiliary	1740	Rosie Leon	1996	Dorothy Phillips	2230	Ernest Ziegler	2591
Jim Alves	1786	Lynn Loufek	1996	Carl Romero	2230	Dave Goscinski	2599
Michael Vigue	1787	Judith Lumbreras	1996	Russell Sakamoto	2230	Terri Goscinski (3)	2599
Rod Weissenberger	1787	Ben Ortega	1996	Gerald Simard	2230	Bill Hall	2599
Norm Lafever	1811	Raymond Roldan	1996	Clarence Weatherwax	2230	Fran Musetti (2)	2599
Troy Powell	1811	Sandy Sesanto	1996	Cathy Weinberg	2230	Clay Seals (2)	2599
Larry Tischer	1811	Don Anderson	2011	Ronald Weinberg	2230	Chris Seifert (3)	2599
Michael Welch	1811	Stanley Lewandowski	2011	Eldon Fillion	2248	Reed Hilliard	2626
Anthony "Tony" Zambelli	1812	JD Perez	2011	Charles Halter	2248	Mike Pettigrew	2626
Glenn Hinsz	1900	Emily Phelps	2011	Gary Platz	2248	Bryce Ruschhaupt	2626
Roger Hushour	1900	Daniel Hirtz	2013	Roseville Emblem Club No. 407 (5)	2248	Bill Zeller	2626
Jim Norton	1900	Robert Bosch	2026	Carol Shoemaker	2248	Donald Bergeron	2639
George & Estelle Layton	1905	Jan Keller (2)	2026	Michaelle Bagneski	2274	Michelle Bergeron	2639
Oliver Marquis	1905	Gerald Richmond	2026	John Hurd	2274	Armando Berumen	2639
George & Mary Sutton	1905	Steve Thatcher	2031	Timothy Staffel	2274	Richard "Dick" Conrad	2639
Edward Ward	1905	Judy Foley (3)	2046	Yucca Valley Business Owners	2314	Gary Eastham	2639
Philip Burg	1917	Daniel Baccelliere	2050	Richard Dexter	2333	Frank Gillette	2639
Roy Chamberlin (3)	1917	Craig Bromberger	2050	Karol Goudelock	2333	Ron Lathrop	2639
Mary Collim (3)	1917	Patty Crockett	2050	Mark Healy	2333	Yvonne Parks	2639
Albert Cornejo	1917	Sherri Dunlap (2)	2050	Michael Schweitzer	2333	Judith Shea	2639
Cecilia Garcia Galliano (3)	1917	Kathleen Grant (2)	2050	Joan Hermansen (5)	2358	Elizabeth Swisher	2639
Allen Kirby	1917	Sherri Hunt	2050	John Prian	2364	Connie Taylor	2639
David Lawson	1917	Robert Leatham (2)	2050	Scott Anderson	2444	William Threhane	2639
C. Michael Melton (4)	1917	S. Roger Lewis (2)	2050	Lawrence Colgan	2444	Marna Van Horn	2639
Al Ochs (2)	1917	Mary Miller	2050	Andy Costello (2)	2444	Don Wood	2639
Michael Schafer	1917	Anthony Pacheco	2050	Karen Garland	2444	Clinton D'Alemberte, Jr.	2655
Randall Eldridge	1952	Landon Stratton	2050	Vicky Long	2444	Joe Burton	2698
Sherrie Larson	1952	Bartenders of South San Francisco Lodge	2091	Dennis Lumley	2444	Birney Carter (4)	2698
Terry Connell	1959	Paul Bourque (2)	2091	John Mrak	2444	Leah Gergal	2698
Roger Francis	1959	Kate MacKay-Nelson	2091	Howard Sargent	2444	Richard Harrington (2)	2698
Don Green	1959	Cherlene Williams	2095	Karen Stuetz-Garland (6)	2444	Jackie Johnson	2698
Dennis Korach	1959	American Legion Post 377 (2)	2098	Karen Stuetz-Garland	2444	Robert Merhling	2698
Dawn Napoli	1959	Santos Chavez	2098	Harry Yamauchi	2444	Max Purkiser	2698
Charles Zacks	1959	Jan Dappen	2098	Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 (2)	2477	Theresa Wild (2)	2698
Paul Zacks	1959	William & Mary Harvey	2098	Peter Gordon (2)	2477	Angie Friend	2699
James Zentarski	1959	Ann Kuh	2098	Dan & Karen Martyn	2477	Lloyd Plymate (2)	2790
Judy Brown	1968	Dan McKernan (4)	2098	Gregg Miraglia	2477	Kenneth Bodenhofer	2801
Virginia Frye	1968	Roberta Sheu (2)	2098	Coleen Morris	2477	Thomas Jay Coyne	2801
Helen Pietroforte	1968	Bobbie Bartram	2117	Doug Morrison	2477	Henry Hine	2801
Dr. Joseph Spirito	1968	Ralph Davis (2)	2117	Jim Moye	2477	Robert Johnson	2801
Sharon Saunders	1980	Bryon Kitt	2117	Cherri & John Peterson (2)	2477	Betty Loomis	2801
Yreka Elkettes	1980	Chere Bondie Lenz	2117	Gil Riding	2477	Ronald Loomis	2801
Robert Cassetta (2)	1991	Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club No. 413	2117	Joan Boyd	2484	Christine McCusker	2801
William Leahy	1991	Nancy Carter	2121	Robert Brotherton (2)	2484	John McCusker	2801
Joseph Wilson	1991	Frank Drasby	2121	Kathy Cobb (2)	2484	David Mitchell	2801
Darline Aldrich	1993	Susan Gieseke	2121	Kenny Cobb (2)	2484	Jay Taylor	2801
Don Andrews	1993	Phil Heinemann (4)	2121	Lou Dulay	2484	Lois Zimmerman	2801
Arnie Appleman	1993	Mike Kovacich	2121	Andy Effinger	2484		
Shirley Buxbaum	1993	Joseph Ledbetter (2)	2121	Russell Fiddle	2484		

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Josh Hachadourian	3	Robert Ostini	1251	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Rebecca Munoz	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	James Ferris	1378	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Karen Lake	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Richard Tanguy	1959	Ian Lanouette	2121
Gary Marinelli	168	Amanda Smith	1475	Laurie Ayala	2011	Terry Gicking	2477
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Martin Barros	2011	Steve L. Smith	2477
Glenn Montague	168	Philip Moore	1475	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Chuck Nolan	168	Colin Smith	1475	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Paul Kassel	2543
Hugh Van Doren	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Debbie Hosted	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Donal Frigerio	168	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Ashley Munoz	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Jerome Paul	672	Ray Prettyman	1767	David Plotke	2011	Neal D. Wagerle	2591
Lisa Fleury	759	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Cynthia "Cindy" Wise	2011	Sonny Pineda	2599
Jerry Hansen	901	Chuck Jackson	1811	Christine Nelson	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Donald Checchi	906	Michael Silva	1811	Hector Cazares	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Frazier	906	Kevin Wroble	1811	James Thacker	2011		

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 honors local police officers

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night on Tuesday March 11, 2014. Following a dinner cooked and served by lodge members, the officers from each division are given awards for their outstanding service throughout 2013. The officers recognized were: Officer Luke Muir of the El Segundo Police Department, Deputy Christine Clotworthy of the Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Department, Deputy Matthew Doud of the Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Department, Detective I Gustavo Martinez of the LAPD LAX Field Service Division, Officer Maxine Ford of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department, Officer Charlton Adams, CHP West Los Angeles, Police Officer II Osmani Baeza of the LAPD Pacific Area, Sergeant Mark Griego, LAPD Pacific Area and Detective II Robyn Salazar of the LAPD Pacific Area.

In other news, the Ladies of the Westchester Elks held their annual fashion show with a "Red Carpet" theme. Past and present Elk Officers served lunch. A silent auction, door prizes, and a fashion show with models from the Ladies of the Elks were featured events. This fashion show is always a huge, sold out success. Chairs Maki Eubanks (Ladies Treasurer) and Patty Crockett (PER) were able to donate \$2,000 to the Lodge's Piggy Bank fund.



L to R: Lt. Michael Scolaro, Captain Fernando Castro, Officer Maxine Ford, Chief Patrick Gannon, and ER Kathy Grant

Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 honors teachers

The Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 recently held its 37th Educator's Night with 286 teachers, administrators and political representatives attending. Following a social hour and dinner, seventeen area teachers, selected by their peers, were recognized for their exceptional dedication to their students and their profession. Certificates of merit were presented by Exalted Ruler Michael Smith, Danny Brandinini (State Senate representative of Senator Lois Volk), and Ron Taylor (State Assembly representative of State Assemblyperson Susan Bonilla). Lodge members PDDGER Gene Beckel and event chairman John Stevens presented the "Best Decorated Table" award, a feature of the evening started 36 years ago by PER Chuck Phillips, to St. Patrick/St. Vincent School.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Michael Smith, honoree Ethel Tanchanco of St. Vincent School, honoree Mark Quig-Hartman of Glen Cove School, Danny Brandinini representing State Senator Lois Volk and Ron Taylor representing State Assemblyperson Susan Bonilla

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 member recognized by the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society awarded Flo Donoghue a certificate for her continued dedication. Flo has raised a total of \$31,145 over the past eight years by walking an average of eight miles a year in the "Relay for Life" walk. Now 87 years old, when asked why she continues to walk each year, Flo replied, "I walk for my friends who have had cancer."

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



COMMUNICATION MAKES THE BIG DIFFERENCE

We took a sacred oath to abide by the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The image of that pledge was never more visible than it was at the CHEA Convention in May. Association leaders, District and Lodge officers and members came together in one big celebration of those lofty virtues. Our Major Project soared to new heights.

Charity and Brotherly Love were evident as Elks shared with one another. Communication took center stage as Elks exchanged positive thoughts and ideas in meetings and workshops.

Our new Association President Skip Henke said, "Good communication is absolutely essential if we are to accomplish all of our goals." President Skip added Public Relations to his list of emphases points, along with Membership, Lodge Activities, Major Project, and Elks National Foundation. He asked the simple question regarding public relations, "How will the community ever know about our wonderful works if we as Elks don't tell them? That job of communicating the good news falls upon each and every one of us."

There were many worthwhile lessons learned at the conference, but one lesson each of us must have surely taken home, was the importance of better communication in our Lodges, in our communities and with one another. Are you a good communicator? Do you reach out to shake the hand of a new member? Do you always acknowledge or respond to a letter or an email? Do you pick up the phone to say thank you for an act of kindness? Do you show your appreciation to the hard working members of your Lodge or committee? Or do you choose not to speak to a particular member because...well, just because? Do you let those opportunities to communicate the virtues of our sacred oath pass you by? Each of us must be a personification of the principles to which we all swore our oath. In the coming year, let's renew our commitment to that sacred promise. Let's all become better communicators of the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. See the difference good communication can make.

San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 sponsors the CHEA Americanism Essay Contest winner

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 is proud of Travis Mooney, a San Clemente 6th grader, who is a California-Hawaii Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest Winner. He was honored to read his winning essay "What Veteran's Day Means to Me" at the recent 99th annual CHEA Convention in Palm Springs, California.

The week before the convention, the Lodge held a special ceremony for Travis at a Friday night dinner. Exalted Ruler Antoine Price, First Lady Brittany Price and the Lodge's Americanism Chairman, Ruie Treptow, presented his family with a donation to cover the cost of their accommodations for a weekend stay in Palm Springs. Travis's parents and grandparents accompanied him to the event. At the Lodge ceremony, Travis was honored by Jerry Landreth-Brusato, the CHEA Americanism Chairman, and received a special thank you for his American patriotism.



L to R: Jerry Landreth-Brusato, Travis Mooney and Ruie Treptow in front of the Americanism display booth at the CHEA Convention

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 holds antique sale to raise scholarship money

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held an Antique Western Show fundraiser to raise money for scholarships. Over 600 people attended the event with over 60 vendors selling antique guns, signs, western articles and much more. Chairman Lou Janakos invited vendors from all over the state. Many traveled great distances to participate in the show.

The show raised over \$4,200 for the Lodge's scholarship fund and was such a success that all the vendors want Lou to do it again next year.



L to R: Al Angulo, Exalted Ruler, Lou Janakos, Chairman of the event and Frank Herwatt, Leading Knight

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 holds a tea for CHEMPI

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 held a High Tea and Luncheon with musical entertainment to support the California-Hawaii Elks Leading Knight Major Project Challenge. A total of 114 people were served, including several veterans and a local group of Victorian Society Ladies. A local teahouse donated all of the tea for the event. A total of 128 Elk hours and 12 community service student hours were used to make this a successful event. Door prizes included a variety of donated specialty items and the floral garden centerpieces. The musical presentation was provided by Rhapsody, a professional vocal ensemble that performs all over the county for various charitable and veteran fundraising events. The Rhapsody Singers were a hit and they sang a special tribute song, "He," to Past Elk Of The Year Emily Phelps, the mother of Chairwoman Kim Coronado, that had the whole house in tears. The luncheon netted \$1,520.25 for the Major Project. Plans have been made for another High Tea event for the Annual Victorian Country Christmas Bazaar in November.

Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 places wreaths on Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, members of the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 joined other community organizations with the placing of wreaths as a sign of remembrance during an annual Memorial Day Service. The Ridgecrest American Legion Post 684 hosted the service, which was held at the Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest. Being a "Military Town," the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge takes great pride in helping to ensure that Americans remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

In other news, the lodge donated to several local charities: \$1,000 to the Women's Center – High Desert, Inc. to assist with their shelter and abuse programs; \$1,000 to the Salvation Army for their food pantry and other programs, and \$200 to the High Desert Heat Youth Basketball Club. The club members and their parents helped lodge members xeriscape the lodge grounds as part of its water saving project.



L to R: an unidentified Boy Scout, PDDGER Fred Whitnack, PER Sam Brown, ER Bill Brickey, Trustee Jim Brown, and PER Don Holeman

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 awards scholarships

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 awarded scholarships to four local high school students. Sean Anderson, who has a 4.40 GPA, received \$500 from Nevada City Elks Lodge, \$400 from the Northeast District and \$800 from CHEA. Skylar Van Horne received a Most Valuable Student scholarship award of \$500 from the Lodge, \$200 from the Northeast District and \$1,000 from the Elks National Foundation. Emily Price received \$500 from the Lodge and an \$800 from the scholarship award from CHEA. Rachel Olsen received a \$500 scholarship from the Lodge.



L to R: Lou Janakos (Scholarship Chairman), Sean Anderson, Skylar Van Horne, ER Frank Herwatt and Emily Price. Not pictured: Rachel Olsen

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 serves the veterans

On April 16, 2014, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 held a BBQ at the Mather Veterans Hospital in Sacramento, CA. They served over 200 free hot dogs, chips and drinks to the veterans and staff of the Veterans Hospital. The Lodge, using an Elks Beacon Grant for \$2,000, gave the facility a cart full of comfort items for the 60 bed 3rd Floor Intake Unit. The items included travel kits, underwear and flip-flops. The Lodge is in the process of setting up a Wi-Fi system for the Unit. The lodge has adopted the 3rd Floor Unit and is planning to do more in the future to support that Unit.

In other news, later that week, the lodge prepared over 500 hot dogs, chips and drinks for the Earth Day Grand Opening of the Elk Grove City's Special Waste Collection Center. Mike Beal organized and ran the Elks' efforts. Special thanks go to the many Elks that participated in the event. In more news, on May 26, 2014, the lodge participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Elk Grove Cemetery. PER Mike Sabo was one of the speakers and read the poem "The Last Inspection." The Young Marine Cobras performed the Posting of the Colors. Henry Sanchez, an Elk and American Legion member, did the Pledge of Allegiance. Over 200 Elks and other guests attended the event.



L to R: John Hinson, Director, VA Northern CA, Health Care System, Sacramento, Maria Almes, Chief Voluntary Services, Bob Samaniego, Bill Taylor, Ralph Daniels, Steve Beck, Mike Sabo and Mike Beals.

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 awards students

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held a student award presentation luncheon for local students on May 18th. The Lodge presented \$14,900 in scholarships to the top six high school students (3 boys and 3 girls) for their academic achievement. At the local level first place scholarship winners were Kelsey O'Donoghue and Addison Howe. Second place scholarship winners were Miranda O'Mahony and Patrick Cunningham. Third place scholarship winners were Andrew Barnes and Emily Yamane. At the District level the winners were Andrew and Kelsey. At the State level the winners were Kelsey, Emily, Patrick and Addison. At the National level the winners were Kelsey and Andrew, both of whom will go on to compete against other United States scholarship winners for a paid four year scholarship. All students were presented with certificates of achievement. The lodge also awarded the top three 8th grade students of the Americanism Essay Contest with gifts, a flag and cash.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 sponsors Americanism Essay Contest winner

Anna Holman, a 7th grade student from Murrieta, was recently recognized at the California-Hawaii Elks Association annual convention that was held in Palm Springs. Anna entered her essay in the contest sponsored by the Americanism Committee of the Temecula Valley Elks. The theme of the essay was "What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?" and essays were to be no longer than 250 words. Her essay was selected by the Temecula Valley Elks as one of the top three in her division for 7th and 8th grade students. The winning essays were then sent to the District level for further judging and those top essays were sent on to the Association level of judging.

Anna's essay was awarded 1st place at the Association level. She and her family were then invited to attend the Friday morning session of the convention. Anna and her mother arrived in Palm Springs and both eagerly attended that session. They were introduced to the CHEA Americanism Chairperson, Jerry Landreth-Brusato, and the Association President, Richard McDonald. Anna then read her winning essay to the Elk members assembled and received a check and a special citation.



Association President Dick McDonald, Anna Holman and the CHEA Americanism Chairman Jerry Landreth-Brusato

Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 receives VA recognition

Members of the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 were present at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Volunteer Service award ceremony on April 10, 2014. The Lodge received a crystal trophy for giving over \$65,000 in goods and services to the Veterans for the fraternal year 2013-2014. The trophy is displayed in the cases in the foyer of the Lodge. On a side note, PER Frank H. Frazier has donated in excess of 5,000 hours to the WLA VA in the Hematology Lab.



L to R: Pete Armstrong, Carrie Brandlin (WLA VA Volunteer Services Director), PER Frank H. Frazier, PER Robbie Robinson (Lodge Veterans Services Chairman), and Steve Schechter (Lodge Office Manager)

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donates aluminum pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 Past Exalted Ruler, Bill Cook, delivered 209.5 pounds of aluminum pull-tabs to the University of Redlands campus parking lot for Ronald McDonald House on Friday, May 2, 2014. The Elks Lodge collects the pull-tabs throughout the year and delivers them every May. All of the proceeds from the sale of the aluminum go to support the Ronald McDonald House charity. Ronald McDonald Houses provide places for families to stay near major hospitals throughout the country when their children are undergoing treatment for major illnesses. The 209.5 pounds donated this year, equates to 328,230 pull-tabs. Students from the University help to process the donation of aluminum tabs.



L to R: PER Bill Cook and his wife, Nancy, who is a lodge member

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 has flying pigs

The Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591, under the guidance of Helene Fowler, the Lodge Major Project Chairperson, hosted a fundraiser entitled "When Pigs Fly." The dining tables were appropriately decorated, as each had a Purple Piggy Bank adorned with wings for the collection of donations for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The Major Project helps disabled children walk, talk, see and play. Also on hand was the large "Flameboyant Pig," which survived the disastrous fire that destroyed our old lodge in 2007. Robert Farrens, the CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman, was also present. The menu for the event complemented its Purple Pig theme, as the entrée was BBQ Pork Ribs. A total of \$1,646.00 was raised for Major Project. "Wii3" provided the music for entertainment and dancing.

Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 honors outstanding students

The Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 honored eight students from local elementary and secondary schools on Friday, May 30th. The students and their families were treated to a fabulous spaghetti dinner prepared by Emblem Club No. 411. Certificates were presented to the "Most Outstanding Students."



L to R: Grace Rodriguez (Friendly Hills Elementary), Brendan Snyder (Morongo Valley Elementary), Andres Sanchez (Yucca Mesa Elementary), Lisandra Llamas (Yucca Valley Elementary), Briauna Archer (La Contenta Middle School), Miguel Armando Rodriguez Santos (Yucca Valley High School), Exalted Ruler Elton Howard and Youth Activities Chairman Carl Angdahl. Recipients not pictured are: Serena Lopez (Landers Elementary) and Kyle Hickenbottom, (Onaga Elementary School)

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honors police officers and firefighters

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recently held its annual awards banquet to honor local Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters. At the event were representatives from most of the Departments that serve the greater Temecula Valley and Murrieta areas along with many members of the Lodge. Exalted Ruler Bob Walker hosted the event, along with many Past Exalted Rulers from the Lodge, who presented individual awards to the Officers, Deputies, Agents and Firefighters that went above and beyond the call of duty to make our area a safer place to live, work and raise families.

Those individuals honored include: Sergeant Jon Wade (Temecula PD), Agent Peter Adamo (Border Patrol), Sergeant Christopher Gaskins (Temecula PD), Officer Jennifer Dishon (Murrieta PD), Officer Luis Godinez (CHP Temecula Area), John Padlo (CHP Rainbow Inspection Facility), Captain Eric Ballard (Murrieta Fire Department). Officer John Padlo and Captain Eric Ballard were unable to attend the banquet.



L to R: ER Bob Walker, Sergeant Jon Wade, Agent Peter Adamo, Sergeant Christopher Gaskins, Officer Jennifer Dishon, Officer Luis Godinez, and Sergeant Miles Ingram (CHP Rainbow Inspection Facility) accepted the award on behalf of John Padlo

Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 does an ice cream social for hospitalized vets

On May 17, 2014 the "Weak-Enders RV" group from the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 did their annual "Ice Cream Social" for the hospitalized veterans at the Veterans Home of California which is located in Yountville, CA. Of the seventeen volunteers who helped to serve the veterans, ten are members of the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251, and two of the other seven volunteers were children.

Approximately 145-150 hospitalized veterans and staff members from the hospital unit and Alzheimer's unit were served ice cream sundaes. This is one of the fewest numbers served in past years. Some volunteers served the ice cream with a smile and warm greetings of "Thank you for your service to our country," while others took more time to visit with the individual, but we all came out with warm feelings in our hearts.



Lodge members Denise Barney and Don Sacrison with a patient, and a nurse in the background