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## Our Blessings To You For a Prosperous 2011

The Mid-Term Conference was a resounding success! ...  
...Planning is already underway for the next Mid-Term  
Conference in Riverside. In addition, a big "Thank You!"  
also goes to the Conference presenters - many of whom  
had to do multiple presentations to a variety of audiences.  
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Front: Hugh Scanlon and Past Grand Exalted Ruler (PGER) Donald Depels; Rear: Tim Martin, CHEA Executive Director and PGER Ken Moore, holding up a photograph of Past Association President (PSP) Rex Dondlinger, with Robert Duitsman at the far right. Since Rex could not be at the dinner, due to illness, his photo was shown. The caption on the photograph reads: "Rex Dondlinger, Honorary Recipient of the 2010 ENF Founders Certificate."



Association President Hugh Scanlon addressing the Vice Presidents (VPs), District Deputies (DDs), Past Association Presidents (PSPs) and District Leaders (DLs).



President Hugh Scanlon addressing the Exalted Rulers (ERs), Vice Presidents (VPs), Committee Chairmen, Loyal Knights and Lecturing Knights.



Hugh Scanlon, Association President and Robert Duitsman



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Robert Duitsman, Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee member, was the keynote speaker.



Oren Richardson, Past Association President (PSP), addressing the Leading Knights.



Hugh Scanlon at the Exalted Rulers meeting session.



Oren Richardson speaking at the First Vice President's (Wayne Howard) meeting with the Leading Knights.



### San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 awards \$40,000 in scholarships/grants

San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 held a dinner and award ceremony to honor Luis Cueto, the 2010 recipient of the \$25,000 William L. Frye Scholarship. Luis plans to attend the University of California at Riverside majoring in psychology.

Four other individuals also received scholarship awards or grants. A \$5,000 award was given to Andrew Jdaydani, who plans to attend Vassar and another \$5,000 award was given to Walter Garcia, who plans to attend Brown University. A \$2,500 grant was given to Kimberly Campos, who plans to attend Cornell University and another \$2,500 grant was given to Karen Carranza, who plans to attend UCLA.

Past recipients joined the celebration. During the award ceremony, they spoke about what they were doing in school and how the scholarships have allowed them to pursue a dream that may not have otherwise been possible.

Over the past five years, the Lodge has presented over \$400,000 in scholarships and grant money to deserving students. The Lodge expresses its sincere gratitude to its 1940's member, William L. Frye and his daughter Dorothy Hamil, for entrusting a legacy of over \$700,000 to the San Fernando Elks Lodge in the belief that Elks really do Care and Share.

The Lodge's William L. Frye Scholarship Committee Chairman is Robert Paul. Robert was joined by committee members Bob Medellin, George Herczak, Patrick Ilejay and Sherilynn Paul for the celebration.



Standing L to R: Bob Medellin, PDDGER, Andrew Jdaydani, George Herczak, Robert Paul, Walter Garcia, Patrick Ilejay, Sherilynn Paul  
Seated L to R: Kimberly Campos, Luis Cueto, Karen Carranza

### Last chance to get the pin

Here is a very special opportunity for you to help us celebrate the 60th anniversary of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). If you donate \$60.00 to CHEMPI, you will receive this very unique, specially designed Anniversary Gold Pin. You will also receive a Special Citation signed by the CHEA President, Hugh Scanlon, both of which will be mailed to your Lodge for presentation to you. Your name will also appear in "The California-Hawaii Elk" magazine. You can donate online ([www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) and click on DONATE NOW, "60 Year Anniversary") or mail your check (made out to CHEMPI, with your Lodge name and number on the memo line) to: CHEMPI, Inc., 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224. These pins will only be available through March 31, 2011!



### Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 helps disabled veteran

Recently, the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 "Catch the Spirit" (CTS) Program answered a call for help from the Jackson Elks Lodge No. 2426 Veterans Committee and donated a motorized wheel chair to help out a Jackson Lodge "adopted" Veteran.

The adopted veteran, Army Staff Sergeant Charles Hanson was born on May 18, 1932 and enlisted in the Army in 1951. He was assigned to the 532nd Special Brigade, 2nd Engineers and served 6 years on active duty in the Army. Later, in 1975, he joined the California National Guard and served with them through 1988. Charles has been struggling with Parkinson's disease for the last several years and is now unable to walk from his home to his local market because he is unsteady and often loses his balance.

When the Jackson Lodge Veterans Committee learned that he had fallen several times in the last few months, they provided some assistance by driving him to the market and elsewhere – but it was on a somewhat irregular schedule. They wanted to be able to do more for Charles, but lacked the funds to do so.

The Jackson Lodge contacted PDDGER Bob Burns, Sr., the "Catch the Spirit" Project Chairman at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge. Bob was able to use CTS funds to purchase a motorized wheelchair that was donated to Charles. This will allow him enough freedom to complete the normal everyday tasks that all of us need to do.

The CTS Program has received three consecutive Grand Lodge ENF "Community Impact Grants" of \$10,000. This has been a significant factor in keeping the program going to help thousands of Veterans and military families every year. Donations to the Rancho Cordova "Catch the Spirit" program are tax exempt because it is a 501(c)3 entity.



Jackson Elks Lodge No. 2426 Exalted Ruler Steve Beach standing behind Charles Hanson

### San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 assists veterans

On September 18th, several South Coast District Elks Lodges greeted and assisted veterans and their families arriving in San Diego for the annual VA National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic. The hospitality booth was organized by Birney Carter, PER, SCD National Veterans Service Chairman.

In other news, on September 2nd, the SCD ENF Chairman Dennis Boehme presented ER Kathleen Kuttler with the Carmine Addesso award. This award is given to the SCD Lodge that had the highest ENF per capita donations for the previous year. The Lodge had a per capita of \$13.59 for the 2009-2010 year.

On August 22nd, the Lodge hosted their 4th annual "Salad Bowl." This bowling event is open to Elks, their family members and friends. It generates interest and participation in our various Drug Awareness Programs. Over \$500.00 was raised and was used to purchase Red Ribbon Materials for the San Diego Unified School District.



# President's Message

ELKS - America's Pot of Gold

Hello and Aloha! Dale and I want to wish you and your family a HAPPY NEW YEAR! WOW! The ride as President continues and it continues to grow momentum. We are still out there serving you and sharing the word about our "Great" California-Hawaii Elks Association. You folks, members of our great Association, are remarkable. I asked you in the last article to show up so we could meet and discuss your community and how we as Elks can make them better through our efforts. As we travel throughout the States of California and Hawaii, we are continually amazed at the dedication and efforts that are being made at the local Lodge level. We have handed out many, many of our pins and with them comes the closeness and fraternal bond between you great Elks and Dale and me. An Association President could not ask for a better membership than all of you. We still have several months to go, so check our agenda and stop by so we can chat. We love seeing you all!



Dale and I recently spent five days with the therapists and vision screeners employed by the Major Project. Let me tell you how impressive this group of people is. They are truly dedicated to our program and work every day to make the lives of children with disabilities better. We are so fortunate to have this caliber of specialists on our staff. I encourage you to invite a therapist to visit your Lodge or District and learn first hand what is going on in the world of our Major Project. I know that you will not be disappointed. Their stories and accomplishments brought tears of joy to our eyes. Please extend the invitation.

I thank and commend you and your Lodges for responding to our plea for information on the "Future of Elkdom" and hence our beloved California-Hawaii Elks Association. Your ideas on how to enrich our Fraternal Order and help steer or guide us into the next 100 plus years, show that we take seriously our duties and responsibilities of membership. The Grand Lodge will analyze your ideas and comments and report back to us in the near future. The end result should be a new program to revitalize our Order and to make it better, stronger and more recognizable.

JUSTICE follows BROTHERLY LOVE in this issue of our great California-Hawaii Elks Magazine. In the last issue I wanted you to reflect individually and as a lodge on Brotherly Love. We need to stand solidly as Lodges and forget our imperfections and build those tablets of memory and love. Justice allows us to do this. When the Esteemed Loyal Knight gave you this charge when you were initiated, your place and rights within your lodge and the Order were explained. The good Book of Law, the Bible, is how we should guide ourselves as Elks. If a hiccup or bump comes along, your rights are protected. The courts of our Order are open to you. The decision of its tribunals should be accepted as final.

Dale and I wish, for each and every one of you, a Blessed and very Happy New Year. 2011 has to be a greater year than 2010 because we are continually growing in a positive and upward way. Thanks go to all of you. We are so fortunate to have dedicated and hardworking Officers and Chairmen that make the California-Hawaii Elks a GREAT Association. Keep up the good work.

Dale and I will see you on the road. God Bless!

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold, And at the end of all your rainbows, may you find a Pot of Gold"

With warm fraternal regards,

Hugh Scanlon, President  
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

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

## President's

### Upcoming Visitation Schedule

**January 1, 2011**  
*New Year's Celebration – Pasadena*

**January 14-16, 2011**  
*South District Jamboree*

**January 21-23, 2011**  
*Northwest District*

**January 28-30, 2011**  
*Southeast District*

**February 4-6, 2011**  
*Central District*

**February 18-20, 2011**  
*South Central Coast District*

**February T.B.D.**  
*Southeast Bowling Tournament*

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## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 invites U.S. Army veteran to speak

On a recent Family Night, the Temecula Valley Elks were honored to have one of their very own "Homegrown Heroes" as a guest speaker. U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Joel Farrens, a member of the Lodge, and his wife, Tresha, were guests for dinner. Sergeant Farrens spoke about his 3 one-year tours of duty in Iraq and how things have changed there. As an experienced Army medic, he also spoke about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD.) Sergeant Farrens is currently stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The Lodge recently challenged its members to each donate over \$4.50 to the ENF – thereby becoming a member of the "Goal Buster Club" the name assigned to this fund raising effort. This unusual fund raising effort kicked off at the DDGER visitation as each Elk and guest present was challenged to donate \$5.00 to the ENF. The members and guests donated over \$715, making the evening a huge success. Each contributor received a special certificate and a pin to recognize their generosity.



## Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The Elk year continues on - seemingly at a very fast pace. Soon you will be nominating next year's Officer Corps and then electing them. And before you know it, we will be at the Association Convention in Fresno.

I would dearly love to hit that \$3,000,000 goal again - we CAN do it together! I would like to share some fund raising ideas that I discussed with the Exalted

Rulers and Leading Knights at the recent Mid-Term Conference. All of these ideas will increase our chance to achieve that goal.

I encourage all members to sign up to give a recurring monthly donation online. Currently, out of 88,941 members, we have 12 recurring donations. Please go on line to [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) for instructions on how to sign up. Even a \$5.00 per month donation would be a \$60.00 donation in the course of a year. If only a quarter of our members (22,235) signed up for \$5.00 a month, we would raise over \$1,000,000!

I encourage you to send for your 60 year anniversary pin. To date, pin sales have raised over \$35,000! It is a beautiful pin and a wonderful addition to your Century and 52 Club pins. These pins will only be available until March 31, 2011.

Ask your friends to use the Goodsearch.com program for internet searching and shopping on-line. Goodsearch.com is a search engine that allows you to select a charity (choose the California Hawaii Elks Major Project) - then for each search that you do, a penny is added to the Piggy Bank. You can also shop online through the Goodsearch.com search engine by clicking on the logo on their home page. It links you to another page that has LOTS of stores for online shopping. Each purchase will then cause a certain amount of your order to be donated to the Piggy Bank. Since April of 2008, we have raised \$443.41 this way. This year's total is \$172.18 (\$34.99 via searches and \$137.19 via shopping). I know that we can do better in both categories. Other charities are receiving thousands of dollars through Goodsearch.com. Spread the word. You need not be an Elk to use the Goodsearch.com search engine - just select the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project as the charity. It's extra money for the Piggy Bank that doesn't come out of your pocket. Please use this resource.

I encourage you to send in at least \$5 for the Christmas cards and \$5 for the labels you receive during the year. If each member sent in \$5 for the labels and \$5 for the Christmas cards, CHEMPI would receive almost \$890,000. That is close to one third of the amount we are trying to raise this year! Just fill in the "Other" line on the card with the \$5 and send in your money.

As you can see, just a small donation from all members puts a lot of money in our Piggy Bank for next year's ER March. I encourage you to continue donating to receive your Century and 52 Club pins and certificates - I certainly don't want to discourage any large donations!

Remember it takes \$4,400,000 to run our program for one year. Every dollar we donate reduces the need to make withdrawals from the investment account - leaving the account intact for future use. I certainly want to see our program continue for another 60 years - How about you?

## Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 donates to "Loaves and Fishes"

The Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 donated two swamp coolers to "Loaves and Fishes." These coolers will be used in their dining room. "Loaves and Fishes" feeds a large number of homeless men, women and children in Sacramento, CA.

## Purple Piggy Bank History

January 23-24, 1954

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Faye Lewis reported on the "Penny-A-Day" plan which he instituted in the lodges throughout the state; that it was just a trial plan and it turned out very well; that up to the present time over \$12,000.00 has been received and more coming in each day; that a number of the lodges did not respond, but the lodges that did, received a great benefit because of the enthusiasm with which it was received, will help the work of the lodge in many ways.

Committee moved that a sub-committee be appointed to determine the cost of a small bank for mailing to each Elk in the State and the means of distribution of same.

February 22, 1954

Approval given to purchase 110,000 piggy banks from the West-KoProducts of Los Angeles, a bank known as the "no. S-50 Snooty Jr.", a 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" bank with a tipping hat and a removable plug underneath for removing coins. The bank to be in purple and white plastic with the lettering on one side "California Elks Major Project" and the other side "A coin a day-they walk and play." Large banks were also ordered.

April 10, 1954

Over 75% of the banks have been mailed to the lodges.

May 15, 1954

Committee decided not to place the piggy banks in public places.

August 21, 1954

Committee given a copy of a letter from President Keller asking lodges to hold a "Piggy Bank Night" during the month of September 1954 of members to deposit the contents of their banks and asking each lodge to present a check at the State Convention for the total.

1953-54 Piggy Bank Contributions at convention was \$13,027.73.

1954-55 Piggy Bank Contributions at convention was \$76,851.74.

2009-2010 Piggy Bank Contributions at convention was \$3,062,368.50.

### 1954 - Purple Pig Logo Introduced



1998 - Introduced "Kids & Pig" logo



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!



May 2010 - Piggy Bank logo updated



May 2010 - New "Kids & Pig" logo introduced



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!

Logos are available by contacting the CHEA Office or e-mail [cwilliams@chea-elks.org](mailto:cwilliams@chea-elks.org)



## Elks National Foundation

By Josh Serrano, CHEA ENF Chairman



The "Vice Presidents' ENF March" took place on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Mid-Term Conference in Santa Clara. It was a very successful event. The Vice Presidents reported on the totals that had been raised and the per-capita of their respective Districts as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Many of these reports included very interesting information about the donors and their fund raising programs. The result of all of their hard work is reported here.

Much of the work is done by the ENF District and District Chairmen. It is these chairpersons who provide the leadership necessary for successful fund raising programs in the various Districts and Lodges. Their work is appreciated.

The District winners for highest donations were: 1<sup>st</sup> - North Central District (\$34,204.70), 2<sup>nd</sup> - West Central Coast District (\$33,798.76), 3<sup>rd</sup> - Orange Coast District (\$29,831.00).

The District winners for the highest per-capita donations (\$4.50 is the goal) were: 1<sup>st</sup> - South Central Coast District (\$6.80), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Metropolitan District (\$6.68), 3<sup>rd</sup> - North Central District (\$6.25).

The Lodge winners for the highest donations (these were not announced at the "ENF March") were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 (\$14,232.53), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 (\$11,587.20), 3<sup>rd</sup> - San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 (\$9,761.50).

The Lodge per-capita winners (also not announced at the "ENF March") were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 (\$19.21), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 (\$17.11), 3<sup>rd</sup> - Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 (\$16.46).

The total donations for CHEA up through October 24<sup>th</sup> (not counting requests) were \$341,730.24 with a per-capita of \$3.84. In addition, \$27,216.07 was collected at the Conference, for a grand total of \$368,946.31, for a per-capita of \$4.13. Last year at the same time, our total was \$362,314.00, for a per-capita of \$3.96.

Four months of the 2010-2011 fraternal year remain. There is still time for Lodges to apply for the Gratitude Grant - which provides for up to \$1,000.00 for community programs. Fund raising efforts must continue until March 31, 2011. Awards to the year's per-capita winners at both the District and Lodge levels will be made then. We must increase our efforts. Everyone at every level must become involved. Let's promote the Elks National Foundation enthusiastically!

## Thanks for a successful Mid-Term Conference

The Mid-Term Conference was a resounding success! The CHEA Elks National Foundation Chairman, Joshua Serrano, has provided the details regarding the progress that the Association is making towards achieving Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Smith's per-capita goal of \$4.50. The conference attendees listened to presentations on a variety of topics relating to Lodge Management, Club Management and Business Practices, just to name a few. The Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 did a fantastic job coordinating the event. Every event: Thursday's golf tournament, the dinners on Thursday and Friday, the entertainment and their overall hospitality was well appreciated by all the conference attendees - a big "Thank You" to the members of the Santa Clara Elks Lodge who took the time to host the Association for this year's Mid-Term Conference. Thanks also go to the Mid-Term Conference Chairman, Jimmy Hancock, and his team for handling the hotel arrangements and attending to the myriad of details involved in planning the Conference - it represents a year's worth of work for them to pull it all together. Planning is already under way for the next Mid-Term Conference in Riverside. In addition, a big "Thank You!" also goes to the Conference presenters - many of whom had to do multiple presentations to a variety of audiences.

## Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613 Promotes Drug Awareness

The Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613 participated in the East Central District Membership Roundup at the Fresno Elks Lodge Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. All 13 lodges in the East Central District attended. The theme for the Coalinga Elks Lodge's booth was Drug Awareness. They were aided in their presentation by two police officers from the Coalinga Police Department, Rebecca Mulligan and Sean Young, who were accompanied by their wonder dog "Seven." The canine unit demonstrated how "Seven" was able to locate and find hidden drugs. The Coalinga Elks Lodge received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award for their presentation and their booth.

In other news, the lodge delivered 260 dictionaries to 3rd grade students at the Dawson Elementary School in Coalinga.



L to R: George Pryor, Esquire; Hollis Green, Trustee; Kari Carlson, Vice Principal, and Dino Uribe, Exalted Ruler

## San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 "Yarn Spinners" help crochet a canine

In June of 2010, Officer Brett Meyer's canine partner, "Jim," was injured in the line of duty and had to retire. San Jose Police Officers are required to pay for their canine partners at an out of pocket expense of \$9,200. This expense does not include the training and ongoing care of the dog. San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 donated \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new K-9 partner, "Ivan," for Officer Meyer. The "Yarn Spinner" Committee of the Lodge donated another \$250.00. An additional donation of over \$500 was also raised by the Lodge.

The "Yarn Spinner" Committee also supports local veterans and hospitals. The Lodge's "Yarn Spinners for Charity" was begun to serve our community by knitting and crocheting. They are a group of 30 women and 16 children. They have crocheted lap blankets, prayer shawls and scarves for our Veterans. For this year's Veteran's Dinner in November the group provided a crocheted or knitted item for all in attendance. Over the last year they have supplied local hospital preemie units with baby blankets, booties, infant and preemie hats as well as chemo hats for cancer patients. Supplies for the group are provided by the generous donations of the members of our Lodge and the community.

In other news, the Lodge donated over 100 dictionaries and drug awareness bookmarks to Valle Vista Elementary School in San Jose, CA. All of the schools 3rd graders received their dictionaries and bookmarks at a school assembly. They were delivered by ER Chris Carlson and the Lodge Secretary, David Marzolf, PER.



## Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



Here are the **CHEA Web Site Contest** first place Divisional winners that were announced at Mid-Term. Congratulations go to the following Lodges:

- Division 1: Grass Valley Lodge No. 538 (Northeast District)
- Division 2: Thousand Oaks Lodge No. 2477 (West Central Coast District)
- Division 3: Lancaster Lodge No. 1625 (Inland District)
- Division 4: Petaluma Lodge No. 901 (Northwest District)

District)

- Division 5: San Mateo Lodge No. 1112 (Bay District)
- Division 6: Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 (West Central Coast District)

Finally, the overall winner for **First Place** in the CHEA Web Site Contest is Grass Valley Lodge No. 538! Their web site has been submitted as the Association's entry into the Grand Lodge competition. Congratulations to Grass Valley! NEWSFLASH! ARE WE GOOD OR WHAT?

Now that we have passed the midway point of our year, I'd like to share with you some of the Public Relations accomplishments of our CHEA Lodges for the first six months of the 2010 – 2011 year. The figures below are taken from our monthly reports and are the result of some outstanding efforts on the part of the Lodge Public Relations chairmen in all of California and Hawaii. Here is the six month data:

- 12,129 newspaper & magazine articles published including articles published in online papers
- 2,051 TV and Radio spots aired
- 520,986 Internet events. That number includes visits to our Web Sites and other Internet activity. Today, Lodges are more involved using the Internet than ever before, sending out E-mail blasts, weekly news grams and Lodge bulletins in gorgeous color.
- 233,823 items designated on our activity reports as "Other Publicity." This includes items like dictionaries delivered, signs, flyers, drug awareness literature and so on. It all adds up to almost 800,000 publicity events reported in all our PR categories. We are among the PR leaders in the nation's Lodges.

What a terrific six months of accomplishment! I'm proud of each and everyone who played a part in it. Today, ninety-seven percent of our CHEA Lodges are submitting PR reports on a regular basis, but we can do even better. Is your Lodge one of the 3% missing in action? NEWSFLASH! 97% of our Lodges think it's a pretty good idea to have an active Public Relations program. Do you suppose they know something? Let's bring all our CHEA Lodges on board. The great benevolence of our Order goes on year after year. The difference is that today we are finally letting it be known to the rest of the world in a big way through our Public Relations program. Thanks to all who have stepped up to spread the good word of Elkdom and remember to "KEEP COMMUNICATING."

## Bakersfield Elks Lodge No. 266 Fosters Youth Program

Bakersfield Elks Lodge No. 266 is proud to help foster the Kern County Fire Dept. Explorers. In exchange, they are assisting us at our many events at the Lodge. The Bakersfield Explorers participated in this year's Flag Day at the Lodge. They have just recently helped with our Annual Elks Family BBQ, and participated in the Elks Membership Roundup in Visalia.

The Bakersfield Fire Department Explorer Program is designed for young adults from 15 to 21 years of age who are interested in learning about a career in the Fire Service. The program is a collaboration between the Bakersfield Fire Dept. and the Boy Scouts of America.

## Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 hosts President Scanlon at South Coast District

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 was toured by Association President Hugh Scanlon, First Lady Dale Scanlon and their daughter, Shannon, during their official visitation to the South Coast District. Janet Rasmussen, the South Coast District Vice President and a member of the Escondido Elks Lodge was one of 17 folks who accompanied Hugh's family on his visit. Exalted Ruler Glen Foss, and his wife Rosie, guided the group on a tour of the Lodge. The group also enjoyed a delicious luncheon during their visit.

In other news, the Lodge distributed 124 English/Spanish dictionaries to 3rd grade students in 5 classes at the L. R. Green Elementary School in Escondido. Lodge members also joined other Elks from the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 to greet disabled veterans arriving in San Diego to participate in the Veterans Administration's National VA Summer Sports Clinic. The Lodge also hosted a Boy Scout Court of Honor.



L to R: Janet Rasmussen, Glen Foss, Rosie Foss, Dale Scanlon, Hugh Scanlon, Bill Wiscovitch, PDDGER

## Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 fetes veterans

On Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, the Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 held its Annual Veterans Luncheon for Disabled Veterans. The veterans were bused to the Lodge from the Veterans Hospital in Sepulveda Calif. They dined on Roast Stuffed Pork Loin, which was prepared by Lodge volunteers. They enjoyed music by the "Boogie Woogie Mama Dance" group and listened to the songs and music of the "Too Good to Be True" duo.

The Lodge fed approximately 60 Veterans and the many Elks that were present to honor them. Boy Scout Troop No. 444 was on hand to help serve the food and bus the tables. The American Flag was presented by the Scout Troop prior to the dinner and the opening prayer given by the Lodge Chaplain.

The Palmdale City Mayor, Jim Ledford, (who is a member of the Lodge) was present to talk to the veterans, welcome them to the Lodge and thank them for their service to our country.

The function was greatly appreciated by veterans and members alike. Much fun was had by all. Each veteran received a bag of personal necessities and a lap robe which was knitted by Chairperson Margaret Hernandez.

## Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



### OFFICER SELECTION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As the third quarter of the year continues to unfold before us, we see it as a most challenging period. As our priorities and level of needs change, so must our commitment to positive members growth.

During the first six months of the current fraternal year that started on April 1, 2010, the Association had a net gain of 2.02%. Our membership goal is a

10% gain. We must continue this momentum with enthusiasm and dedication. We cannot sit on our laurels - not just yet.

The final three months are the most important of the fraternal year. These are the months when we should be working stronger than ever to attain the goal of a 10% gain or at least a PLUS ONE. We should set an example to the next corps of officers. Give them a head start by keeping our Lodge active and enthusiastic - by recruiting new members and retaining all of our current members.

The most important of the three months is February. The most important decision made each year is the election of incoming Lodge officer corps and making plans for your Lodge's new fraternal year.

Leadership and planning go together. We need to simply and systematically set aside time to dream about the future, elect our next leaders, envision the possibilities, set goals, outline strategies, and establish time lines. To become an effective Leadership Team, we must be aware of the duties and responsibilities of being team leaders.

My Brothers and Sisters, a Lodge is no stronger than the officers guiding it. Each officer, trustee, house committee member, committee chair or member, is a leader of the Lodge and is looked upon for the qualities of leadership. Any consideration to the election or appointment to an officer position should be based on that individual's attitude, personality, knowledge, and ability.

It is also important for the prospective officer (and spouse) to understand what is expected of them in terms of their time commitments, their financial strength and the motivation that will be needed for them to successfully fulfill the office that he/she will hold.

Too many times, officers do not complete their term of office or continue through the chairs simply because they did not understand what was expected of them or could not handle the pressure. This breaks the chain of leadership succession in the officer corps. As a result, we often have to keep recycling Past Exalted Rulers to fill vacancies - and we, as PERs, are not getting any younger.

Prospective officers, trustees, house committee, and committee chairs, please take time and consider the following:

**Time Required:** Do you have the time for Lodge meetings, and Lodge events? Can you take time away from your family and will they (specially your spouse) support you in your Lodge work? The time you spend at the Lodge is up to you. Lodge meetings are once a week or twice a month and normally last an hour or two. Officer and committee meetings are once a month and last about an hour.

**Financial Consideration:** Can you afford to become an officer without creating a financial burden upon yourself and family? The expected expenses are for a Lodge uniform and a tuxedo. The tuxedo is worn at every Initiation. You can also wear it at any other formal event. This is money well spent. It is recommended that you attend the VP and DD visits, and the conventions. The Exalted Ruler has to attend State and Grand Lodge Conventions. The E.R., Leading Knight, Chairman of the Trustees, and Secretary, are expected to attend DD Clinics and Mid-Term Conference.

**Motivation:** A prospective officer might be asked: Why are you considering becoming an officer? What do you believe you can offer your Lodge as an officer? Are you willing to continue through the chairs if you become an officer? Can you handle the pressure? Think about it.

You have to be strong, maintain a positive attitude, and be enthusiastic about the job.

**Responsibility:** It is the duty and responsibility of every officer, trustee, and house committee member to assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the business of the Lodge. The success of the lodge and a gain in Membership depends on all of the above. Therefore, it is important to prepare and familiarize yourselves by learning the following: the charitable aspects of Elkdom, the laws governing our Order, the day-to-day operations of the Club and Lodge management, protocol, the Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers and Committee Members Manual, and, most importantly, the 5 booklet-set of Leadership Training Manuals. Most of the information you need to know is available from your Lodge office, Grand Lodge and the CHEA website: <http://www.chea-elks.org/membership.html>.

A strong and knowledgeable Leadership Team will most certainly add a Plus One membership to "Elks-America's Pot of Gold."

## Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 hosts Halloween party

The Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 hosted 30 handicapped people and their nurses for a Halloween party. The Lodge was "spookily" decorated to the delight of the guests and Lodge members in attendance. Special snacks had been prepared for the Lodge guests and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.



L to R: Dennis Bell, Exalted Ruler, guest's nurse, guest, Lynda Clark, Lodge Secretary, Ted Bennett, Leading Knight

## Santa Inez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 helps "Wounded Warrior Project"

On October 7, 2010, the Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 served dinner and refreshments to an estimated 1,000 guests, including some 200 cyclists, during the "Wounded Warriors Ride 2 Recovery Golden State Challenge."

The cyclists rode 463 miles from San Francisco to Santa Monica, thus improving the health and wellness of injured veterans by providing a life changing experience that could impact their lives forever.

Over \$50,000 was donated to the "Wounded Warrior Project" during the event. In addition to dinner, the event featured both live and silent auctions, entertainment by comedian Dennis Miller, and musical numbers by "Five for Fighting's" John Ondrasik. Actress Cheryl Ladd was a featured speaker at the dinner.



## Lapsation

*By Richard Rueda, CHEA Lapsation Chairman*



The first seven months have been rough. But we, as Elks, will still keep trying to bring our delinquent members back. We can't give up! If you have sponsored a member who is now delinquent, please talk to them. Try to find the reason why they haven't paid their dues. Maybe you can help them find the answers to those reasons.

We have one District with a 14% delinquency rate and two Districts at 6% delinquency. Our average delinquency rate for all 19 Districts is 9%.

With three months left in the current fraternal year, we should be able to lower our delinquency rate to 5% or lower.

Our District Chairmen are doing a good job. If any Lodge needs help, please contact them.

Let's all continue supporting our Association President's motto: "Elks – America's Pot of Gold."

## Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 hosts car show for charity

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 held their 7th annual "Walk in the Park Car Show" on August 8th. The event was spectacular. The grounds and Lodge sported black and white race car flags and pennants, while past and current Bonneville Speed Week posters hung around the room. Although the car show was scheduled to begin at noon, the first participants arrived at 7 a.m. to enjoy a breakfast - and they just kept on coming. We had Model A's, muscle cars, antique fire trucks, motorcycles, sidecars, even a race car plus much, much more. Spectators drove, walked and even bicycled in.

The Lodge more than doubled the number of breakfasts served and an undetermined number of burgers and dogs were consumed. The Elks grounds never had any open space with all the vehicles coming in and out. They parked on the grass, under the trees, in the campground and on the concrete. The music played while laughter and smiling faces reflected almost as much as the beautiful paint jobs. This was truly an old fashioned American event where everyone greeted one another like brothers and sisters. But why wouldn't they? This was Elks property and the Elks brotherly love should be contagious.

Association President Hugh Scanlon attended the Car Show and met Elroy T. Elk, the Elks National Drug Awareness Mascot with his manager Richard Goldner. They both enjoyed all the vehicles and people gathered at the event. As a matter of fact, everyone not only enjoyed the car show but also the food which was served at 50's prices and the great music played by Cari and the Black Rose Band.

All proceeds of this event benefit charitable causes supported by the Simi Valley Elks. The Simi Valley Elks Car Show has grown and become more fun each year. The Chairman, Dennis Wavra, has already started working on the August 2011 event.



## News from the North Central District

In August, 2010, the North Central District hosted a veterans' BBQ at the Yountville Veterans Home. 71 Elks and volunteers from all of the Lodges in the NCD participated. Everyone had a great time! The menu consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages with all the trimmings. The volunteers "paired up" with tables of Veterans and food was delivered to those who were in wheelchairs or otherwise impaired. This gave Elks members and vets an opportunity to share and reminisce about experiences from their active duty days. The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 and the Placerville Elks Lodge No. 1712 have "adopted" wards at the hospital, giving of their time to visit the home at other times of the year.

During the BBQ, the 65th anniversary of D-Day was recognized. Special events and commemorations were presented by the Yountville Veterans as well as from the Staff at the home and hospital. The "Catch the Spirit Program" (a program that helps Veterans as well as active military personnel who may be in need of clothing, food, or shelter) provided sodas, water, and pastries for all who attended. The "Catch the Spirit" program, or CTS, has been a driving force to ensure that veterans do not go without by obtaining donations from businesses in the community. Based on referrals from the member Lodges, CTS meets the needs of veterans throughout the District.

The Lodges from NCD who participated at the BBQ were Carmichael, Elk Grove, Jackson, Marysville, Placerville, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, and Woodland. We even had volunteers from Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 and Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538, and we thank them for their help during the event. A big "Thank You" to all who participated, and we look forward to seeing all of you again on August 13, 2011!

In other NCD news, the Lodges in the North Central District collectively donated an eight passenger electric golf cart, valued at \$12,000 to the Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System. The cart will be used for transporting veterans to and from the parking lots to the various clinics at the Sacramento VA Medical Center at Mather, CA. Dr. Brian O'Neill, the Director of the VA Northern California Health Care System received the title to the golf cart from Al Russell, a member of the NCD National Veterans Service Committee.



L to R: Al Russell, PER, Dr. Brian O'Neill, Jerry Landreth-Brusato, DDGER and Billey Skarles, DL

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Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10

\*Deceased

### A note from the editor

As of the December 1st deadline, I had received over 150 emails from Lodges wishing to have an article in this issue. I applaud all of you for your enthusiasm in submitting these requests. I was unable to publicize every article, but I attempted to put articles in for Lodges who have not appeared in the magazine for some time. For some Lodges, this is their first time to appear in the magazine. I hope that all of you had a very Merry Christmas, and I wish that you have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



**B.L.T.**

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Board of Trustees

By Richard J. Goldner, Continuing Education Committee, CHEMPI BOT



Having recently had the opportunity to attend the Professional Institute at Bass Lake as Liaison of the Continuing Education Committee, it was my pleasure to meet with the Professional Staff of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

The CHEMPI Continuing Education Committee consists of the Chairperson (a Regional Manager) and four members of the Professional Staff. A Trustee is appointed as liaison by the Chairman of the CHEMPI Board of Trustees. The Committee is responsible to the

Board of Trustees to whom periodic reports will be made.

The function of the Committee is to oversee and assist in the planning of Continuing Education Programs and recertification for the CHEMPI Professional Staff. A series of multi-day workshops, presentations, interactive exchanges, and innovative therapy role plays were conducted in October during the annual Professional Education Conference at Bass Lake. Outstanding guest speakers and acclaimed doctors presented new therapeutic techniques and concepts for incorporation into their professional best practices. The continuous adoption of new techniques and educational refreshment enhances their delivery of the most effective therapies to the children. In addition to this single annual conclave, additional meetings may be convened by the Continuing Education Committee Chairperson at the request of any member. As such, there was discussion regarding the cost-effective use of periodic internet-based meetings on a tri-mester basis to increase therapist interaction and case knowledge sharing.

Other duties and responsibilities of the Continuing Education Committee include being knowledgeable of the continuing education requirements of professional licensure, providing employees an opportunity to comply, and making recommendations for the implementation of educational programs.

The CHEMPI therapists and Preschool Vision Screeners are dispersed throughout California and Hawaii. Each therapist provides services to case loads of as many as 25 children. The Preschool Vision Screeners have screened over 50,000 children. These professionals are delivering the "magic" of Elkdom directly to the homes and schools of children with disabilities. Yes, house calls are not a thing of the past with our Association's Major Project. Now 60-years since inception, the program continues to successfully deliver the most state-of-the-art and emerging technologies to those in need - all with benchmark results.

One of the many event highlights was the recognition of 40-years of dedicated service and the planned December 31<sup>st</sup> retirement of Regional Manager, Charlene Brown. Her dedication in providing services to so many children during her tenure with CHEMPI, her passion for giving only her best, and her commitment to the program was recognized and appreciated by everyone in attendance.

In addition to the CHEMPI professionals, CHEA Executive Director (Tim Martin), the Association President (Hugh Scanlon), Chairman of the CHEMPI Board (Billey Skarles), the liaison Trustee (Richard Goldner), new member of the CHEMPI Board (Charles Nolan), and the CHEA Magazine Publication Editor (Ian Lanouette) were in attendance.

## Ukiah Elks Lodge No. 1728 dedicates Veterans Memorial Wall

On November 10, 2010, after more than a year of designing, planning and work, the Ukiah Elks Lodge No. 1728 dedicated the long awaited Veterans Memorial Wall. There are 350 bricks which will all eventually have a plaque honoring members of the United States Armed Forces who have served and given so much to our nation.

Any KIA, MIA or POW will receive a plaque at no cost. All other plaques are purchased by any person or family member for dedication to any individual who has served this great nation as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.



L to R: VFW Honor Guard member (name unknown), Marie Linda Bolstad (ER), Committee Members, Steve Crawford, Warren Bilstein (DDGER), Marvin Jarvis, Frank Milone (PDDGER), Jack Dalton (PER, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman), Fredrick Kiplinger III (PER), VFW Honor Guard member (name unknown)

## Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 and two AZ Lodges help their community renovate a school

Members of the Needles Elks Lodge 1608 and their families joined forces in a community-wide school renovation project in the dog days of summer. The week long project involved thousands of hours by more than 2,000 volunteers from the community and the surrounding area.

Exalted Ruler Bill Warner and South District Public Relations Chairman Sally Clemmer are proud to announce that Bullhead City Elks Lodge No. 2408 and Kingman Elks Lodge No. 468 joined in this project. Many of their Lodge officers and members joined the Needles Lodge to demolish and restore classrooms and assorted workshops at the Needles High School – "Home of the Mustangs."

The project was funded with large corporate grants to the school. It was an extremely successful project. We thank the Bullhead City and Kingman Elks Lodges for their selfless volunteerism in our community and look forward to assisting them in future projects in their communities.

The NBC television program "School Pride" taped the renovation effort which will be aired in the fall.



Elk members surround the four hosts of NBC's "School Pride"



## Drug Awareness

By Jack Dalton, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



It's a lot more difficult being a kid today than when we were kids. It is even harder when alcohol and drugs get in the way. Research tells us that far too many kids are using drugs. One in four high school seniors say that they have taken a prescription drug without consulting a doctor, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, data shows that more 10th graders smoke marijuana than cigarettes and 25 percent of high school seniors report binge drinking.

The Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP), an arm of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has been giving generous support to assist community leaders and educators in an effort to best address the emerging threats facing America's young people.

The 2009-2010 Grand Lodge DAP budgeted \$193,000 to print pamphlets, brochures, CDs and DVDs that would then be provided at no charge for distribution throughout this magnificent nation. In addition, \$100,000 was allocated to cover the shipping costs to distribute these materials to the Lodges that requested them. To further enhance this Program, \$36,420 was given by Grand Lodge as a grant to CHEA's Drug Awareness Program.

Elk volunteers, working with schools and community leaders, continue to chip away at one of our nation's most prevailing and pervasive drug problems: prescription drug abuse. The Elks Drug Awareness Program is one of the highest funded programs within the Elks budget and is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States.

A Lodge with an effective drug awareness program does not just pass out an enormous amount of free literature. The DAP Chairman is also in contact with local law enforcement and works closely with school counselors, faculty members and community leaders. The Chairman holds drug awareness events at the Lodge and at schools in order to introduce some of the Grand Lodge DAP programs such as the Essay and Poster Contests and to hold competitive events such as a bicycle safety rodeo.

This year we are fortunate to have been able to obtain another grant for an "Elroy the Elk" costume. We will now have a total of 3 costumes in California. Sadly no "Elroy the Elk" costume is presently available to Lodges in the Southern portion of the state - this is due primarily to the lack of effort in applying for the grant. Many factors are considered in approving the grant such as: are there other costumes nearby and how will the costume be used?

Thus far, this year has been successful due to the labors of the DAP District Chairmen as well as the front line Lodge Chairmen, who have given their utmost in time, talent and dedication in the promotion of the Drug Awareness Program.

## Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 honors local law enforcement

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 honored several local law enforcement members at a Lodge BBQ beef dinner. 300 guests were present for this 39th annual law enforcement recognition event.

In other news, the Lodge's National Veterans Service Committee continues to supply telephone cards to the service men and women who are deployed overseas. To date, \$18,000 worth of cards have been distributed. The Committee recently sent 50 care boxes to our troops overseas, each box included a telephone card.

Over 100 entries paraded in the 67th annual Elks Rodeo Parade on June 5, 2010. \$6,100 in proceeds from the event was given to 32 community groups. The entire city supports this annual event, closing off most of Broadway Street for the parade.

## Montebello Elks Lodge No. 2051 holds annual hoop shoot

The Montebello Elks Lodge No. 2051 held their annual Hoop Shoot on November 6, 2010. There were 14 entrants from the neighborhood this year. It was held at the local Montebello sports gym. Eli Espinoza was the chairperson for this event. Not only was this his first Hoop Shoot, but he's only been an Elk since April of this year! Talk about getting involved quickly and doing such a great job!

The age 9-10 first place winners were Nathan Zamord and Kaitlin Rubio. The age 10-11 first place winners were Nathaniel Ortega and Margarita Orozco. The age 12-13 first place winners were Antonio Cortez and Gabrielle Mejia. All of the entrants received a certificate for their participation.



## Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 holds annual chili cook-off

Over 400 guests attended the annual chili cook-off "Freedom Party" at the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 on Saturday, August 7, 2010. Guests listened to a classic rock band, viewed several classic cars, enjoyed a barbecue and tasted chili that was prepared by 13 chili chefs who served samples from individually decorated and uniquely themed tasting booths.

Each year, the most highly anticipated part of the event is the announcement of the chili winners. The winners were selected by anonymous judges and a "people's choice award" winner was also announced. Another prize was also awarded to the most creatively decorated tasting booth.

Other entertainment featured a dunk tank that gave guests an opportunity to "dunk" ER Patty Crockett and an official military tank gave guests rides around the block.

Guests were encouraged to come dressed in patriotic-themed attire. Attendees were also given the opportunity to learn about our Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Foundation, the CHEA Major Project and the benefits of being a member of the Elks. The event proceeds benefitted both the ENF and Major Project.





## Americanism

*By Tom Conlon, CHEA Americanism Chairman*



The most ambitious program of the Americanism Committee is the Americanism Essay Contest for our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students from across our great country pen their thoughts and ideas to express their opinion on a single subject. This year's topic is "Why I am Proud to be an American."

People will say "I am proud to be an American" - there is even a song about it - but the question remains: "WHY?" Our young Americans have quite an imagination and express themselves with innocence and honesty that will challenge most of us who take life for granted as just another ho-hum day. Indeed, the essay judges may be challenged to understand the message written by some of the contest entrants, those whose words may just inspire many of us to be reminded what it truly means to have freedom, to have opportunity, and to not take for granted the bounty our Country can provide.

Our Lodges should now be preparing to judge the entries submitted by our schools. School essays must be submitted to their local Lodge by January 10<sup>th</sup> to be considered. The rules, entry forms and cover sheets are available on the CHEA web site under the Americanism Committee.

Lee Greenwood, the lyricist of the song "God Bless the USA" wrote "If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life, and I had to start again with just my children and my wife, I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today, cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away."

Members: fly the flag and ask your neighbors to fly the flag. Let everyone know why you are proud to be an American.

## Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 members receive congressional recognition

On Patriot Day, September 11, 2010, three members of the Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 were honored for their community service work. Congresswoman Lois Capps presented each member with a Congressional Certificate of Recognition. Leroy Jeffers and David Bianchi were honored for their work with the youth of our community through the Hoop Shoot Program and Drug Awareness Programs. Patricia Beattie was honored for her continuous devotion and weekly visits to the VA Clinic and for her work with handicapped and senior citizens in the community. The Lodge is proud of them and all of the rest of its fabulous volunteers.

On the second Friday of every month, the Lodge has a program called "Bring a Veteran to Lunch." The member pays for his/her own lunch and the Veteran receives a complimentary lunch. This is part of our Community Impact Grant called "Project Scarf." We have a "meet and greet" as everyone mixes with the guests, some wearing hats and shirts decorated with their branch of service. The men and women veterans are from all wars: World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Some of the veterans are disabled. Since February, we have had lunch with about 180 local Veterans as our guests.

The Lodge recently honored the Santa Barbara Girls Soccer Team "Oswego" and other youth at a dinner at the Lodge. The soccer team was sponsored by the Lodge to attend the National Soccer Games in Florida. The team returned with a "First Place National Championship for Girls ages 13-14." The team members and their families were invited to the Lodge for an awards dinner. The Lodge received a team photograph and was thanked for its generous sponsorship. The Lodge also honored the winners of the Americanism Essay Contest and the winners of the Drug Awareness Essay Contest along with their families. 275 guests were present at the event.

## Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 supports "The Greatest Generation"

World War II ended 65 years ago on August 14, 1945. 65 years later, with the support of a Congressional Resolution, the "Spirit of '45" organization has secured a national day of recognition for not only the WWII veterans, but also for the whole generation that was impacted by World War II. They are called by some "The Greatest Generation" in America.

The local "Spirit of '45" organizers planned a celebration to recognize "The Greatest Generation." However, they lost the event site only 3 weeks prior to the event date. Having no home for the celebration, a call for help went out. The Garden Grove Elks Lodge stepped up to help the AMVETS Department of California, the "Marching Through History Exposition" and the "Spirit of '45" by providing access to the Garden Grove Elks property for this first-time event.

Under a clear sky, over 500 veterans and civilians, some dressed in 1940's vintage military and civilian attire, mingled, ate, drank and enjoyed exhibits such as a Stewart Tank, a halftrack and other historical displays - both military and civilian. All had an opportunity to enjoy a "Victory Canteen Dance" with the Bill Elliott Swing Orchestra. The evening included a member of "Bugles across America" playing "Taps" and a 21-gun salute at 7:00 p.m.



## Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 Emblem Club celebrates 50 years

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 and Emblem Club No. 360 began its 50 year celebration with a "Fish Fry" at a "rolled back" \$5.00 price. The next day, they held a Saturday night dinner and dance. Midge Swoger, Emblem Club President, and her court of ladies welcomed Past Supreme President Barbara Johnson. Barbara gave a stirring speech that was enjoyed by all! Exalted Ruler Dave Swoger welcomed Association President Hugh Scanlon, who gave an enthusiastic presentation about the Lodge and the Emblem Club's 50 years of service to the community, thanking everyone for continuing to serve in the spirit of the motto: "Elks Care - Elks Share." The celebration ended on Sunday with a brunch and a renewed commitment by the Elks and the Emblem Club to continue serving the community for another 50 years!

In other news, the Lodge delivered dictionaries to third grade students attending 30 schools in the area. Many students were delighted to receive their first personal dictionary. Over a dozen Elks volunteered to label, sort and deliver the dictionaries. The Dictionary Project Chairman, Fred Small, held many fund raising activities to be able to purchase 3,000 dictionaries. The Lodge is receiving strong accolades from all the local schools. The principals and teachers look forward to our visit each year.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Ronald L. Brusato	6	Arthur Echtenacht	794	William M. Stanford	1538	Francene R. Taylor	2510
Marilyn M. Facha (2)	6	Gordon Arconi	1073	Jean Bruechle	1787	Phil Morrison	2577
Billie J. Skarles	6	Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	John Holthaus	1812	Robert Ring	2577
Milton Grau	322	Mary Ann Wood	1282	Nancy Kulinski	1812	Frank Darling	2698
Peter Mandon	522	Hugh H. Scanlon (2)	1289	George Layton	1905	Lance Erickson	2733
Alfred J. Mestressat	522	Albert D. Fredrickson	1328	Bert Liebersbach	1905	Maggie Vandergon	2733
James H. Rodgers	583	James W. "Jim" Taylor	1378	Emily L. Phelps	2011		
David Williford	583	Gene Baxter	1419	Steve Marada	2026		
Martha Hall	643	Dennis Linsley	1474	Herman Bruce Froelich	2031		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
WCD Wild Card PER Association		William Barnes	888	Wayne Weller	1567	Jesse Nighswonger	2026
Fred Nagle III	3	Faygie Colton	888	Fred Ziemann	1567	Christine Pinnick (2)	2026
Richard Ambriz	6	Ray & Pat Handyside	901	Anthony Fiori	1570	Aubrey Halford	2031
Elinor DeZeeuw (2)	6	Thomas Mathers	901	Carol Kent (2)	1587	Steven Nelson	2031
Marilyn Facha (13)	6	Ronnie Anderson	966	Lemoine Kent	1587	Tim Kane	2045
Donald K. Johnson	6	Roger Lindberg	966	The East Lounge Bartenders	1587	Joyce Nohavec	2045
William John Sampino	6	Virgil Magday	966	St. Charles Saloon	1587	Larry Nohavec	2045
Billie & Delina Skarles	6	Marie Sailer	966	Sandra Brown (2)	1625	Herbert Spiegel	2045
Dorothy Gore (3)	168	Alameda Bingo Buddies	1015	Robert Kinsey	1625	Benjamin Seykora	2059
Peg McDonald	168	George McQuary	1015	Linda Bierman	1643	James Rutherford	2095
Doti Mock	168	Gordon Arconi	1073	Allan Rose	1643	James Vecchio	2095
Winnie Shuey	168	Eugene Draper	1073	Bill Seberry	1643	Patricia Morris	2098
Robert Welsh, Sr.	168	Kenneth McArthur	1073	Clyde Vaughn (2)	1643	Jerry Atteberry	2103
Leonard Bohlke	218	Michele Morey	1073	Laurine Johnson	1691	John Bristow	2103
Carol Gledhill	218	Norma Simas	1073	Ture Roslund (5)	1712	Connie Ford	2103
Emerald "Chich" Hein	218	Richard "Doc" Carstens (4)	1250	Ina Gordon	1728	Shirley Kuhlman	2103
Eberhard Schwierzke	218	Richard Riso	1259	Arthur Kilgore, Jr.	1728	Jo Littlejohn	2103
Bob Couch	266	Eski Cougars	1282	Richard Schwartz	1728	Bob Lowe	2103
Doris Gillett	266	Goodtimers BBQ by Kim Morante	1282	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Rita Lowe	2103
Carolyn Miller	266	Goodtimers/Minden	1282	Tony Messina	1767	Erin Matz	2103
Ray Mish	266	Audrey Gray	1282	Jerry Mezerow	1767	Larry Pequet	2103
Beth Hill	439	Dana McManus	1282	Norma Watson	1767	Dale Wiest	2103
Bill Berner	522	John & Shirley Thompson	1282	Judith Wilson	1767	Ralph Davis	2121
Al Mestressat	522	Venita Brazier	1285	Larry Woodard	1767	Elizabeth Johns	2121
Edwin Hoffmark	559	Angela Cardinalli	1285	George Corbin	1786	Robert Leinkram	2121
Carlos Mariscal	614	John T. Cardinalli, Jr.	1285	Linda Corbin	1786	Maxine Lynch	2121
Jeffery Meeks	614	Bruce Gordon	1285	Richard Pence	1786	John Shaffer	2121
Kathryn Anglin	616	Charles King	1285	Walt Smith	1786	Vernon VanDusen	2121
Bob Arkus	616	Jacqueline Phillips	1285	Harold White	1786	Manny Velez	2121
Margaret S.Y. Chung	616	Stanley Ross	1285	Willows Elks Auxiliary	1786	Manny Velez & McDonald's Bunch (2)	2121
Paul Demare	616	Sydney Tabler	1285	Willows RV Roamers	1786	Jim McCloskey	2128
James Gomard	616	Howard Tsuchiya	1285	Dick Hickey	1787	John Tomac	2128
Delorese Gregoire	616	Rick Barnes	1289	Taco Belles of Walnut Creek Lodge (2)	1811	David Morgan	2142
Antonie Grossi-Butler	616	Lon Croddy	1289	Clifford Diamond	1812	Robert Brennan	2190
Margaret Leona Harnish (5)	616	Dick Hill (2)	1289	Tom Hargreaves	1839	Gene Miner	2230
Leialoha Kaleikini (2)	616	Dave Jensen	1289	James Payne	1839	Mark Healy	2333
Richard A. Martinez	616	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Allen Slutman	1857	Walt Pike	2333
Mark H. Moore, Jr.	616	Ken Lewis	1289	Susan Brown	1900	JoAnn Acero	2347
Judith Motteler	616	Dennis Malone (2)	1289	Glenn Hinsz	1900	Marie Headley	2347
Troy Pennington	616	Eilene Moore (2)	1289	Helen Laney	1900	Jack Lasserot	2347
Thomas Pires, Jr.	616	Jerry Stephens (2)	1289	Robert Christensen	1905	George Kinkade (2)	2358
Dori Rybacki-Smith	616	Don Vincent	1289	Bob Coyne	1905	Shirley Elkins	2364
Antje Shelton	616	Sabino Cici	1328	Jeanette DeJohn-King	1905	Donald Hofer	2364
Kathrine Wada	616	Gretchen DiAlto	1328	Harry Kolb	1905	Nick Sherwin	2364
Miles Yoshioka	616	Al Fredrickson (2)	1328	George & Estelle Layton	1905	Michael Perigo	2432
Christel Yount	616	Ralph Garcia	1328	Bert Liebersbach	1905	Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Bartenders	2477
Dennis DeSanti	643	Mary Howard	1328	Don Rice	1905	Elks Ladies of Thousand Oaks (3)	2477
Dave Petersen	643	Gordon Johnson (2)	1328	Richard & Bonnie Ross	1905	Thomas Adrian	2504
Oren's Sparks (3)	759	Mick Mistretta	1328	Dr. Douglas Eudely	1913	Robert Araujo	2504
Ben DeLeon	794	Nancy Monreal	1328	Owners of Rally Pig Race Winner	1952	Rae Breen	2504
Garrett Hartney	794	Daniel Stowe	1328	David Skelton	1952	Forrest "Frosty" Frost	2504
Claire Heaney	794	Lewis Wilson	1328	Robert Cassetta	1991	Bill Hall	2504
Thomas Brazier	824	Ruth Wilson	1328	Mark Urban	1991	Alvin Hicks	2504
Beth Alexander	836	Jim Taylor	1378	Woodsmen Sports (3)	1991	John MacKenzie	2504
Robert Cones	836	Andrew Ham	1415	Richard Green	1993	Ken Nelson	2504
Gene Cranford	836	Bob Bagwell	1474	Kim Coronado	2011	Jennifer Finley	2543
Ken Gunn	836	Glenna Bagwell	1474	June Gonzales	2011	Joan Haugen	2543
Earl Hively	836	Dominic Confetti	1474	Stanley Lewandowski	2011	Bill James	2543
Elliott Livingston	836	Les Edleman	1474	Irene Brunson	2013	Paul Kassel (3)	2543
Carl Morrow	836	Frank Furtado	1474	George Castellanos	2013	Gaetano Marcello (2)	2543
Judi Morrow	836	Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474	1474	Robert Cruz	2013	Dennis Rasmussen (3)	2543
Phil Rossi	836	Pittsburg Lodge PER Association (2)	1474	Dan Friberg	2013	Rick Sanchez (2)	2543
Jerry Rucker	836	Fred Ramey	1474	Ginger Jack	2013	Jerry Stark (2)	2543
San Bernardino Emblem Club No. 178	836	Ed Resnick	1475	Gene McMahan	2013	Clay Seals	2599
Oakley Smith	836	Ed Wood	1487	George Murray	2013	George Jenkins	2639
Jerry Vanadestine	836	Ray Delgado	1567	Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Bill Threane (3)	2639
Denny Young	836	Rosemary Dix	1567	Stacy Thomas (2)	2013		
Nick Accettura	888	Jerry Everman	1567	Jan Keller	2026		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Nina Lilienthal-Murphy	2655	Joe Coulter (4)	2733
Frank Darling	2698	Carol Hadford	2733
Virgil Lee Falter	2698	Greg Howe	2733
Damien Valencia	2698	Sandy Jack	2733
Ruth Bennett	2704	Rolfe Nelson	2733
Walter Neumann	2704	Ray Sabersky	2733
Fred Stelling	2704	Doug Sheffer	2733
John Black	2724	Bob Spurr	2733
Cory Black	2733	Rick Christensen (2)	2801
Don Collier	2733	Walt Wilson	2801
Chuck Cooper	2733		

## 2010 Holiday Greeting Donors



## Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 donates to Senior Center

The Gardena Senior Day Care Center has come across some hard times in the past few years due to the economy - just like every other business. It now operates without federal funding and depends on donations and grant funds. But even that is no longer enough. On October 9, 2010, the Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 held its first Food, Wine and Cigar Festival to raise money to benefit the Senior Center. The Lodge donated \$14,400 to pay the Senior Center's rent for the next year, which will help keep this crucial day care center open. But, that is not all that the Lodge does for this center - it also donates every month to help them with their day-to-day operating expenses as they provide services to the seniors in the community.

The Gardena Emblem Club No. 257 recently joined Lodge members to visit 3rd grade students in the City of Gardena. The Lodge handed out 650 dictionaries and the Emblem Club handed out 500 Drug Awareness coloring books. The dictionaries were labeled to show that the Gardena Elks Lodge had donated them. The coloring books were labeled by the Emblem Club and included drug awareness book marks. This is a joint effort that the Elk Lodge members and Emblem Club members work on that shows the community how both organizations work together to make a better place for everyone to live.

In other news, at the annual Family Picnic, the Lodge presented Girl Scout Troop No. 3135 with a check for \$8,000 to help the Troop with its scouting expenses. This was one way for the Lodge to demonstrate its appreciation for all of the help that the Troop members provide during the many activities that take place at the Lodge.



L to R: Dale Pierce (Leading Knight), Rodney Tanaka (Exalted Ruler), Pamela Robinson (Loyal Knight), Bob Mullikin (Secretary), Paul Tanaka (Mayor of Gardena), Rachel Johnson (Gardena Councilmember) and Mitch Landsdell (Gardena City Manager)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
John & Sandy Carvalho	6	Oren & Charlene Richardson	1613
Billie & Delina Skarles	6	Jim & Mary Batt	1625
Chuck & Ginger Nolan	168	A. "Hamp" & Mavis Hampton	1625
Louis J. & Lucia Grillo	218	Josh Serrano	1761
Stan & Arlene Feher	439	Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767
Dick & Kay Alves	522	George & Cheryl Waters	1786
Gene & Audrey Beckel	559	Richard & Bobbie Hickey	1787
Chuck & Phyllis Shallenberger	559	Curt & Carole Robbins	1804
David & Cladie Williford	583	Kathleen Monsees	1812
Genio & Fran Bonifacio	614	Harry E. Evans	1877
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Lanini	614	Donald Schultz	1877
Doug & Jo Larsen	614	Chuck & Barbara Knox	1905
Wayne Howard	616	Jackie McCune	1905
Leon & Cynthia Karjola	652	Fred & Vickie Whitnack	1913
Aron & Cheryl Andersen	672	Bob Duitsman	1917
Roy Newman	783	Noe & Luisa Saenz	1917
John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker	783	Jim & Sharon Mason	1919
Art Echternacht	794	Frank Rizuto	1952
Ed & Pat Repic	794	Norma Robb	1952
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824	Bill & Dottie Ijames	1968
Tim & Lazell Martin	836	Tommy N. Taylor & Akiko	1968
Jerry & Bonnie Rucker	836	John & Diane Knitter	1980
Raymond G. Beers	906	Dwight & Daisy Roberts	1980
Don & Kathy Checchi	906	Robert Cassetta	1991
Ralph & Adriana Ortiz	966	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993
Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Robert Zurich	1994
John B. Damonte	1112	Robert & Donna Hollis-Brau	1996
Mario & Juanita Canepa	1251	Steve & Kristin Marada	2026
Bob & Ellen Phillips	1259	Frank & Diane Keller	2045
Mary Ann Wood	1282	Ken & Rosemary Moore	2045
Bud & Mary Hall	1285	Joe Namnam	2050
Edward M. Coffman	1289	Vernon E. Tinsley & Aleta Lee	2050
Ed & Pat Morris	1289	George C. Vernon, Sr. & Mary	2050
Dennis & Beverly Shaffer	1342	Ian & Wanda Lanouette	2121
James Taylor	1378	Don & Nancy Schafer	2121
Gene Baxter	1419	C.M. "Chuck" Christensen	2134
John D. Adams	1427	Gene & Lelia Pendergast	2134
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436	Bob & Char Brennan	2190
John & Kathleen Behne	1443	Rex & Amy Berglund	2230
Fred & Laura Hewins	1474	Skip & Karen Henke	2379
Don & Kay Baker	1487	Dwayne & Patsy Hutson	2419
Joe & Liz Cenoz	1538	Steve & Josephine Haydn	2432
Mac & Mary Lou Clark	1538	Richard & Elaine Goldner	2477
Richard E. Owen	1538	Tom & Kathy Ryder	2477
William M. Stanford	1538	Dennis Rasmussen	2543
Steve & Debbie Smith	1587	Janet Rasmussen	2543
H. Eugene & Patsy Chambers	1608	Thom & Linda Richardson	2599
Donald D. Dapelo	1613		

## Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 delivers dictionaries

The Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 delivered dictionaries to all the third grade elementary school children in their area. PDDGER Les Yeffa delivered some of the dictionaries to the Soquel Elementary School students with the assistance of Principal Eric Gross and teacher Theresa Coyle. As Les was leaving Theresa's classroom, he heard one of the students call out "Elks rock!"

Eric recently joined the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge because of the Lodge's dictionary program.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 60 Year (\$60) Anniversary Donors (August 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jerry Grimes	Arizona	Robert Beggs	672	Sandy Koester	1561	Barbara Johnson	2020
Linda Grimes	Arizona	James Brockman	672	Richard Aberle	1587	Bob Johnson	2020
Arnold Athey	6	Wendell Cabot, III	672	Robert Bettger	1587	Ronald LeVar	2020
Ron Brusato	6	Ovie Cobb	672	Donald D. Dapelo	1613	Gordon Browning	2026
Francis Carlin	6	Robert Fidler	672	Hollis Green	1613	Tom Drake	2026
Stephen Clazie	6	Jason Fields	672	James Batt	1625	Robert Goeckner	2026
Elinor DeZeeuw (2)	6	Jospeh Manuele	672	Sandy Brown	1625	Patricia Hall	2026
Jack Enlow	6	Robert Mooney	672	James Dantice	1625	Jan Keller	2026
Marilyn Facha	6	Bruce Morrison	672	Kirk Brown	1689	Susanne Lightner	2026
Patricia Frederick	6	William Rogers	672	Dorothy Fay	1689	Richard S. Marada	2026
James Irion	6	Donald Short	672	John Fay	1689	Jeff Rice	2026
Donald Johnson	6	Anthony Vecchio	672	Laraine Hopper	1689	Steven Nelson	2031
Geraldine King	6	Edwin Ziolkowski	672	Tom Hopper	1689	Rick Arons	2068
Jerry Landreth-Brusato	6	Robert Levin	783	Frank Diano	1712	Margaret Bouchard	2098
Kathleen Lane	6	Ericka Flores	794	Ralph Erwin	1712	Evelyn Calvin	2098
Lauren Lundsten	6	George Flores	794	Judy Jenkins	1712	Ralph Zenger	2098
Brian McDonough	6	Joe Ferguson	901	Larry Jenkins	1712	James Birdsall	2103
Timothy Mullins	6	Marilyn Hoard	901	Clair Miller	1712	Camp Fire Girls	2103
Margaret Muma	6	Tim Jaeger	901	Ron Roberts	1712	Sylvester Davison	2103
Robert Nelson	6	Petaluma Elks No. 901 RV Club	901	Dave Stackpole	1712	Sam & Shirley Fuchs	2103
Henry Peralta	6	Herb Preston	901	Bruce Turner	1712	Robert Gokey	2103
Sacramento Elks Lodge Bridge Club	6	Leo Schild	901	Orville Walker	1712	Mike Matz	2103
Vernon Shahbazian	6	Dr. Clyde Schultz, DDS	901	Rudy Kramer	1740	James Schavey	2103
Billey & Delina Skarles	6	Dr. Clyde & Kim Schultz	901	Jim Barry	1767	Al Simonette	2103
Canaro Smith, Jr.	6	Bruce Sharrow	901	Lewis Canfield	1767	James Stinnet	2103
Amy Tanaka	6	Richard Simmons	901	Alexander Graps	1767	Judy Usher	2103
Manuel Viera, Jr.	6	William Turner	901	Russ Kerr	1767	William Williford (2)	2103
Dorothy Gore	168	Ray Beers	906	Janice Mellott	1767	Jeff Worm	2103
Steve Maxwell	168	Don Checchi	906	Michael Olafson	1767	Janice Brown	2117
Elmer Moore (2)	168	Kathy Checchi	906	Jan Woodard	1767	Kenneth Kirkman	2117
Bryan Worthington	168	Frederick D. Baker	966	Lecia Quinn	1786	Michael Kovachich	2121
Richard Deal	218	James Hill	966	Cherylle Waters	1786	Ian Lanouette	2121
Eileen Dugan	218	Michael De La Hunt	966	Dale & Mary Dorman	1799	Wanda Lanouette	2121
Mike Dugan	218	Della Warner	966	Connie Bills	1811	Jennifer Ludwick	2142
Ben Gintee	218	William Hanni	1250	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Scott Ludwick	2142
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Bill Horning	218	Liz Avila	1259	Karl Schindhelm	1811	Bill Vance	2243
Mike Ratto	218	Jan High	1282	John Holthaus	1812	Tina Zingula	2299
Corrine Rubino	218	Darlene Pierson	1282	Don Sauter	1812	Christine Rehberg	2333
Nancy Steinberg	218	Linda Welch	1282	Mary Goodman	1857	Fred Altstadt	2347
Stockton Elks Steak And Oyster Dinner	218	Louise Cutino	1285	Robert Morris	1857	Marie Headley	2347
Ed Tempel	218	Peter Dentice	1285	Floyd "Randy" Reece	1857	Bonnie Lander	2347
Tom Watson	218	Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall	1285	Robert Wales (2)	1857	Cheryl Lander	2347
Rosanna Griffith	266	Evelyn Hinckley	1285	Robert Whittaker (2)	1857	Melvin Molina, Sr.	2347
Joe Mier	266	Perry Hinckley	1285	Kevin O'Shaughnessy	1877	Margaret Sirena	2347
Gwen Scarrone	266	Dagmar Keehan	1285	Dave Southard	1877	Jan Tomlinson	2347
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Bill Wilson	266	John Mulcahey	1285	Fritz Collier	1900	Leroy Bostick	2358
Patty Wilson	266	Robert Wekerle	1285	Evelyn Durham	1900	Robert C. Costa	2358
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Joe Reynolds	322	Al Kepler (2)	1289	Eileen Carabelos	1905	Bob Fonarow	2364
Jeff Sears	322	Ken Lewis	1289	Kim Clark	1905	Frank Francioni	2364
Anita Wiwchar	322	Dewayne Sease	1289	Bonnie Givens	1905	Richard Horton	2364
Elsbeth Bates	439	Jerry Stephens	1289	Edward Givens	1905	Thomas Turner	2364
Anthony B. "Hank" Gendusa	439	Don Vincent	1289	Phyllis Maloof	1905	Grace Elliott	2379
Susan Good	439	Ernie Wiley	1289	Patricia Zingaro	1905	John G. Elliott	2379
Judy Grupp	522	Al Fredrickson	1328	Don Holean	1913	Sylvan Berges	2432
Manny Lema	522	Daniel Stowe	1328	Fred Whitnack	1913	Bob Bevers	2432
Peter Mandon	522	Ruben Gomez	1378	Chuck O'Dey	1952	Dr. Bare Ellis	2432
Michelle Martin	522	Alice Kerney	1378	Chuck Pollard	1952	Jay Knudson	2432
Harold Patterson	522	Mary Simkins	1378	David Skelton	1952	Linda Knudson	2432
Stephen Wilson	522	James Sullivan	1378	Tommy Taylor	1968	Robert Moreda	2432
Bob Banski	559	Jim Taylor	1378	Vista Lodge Social Quarters	1968	Michael Perigo, Jr.	2432
Edie Cavett	559	Joyce Taylor	1378	Judy Wasson	1968	Eric Preinitz	2432
Andy Marella	559	Lois Woodall	1378	Mike Weiss	1968	Bob Vieira	2432
Chuck Wood, Sr.	559	Rick Flores	1436	Ross Zic	1968	Dennis Anderson	2477
Marian Wood	559	Anthony Mauro	1436	Diane Knitter	1980	Harry Brockwell	2477
Carlos Mariscal	614	Andrea "Alex" Johnson	1471	John Knitter	1980	Mildred Fratella	2477
Elisa Mariscal	614	Bob Bagwell	1474	Frank Giugliano	1991	Terry Gicking	2477
Patrick Keliinui	616	Les Edleman	1474	Matthew Hasel	1991	Richard Goldner (2)	2477
Joe Konno	616	Fred & Laura Hewins	1474	Stephen Traynor	1991	James & Judith Hamilton	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Archie McFaul	1474	Mark Urban (2)	1991	Tom Hartin	2477
Annette Zib	616	Sal Riccabona	1474	Mike Mathers	1993	Harry Isaman	2477
Nick Beers	643	Donald Baker	1487	Gary Holmes	1996	Alfred Koemmpel	2477
Martha Hall	643	Mike Stark	1487	Edward Lima	1996	Greg Metzgas	2477
Jerry Kratzke	643	Greg Peale	1497	Kim Coronado	2011	David Naccarato	2477
Seymour Ober	643	Charlene Peale	1497	Art Kelly	2011	Stephen Pence	2477
Larry Perez	643	Bruce Carmitchel	1538	Stanley Lewandowski	2011	Bernhard & Elaine Rieger	2477
Mona Perez	643	Joe & Liz Cenoz	1538	Judy Longfellow	2011	Richard Romani	2477
Sybil Trimble	643	Jim Chase	1538	Ralph Longfellow	2011	Kathy Ryder	2477
Roland Anderson	672	Scott Stephen	1538	Larry Schultheis II	2011		
Earl August	672	Greg Koester	1561	Thomas Hopfer	2013		

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## Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



### WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT ACCREDITATION?

Greetings to all Elks! Especially to those who are involved with our great Scholarship Programs. This is the time of the year when Elks Lodges throughout America are deeply involved in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program and various other scholarship programs. I am sure that by now you have come across the phrase that your MVS applicant must

be enrolling in an "Accredited Institution." What does this exactly mean?

There are six regional accrediting agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). This is not the CHEA we are all so familiar with.

These six regional accrediting agencies are: (1) the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, (2) the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, (3) the North Central Association Commission, (4) the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, (5) the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and (6) the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, there are some other accrediting agencies that evaluate Faith-Related Institutes and Career-Related schools.

Why do we have all of this accrediting activity in our schools of higher education? Simply put, these agencies accredit entire institutions. All are equally authoritative and recognize each other as such. This means that credits or degrees earned from a school accredited by one agency will be recognized by a school accredited by another agency. Also, the accreditation process acts as a quality check on all of the programs that are being offered by the participating institutions.

One of the main purposes for all of this is to protect the students and future employers from diploma or degree mills. Some degree mills blatantly offer to sell a degree and perhaps a transcript from a legitimate school. Others can be easily recognized by promising that an applicant can receive a degree in a very short period of time, sometimes as short as five days. Another type of degree mill will purport to look at an applicant's life experience and award a degree based solely on a description of this experience. An advertisement that claims a student can "earn" a degree in much less time than it would take at a legitimate institution is likely evidence that the school is a degree mill. Obviously, such diploma or degree mills are not "Accredited Institutions."

Therefore, it is important that the Lodge Scholarship Chairs check on the "standing" of the various schools our scholarship recipients are enrolling in. As mentioned previously, it protects the student, the future employer and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

## Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 rises from the ashes

Almost three years after the disastrous fire which destroyed the lodge on November 7, 2007, the newly rebuilt Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 opened its doors on September 2, 2010. A formal Dedication and Grand Opening Dinner was held on Saturday, October 2, 2010, when Grand Lodge Officers led by Manny Gomez, PER, PDDGER, followed Grand Lodge Ritual and formally dedicated the new Lodge building. Approximately 300 people from the Lodge and the Southeast District attended the event.

The Lodge hosted its annual seniors' Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the new Lodge on Wednesday, November 23rd. Tickets had been distributed at the local Senior Citizens Centers and were also available at the Lodge office. 450 seniors took part at the dinner which was served in two settings. About 50 Elks and Elk Ladies volunteered to prepare and serve the dinner. In addition, students from Elsinore High School helped, thereby fulfilling part of their Community Service requirements. Boy Scouts from Troop No. 322, which the Lodge sponsors, also assisted in serving the seniors.

## 60 Year (\$60) Anniversary Donors (Continued from page 16)

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Bill Sternberg	2477	Moneda Ruble	2543
Faye Stevens	2477	Gene Saffell	2543
Kira Wagner	2477	Rick Sanchez	2543
James V. Wallace	2477	Alan Schuler	2543
Tom Walsh	2477	Jerry Stark	2543
Robert Wyman	2477	Ed Torres	2543
James Vandenberg	2492	Ron Warner	2543
Michael Balster	2504	Angie Welsh	2543
Luise Parish	2510	Diannia Morrison	2577
Rik Brown	2543	Rosie Turner	2577
Patricia Caniglia	2543	Alicia King	2599
Ray Caston	2543	Steve Sidebottom	2599
Ann Connelly	2543	Vern Ungerecht	2616
Bruce Davis	2543	Bill Threhane	2639
Bernie Duddy	2543	Nina Lilienthal-Murphy	2655
Margaret Falda	2543	Patrick J. Murphy	2655
Jennifer Finley	2543	Yvonne Gulliford	2698
Joan Haugen	2543	Debra Murgia	2698
John Ingersoll	2543	Vicki Robinette	2698
Bill James	2543	Cory Black	2733
Paul Kassell	2543	Carol Harter	2733
John Levey	2543	Jerry Harter	2733
Mike Lute	2543	Joe Thompson	2733
Gaetano Marcello	2543	Maggie Vandergon	2733
Greg Merritt	2543	Kathy Rogers	2790
Harry Nyles	2543	Rick Christensen	2801
Donna Parker	2543	Tom Jensen	2801
Emma Peralta	2543	John Merry	2801
Pat Pounds	2543	Hallie Sebanc	2801
Moon Rash	2543	Bud Williams	2801
Dennis Rasmussen	2543		

## Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655 sponsors pre-school vision screening

The Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655 Leading Knight and Lodge Major Project Chairperson, Nina Lilienthal-Murphy, arranged the first CHEMPI Pre-School Vision Screening in the Great Northwest District and the Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655. Fortunately, none of the children tested were symptomatic of any vision issues.

The parents were greatly appreciative of the work done by the CHEA Pre-School Vision Screener, Leeanne Cadwallader. One parent said, "This is a great service that the Elks are providing for the community and it is good that my child's vision is good and that we do not have to worry!"



Pre-School Vision Screener Leeanne Cadwallader checks the eye movements of a young boy

## CHEA Board of Trustees

By David Williford, CHEA BOT Chairman



This article will acquaint the membership with the organization and purpose of the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) and the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees (BOT).

The purpose of CHEA is spelled out in the Preamble to our Constitution, which is too lengthy to print here. A quick summary of the points in the Preamble would include encouraging patriotism, charity, good fellowship and promoting the programs of the Grand Lodge.

The organization of CHEA is based on the membership of all Lodges in the States of California and Hawaii. Associate membership is available to Lodges in the Philippines and Guam. The Association is required to have annual meetings and mid-term conferences as determined by the Trustees.

CHEA has elected Officers as follows: President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a VP from each District and a Board of Trustees. Officers appointed by the President are Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, Organist and Tiler. The Trustees are empowered to create and fill the position of the Executive Director.

The CHEA Trustees have general charge of the property of the Association and the direction of its affairs. The Board is composed of nine Trustees, elected for three year terms; three Trustees being elected each year.

Trustees represent two Districts (in one case, three Districts), and the office alternates between the Districts involved.

Trustees have duties and powers that are similar to Lodge Trustees. Some of the duties are: control of the finances, adopt the budget, submit budget for approval, report at conventions, set the per-capita assessments, arrange for audit of the finances, oversee meetings of CHEA, and remove Officers for good cause.

The Board is structured by a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Board has members on various sub-committees as follows: Budget, Insurance and Safety, Salaries and Benefits, and Investments.

The Board receives valuable input from the Meetings Committee regarding potential host Lodges for the Annual Conventions and Mid-Term Conferences.

The CHEA Trustees also receive outstanding assistance and guidance from the Executive Director, Past Association President Tim Martin and his Fresno office staff. The budget proposals received from the Director are extremely accurate, professional and well thought out.

This is my third year as a CHEA Trustee, and it has been a very rewarding experience. I've been privileged to serve with some outstanding Elks and I'm sure that next year's new members will continue the tradition.

If any member has questions concerning the CHEA Trustees, please contact me or any member of the Board.

## Northeast District salutes hospitalized veterans

Six Northeast District Lodges paid their annual visit to hospitalized veterans at the VA facility in Reno, Nevada. They served lunch and shared fellowship with more than 100 veterans and staff. 38 Elks and friends cooked, served lunch and spent time socializing with the patients.

The Elks were thanked for "the wonderful meal you provided to the long-term residents in the Community Living Center" in a letter from the Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center. The letter also noted that "The 'non-traditional' meal was greatly appreciated by the veterans. The camaraderie provided by the Elks and friends made this a wonderful social event with the residents truly appreciating the special attention they received."

## Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 picnics with veterans

The Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 held its 30<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans' Picnic this year for the veterans at the Westwood Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles. Approximately 250 veterans attended the picnic and were served hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and fruit by 28 volunteer workers. A band was also present to the delight of the veterans. The combination of good food and music created a wonderful afternoon for everyone present and some of the vets showed off their dancing moves.

Each year in observance of Veterans Day, two busloads of veterans visit the Lodge where they are treated to a good meal and enjoy music and dancing and receive goody packages to take back to the hospital. Each year a Christmas party is held at the hospital where each veteran receives gifts and is served hot dogs and sweets while they are entertained with bingo and raffles. In addition, at Easter each veteran receives an Easter basket.

Cliff Weatherby (recently deceased Chairman) and his wife, Julie, and all of the wonderful volunteers over 30 years have done an exceptional and outstanding service to approximately 40,000 plus veterans. Note that the VA Hospital did not want us to publicize the names of the veterans in the photo.



Front row, L to R: Veteran, Co-Chairperson Michelle Ritter, Veteran, Chairperson Julie Weatherby and Lady Veteran. Back row, L to R: ER Eldon Johns, Co-Chairman Gary Cooper and Veteran.

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## National Veterans Service

By Samuel Brown, CHEA National Veterans Service Chairman



What is a Veteran? A Veteran is an American who gets a lump in their throat when they see our beloved flag. A Veteran will fight to protect that beautiful bunting from those who would dare to dishonor it. This is just one meaning of "Veteran."

The members of the National Veterans Service Committee are joined by many other Elks in donating many hours of their time and driving many miles in order to provide services to our Veterans. Every year, we seek nominations for the "Veteran Volunteer" award which will be awarded to a male and female member whose names are selected from the nominees submitted by the Lodges. Each Lodge may submit a written nomination to place the name of a male and female Lodge member in consideration for this award. The nomination should not exceed 300 words in length and should detail how the nominees have "gone above and beyond" in providing services to our Veterans. Work with your Lodge or District National Veterans Service Chairman for information on how to submit your nomination.

Every Lodge has done something for our Veterans. It is time to document all of the work that has been done over the past year. The Veterans Remembrance Report is the proper way to do so. It provides a means of reporting all of the volunteer work (their miles driven, volunteer hours, etc.) and the other services or donations that were provided by the Lodge. This report is due to your District Deputy or District Veterans Chairman by January 15, 2011. All Lodges should complete this report – don't feel that your Lodge is too small or hasn't done enough, or that it is too large and has done too much – please take the time to submit a report so that your District can achieve 100% participation in submitting the report.

## Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 honors Pearl Harbor survivors

The Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 recently honored three USS Arizona Pearl Harbor survivors at a Wednesday night dinner at the Lodge.

Lonnie D. Cook served 8 years in the US Navy, attaining the Chief Gunners Mate rating. Lonnie is currently 89 years of age and traveled to Santa Clara from Tulsa, OK. Clarendon "Clare" R. Hetrick served in the US Navy for 10 years and another 10 years in the US Air Force as a Master Sergeant. Clare is also 89 years of age and traveled to Santa Clara from Bullhead City, AZ. Louis A. Conter served in the US Navy for 28 years, retiring as a LCDR. Louis is 87 years of age and traveled from Grass Valley, CA.



L to R: Clarendon Hetrick, Lonnie Cook, Jack Lasserot, ER, Louis Conter, Bonnie Lander, PER, PR Chairman

## President Hugh and Dale Scanlon visit WCCD

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 hosted the visitation of CHEA President Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale Scanlon to the West Central Coast District. Hugh and Dale were accompanied by their daughter, Shannon and 9 Association Vice Presidents, their spouses and several other members and guests.

The group enjoyed lunch at the Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 and dinner at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 on Friday. Saturday began with breakfast at the Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443, followed by a tour of the Commemorative Air Force Base, Southern California Wing. President Hugh enjoyed a flight in a WWII era T-6 Trainer piloted by Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289's Chaplain, Albert Kepler.

The President's entourage then toured the Oxnard Regional Fire Academy, where construction is nearly complete on a new state-of-the-art 22,000 square foot training facility. The West Central Coast District, on behalf of the Simi Valley, Ventura and Oxnard Lodges, donated \$1,200 to the Regional Fire Academy at dinner that evening. In attendance at President Scanlon's official visitation dinner, held at the Simi Valley Elks Lodge, were: 5 Past Association Presidents, 12 of 19 Association Vice Presidents, numerous Grand Lodge and Association Officers, other Elks and guests. The weekend ended with breakfast and a car show at the Simi Valley Elks Lodge.



Hugh Scanlon and Dale on top of the fire truck, 9 Association Vice Presidents and their spouses with Oxnard Regional Fire Academy personnel

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 presents "Spirit of America" award

On November 12, 2010, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 held their first annual "Spirit of America" award ceremony. This award recognized Ms. Abby Sunderland, a dynamic 16-year old who recently attempted to set a record for being the youngest person to circumnavigate the world by herself in a sailboat. You may recall that her voyage was cut short when she had to be rescued in the western Indian Ocean after a rogue wave severely damaged her sailboat.

Abby was the featured speaker at the dinner and described her experiences on the voyage. This inaugural event kicked off what will become the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge's annual "Spirit of America" award ceremony, dedicated to recognizing world-class accomplishments by outstanding youth in our community. It is hoped that this Lodge event will be a precursor to similar events as we hope that other Lodges will adopt this concept for similar events to be held across the nation.

In other Lodge News, the "El Konejo Kampers" donated \$750 to the ENF, \$1,352 to the Lodge's Christmas Basket Program, and \$750 to "Manna" – a local food bank. The Ladies group received 3 Century Club certificates recently as they donate \$2,000 annually to the Major Project. The Lodge also donated \$1,000 to the ENF through monies raised by a special dinner event coordinated by PDDGERS Richard Goldner and Tom Ryder. The Lodge also raised \$1,500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by holding a special 5-course Italian dinner that was prepared by the entire John and Marva D'Ambrogio family.

### Beautiful Elk Sculpture or ENF Quilt could be yours!

The beautiful sculpture of an Elk, called "Fleet of Foot," was created by Bill Hyde. The statue is enclosed in a glass case which is also included with the sculpture. The case is 25 ½ inches high, 29 inches wide and 15 inches deep. Bill donated the sculpture for the benefit of the Piggy Bank. Tickets are available (7 tickets for \$5.00) through your Lodge Office. The drawing for the sculpture will be held at the Association Convention which will take place on May 18-21, 2011 in Fresno, CA.



This beautiful quilt was created by Nancy Yeffa (on the left) and Venita Brazier, PER (on the right). It is approximately 4 feet by 5 feet. They donated it for the benefit of the Elks National Foundation. Tickets are available at \$5.00 apiece through your District ENF Chairman. The drawing for the quilt will be held at President Hugh Scanlon's homecoming visitation dinner at the Glendale Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 5th, 2011.



### Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 serves veterans and delivers dictionaries

The Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 hosted their 8th annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner. PER Bill Whitcher and his Lady Carol furnished the food. Exalted Ruler Pat Mealy and his crew then prepared and served over 64 meals. There were 17 veterans and 8 widows of veterans who joined Lodge members, friends and families to enjoy the meal. During the meal, donations were collected from those present. The donations collected that evening will be used to help create Christmas Food Baskets. Last year, the Lodge gave out 12 Christmas Food Baskets and hopes to give 15 baskets this year, with 12 going to veterans. In other veterans-related activities, the Lodge joined the Greenville American Legion Post No. 568 for their annual Veterans Day Parade. This is the only parade in the county. PER Kevin Correia carried the U.S. Flag, Troy Williams carried the P.O.W. flag, Al Smith and Doug Ely carried the Elks Banner, and P.E.R. Bill Whitcher walked behind.

In other news, on behalf of the Quincy Elks Lodge, PER Bill Whitcher donated and delivered 30 dictionaries to the Plumas Charter School, Greenville Elementary School, and the Taylorsville Elementary School. This is the 5th year that the Lodge has participated in the Dictionary Program.

### Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 donates to "Captive Hearts"

The Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 learned of the existence of "Captive Hearts" from Brad Moody, a Lodge member who is a regular donor to that organization. Captive Hearts is a non-profit organization that brings healing to hurting humanity through education, recovery services and counseling. Their primary mission is to provide these service offerings to women, but they have now opened their doors to helping men in need. They have ministries that help jail inmates, those with drug and alcohol abuse problems, as well as helping other needy people with a food bank. The Lodge decided to help the organization by recently donating \$750 to Judy Boen, the President and founder of Captive Hearts – this donation will assist with their new Recovery Home that was recently opened in Grover Beach.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$250 to the Pismo Beach Police Officers Association to help with their Thanksgiving dinner. The Lodge also donated dictionaries to St. Patrick's and Valley View schools.



Tony Ulibarri, PER (blue polo shirt on the left) and John Balster (green polo shirt, dark jacket on the right) present dictionaries to St. Patrick's school third grade students.