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Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 Holds Fund-raiser Luau

Each year, the Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 holds a Major Project Luau. This year, on August 30th, the lodge raised nearly \$2,000 for CHEMPI. The members had a great time feasting on traditional Hawaiian luau dishes. Special guests, Jocelyn Agra, a CHEMPI Therapist, and the guest of honor, Madeline West, joined her sister, Lucy West, and her parents, Dave and Sara West.



Left to Right: Dennia Agra, Jocelyn Agra, Colette Aoki, Kailua Elks Major Project Chair, Madeline West, Lucy West, Dave and Sara West.

CHEA ENF Rankings at Mid-Term

As of the ENF recognition dinner that was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Mid-Term Convention in Redding, CA, the CHEA 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place rankings for ENF donations were:

By Contribution:

1st :	Fremont No. 2121	\$16,067.00
2nd:	Carmichael No. 2103	\$15,520.75
3rd:	Hemet No. 1740	\$11,760.00

By Per-Capita:

1st:	Fremont No. 2121	\$28.95
2nd:	Corona No. 2045	\$26.66
3rd:	Westchester No. 2050	\$24.88

Canoga Park Lodge No. 2190 Honors Police and Fire Departments

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 held its 15th annual Police and Firefighter Appreciation Night on October 30th. The lodge honored all the men and women who serve with these departments. In attendance were lodge members, the honorees and their families, police and fire department heads, local councilmember Dennis Zine, members of Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's and Councilmember Greig Smith's offices. A dinner of brisket of beef, with all of the fixings was enjoyed by all. Special guest Terry Gregory, accompanied by Harry Meddlebrook sang "God Bless the USA".



Exalted Ruler Rosemary Blische (second from left) joins the honored guests.

Westminster Elks Lodge No. 2346 Leadership Training for Youth

Westminster Elks Lodge No. 2346 recently opened their lodge facilities for two days. A local youth leadership organization, Excellence Driven Inspiration for Youth (EDIFY), provides leadership training for high school students. The students participate in positive and pro-active self-discovery seminars that help them to recognize their innate leadership potential. 33 local high school youths participated in this program. Cathy Perez, from EDIFY, presented Carl Brewner, Exalted Ruler, with a plaque of appreciation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the Elk year. As I travel from district to district, I am rewarded by the knowledge that our Lodges and members are so dedicated to the mandates of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In each town we visit, I have the opportunity to meet with and discuss Elksdom with some wonderful people. My only concern is that I feel that our Lodges are not getting the recognition that they deserve. I would like to challenge each Lodge to participate in at least one of the many contests that we have for our Lodges. Visit the California-Hawaii Elks Association website to obtain the information on entering each contest. Most of you will find that you qualify for each of the contests. By participating you will be able to recognize the hard work of the members of your lodge.

During my visit to the Honolulu Lodge I had the opportunity to visit with the Lt. Governor of that great state. As I shared the philosophy and dedication of our members to our good works, he told me that he was unaware of the programs of the Elks, but now was looking forward to working with the Elks Lodges of Hawaii in the future. I am sure that we now have a friend in the Lt. Governor's chair at the capitol. Continue your efforts to get the word out that the Elks of California and Hawaii are here to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you for your efforts and let us work together because
ELKS MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

Fraternally,

Jerry Rucker

President, California Hawaii Elks Association

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The Piggy Bank Program

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"A coin a day and they'll walk, talk, see and play."

Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 donates 700 dictionaries

Third-grade students at Albert Schweitzer Grammar School, Mission Grammar School and seven other elementary schools started this school year with dictionaries given by members of Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103. Exalted Ruler Shirley Gilmore and members of the Lodge gave each third-grader a copy of "Webster's Dictionary for Students." This week the Carmichael Elks presented 700 dictionaries to third-graders in nine of the elementary schools in Carmichael.

Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 Recognizes Veterans and Gives Out Dictionaries

On November 13, 2008, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 hosted 110 veterans and guests for a Veterans Appreciation luncheon. The guests participated in a sing-along of all the songs from each branch of the service. Each veteran gave their name, rank, and where and when they served in the military. This luncheon was organized by Loyal Knight Raul Gutierrez.

In a separate community event, on November 24th, the Lodge gave 962 dictionaries to 3rd grade students from eleven schools in the Los Banos and Dos Palos school districts. This is the Lodge's third year of participating in the Dictionary Program.

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

January 1, 2009
New Years Celebration - Pasadena

January 9-10, 2009
CHEA & CHEMPI BOT Meetings
- Fresno

January 16-18, 2009
South District (Jamboree)

January 23-25, 2009
Northwest District

January 30-February 1, 2009
Central District

February 13-15, 2009
South Central Coast District

February 21-23
Colorado River Bowling Classic

Modesto Elks No. 1282 BBQ for the Veterans

The Livermore, CA VA hospital was the site of a BBQ picnic hosted by the Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282. Lodge members were joined by volunteers from the Korean War Veterans Association, the American Legion and two PT Cruiser car clubs in serving 250 patients and staff at the hospital.

In addition to the luncheon, the veterans also enjoyed a car show sponsored by the Valley PT Cruisers and North Bay PT Cruisers car clubs, which was organized by Tom and Jackie Tomberlin. On behalf of the Valley PT Cruisers Car Club, Past President Wayne Clare donated \$3,186.00 to Miriam Valle, one of three recreational therapists at the hospital. On behalf of the North Bay PT Cruisers Car Club, Johnny Sutton made a donation to the hospital as well.

The Lodge's Veteran's Service Committee co-chairpersons are Gil Black and Dan Vigil. "We plan to make this an annual event, and we are very excited that the Valley PT Cruisers and the North Bay PT Cruisers partnered up with us for this event," said Dan.



Left to right: Gil Black, Miriam Valle, Johnny Sutton, Wayne Clare and Dan Vigil.

Scouting James Warrick, CHEA Scouting Chair

Congratulations to the winners of the 2008 CHEA Eagle/Gold Scouting Essay Contest. First Place Gold Award Essay receiving \$500, Katie Garland, sponsored by Carmichael Lodge No 2103; First Place Eagle Essay receiving \$500, Gabriel David Zarate, sponsored by Napa Lodge No. 832; Second Place Eagle Essay receiving \$200, Patrick Sawyer, sponsored by Carmichael No. 2103; Second Place Gold Award Essay, Carla Mora, sponsored by Santa Barbara Lodge No 613; Third Place and Honorable Mention receiving \$100 Daniel Gorans, sponsored by Placerville Lodge No 1712, Sam Vinci, sponsored by Carmichael 2103 and Aaron Fritz, sponsored by San Rafael No 1108.

As of the Mid Term Convention in Redding, CHEA Elks Lodges have donated \$59,268, driven 11,205 miles, contributed 4,055 hours, and served 3,209 Scouts in the first half of the 2008-2009 Lodge Year. Lodges that seek "Elks and Scouting" patches and/or pins may find them at conventions, or order them through me, the Scouting Chair: James Warrick at jdwarwick@lanset.com.

Association President Jerry Rucker visits Hawaii

CHEA President Jerry Rucker and First Lady Bonnie visited Hawaii from September 25 to the 27th. They were joined by six Association Vice Presidents. The group toured the USS Arizona Memorial via the Pearl Harbor Admiral's personal launch. At the Memorial, Jerry and Bonnie placed a flower bouquet at the memorial altar. Following their visit to the Memorial, the group visited the famed Iolani Palace and then attended a luau at Paradise Cove. The group was escorted by the Hawaii District Leader Wayne Howard and the Hawaii District Vice President Ron Mizuno. They were honored by a visit to the current Mayor of Honolulu, Mufi Hannamenn and a visit to the Lt. Governor of Hawaii, Duke Aiona.

The First Couple were honored with a dinner on Saturday night at the Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 where more than 70 members and guests were in attendance. Jerry regaled the audience with some humorous stories and then delivered a moving speech about the role of Elkdom in addressing the needs of today's children.



President Jerry and First Lady Bonnie Rucker, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannamenn, Association VP Ron Mizuno and Hawaii DL Wayne Howard.

Special ENF Award

Past Grand Trustee Chairman Jack Parker presented Carmichael Elk Lodge No. 2103 ENF Chairman, PER Larry Stitt, the Platinum Award for contributing \$50,000 to the Elks National Foundation. Larry was 2005-2007 CHEA National Foundation Chairman. The August 17, 2008 presentation was made at the North Central District DD Clinic at Placerville Lodge No. 1712.



Left to Right: Larry Stitt, PER and John A. ("Jack") Parker, PGT

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James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
*Deceased		

GER-Designate Joseph H. Riley, Jr. Golf Fund Raiser

The Hon. Charles Serventi, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight is sponsoring a golf tournament to raise funds for GER-Designate Joseph H. Riley, Jr., who is from Area 7. The deadline for signing up is February 16, 2009. The format is a flighted scramble of four players. The \$89.99 fee should be paid to Charles Serventi, GELK, and mailed to Jerry & Donna Kaphing, Chairpersons, at 5419 N. Sabino Fairway Place, Tucson, AZ, 85749. For additional information, email GKaphing@aol.com or call (520) 760-9630. The tournament will take place at Westbrook Village Vistas Course, 18823 N. Country Club Parkway, Peoria, AZ at 7:30AM on Saturday, February 28, 2009. Before mailing your check, please get additional information concerning the other fees for auxiliary events, such as lunch, cocktail party, dinner, non-players, etc.

Elks Care - Elks Share

CHEA President Jerry Rucker visits the North District

Association President Jerry Rucker and First Lady Bonnie visited the North District over the weekend of October 18th. They were hosted by the North VP George Waters and the Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786. The 7 lodges in the District were well represented at the Official President's dinner and reception. While there were several dignitaries from CHEA and Grand Lodge, all present were especially pleased to see Carole Newman and Past Association President Roy Newman join them for the evening.



President Jerry Rucker, Bonnie Rucker, Cheryl Waters and North VP George Waters.

Placerville Elks Lodge No. 1712 hosts Court of Honor

Placerville Elks Lodge No. 1712 recently hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ture Roslund on August 3, 2008. Pictured below is the honoree and several scouting representatives along with two members of the Placerville Elks Lodge.



Left to Right: Tom Caso, Golden Empire Scout Council Member; Ed Stigall, Assistant Scoutmaster; Michael Seligsohn, Lodge Scouting Chairman- Col Louis Babbitt, USMC (Ret.); Daniel Gorans; Ture Roslund, Eagle Scout; Fred Delmer, Exalted Ruler; Michael Kelly, Scoutmaster.

Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577 hosts Purple Pig Fundraiser

On September 21, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 was recently honored by having a visit by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo and his wife Lucia. A gourmet prime rib dinner was held as a fund raiser for the California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI), also known as the "Purple Pig". A special guest was also in attendance, Vision Screener and Therapist Gina Murphy and her husband. Gina has been a therapist with the Major Project for over 18 years. The event had a great turnout and exceeded the event planners' expectations for funds raised. A Past Grand Exalted Ruler visit was a first of many firsts for the Elk Grove Lodge. CHEA Major Project Chairman Bill Williford joins the Lodge in saying "Thank You" to Jim and Gina!



PGER Jim Grillo, CHEA Major Project Chair Bill Williford, and Jim Walsh, North Central District Major Project Chair.

Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 Receives Blankets for Veterans

The Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 recently received ten decorated blankets from two very industrious young ladies, who created them using their own savings to purchase the necessary materials. Clearly, these magnificent creations were a labor of love for these two young women. Several of the blankets were entered in the local county fair, where all of them won first place awards. The blankets were then donated to the Hollister Lodge where they were given to five lucky veterans. The remaining blankets were auctioned off in order to raise funds to make some much needed improvements to the veterans section of the local cemetery. Over \$500.00 was raised as a result of these two young ladies. In addition, the local chapter of the VFW has ordered an additional 42 blankets



Melissa Morrison, left and Heather Pereira, right display one of the ten military blankets that they donated to the Hollister Elks Lodge for their Veteran's Day celebration.

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 Donates Dictionaries

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 recently donated dictionaries to Mrs. Janice Cross's third grade students at C. Roy Carmichael elementary school. Exalted Ruler Mike Perigo joined Leading Knight Bob Moreda in making the presentation. All of the third graders at the school received dictionaries. Calpine Lodge also donated dictionaries to all the third grade students in Portola, Loyalton and Downieville, California schools this year. Bob and Mike were very impressed with the excitement and gratitude voiced by all of the youngsters who received the dictionaries.



Bob Moreda (L) and Mike Perigo (R) with Mrs. Janice Cross and her third grade students

Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 Holds Charity Golf Tournament for Local Scholarships

Napa, CA Elks Lodge No. 832 held its first Charity Golf Tournament to benefit their Larison Scholarship Fund on September 14th. Seventy-two members and guests entered, and one hundred three attended the dinner and silent auction. Supported by a team of twelve volunteers who worked tirelessly not only planning the event but throughout the day, the event raised \$7,608 to support the Lodge's Scholarship Fund. The silent auction included various donations including, but not limited to, overnight lodging at hotels and B&Bs, premium Napa Valley wines, and many restaurant gift certificates. All players received a sleeve of golf balls, gift card, and a monogrammed golf shirt. All participants and their guests were served dinner after the event during the trophy presentation. Prizes included rounds of golf at local Country Clubs, luncheons as well as premium wines.

In May, the Fund awarded 18 students \$1,000 each in furtherance of their education. All recipients and their families were hosted to a dinner at the lodge at which time each student introduced themselves and spoke about their college aspirations. During the past 12 years, the Elks Larison Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of \$237,950 in scholarships to 207 Napa County graduating students.

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www.chea-elks.org

Nevada City and Grass Valley sponsor Soccer Shoot

A combined soccer shoot was held by the Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 and the Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 at Chicago Park Elementary School.



Back Row (left to right): Ruth Ryback-Hilpert (Exalted Ruler of Nevada City Lodge No. 518), Mel Berry (Exalted Ruler of Grass Valley Lodge No. 538), father of Jack Devlin, mother of Cayce Shaw, Devin Anderson, and Will Grenz, Lodge No. 518 Soccer Chairman

Front Row (left to right): Timmy Schreiber, Zachary Solomito, Gracie Christal, Mark Shaw, Romeo Conners, Dawson Wilkins and Sjon Connors

Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 Donates to Food Bank

On November 15, 2008, the officers and members of the Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 lent a helping hand to the Alameda Food Bank's Annual Food Drive. The Elks Officers' contingent was led by Exalted Ruler Diane Pryor, assisted by Leading Knight Tom Mickelic, Loyal Knight Larry Lulofs, and Lodge Esquire Greg Carlson and Rick Bierman. The chairmen of the Food Drive are Lodge Members and Scout Leaders Tom Farris and Steve Zecher. The workers sorted food that had been collected by the Boy Scouts throughout Alameda. The Food Bank supplies donated food to needy Alameda residents throughout the year.



Greg Carlson, Larry Lulofs, Tom Mickelic, Rick Bierman, Steve Zecher, Tom Farris, Diane Pryor

Membership
David Harris, PDDGER
CHEA Membership Chair

As we close out the 2008 year, we can give thanks for many things. The elections are finally over after two years of constant hype. The year ends with the hope of a better 2009.

At the Mid Term convention we heard so many positive reports from different committees on the work we have done in California and Hawaii. I mentioned that we have so many opportunities to invite friends and neighbors into our order. For example, when the Scouts hold their meetings and various events, or youth activities events, i.e. scholarship banquets, do we invite the parents of these outstanding youth? Who better to invite to join us? We share a common area of interest that can help both of us increase our effectiveness in providing charitable works to our communities.

This year, we discussed the importance of membership to the existence of our Lodges, but a step further are the great works that we do which are so important to the existence of our communities. We now know that government agencies can't do what we do or provide the funding for it. They can't pay their own bills because of the economic times we find ourselves in. The programs we sponsor would be lost to the detriment of the communities that our Lodges serve.

So, during this holiday season, invite your friends and neighbors to join us in continuing the legacy that we have established. Enjoy the warmth that one receives from participating in our committees and seeing the lives that are touched, and, in some cases, changed forever. We all know the stories of the theme children, the scholarship winners, and much more. Share these stories with potential members; invite them to the Lodge to experience the Lodge, and to special events at your Lodge. Share the wealth of your community spirit.

This year be aware that some of our members are struggling due the downturn in the economy or job insecurity. We must help those who need a morale boost by holding special events for them. This can help keep members that would possibly leave because they are embarrassed or feel that they can't pay their dues. We need methods to help our brothers and sisters through the hard times. Sometimes it is merely a kind word.

My wife and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Remember that we have five months left in this Lodge year, so let's make the New Year a plus year!

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A JOYOUS
HOLIDAY SEASON

In lieu of sending personal greeting cards to all members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the following Elks opted to use this magazine to convey their wishes plus donate \$25.00 or more to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.



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Bob & Beverly Burns	2484
Mario & Juanita Canepa	1251
John & Sandy Carvalho	6
Joe & Liz Cenoz	1538
Gene & Patsy Chambers	1608
Don & Kathy Checchi	906
William "Bill" Chelonis	1691
Frank & Sue Chicago	218
C.M. "Chuck" Christensen	2134
Mac & Mary Lou Clark	1538
Don & Nancy. Dapelo	1613
Dave Davidson	2724
Dr. Eugene DeAngelis	966
Rex & Quita Dondlinger	2025
Arthur H. Echternacht	794
Harry Evans	1920
Bob & Aggie Gauthier	613
Richard & Elaine Goldner	2477
Manuel, Jr. & Norma Gomez	2591
Jim & Lucia Grillo	218
Bob & Flo Gross	794
Stephen & Josephine Haydn	2432
Skip & Karen Henke	2379
Fred & Laura Hewins	1474
Richard Hickey	1787
John & Jerilyn Holsapple	2638
Bill & Dottie Ijames	1968
Walt & Del Johnson	1108
Norm & Jill Jones	2444
Jack D. Jones	1112
Leon A. Karjola	652
Frank & Diane Keller	2045
Thomas R. Klein	2025
Ken Lady	906
Jerry Landreth	6
Elmer Lanini	614
Ian & Wanda Lanouette	2121

DONOR LODGE NO.

Doug & Jo Larsen	614
John Lieser	2314
Timothy & Lazel Martin	836
Jim & Sharon Mason	1919
Michael & Carlene Mathers	1993
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436
John & Lynn McCue	1993
Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474
Marty & Debra Mello	1299
Michael & Alida Molloy	2027
Ken & Rosemary Moore	2045
Mark & Phyllis Moore	616
Ed & Pat Morris	1289
Anthony "Tony" & Anne Muljat	2735
George Murray	2013
Joe Namnam	2050
Sim & Marian Nathan	1073
Roy & Carole Newman	783
Chuck & Ginger Nolan	168
James Nuse	1968
Ralph & Adriana Ortiz	966
Richard E. Owen	1538
Jack & Jo Parker	783
Gene & Leila Pendergast	2134
Bob & Linda Rogers Perry	559
Marion & Doris Reineke	2704
James & Kathy Rentschler	2038
Ed & Patricia Repic	794
Oren & Charlene Richardson	1613
Frank Rizuto	1952
Dwight & Daisy Roberts	1980
John C. Roth, Jr.	1905
Hugh & Dale Scanlon	1289
Donald Schultz	1877
Josh & Rose Marie Serrano	1761
Chuck & Phyllis Shallenberger	559
Rich & Carolyn Simmons	901
Billey J. Skarles	6
William M. Stanford	1538
James Taylor	1378
Vernon & Aleta Tinsley	2050
George Vernon, Sr.	2050
Gene & Peggy Weigand	672
Fred & Vickie Whitnack	1913
David & Cladie Williford	583
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824
William & Nell Young	1251

Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046
Dictionary Program

Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046 proudly joins the Dictionary Program. Attached is a photograph of PDDGER Lou Belanger and his wife, Joan, with some of the 3rd grade students at Gilbert School in Buena Park. The children were very excited to receive their "very own" dictionaries!



Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Delivers
Thanksgiving Cheer to Veterans

Teaming up with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1999 and Raley's Supermarkets, the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 delivered Thanksgiving meals to ten needy veteran's families in the area. Several members of the lodge are members of VFW Post No. 1999. Raley's Supermarkets has supported this annual event for more than a decade. Each food parcel contained a large frozen turkey, dressing, fresh milk, pie crusts, pumpkin filling, eggs, and all the trimmings needed for a complete and delicious holiday dinner. Store Director Rachelle Manalo, Head Clerk Mark Searle and Warehouseman Mike Bates arranged the loading of the turkeys and food boxes. Two-member teams made the deliveries. Raley's Supermarkets provided all food items at cost, which was paid for from the sale of VFW Poppies.



Left to Right: Lodge members Jerry Seay and Dick Brown, Past Post Commander; Rachelle Manalo, Post Commander "Redd" Blackstock with the turkey; Lodge member Paul Frye looks on, with Carl Frick and Lodge member Byron Longero at the right. In the foreground is a food box, one of three boxes delivered to each veteran's household. Assisting with loading, and not shown, were VFW WWII veterans Bob McHugh and Irozia Carson.

Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839
Hosts Vets Spaghetti night

Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 Lodge members welcomed a group of veterans from the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital to a Spaghetti dinner as a way to show appreciation for their service. We would like to thank them for protecting us and it was also a great honor to have them here.



Standing left to right; Esquire Dick Mottar, Inner Guard Patricia Long, Trustee and chef Bill Casaga, with ER Dan Curtis just below the American Flag.

Alhambra-San Gabriel and West Covina
Lodges do a Veterans BBQ

On October 15th, The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 teamed up with West Covina Lodge No. 1996 and the West Covina Emblem Club to have a Fall Festival at the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center. A hot dog BBQ was furnished with all of the fixings along with homemade cupcakes. Members of Alhambra-San Gabriel, Jim and Christine Justus sang and danced for all of those assembled. Over 200 Veterans were treated to lunch and given goodie bags containing t-shirts, socks and snack bars.



Left to right: Gilbert Parry, Veterans Service Chairman Alhambra-San Gabriel, Veterans Keith Jones and Robert Falconer, Ed Lima, PER, West Covina, and John DeSoto, Voluntary Services Site Manager

In 2008-2009, the ENF will return \$1.75 to CHEA for each \$1.00 you donated in 2007-2008. Please support the ENF!

Century Club Donations- as of November 21, 2008

DONOR	LODGE NO.
Alvin Aiken	1378
Joe Alberti (6)	1298
Joe Allesandrini	1959
Donna Allspaugh	423
Florian Altmann	1740
Thom Anastasiow	966
K. Charles Anderson	1608
Kathryn Anglin	616
Gordon Arconi	1073
Lee Ashenfelter	1378
Auburn P.E.R. Association	1691
Jerry Atteberry	2103
Patricia Badder	2011
Art Bailey	1786
Luman Baldwin	1474
Kenneth Barber	1740
Roslyn Beauchamp	2091
Pam Beckwith	2733
Richard "Dick" Benjamin	2314
A.C. "Skip" Bennett	1913
Leon Berryhill	1285
Gail Bispo	1285
Royce Blackwell	1918
James Blanchard	423
Henry Blecha	1913
Joseph Bolden	2027
Marie Bolstad	1728
Hal Book	2068
Gus Borchers (2)	423
Mark Borman	614
Bob Bourque (5)	3
Boy Scouts Troop #257	966
Thomas Boyer	1298
Jerome Brandau	2697
Saundra Brandau	2697
Irvin Breithaupt	2639
Richard Brinkman (8)	2314
William Brooks	1427
Don Brougham	1787
Genevieve Browning	1378
Phillip Buchanan	2248
Karen Bueler	423
Hal & Julie Burger	1298
Tom Busch	2103
Arnold "Buzz" Bussard	2704
Mary Calhoun	2117
Dean Callender	614
Maudine Carpenter	643
Richard Carstens (2)	1250
Tom Cary	2068
Hector Cazares	6
Joe Cenoz	1538
Barbara Cherry	6
Richard Cherry	6
Chico Elks Bridge Comm. (5)	423
Chip's Chevron Mini Mart	1587
Joni Christensen	2801
Robert Clayton	888
Don Clem	583
Dean Cochran	1740
Herbert Coffey	1285
Ira Cohen (5)	1740
David Coleman	2492
Bill Coleman	2121
Mario Coletti	2639
Don Collier	2733
William Collins	1994
Faygie Colton	888
Ron Combs	652
Mike Connors	423
George Conormon	1728

DONOR	LODGE NO.
William Cook	1740
Kevin Courter	2095
Lon Croddy (2)	1289
Louise Cutino	1285
Bill Darr	3
Douglas Dauterman	616
Tom Dauterman	423
Bruce Davis	2543
Cheryl Davis	1740
Emma Daybert	2011
William Daybert	2011
David Delgado	1328
The Desert Ratz	2095
Sam Dickey	583
Kerry Dinsmore	423
Rick Dombrowski	583
Hazel Dotson	1740
Ralph Dotson	1740
June Drake	2027
Robert Dringenberg (5)	2121
Bernie Duddy	2543
James Duffy	614
Mike & Eileen Dugan	218
Duane Duncan	1952
Ron Dyrness (4)	1289
Barbara Earle	1608
Lee Eastman	1289
Larry Eberly	583
Lester Edelman	1474
Willie Edwards	1913
Sally Emerson	1427
Encore Group	6
Jim Everett	1740
Tom Eytalis	2031
Marilyn Facha (3)	6
George Felber	1787
Peter Fiori	2801
Charles Follett	1289
Mary Fonseca	322
Connie Ford	2103
Craig Forsell	583
Russ Fortier	423
Sam Fuchs	2103
Shirley Fuchs	2103
Glenn Fuller	1952
Dona Garrison	423
Jack Geiger	439
Pat Geiger	439
Norbert Gesquiere (2)	1378
John Ging	1689
Bonnie Givens	1905
Ed Givens	1905
Joe Glaviano	2393
Judy Golding	583
Steve Gollob	2128
Steve Gonzalez	1959
Christian Goodman	3
George Grabe	1787
Milton Grau (2)	322
Fran Green	1959
Delorese Gregoire	616
Frank Guttierrez	1250
Frank Haas	2121
Josh Hachadourian (3)	3
Josh & Kristine Hachadourian	3
Doug Hagdohl	522
Edward Hageman	2248
Bill Hall (2)	2504
Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall	1285
Mary Hammond	616
Walter Hampton	1740

DONOR	LODGE NO.
Don Harbin	2068
Carol Hardford	2733
Michael Harrington	2026
Carol Harter	2733
Jerry Harter	2733
Joanie Haugen	2543
Mark Healy	2333
Tim Heiser	2347
Nicholas Henares	1285
Mary Henrich	1740
Manuel Hernandez	2103
Shawn Higgins (2)	2121
Beth & Ed Hill	439
Dick Hill	1289
Bill Hinkley	2103
Leonard Hirn	1740
Paul Homer	1913
Melvin Horn	1991
Terry Horne (2)	423
Angelique Horton Getreu (2)	2121
Raymond Hosman	1959
Dave Hosted	2698
Coleen Howard	2230
Karen Howard	2314
Donald Hubble (2)	1740
Joseph Hudgins	616
Helen Hughson	2103
Sue Hurst	1952
James Irion (3)	6
Beverly Jahr	2095
Ed Jahr	2095
Bill James	2543
Dorothy Jensen	888
Donald Johnson	6
Jim Johnson	423
Katherine Johnson Chugon	168
Michael Johnson	6
Rodney Kelley	2128
Bob & Katy Kennedy	1786
Lemoine &	1587
Elizabeth Kent (2)	
Al Kepler	1289
Tim Kiernan	2068
Kristine Kimm	3
Newton King	1474
La Birda Kjer	2121
Klamath River Group	1430
David Knight (2)	583
John Koffman (2)	616
Zaven Kulajian	1959
Barbara Kutscher	2103
Cheryl Lagana	2735
Lakeport Lodge Bar Piggy	2704
Karl C. LaMasa	1289
Elmer Lanini	614
Roeine Lanini	614
George Laurendeau	652
Fremont Laws	888
Nicki Leach	2274
Robert Leinkram	2121
Anton Leneis	6
Charles Leslie	2103
Ken Lewis (2)	1289
Dennis Linsley (2)	1474
Parke Linsley (2)	1474
Cheryl Lintz	1740
Jack Lintz	1740
Odean Loney	6
Norman Lopez	906
Jeannie Lowe	1740
Virginia Lowe	1740

Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 Celebrates Patriot's Day with Medal of Honor Recipient

On September 11, 2008, the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 celebrated its inaugural Patriot's Day ceremony. The Lodge had several special guests from the community, Fire Department and Police Department. The Lodge gave flags to local grammar schools and Special Citations to local citizens that flew their U.S. Flag 24 hours a day. The highlight of the evening was a special presentation given by SSG Walter Ehlers, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.



Front Row (left to right): SVP Landon Stratton, DDGER Frank Rocco, Walter Ehlers, District Leader Don Checchi and Es-teemed Leading Knight Hank Allen. Back Row (left to right): PDDGER Ken Lady, District Americanism Chairman R.A. Pickett and Fire Chief Jim Hone.

Temecula Elks Visit Veterans at Loma Linda

The Temecula Valley Elks Veterans Service Committee recently visited the Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, California. The committee members included Spike Lunn; Diana Walker; John Ruocco; Bob Walker; Paul Gonzalez; Laurie Gonzalez, Assistant Chairman; and Steve Nunez, Chairman. Steve Nunez is a 1-GS and an active California National Guard Sergeant. They visited with the Veterans and handed out bags with personal hygiene products and tee shirts to the patients in the Southeast wing of Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital, which the Temecula Elks have adopted.



From left to right: David Daniels, Veteran; Steve Nunez, Temecula Elks Veteran Service Chairman; John Button, Veteran; and Laurie Gonzalez, Temecula Elks Veterans Service Assistant Chairman.

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 part-nered in Charity Golf Tournament

On October 3, 2008 the Chula Vista Elks Lodge and Chula Vista Po-lice Activities League partnered for their 3rd annual charity golf tour-nament. Sixty-five golfers, and numerous guests and volunteers raised over \$7,000.00 for the Chula Vista Elks Lodge and PAL high school and community college scholarship programs, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of San Diego, Children's Rainforest Project which benefits the local Kai-ser Hospital Pediatrics Cancer ward, San Diego Children's Miracle Net-work, San Diego Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Chula Vista Police Activities League PAL Golf program.



(Left to right) Brian Kingston, Mike Burdt, Scott Fialko, and Steve Fialko.

Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 Proudly Joins Fourth of July parade

Twenty-two members and guests of the Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 created a special float for the Templeton, CA Fourth of July parade. The Lodge took third place and held a fund raiser BBQ after the parade that brought in \$600 for the Lodge's Drug Awareness project. ER Har-ley Miller sits high with pride on his motorcycle.



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DONOR	LODGE NO.
William Lowe	1740
Richard Lundin	559
Glen Lynch	2733
Bill Macy Family Trust	583
Robert Maes, Sr.	2128
Dennis Malone	1289
Ray Mantooth	1259
Dick Marriott	2121
Diana Martinez	1740
Fred McCallister	614
Robert McCarty	2011
Dennis & Sara McCoomis	1952
Jim McCracken	1587
Russ McDrew	1691
Russ & Ginnie McDrew	1691
Peggy Mello (3)	6
Wayne Mercer	2274
Jack Merrill (2)	538
Al Mestressat	522
Charles Meyers	1073
Noble & Sue Mignano	1285
Jim Miller	1608
Stephen Millich	1285
Bob Milot	2543
Wayne Mishak	583
Michael Molloy, DDGER	2027
Helen Montanye	439
James Montanye	439
Don & Susie Mooney	1298
Joanne Moore	2543
Reggie Morris	2011
Phil & Diannia Morrison	2577
Al Moser	423
Chuck Nauman, Jr.	2068
Hal & Loretta Nedved	2577
Ken Nelson	2504
Steve Nelson	2031
Gene Nesheim	2068
T. "Dutch" Neubauer	1920
Walter Neumann	2704
John Nielsen (2)	1959
Jackie Niskern	2026
Roger Niskern	2026
Glenn Niswander (2)	2504
Robert Noland	1913
John Norris	616
David Oberheu (2)	616
Wilma Olsen	1786
Marie Otto	168
Adela Owensby (2)	1608
Leonard Owensby (2)	1608
Bob Painter	1474
Edward Paranick	1740
Louis Paslay	2117
Gary Pauiff	1289
Gary Payne (2)	652
Karen Pence	1786
Larry Pequet	2103
Emma Peralta	2543
Marietta Petersen (3)	6
Brian Pflieger	1285
Jacqueline Phillips	1285
Thomas Pires, Jr.	616
John Prado	522
Richard Pratt	1430
Ron Pryor	1913
Donald Puliz (7)	6
John Purdy	1740
Leola Purdy	1740
Max Purkiser	168
Gene Quinn	1298

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DONOR	LODGE NO.
Steve Radford	614
Bill Rankin	1298
Dennis Rasmussen (2)	2543
Janet Rasmussen	2543
Lois Ray	1913
Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073	1073
Carl Reeves	1740
Linda Reeves	1740
Sandra Reid (2)	1643
Margie Remelman	2121
Mark Remelman	2121
Ernie Remillard	1298
Richard Robart	1691
Manny Rodriguez (2)	2045
Kathryn Rogers	2790
Corrine Rubino	218
Jerry Rucker	836
The Ron Rude Family	583
Sue Rump	583
Mike Russell	1251
Joe Ryan	1952
Carl Sabatini	2121
Mike & Jane Sabo	2577
Gene Saffell	2543
Salinas Elks Rodeo Crew	614
Judith Santos	3
Paul Sato	616
James Saulnier	1740
Roman Sawka	423
Robert Scalise	322
Warren Scarr	614
Helena Scherrer (2)	2103
Richard Scherrer	2103
Ed Schesinger	2103
Joseph Schrettner	1740
Donald Schultz	1877
John Schulz	423
Mike Seeley	1959
Martin Seyfried	1430
Robert Seymour	1691
Doug Sheffer	2733
Les Shelley	1959
Antje Shelton (2)	616
David Shiflet (2)	2543
Everett Siemens	266
Sierra View Region (5)	423
Classic Chevy Club	
Dayton Silver	1952
Rich Simmons (6)	901
Jack Skillicorn	1285
Chalmers Smith	1959
Charles Smith	2389
Don Smith	2733
Faye Smith	2389
Jolene Smith	2121
Larry Smith (2)	2121
Doug Snyder	3
Southeast District Leading Knights	
Harvey Spencer	1073
Jerry Stark (2)	2543
Sam Stathis	1996
Jerry Stephens	1289
Mike Stephens	1436
Larry Stitt	2103
John Straight	1378
Everett Sturdy	966
Todd Sturgis (2)	423
George Sutton	1905
Mary Sutton	1905
Vern Swenson	2190
Rose Marie Tantillo	1285

DONOR	LODGE NO.
James Taylor	1378
Jerry Taylor	2733
Vernon Tinsley	2050
Maria Tirry (3)	616
Marcel Tomlin	2577
Jesse Troll	2504
Rosemarie Turner (2)	2577
Maggie Vandergon	2733
Neil Vandruff	1740
Vernon VanDusen	2121
Bob Vanella	423
Katie, Emily,	1857
Laurie & Julie VanKirk	
Clyde Vaughn	1643
Manny Velez &	2121
McDonald Group	
Geroge Vernon, Sr.	2050
Mary Vernon	2050
Robert Vieira	2432
Don Vincent	1289
Ralph Vogel	1952
Robert J. Walker	1419
Robert Wallen	2026
Tom Walsh, Jr.	2477
Jim Wash	2735
George Waters	1786
J.K. Watson	2121
Scott Watson	2121
Darrell Webb	1811
Robert Wekerle	1285
Ardean Werner	2733
Melvin West	2504
Charles & Ina Westbrook	1298
Gail White	1787
Harold White	1786
Joseph & Muriel White	1740
Paul Whitman (2)	2121
Roy Wiechold	2103
Dale Wiest	2103
Vera Wilkins	1919
James Wilkinson	2801
Charles Williams	583
Gene Williamson	1913
David Williford	583
Tracy Willis	6
Willows Elks Lodge	1786
Charles Wood, Sr.	559
Kip Woodard	2543
Thomas Woodrow	616
Betty Woodson	888
Dennis Woodson	888
Barbara Wooldridge	2027
Steve Worthington	1787
Teru Yasuda	616
Yellow Cab	1285
Miles Yoshioka	616
V.P. Young	2121
Ben & Loretta Zaniewski	1740
Edward Zapp	2011
Betty Ziesmer	1905
Lois Zimmerman	2801
Terry Zimmerman	1959
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Millennium (\$1,000.00) Club Donations (As of November 21, 2008)

DONOR	LODGE NO.
C.R. "Jim" Beem	643
Joe Cenoz	1538
Mark Chrisco (10)	423
Ira Cohen	1740
Herman DeJong	2591
& Jeanette Hull	
Maxine Elin	1567
Fred S. Farrell	643
George L. Grabe	1787
Milt Grau	322
Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall	1285
Arthur Jurado	1905
George Kraul	614
Elmer Lanini	614
Bruce Larson	2504
Nicki J. Leach	2274
Ken Lewis	1289
James S. Mason	1919
Michael R. Maynard	2419
David Morgan	2142
Adela Owensby	1608
John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker	783
Betty Rice	2419
Steve Rice	2419
Sandra S. Reid	1643
Robert Ring	2577
Manuel H. Rodriguez	2045
Jerry Rucker (7)	836
Don Sauter	1812
Richard L. Shelby	2733
Rich Simmons	901
Edward "Trill" S. Torrillhon	2117
Luther & Alice Vaden	614
George S. Vernon, Sr.	2050
George Waters	1786
Sara Wetherbee (3)	1497
Mary Ann Wood	1282

Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 Sponsors State Soccer Champ

Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 sponsored Caleb Crist, of Yuba City, in this year's soccer shoot program. Caleb is the grandson of Past Association President Roy Newman. Caleb won the local contest, hosted at the lodge, and then he won a regional contest to advance to the Northern California and State contests. Caleb won the Boys 10-11 years of age division that was held in Sacramento. He had the highest score of all participants, including boys and girls from Southern California. In addition to trophies and medallions, all participants received soccer balls and a free lunch. The Marysville Lodge will also be presenting Caleb with a \$50 savings bond.

National Veterans Service Frank Chicago, PDDGER CHEA National Veterans Chair

November was Veterans Remembrance Month within the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Thank-you to all the Lodges that conducted activities in support of our veterans. Soon you will receive the Veterans Remembrance Report to complete for this lodge year. I encourage each Lodge to complete the report regardless of how little involvement you might think you have had during the year. This is the vehicle to use to publish all the excellent activities and contributions your Lodges have participated in this year in supporting our veterans.

The following article regarding saluting our flag was published in the Sep-Dec 2008 issue of Army Echoes, a newsletter for Retired Soldiers and Families.

Law changes – retirees now salute flag

Congress has put Still Saluting into law for Retired Soldiers and other veterans. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181) changes Sect. 9, Title 4, U.S. Code, which covers: Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag".

Following is that section of the U.S. Code, as reworded by the law change.

"During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Remember, through your efforts, we are "Making Dreams Come True" for our veterans.

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 remembers Veterans

Palo Alto Lodge Veterans Committee member Steve Ebaugh, welcomed Veterans Robert Matti, Michael Knybel, Paul Phillips and many other veterans at the Oktober Fest dinner sponsored by the Lodge in collaboration with the Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto. 75 veterans from the Palo Alto VA hospital were served. A Blue Grass band entertained the Elks and their veteran guests during the dinner. The veterans were from the Spinal Cord Injury ward, the Brain Injury Ward, the Hospice ward and the Western Blind rehabilitation center at the hospital. The Lodge also joined the Cabana Hotel in hosting another Veterans appreciation dinner on September 4th. It was a terrific success. There were over 60 veterans from the VA hospital in attendance. The patients were from the Hospice ward, the Blind Center and the Spinal Cord Injury ward. A touching moment came when the young singer, A.J., sang the Star Spangled Banner. Many of the veterans who could hear and stand, stood up and saluted the flag, as pictured above.



Lapsation

Bob Ostini, PDDGER
CHEA Lapsation Chair

You are certainly familiar with the old adage “Charity begins at home.” Well, so does Public Relations. That commitment to keeping your members involved will lead your Lodge to an increase in membership retention.

The third quarter of the Lodge year gives your officers and members a great opportunity to renew their resolve to increase membership and fulfill their goals. There isn’t a better place to start than with your Lapsation/Membership Retention Committee. It was great to read in the October, 2008 “The Elks Magazine” that newly elected GER Paul Helsel “promised in his acceptance speech to make membership retention his top priority.” This is not bad company for you to be in. Please join GER Helsel in his commitment to increasing our Order’s membership.

While it is always great to get an article in “The Elks Magazine” or “The California-Hawaii Elk” it is most important to keep your own membership informed of the accomplishments of your Lodge and the volunteers getting that work done. Keep your articles upbeat and it is okay to give multiple recognitions for the same great job well done.

Be sure to publicly introduce new members when they attend their first Lodge event. Officers, sponsors and other Public Relations Committee members should volunteer to take the time to introduce new and reinstated members around the social quarters prior to the Lodge meeting. Make sure that new members do not end up sitting by themselves. If they are shyly reluctant to move to another table take a seat at their table and encourage others to join them as well.

Remember that the great opportunity of this time of year is that with a little well placed Public Relations, deadbeat members can be made into upbeat members. You have put a lot of work into retaining members. Don’t let that work go to waste. Don’t let that member continue to experience why they were previously reluctant to pay their dues on time.

So here are two more adages – “Public Relations begins with YOU!” and “You can’t keep it without giving it away.” Be generous with your benefits of membership in the Elks. When others see the actions of your commitment to the Lodge they will want to support and join you in making your Lodge successful. Share your pride in being an Elk.

Enjoy the rest of your year and may all of your years be “Plus One.”

ER Kerney Receives an Award



Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 ER Alice Kerney receives the 2007-2008 Division II ENF Second Place Per-Capita Award.

2008 Area 7 Elks Charity Golf Tournament Results

The 2008 Area 7 Elks Charity Golf Tournament was held in Mesquite, Nevada on June 10-11, 2008. This was a time for Elks and guests to come together and meet other Elks within Area 7 to play golf and have fun doing it. The State Presidents from Arizona, California-Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah were there to join in the fun.

We all know that the real winners of this tournament are the CHILDREN! Based on the number of golfers from the California-Hawaii Elks Association, a total of \$2,485 was raised for CHEMPI. The more golfers that play, the more is raised for CHEMPI to help our children to walk, talk, see and play!

Mark your calendars now to play in the 2009 Mesquite Elks Charity Invitational (formerly known as the Area 7 Elks Charity Golf Tournament). The dates are June 9 –10, 2009 in Mesquite, Nevada. Information and the Entry Form on the tournament can be found on the CHEA website at www.chea-elks.org under the Major Project heading, then click on ‘golf’. Play is limited to the first 144 PAID golfers.

ENTRY FEE IS \$170.00 PER PLAYER. ADD \$30.00 FOR SPOUSE OR NON-GOLFING COMPANION; INCLUDES WELCOME PARTY, STEAK DINNER AND LUNCHEON BUFFET. Deadline for entries is June 1st.

Contact Bill Terry, Golf Chairman, 702-345-2380 or Lodge 702-345-2811 or E-mail: cterry@cascadeaccess.com if you have any questions or want more information.



CHEA President Jerry Rucker and Utah Elks Association President Peter Bravo won First Place in the 4th Flight Division

Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 Hosts Annual Fire, Police & Sheriff Appreciation Luncheon

On September 10, 2008, in remembrance of September 11, 2001, the Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 held their Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon for four cities and one county. Agencies represented were Arcadia Fire & Police Department, Monrovia Fire & Police Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Sierra Madre Fire & Police Department and Temple City Sheriff’s Department. There were over 150 men and women who attended from the various departments that enjoyed a luncheon of Tennessee-styled chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and two choices of cake. VIPs in attendance included Councilmember’s, Peter Amundson, Roger Chandler and Gary Kovacic, Police Chief Bob Sanderson, Temple City Mayor Cathe Wilson and Sierra Madre Police Chief Marilyn Diaz.

Piggy Bank

by Debbie Hosted
CHEA Piggy Bank Chair

Can you believe we just returned from Mid-term? As I write this, it’s already the end of November and time is racing by.

I would like to thank the following Districts for the selection of door prizes for the Piggy Bank Raffle table. Lodges in the North, Northwest, North Central and Central Districts provided prizes. I give a special mention to the Mount Shasta, Chico, Yreka and Paradise lodges for their donations. We raised \$1,173.00 just on the door prizes with a couple hundred more dollars from the sale of letter openers, key-chains, ball markers and magnets. It was great to see and talk to all of you as you visited our table.

In my talks this year at the different seminars, I tried to give the attendees ideas on how to increase their Piggy Bank accounts: hold special events each month, then support each other by attending those events; place piggy banks at local businesses in your area, including optometrist and pediatrician offices. Please try some of the ideas presented, or adapt them to your own ideas. Let’s keep the money rolling in.

I remind you again about www.Goodsearch.com. Please visit this website. In the box where it asks what charity you are searching for, fill in: California Hawaii Elks Major Project, then click on verify. Each time you search or shop using the Goodsearch web site, more money goes into our Piggy Bank Account. This way, you make a donation without having to reach for your own wallet. Consider putting Goodsearch on your toolbar. The directions are there on the webpage.

Be sure to visit the www.chea-elks.org website for information on Major Projects and Piggy Bank. Click on both categories-there are articles about the work our therapists do, information on Goodsearch and the Boxtops for Education program that also makes money for the Piggy Bank. There are forms and brochures you can print out as well.

While you are on the website, consider making an online donation, either a one time or a recurring donation. A little bit each month really adds up for our total.

We are now a little over half way through the Elk year and we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$3 million dollars for CHEMPI. With your hard work and the generosity of our members, we can do it! Keep up the great work and let’s do it for the kids.

I didn’t get my Holiday Greeting in to the CHEA office in time to be published with the others, but let me say here that I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I even went ahead and made the donation straight to CHEMPI!

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 Present Grand Lodge Medals of Valor

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 joined the Ventura County Marine Corps League Detachment 597 Color Guard and the Boy Scouts from Troop 642 to honor five fallen veterans. The veterans honored were: Army Sergeant Michael Di Raimondo, Marine Corporal Christopher A. Gibson, US Navy Corpsman HMS John Daniel House, Army Sergeant 1st Class Jonathan Tessar, and Marine Lance Corporal Juan Venegas. Exalted Ruler Olivia Morales opened the ceremonies, and DDGER Tony Markarian and VP David Coleman spoke about the Elks commitment to our veterans as exemplified by our motto: “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” City Councilwoman Barbara Williamson thanked the Elks for their dedication to the nation’s veterans. Mr. Di Raimondo, father of Sgt. Michael Di Raimondo spoke and reminded the audience that “Freedom isn’t free, and our veterans are American heroes”. The Elks Grand Lodge Medal of Valor medals were presented to each fallen veteran’s family, along with Citations and Proclamations from the City of Simi Valley. The presentations were made by Brien Iverson, Christine Moyer-Grode, Barbara Williamson and Olivia Morales. The evening was dedicated to the memory of all who proudly served and protected their (our) country. Among the honored guests were VFW Post Commander, W. W. Wright and his wife Darlene, with Jim Curry, also from Post No. 10049 of Simi Valley.

Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 Emblem Club donates to K-9 Department

The Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 Emblem Club and the Gardena Police Department K-9 Corps held a BBQ, K-9 display and a dance to benefit the Gardena K-9 program.

The Gardena Police Explorer Post No. 142X sold T-shirts, pins, K-9 stuffed animals, hats, and other items. K-9 Officer Alabach, and his canine partner, Gus, gave a demonstration of the K-9 team’s skills in apprehending a “suspect”.

The photo shows the Gardena Emblem Club presenting a check for \$200 to Ed Medrano, the Chief of Police for the City of Gardena.



Ed Medrano, City of Gardena Police Chief accepts a check from the Gardena Emblem Club

Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 Welcome Home Marines

On September 7th, fifteen members of the Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 braved the heat to welcome back several bus loads of Marines who were returning home from duty in Iraq. The Lodge is very proud of these veterans and was honored to be able to welcome them home.



Left to Right: Gary Ward, Exalted Ruler, Heidi Hauczinger, PER, Helen Ward, Dennis Galland, Kathi Jennings, Treasurer and Genny Loving Bruccolieri.

Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 Helps Cancer-Stricken Children

Marilyn Mott, an active member of the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 has been awarded a Commendation from the County of Los Angeles for her participation in uplifting spirits of terminally ill children at four County facilities. Marilyn and her dogs, Shilo and Bear, have brought smiles and laughter to the Oncology Ward (cancer patients) for over 14 years. Marilyn and her dogs visit, on average, 25 patients on holidays, or anytime she gets a donation of toys. PER Ed Werbeck donated 40 plush toys which were delivered on the 3rd of July.



Larry Mott, Esquire and Marilyn Mott with her dogs

Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059 Honored by Marines

The Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059 was recently honored by the Marine Air Group 4, Detachment B at Edwards Air Force Base. The lodge was recognized for their ongoing support of the Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys for Tots program. The lodge collected toys and sponsored a fund raiser dinner that generated \$500 for the Toys For Tots program last year. The lodge plans to collect new, unwrapped toys and is planning a dinner to raise money for this year's Toys for Tots program as well.



Left to Right: Marine Corporal Alec Brown (an Elk member) , Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman Eddie Tomlin, Toys for Tots coordinator S/Sgt John Eckhard, PER, Lodge Veterans Chairman Ray Cramer, and Lance Corporal Jeff Daily.

Coalinga Elks No. 1613 Drug Awareness Campaign

The Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613 recently participated in a Red Ribbon Week parade that raised drug awareness among the community. Past Association President Oren Richardson may have been clowning around when he dressed up to ride an old fashioned bicycle in the parade, but the message that was delivered was quite serious. The lodge handed out Elks Drug Awareness literature to parade spectators following the parade. Oren also joined PER Dino Uribe, PER Danny Hopper and PER John Albrecht to hand out drug awareness information to students at the Dawson Elementary School.



Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 Recognizes Veterans

The Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 joined in the Veterans Day festivities at the National Regional Site in Greenville, California. After the parade, several Korean Conflict Medallions were presented to the Korean War Veterans. Brothers Norman Adamson, PER, Robert Fitzsimmons, and Edward Harris are three of the Korean War Veterans who received the Medallions. The Medallions were courtesy of the Greenville American Legion Post No. 568 and the Plumas County Veterans Service Office.

The Lodge also served Thanksgiving Dinner to over twenty veterans and their families. The dinner was open to any Veteran, Elk widow, Elk member, or any one else who wanted to share the holiday. Donations were accepted and over \$300.00 was given to the Elks Christmas Food Baskets.

