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Happy New Year!

As we enter 2012, we hope that the New Year brings blessings and prosperity into your lives, the lives of the children that CHEMPI assists, and to all of the members of the Association. The Mid-Term Conference was another success – the Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643 did a fantastic job in hosting the Conference. Our thanks go to Jim Beem and the members of his team for organizing the many informative and enjoyable sessions.

Exalted Rulers session attendees.

First Vice President's wife, Shirley Echtemacht, sings the national anthem at the ENF dinner.

Leading Knights session attendees.

Lodge Officers Spouses session.

President Wayne and Coleen Howard at the ENF dinner.

Bill Williford right (Piggy Bank Chairman) and Bob Farrens left (Piggy Bank Vice Chairman) pose with the Dale Earnhardt Jr. leather jacket.

Some Association VPs and audience listen to keynote speaker.

PGER Ken Moore and his wife Rosemary attend the ENF dinner.

Tom Brazier (Honorary Past Association President, Grand Forum Member, GER designate) receives a gift of a 49-er gold miner statue.

Past Association President Richard Owen receives an honorary ENF Founders Donation certificate.

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 donates to Veterans Memorial

The Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 Veterans Service Committee made a \$500 donation to each of two local community projects that honor our veterans. One project is the "Anderson Veterans' Walk of Honor" which is under construction in the City of Anderson (located just south of Redding). The Anderson Veterans' Walk of Honor (AVWH) President and City of Anderson Councilman, James Yarbrough received the \$500 check from the Lodge's Veterans Services Co-Chairman Roger Grenier and Exalted Ruler Pat Carr at the AVWH site. The other project is a bandstand/gazebo in Lake Redding Park in the City of Redding. This project is being spearheaded by the local Marine Corps League.

In other news, the Lodge distributed 576 dictionaries to 3rd grade classes in ten local schools around Shasta County. This project was funded by a \$1,000 ENF Gratitude Grant and is the work of our ENF Chairman, Ron Asher, and his committee. The Lodge also joined the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and other charitable organizations in the annual "CAST-4-Kids" event on Shasta Lake. That event treats over 60 disabled and disadvantaged kids to a morning of fishing on Lake Shasta. The boats are provided by local community members, including members of the Redding Elks Lodge. The kids enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers after they fished. The Lodge's BBQ trailer is an integral part of these festivities and this year we cooked over 200 hot dogs.



L to R: Roger Grenier, James Yarbrough, Pat Carr

Bakersfield Elks Lodge No. 266 receives ENF Grant

The Bakersfield Elks Lodge No. 266 is proud to report that they received a \$1,000 ENF Grant from the Elks National Foundation. These Grants are available to any Lodge that has met or exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per-capita in donations to the ENF. (Additional information on ENF grants can be found in the CHEA ENF Chairman's article elsewhere in this issue – Editor).

Patty Wilson, the Lodge's ENF Chairman, presented a check to Carlos Baldovinos, a representative from the Bakersfield Rescue Mission. The money was designated for the Women's Division.

In other news, on October 30th and 31st, 2011, the Lodge participated in the "Safe Halloween Night" held at our local museum. "Elroy the Elk" joined the local Fire Department Explorer Post No. 911, the Bakersfield Emblem Club and other Lodge members in giving out Drug Awareness coloring books and candy to over 3,000 children. The Elks participation in this event was chaired by Vanessa Tallman, the Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman.

San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 provisions schools

The San Mateo Elks Lodge No 1112 Community Affairs "Elk's in Action" program once again reached out into our community and surprised eight local elementary schools in the cities of San Mateo, Burlingame and Millbrae, California with thousands of dollars worth of paper and pencils for the students.

Since many local schools are struggling to provide classroom supplies because their school district budgets are being reduced; and because many families are unable to provide these classroom staples as well, these donations were greatly appreciated. The smiles on the principals and teachers faces were as big as the smiles exhibited by the students.



Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 pays tribute to fallen Marine

The Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 joined hundreds of West Hawaii residents lining the Queen Kaahumanu highway on August 18, 2011, to pay tribute to Waimea Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher Camero, who gave the ultimate sacrifice. They participated in a silent honor guard to pay their respects, bid farewell and show support. There was no pageantry - only hands saluting, holding flags or resting over hearts.

Serving with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camero died on July 12, 2011 of injuries sustained in action against enemy forces in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He is the first killed in action veteran interred at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery in its nearly 14-year history.

As they awaited the funeral procession, PER Allen Nance, ER Barbara Nance, members Merrily Bass and Muriel Boot decorated their car and waved their American flags. They were soon joined by other Elk members in this sign of respect and prayer to the family and friends of Lance Cpl. Camero. God bless our fallen comrade and God bless our troops.

In other news, the Lodge hosted their First Annual Kona Elks Family Fun and Charity Event on Sunday, June 26, 2011. Included in the events were: a farmers market, bake sale, food booth, children's booth, dunk tank and the world's longest water slide. All proceeds from this carnival-like event went toward the Kona Elks' fundraising for a team to participate in the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Organizers and officers Judy Alderson, Leah Snyder and Muriel Boot credited their passion for the Relay for Life from supporting family members and friends who have faced cancer, are now going through treatment, or who have died from the disease.

At the Relay for Life event in Kona on July 9, 2011, the Kona Elks Lodge presented a check for over \$3,000 to the Relay for Life committee and received a plaque that awarding them a Bronze Team status. The Lodge is already planning their second Annual Family Fun event.

President's Message

"Elks Live Aloha"

Aloha and Happy New Year from your President and First Lady. Coleen and I continue to travel around California, Hawaii and Arizona spreading Aloha. We are enjoying the warm hospitality and aloha our Elks Ohana (family) has in their hearts.



By the time you receive this, the Holidays will have passed and we will be on our way into 2012. Where has the year gone? Coleen and I look forward to representing you in 2012 and we will do that to the very best of our ability.

You should keep in mind that the year is not finished and we have much more work to do in order to accomplish our goals. Keep having activities for your members - especially for your new members. The more activities you have the more your Lodge will grow and prosper. Teamwork is vital to our Ohana of Elks. As long as we have a strong team, the Elks will grow and prosper and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will remain strong.

Our California-Hawaii Elks Major Project needs your help. The Major Project hires therapists and vision screeners to carry out our commitments to our children to help them Walk, Talk, See and Play. For the remainder of this fraternal year, plan your Lodge activities to include Piggy Bank (Major Project) fund raisers so that we can continue to provide quality services to the children. I am pleased to report that our Association has reached the ENF per-capita donation goal that was set by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Now, let's keep up the good work and do the same for our Major Project - reaching a goal of \$3M dollars for a third year in a row!

We have several more visits to make and we thank all of you who welcome us as we travel throughout California and Hawaii. We hope to see many more of you along the way. We encourage each of you to continue your active involvement in the activities of not only your Lodge, but also in your District and in the Association.

For those who attended our Mid-Term Conference in Riverside, California, I thank you for your attendance and participation as there was much to learn. It is important that those who attended the conference take back to the members in their Lodge the new and updated information that was presented. Please keep in mind that not all Elks were able to attend the conference and you should share the knowledge that you acquired at the conference with them. I hope you enjoyed not only the presentations but also the friendship and camaraderie of other Elks who attended.

Coleen and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends as we continue to travel throughout California and Hawaii spreading Aloha.

Fraternally,
Wayne Howard, President

CHEMPI 44-cent Postage Stamps

Please purchase CHEMPI postage stamps and make a donation to the Major Project at the same time! Sheets of 24 \$0.44 stamps are available for \$11.00 per sheet (the extra \$0.44 of your purchase price goes to the Major Project).

Send your check for \$11.00 (per sheet) and your name and mailing address information (no P.O. boxes, please) to Richard Goldner, CHEMPI Board of Trustees, 2658 Riata Court, Camarillo, CA 93012-9337.

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President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

January 1, 2012
New Year's Celebration - Pasadena

January 20-22, 2012
South District (Jamboree)

January 27-29, 2012
Northwest District

February 3-5, 2012
Southeast District

February 11-12, 2012
Southeast Bowling Tournament

February 17-19, 2012
South Central Coast District

February 24-25, 2012
Central District

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2012 Mesquite Elks Charity Golf Tournament

Even though the weather was a bit 'warm and humid,' a fun time was had by all at the 2011 Mesquite Elks Charity Invitational Tournament held in Mesquite, Nevada on June 14-15, 2011. There were a total of 92 golfers from Area 7 (Elks and guests from Arizona, Nevada, Utah and California-Hawaii). The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project received a donation of \$1,575.00 from this charity tournament! This tournament is just another great way to raise money for CHEMPI and having fun doing it.

Mark your calendars now to play in this tournament on June 11-13, 2012. The entry fee is \$170.00 per golfer which includes a Monday welcome party, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday steak dinner and Wednesday luncheon buffet. If you bring a guest who is a non-golfer, just add \$30.00 to the total. Hotel accommodations will be at the Casa Blanca (for \$44.78, including tax, double occupancy). Make your reservations at the Casa Blanca at 1-877-438-2929. Refer to Mesquite Elks Charity Golf Tournament Group #16903 when making reservations.

The CHEA website (www.chea-elks.org) has the entry application and tournament details. If you do not have access to the internet, then contact Glenn or Margo Hood, Golf Chairmen, 702-218-9030 or Lodge 702-345-2811 or E-mail: elks golf2811@yahoo.com.

Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



Does your organizational climate welcome creative thinking, problem solving, decision-making, communication, and coordination? The last three months of the Lodge year are the most important and, of those three months, the most important month is February. It is when we elect new Lodge leaders and create a climate for membership growth. In the words of Peter Drucker, "Management is doing the right things, Leadership is doing the things right."

Management is the skill in climbing the ladder of success. Leadership determines whether or not the ladder is leaning against the right wall."

An effective Leader must choose the right Leadership Team, and in so doing, the Leader must be aware of the following six factors, which contribute to a positive creative climate. (1) Challenge: The emotional involvement of the members of the organization in its operations and goals. In a high-challenge climate, people find joy and meaning in their positions and as a result, invest a great deal of energy in it. In a low-challenge environment, people feel alienated and indifferent. (2) Freedom: The independence in behavior exerted by the people in the organization. In a climate with a good amount of freedom, people talk about work with each other to give and receive information and discuss problems and alternatives. They plan and take initiatives of different kinds and make decisions. A low-freedom environment produces people who are passive, and fixated by the rules of the organization. (3) Idea Support: The way new ideas are treated. In a supportive climate, all involved receive ideas and suggestions in an attentive and positive way. Possibilities for trying out new ideas are created. In a low support organization, "no" is the prevailing response. (4) Trust: The emotional safety in relationships. When there is a strong level of trust, everyone in the organization feels comfortable in putting ideas and opinions forward. Communications are open and straightforward. When trust is missing, people are suspicious of each other and can expect to be ignored and put upon. (5) Ability: The skill to provide direction by establishing clear goals, communicating those goals, involving people in setting goals and effective delegation of responsibility to others. (6) Character: A great leader possesses the qualities of being honest, treats others with respect, follows the Golden Rule, takes responsibility for his/her own actions, plays by the rules, treats all people fairly, and cares for those in need.

Leading Knights: if you follow the above six characteristics to develop a Creative Climate for Membership Growth, you will undoubtedly have a successful year.

The real winners of this world are always part of a Team. A Team is only successful when it is under the direction of a Great Leader. The best of talent falls short without a personally motivated, inspirational, visionary Leader. As an Exalted Ruler, you are the leader/coach. Your team relies heavily on you to direct them to victory. A great Exalted Ruler accepts the above challenges and thrives on them. Coach Johnny Wooden, the Great Wizard of Westwood, once said, "Ability may get you to the top, but it takes Character to keep you there."

I offer my gratitude to Cliff Said, DDGER, Iowa State Membership Chairman, for his contribution.

"Elks Live Aloha"

Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 hosts a lunch for veterans and public servants

The Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 hosted a free lunch for veterans and public servants – with representatives from the fire department, police department, nurses and paramedics.

The luncheon was preceded by the posting of the Colors by a local Color Guard group that was made up of Vietnam War Veterans. Musical entertainment was provided by a talented local family of trumpet players who performed three patriotic tunes.

Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 hosts a Court of Honor

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Nikolas Smallldridge on October 22, 2011. Nikolas received a Certificate of Achievement, an American Flag and a \$100 donation toward the purchase of his Eagle Scout ring.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nikolas organized the collection of \$5,000 worth of baby supplies for the House of Ruth Pregnancy Care Center in Arizona.

Nikolas had just received his pilot's license at the age of 17, and decided that part of his project would be to fly the supplies to the House of Ruth Pregnancy Center by himself. He collected so much material that it took two planes to carry them. A large crowd enjoyed the special ceremony and reception that followed his Court of Honor proceedings.



L to R: Mrs. Smallldridge (Nikolas's mother), Jim Justus (ER), Nikolas Smallldridge, Mr. Smallldridge (Nikolas's father), and Mick Mistretta (Scout liaison for the Lodge)

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 PER Association receives ENF award

The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 was recently recognized by the Elks National Foundation as the recipient of an "Honorary Founder Award" Certificate. This certificate is given in recognition of the PER Association's donation of \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation.

On behalf of the PER Association, Jerry Harwin, PER, received the Certificate from Carolyn Shupe, the ENF Chairman for the Lodge. PER Harwin is 100 years old and is the oldest member of the Lodge. The presentation was done at the annual Lodge PER party.



Carolyn Shupe, Jerry Harwin

Elks National Foundation

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA ENF Chairman



One wish that I have for this year is for us to increase our members' understanding of the Elks National Foundation so that they can better appreciate how the ENF helps their communities. I believe that one way to do this is to personalize Elks National Foundation. At our Mid-Term Conference, I introduced a new definition for the letters ENF: "Elks Nurturing Families." Each year, the Elks National Foundation gives back to the California-Hawaii Elks Association an average of \$1.50 for every dollar that its Association members donated to the ENF in the preceding year.

Consider that individual families make up our communities. Realize that your donations to the ENF will help your neighbor's child stay off drugs, thus preserving a family – thanks to the Foundation's Drug Awareness Program. Appreciate the possibility that the ENF could help pay your grandson's college expenses via a Legacy Scholarship. Be thankful that your best friend's daughter could receive an ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship that could significantly help pay for her college expenses. Help your third grade child use a special edition of a dictionary that is designed for his age group – provided by your Lodge's Dictionary Program, funded by ENF Promise Grants. Be thankful that the Elks Lodges are providing care packages to the servicemen and women who are defending our nation overseas – funded by ENF Gratitude Grants. Thus, the ENF and the Elks help our communities remain healthy by helping its families to be strong and vibrant.

Last year, the ENF provided 500 Promise Grants nationally, and the Lodges in our Association received 29 of them. We received 8 of 75 available Freedom Grants to be used for their Veterans programs. We also received 5 out of 51 available Impact Grants from the ENF. Great job! All CA-HI Lodges are eligible for the Gratitude Grant of \$2,000 – once your Lodge's ENF per-capita equals or surpasses \$4.50. This \$2,000 Gratitude Grant is yours to use to impact your community – consider the publicity for your Lodge that this could generate – and possibly new members!

At our November 2011 Mid-Term Conference, each of the District Vice Presidents announced their District's dollar and per capita contribution amounts to the ENF. With the amounts already posted in Chicago, combined with what was turned in on that weekend, the grand total announced for CHEA was \$466,742.05 with a per capita amount of \$5.36.

The top 3 Districts and Lodges in total contributions are:

- 1st Place District: Orange Coast (\$51,455.35)
- 2nd Place District: West Central Coast (\$50,562.48)
- 3rd Place District: North Central (\$50,006.39)
- 1st Place Lodge: Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 (\$33,063.65)
- 2nd Place Lodge: Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 (\$15,202.00)
- 3rd Place Lodge: Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 (\$14,022.96)

The top 3 Districts and Lodges in per-capita contributions are:

- 1st Place District: South Central Coast (\$13,158)
- 2nd Place District: North Central (\$9,552)
- 3rd Place District: Orange Coast (\$7,203)
- 1st Place Lodge: Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 (\$28,772)
- 2nd Place Lodge: Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 (\$24,687)
- 3rd Place Lodge: Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 (\$24,656)

Thank you to every one who has contributed thus far. Since you all know me - you won't be surprised to hear that I would like to have more money donated to ENF so that we can continue our programs. Remember: "Elks Nurturing Families" through the Elks National Foundation and YOU.

Northeast District serves lunch to veterans

Members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Northeast District served lunch to 135 veterans and staff at the Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, during their annual visit. The veterans really enjoyed the non-traditional hospital meal which included grilled hamburgers and sausages with all the trimmings. Elks teamed up with hospital staff to deliver lunch to those who were unable to come to the dining area.

Before, during, and after lunch, Elk members enjoyed hearing about the experiences the veterans had during their active duty days which ranged from World War II to the Vietnam War. The camaraderie provided by the Elks and friends made this a wonderful social event with the residents truly appreciating the special attention they received.

In the photograph, Ed Bielser, a Korean War veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force, and is a long term resident of the Reno VA hospital, shares military stories with Larry Rogers, a U.S. Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War. Larry is the Chairman of the Northeast District National Veterans Service Committee.



L to R: Ed Bielser and Larry Rogers

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 provides backpacks to school children

Through the efforts of Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740, 36 backpacks filled with school supplies were collected and distributed to KinCare kids. KinCare is a division of the California Family Life Center (CFLC) - whose goal is to keep kids, whose lives have been disrupted due to drugs, alcohol, crime, violence, or abuse, in their families. More than 5 million children in the United States are being raised by their grandparents, and many more are being cared for by extended family members. CFLC's KinCare has helped almost 1,400 children and relatives throughout Riverside County this past year. The Lodge helps KinCare with their back-to-school program and also hosts a Christmas Party for the children every year.



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Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 donates Elk mount to Joplin Elks Lodge

At the recent Elks National Convention in Phoenix, the outgoing Youth Activities Chairman, Otto Sales, from Missouri, and incoming Chairman Doug Larsen, from California, got to talking about the Joplin Missouri Elks Lodge having their building and most, if not all, of its contents destroyed in a tornado.

Doug recalled that his home Lodge in Salinas might have had an extra Elk mount. He contacted PDDGER Genio Bonifacino, who located the Elk mount. Genio brought a proposal to donate the Elk mount to the Joplin Lodge before the Salinas Elks Lodge's Board of Trustees for their approval, and then to the floor of the Salinas Elks Lodge for approval by the membership. It was approved.

Don Mergaert, a member of the Salinas Lodge, and the owner of Blue Ribbon Movers, picked up the mount, packaged it, and it is now awaiting transportation to Joplin at no cost to either Lodge.



L to R: Genio Bonifacino, ER Ernest Howard, and Board of Trustees Chairman George Sallay.

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 helps a Boy Scout Troop earn a merit badge

The Secretary of Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901, Gary "Woody" Corda, obtained an ENF Promise Grant that was used to help Boy Scouts from Troop No. 2 obtain their "Cooking" merit badge. The Grant provided the funds for the Troop to plan, prepare and clean up after they served a dinner on July 18, 2011.

Eighteen Scouts earned their "cooking" merit badge by serving this meal to 32 elderly Lodge members, spouses and widows of deceased members. Two additional veterans, from the California Veterans Home in Yountville, CA were also present. The Lodge's Executive Chef, Scout Leader, and Lodge member, Rocky Packkard supervised the event. The Scouts learned how to plan the meal, purchase the food, set the tables, follow recipe directions, and analyze and use metric measurements. One dinner guest celebrated her 88th birthday that evening.

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held an ice cream social

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held an ice cream Sunday social for local children. The Lodge served free ice cream sundaes to around 30 children and their families.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 raises \$30K for CHEMPI

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444's "Run-A-Ways" RV club held its 31st annual Western Night Dinner Dance. Over 200 campers, Elk members and guests filled the Elks Lodge for the always sold-out event. This annual weekend event is expected to raise in excess of \$30,000 for the Elks Major Project.

Serving in his sixth year as "Run-A-Ways Wagon Master" and chairing the event, was Pat Martino, PER, and his wife, Barbara. Pat and Barbara were assisted by 65 RV club members. Girl Scout Troop No. 261 helped serve.

Emcee Andy Costello welcomed the guests and thanked them for their support. He announced that the proceeds of the event would again go to the Purple Pig. "Every year the party just gets better," said event chair Martino. "It's a whole lot of work, but getting to meet this year's Theme Child at the Annual Association Convention, and knowing that the money we earn goes to help other children like her, makes all the work we do a labor of love."



L to R: Shelly Zeiler, Donna Wild, Mary Ann Costello, Jason and Naomi Spence

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 makes over 50 quilts for the VA Hospital

Over the past six months, approximately ten dedicated women from the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 Emblem Club made flannel quilts to be donated to local hospitalized veterans. The collective team effort yielded an impressive stack of fifty-four colorful quilts, each uniquely sewn together from assorted fabric purchased by the ladies when they could find it on sale at nearby stores. Most of the quilts were made on one of five vintage Singer "Featherweight" sewing machines that were provided and maintained by Bill Flaherty, a member of the Fullerton Elks Lodge who also worked for Singer Manufacturing Company decades ago.

Members of the Emblem Club and the Elks Lodge delivered the quilts to hospitalized veterans at the Long Beach VA Hospital. Half of the quilts were sized for hospital beds, and the other half were sized for wheelchairs. Each quilt was tagged with a note thanking the veterans for their years of service and sacrifice. "My brother was in the military, and it wasn't until after he returned home from his deployment that my family realized none of us had taken the time to send him a letter while he was away. We had all assumed that someone else was writing to him. I still feel guilty about how my brother must have felt, so I wanted to be a part of something to be sure that the hospitalized veterans are never left alone to feel the same way," explained Nancy Flaherty.

Piggy Bank

By Bill Williford, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is ready to resume building their Piggy Bank funds for another \$3 Million Dollar Exalted Ruler's March. Thanks to all of you who participated in the drawing at the Mid-Term Conference or otherwise supported our table in the lobby of the Riverside Community Center. We generated over \$1,500.00 for the Major Project!

The Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 has donated a Dale Earnhardt, Jr. NASCAR jacket to be used as a fund-raiser that will benefit the Major Project. It is a Wilson leather jacket; size XL, new, with an original price of \$300. We will be selling tickets for \$5 each. A drawing will be held at the 2012 Association Convention in San Diego. This will be similar to last year's Elk sculpture drawing, as we will ask each Lodge to sell tickets. All proceeds will go to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.



On the weekend after the Mid Term Conference, we attended President Wayne Howard's visitation to the West Central District at the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614. At the dinner Saturday night, Exalted Ruler Ernest Howard was "fined" \$20.00 for the Piggy Bank, as he had allegedly failed to introduce his wife the night before. He voluntarily raised his "fine" to \$50.00, causing a veritable stampede to assist him in meeting his obligation. The total raised for the Purple Pig was \$221.00! Spontaneity is fun and it works! Just a hint.

The Leading Knight Challenge will be offered again in 2012. This contest challenges each Leading Knight to raise additional donations for the Purple Pig between March 1, 2012 and May 17, 2012 (the Thursday of the Convention). There will be trophies for the leading Lodge and for the leading District. The contest details will be mailed to all Leading Knights and Lodge Secretaries shortly after the New Year (calendar year, not Lodge year).

Goodsearch.com has initiated another feature. Arrangements have been made with several dining establishments to donate a percentage of meal proceeds to your selected charity (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project) when you dine out. See www.goodsearch.com for details.

Have you been to the CHEA website (www.chea-elks.org) and established your recurring donation to CHEMPI? Or made your 52 Club or Century Club contribution? The year is rapidly going by! Remember: "A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play."

Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 honors fireman

On August 4, 2011, the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 recognized Jeff Venezia of the Santa Monica Fire Department as the 2011 Fireman of the Year. Jeff was accompanied by his Battalion Chief and Engine Captain at the ceremony. The South Central Coast DDGER, Bill Penton, was on hand for this special presentation. The Lodge presented Firefighter Venezia with a commendation from the Santa Monica Mayor, Richard Bloom, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lodge and an embroidered American Flag.

In other news, Margy Pickett, Exalted Ruler of the Santa Monica Elks Lodge 906, presented an American Flag to Airman Jordan Rincon. Airman Rincon had just completed Services School in Ft. Lee, Virginia. Airman Rincon was joined by her father, George Rincon, a Navy veteran, and Julia Rincon, her 98-year old grandmother for the presentation on Father's Day 2011.

Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 honors new Eagle Scout

The Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Cole Berber. The Lodge sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 2274, so they were very pleased to host his Court of Honor ceremony.

The Lodge presented Cole with an American Flag and a framed Certificate of Achievement. Cole's Eagle Scout project was to assist in the renovation of the Lompoc Museum grounds. The project cost \$225.00 and required about 45 hours of work. A fence was removed and the area was re-landscaped.



L to R: Scout Master Robert Murray, Exalted Ruler, and Cole Berber

Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 is a major donor to Senior Center

The Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 donated \$12,000 to the Gardena Senior Citizens Day Care Center. The center had lost its funding, and, for the second year in a row, the Lodge has made a donation to cover the center's rent for the year. In addition to the rent donation, the Lodge also donates \$300 each month to help with their day to day operating costs. This Day Care Center is very important to not just the Gardena Elks but to the city as well. Without donations from groups like the Elks, the Day Care Center would have to move their operations to a local park - where they would not have the security that they currently enjoy at their present location.

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 helps disabled vet prepare for triathlon

Three members of the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 have been helping a disabled US Army veteran train to compete in the Disabled Triathlon in San Diego. Sergeant First Class Gil Magallanes was severely wounded while serving in Afghanistan. He is a patient in the Blind Center at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital.

Lodge members Rod Norville and Loren Dowell have been escorting him to the Lodge's swimming pool early in the morning. Member Carol MacPherson is helping Sgt. Magallanes improve his swimming skills. MacPherson has participated in the Olympics and has 48 years of experience as a World and National champion swimmer. Sergeant Magallanes is a decorated veteran and his feats of valor while serving in Afghanistan are covered in the book "The Only Thing Worth Dying For."

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



Here are the CHEA Web Site Contest First Place Divisional winners that were announced at the Mid-Term Conference. Congratulations go to the following Lodges:

- Division 1: Grass Valley Lodge No. 538 (Northeast District)
- Division 2: Nevada City Lodge No. 518 (Northeast District)
- Division 3: Rancho Cordova Lodge No. 2484 (North Central District)

- Division 4: Orange Lodge No. 1475 (Orange Coast District)
- Division 5: San Mateo Lodge No. 1112 (Bay District)
- Division 6: San Pedro Lodge No. 966 (South Central Coast District)

Finally, the overall winner for First Place in the CHEA Web Site Contest is Orange Lodge No. 1475 (Orange Coast District). That web site has been submitted as the Association's entry into the Grand Lodge Star Web Site contest. Congratulations to Orange Lodge and good luck in the Grand Lodge competition!

MORE GOOD NEWS FOR OUR CHEA LODGES

We have passed the midpoint of our Association year. Once again our California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodges have shattered their previous record for Public Relations activities. Here are some of the accomplishments of our Lodges for the first half of the 2011 - 2012 year. The figures below are taken from our monthly reports submitted to Grand Lodge and are the result of outstanding efforts on the part of your Lodge and your Public Relations chairmen. Here is the six-month data:

- 12,256 newspaper and magazine articles published including articles published in online papers.
- 10,285 TV and radio spots aired.
- 568,096 Internet events. That number includes visits to our Web Sites and other Internet activity. Today, Lodges are more involved using the Internet than ever, sending out E-mail blasts, weekly news grams and Lodge bulletins in gorgeous color.
- 285,041 items designated on our activity report as "Other Publicity." That includes items like dictionaries delivered, signs, flyers, drug awareness literature, and scholarship applications and so on.

These statistics add up to almost 900,000 publicity events reported in all our PR categories. CHEA Lodges are the Public Relations leaders of the nation's Lodges. The numbers represent a terrific six months of accomplishments. You may all be proud of the part you played in this great achievement. Every time you lend your support to a Lodge event or give to a Lodge charity, you actually become a member of our public relations team. That is because without your involvement there would be no events, no support for charity, and we would have little to cheer about. Perhaps you are not very active in your Lodge. Well, all it takes is a visit to your Lodge and you will find it easy to become as involved as you care to be. There are even a few Lodges that could use help on their PR committee. Ask about that...it's fun! Nevertheless, even if you cannot become more involved, always keep in mind that, as a dues paying member, you are doing your share to aid your Lodge in its great charitable works. Be proud of your membership and as an honorary member of our public relations team, remember to "BE PROUD, BE LOUD AND BE VISIBLE."

Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 presents Community Service awards

The Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 hosted its Third Annual Community Service Award night, Wednesday, October 12, 2011 as part of its community involvement program. Many community leaders were present for the awards ceremony. Lodge members and other members of the community gathered to witness four individuals receive special recognition for their dedication, commitment and service to the City of Burbank.

The honorees are: Police Officer Of The Year, Officer Harry Terrill (who was unable to attend and who will receive his award at a later date); Firefighter Of The Year, Grant Stephens; City Employee Of The Year, Public Works Engineer Ari Omessi, and School Teacher Of The Year, Rebecca Mieliwocki.

Exalted Ruler Ron Tice, PER, presented them with American Flags; Co-Chairman and Lecturing Knight Ken Pajan, PER, presented them with Certificates, and Co-Chairman and Lodge Secretary, Harvey Ryun presented them with their awards. Boy Scout Troop No. 210 served dinner and presented the Colors at the opening of the awards ceremony.



Top row, L to R: Ron Tice, Bonnie Teaford (Public Works Director), Stan Carrizosa (Unified School District Superintendent), Ray Krakowski (Fire Chief)
Bottom row, L to R: Harvey Ryun, Ari Omessi, Rebecca Mieliwocki, Grant Stephens and Ken Pajan

Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 awards six MVS Scholarships

On October 28, 2011, the Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 awarded six \$500 college scholarships to deserving young men and women under the Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship program. One of the awardees was home on school break and was able to attend the ceremony. Justin Jones of Fallbrook, CA, is a freshman at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA, one of the top rated engineering schools in America. He is majoring in computer science with a 4.61 GPA and his goal is to work with a large company as a software or hardware designer. Justin was selected on the basis of his high school academic record with weight given to his many hours of community service and his leadership on his high school track and cross country team, which were undefeated league champions his senior year. He was also recognized by the U.S. Army and the San Diego County as a 2011 All-Academic boys track team scholar athlete. The other recipients are: Dylan Dawkins, Fallbrook, CA, (Stanford); Kristi Petitt, Vista, CA, (UCLA); Anthony Thompson, Oceanside, CA, (San Diego State); Brittany Keiser, Vista, CA, (UC-Irvine), and Danielle Undheim, Vista, CA, (Drake University).

San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 donates red ribbons

The San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 donated 7,000 Red Ribbons to the San Diego Unified School District for distribution to the students during Red Ribbon Week.

Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

*L. E. Chenoweth	Bakersfield	1913-14
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*Harry M. Ticknor	Pasadena	1917-19
*James M. Shanley	Oakland	1919-20
*Charles Donlon	Santa Barbara	1920-21
*John D. Saxe	San Rafael	1921-22
*Richard C. Benbough	San Diego	1922-23
*Howard B. Kirtland	San Luis Obispo	1923-24
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*Earl J. Williams	Oakland	1947-48
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*Edward E. Keller	San Mateo	1953-54
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*Jim B. Nielsen, PGELK	Watsonville	1955-56
*Owen O. Keown	Santa Monica	1956-57
*John A. Raffetto	Auburn	1957-58
*Frank M. Linnell	Newport Harbor	1958-59
*Charles T. Reynolds	Vallejo	1959-60
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*Paul T. Wemple	Susanville	1961-63
*Vern R. Huck	Los Angeles	1963-64
*Henry J. Budde	San Francisco	1964-65
*Edgar Dale	Vallejo	Honorary

*Bruce H. Marsh	Inglewood	1965-66
*Gerald Strohm, PGER	Fresno	1966-67
*Marvin M. Lewis, PGER	Brawley	1967-68
*Norman S. Lien	Watsonville	1968-69
*Paul E. Haines	Pasadena	1969-70
*Ernest Olivieri	Sonora	1970-71
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*Rev. Msgr. George Scott	San Pedro	Honorary
*James E. Spence, Jr.	Oakland	1975-76
*Marvin M. Pike, PGELK	Torrance	1976-77
*Donald W. Luce, PGELK	Richmond	1977-78
*Dr. Robert G. Robb	Garden Grove	1978-79
Donald D. Dapelo, PGER	Coalinga	1979-80
*William D. Brunner	Redondo Beach	1980-81
*Leland J. "Butch" Simas	Santa Maria	1981-82
Kenneth L. Moore, PGER	Corona	1982-83
Elmer L. Lanini, PGT	Salinas	1983-84
Robert J. McLain, PGELK	Pasadena	1984-85
Clifford E. Beatty	Chico	1985-86
Richard L. "Dick" Alves, PGEsq.	San Jose	1986-87
*Bernard E. McCune	Long Beach	1987-88
*Oscar W. Stutheit	Orange	Honorary
*R. E. "Bud" Ceniz, PGELK	Bakersfield	1988-89
*Dr. Eugene P. Weigand, PGELK	Pasadena	1989-90
*Lynn Wood	Modesto	1990-91
William C. "Bill" Ijames, PGELK	Vista	1991-92
Richard E. Owen, PGELK	Santa Maria	1992-93
John A. Parker, PGT	Marysville	1993-94
*Rex E. Dondlinger, PGELK	Arcadia	1994-95
Anthony J. Mauro, GT	Hollister	1995-96
Timothy C. Martin, PGELK	San Bernardino	1996-97
Sim Nathan	Redding	1997-98
Frank G. Keller	Corona	1998-99
Louis J. "Jim" Grillo, PGER	Stockton	1999-00
John G. Holt	Burbank	2000-01
John M. Carvalho, Sr.	Sacramento	2001-02
H. Eugene Chambers	Needles	2002-03
Doug Larsen	Salinas	2003-04
Lee Northcutt, PGEsq.	La Habra	2004-05
Roy R. Newman	Marysville	2005-06
James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10
Hugh H. Scanlon	Glendale	2010-11
Thomas S. Brazier	Santa Cruz	Honorary
*Deceased		

Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Drug Awareness Committee is active

Jay Smith, the Drug Awareness Chairman for the Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026, joined Casey Taylor, the Principal of the Achieve Charter School in a discussion with students about the perils of drug use and to promote the drug awareness essay contest. The Lodge passed out 1,700 Red Ribbons, 625 coloring books, 625 book marks and 125 pamphlets for Red Ribbon week. In addition, the Lodge passed out 900 trick or treat bags on Halloween.



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Lapsation

By Richard Rueda, CHEA Lapsation Chairman



The first seven months are in the books. The Lapsation rate across all 19 districts is at 9 percent. We have three Districts with good percentage rates for the first seven months: Central has a 6% rate, Northeast has a 6% rate and West Central Coast has a 6% rate.

On the other end of the spectrum we have one District at 17%, another at 12%, and others at 11%. The remaining District Lapsation rates range from 10% to 9%.

There is a continuing problem with some Districts retaining delinquent members for as long as 18 months. There are 84 members that should have been dropped after one year. I will contact the District Chairmen and see what I can do to assist them with this problem. It is time to address the issue and try to get it resolved.

I continue to feel that the Lodges and Chairmen are doing a good job this year. My goal is for all Lodges to be under 7% at the end of nine months and I believe that you have shown that it can be done.

Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 honors firemen and law enforcement

The Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 honored local fire department and law enforcement personnel at a special steak dinner on September 24, 2011. This event was held in special remembrance of the tragedy that befell our nation on September 11, 2001.

All active duty Sheriff's Department members, Firemen, California Highway Patrol Officers, Citizens on Patrol, and Search and Rescue personnel were invited. Everyone enjoyed a complementary BBQ steak dinner as a way to recognize and thank them for their service. The honorees were joined by other local personnel and their families.



Indio Elks Lodge No. 1643 BBQs for "Wounded Warrior" detachment

On September 30, 2011, the Indio Elks Lodge No. 1643 hosted a BBQ for a "Wounded Warrior" detachment of the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA.

The funding for the event came from an ENF Gratitude Grant supplemented by donations from Lodge members and other non-Elks. The event was chaired by Joe Daily.

Every Marine received several gifts, and those who had children received a hand-made blanket donated by Ms. Connie Johnson, a local resident and ardent elderly supporter of the Marines Corps.

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 honors Eagle Scout

The Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 recently held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to recognize the accomplishments of Eagle Scout Kevin Chu. Kevin is a member of the Boy Scout Troop No. 525 which is sponsored by the Tracy Elks Lodge. Kevin is the troop's 38th Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin designed and built a storage room for his drama class. He also earned the money to fund the project. The storage room is located in the loft of a building at the Millennium High School in Tracy.

The residual funds that were left over after the completion of the project were donated to the Millennium High School drama class.



L to R: Joe Chu (Kevin's father), Kevin Chu, Tom Bullard (Central District VP), Shirley Chu (Kevin's mother)

Why wasn't my photograph included?

A note from the Editor

Sometimes a photograph isn't included because there isn't room. Generally, there are other reasons not to include a photo. **The biggest factor is the quality of the picture.** Pictures taken with a cell phone are often of poor quality – perhaps good enough to email to someone or post on a web site, but often these are not good enough to be considered for publication. Please refer to my editorial guidelines at <http://www.chea-elks.org/MagazineGuidelines.pdf>. There are some other helpful hints on "The Elks Magazine" web site as well at

<http://www.elks.org/elksmag/FraternalGuidelines.pdf>.

Sometimes the photo is just too blurry, is poorly composed (subjects are too far away), the lighting is poor (too dark, too light), or the camera has put a date stamp in the picture. Also, it is important that the photo helps illustrate the story that your article is describing. There is an excellent article on page 36 in "The Elks Magazine" (February 2011) that gives tips for taking great photographs.

Photos taken with a digital camera need to have the camera settings adjusted so that the photo is of the highest quality. The camera should have at least a 4 megapixel capacity (the more, the better). Check your camera settings – look for a setting that will give the greatest number of pixels (must be greater than 1,500 x 900 pixels, or dots per inch, but the more, the better). Good quality digital cameras can be found for well under \$100 these days.

If I publish a photo with an article, I will only publish ONE photo. I'd rather YOU choose that photo, not me. So, please just send me the ONE photo that you feel best illustrates your story. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Drug Awareness

By Tim Jaeger, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



I was fortunate enough to be able to work at the Drug Awareness table at Mid-Term and I met a number of the dedicated Elks who are running the drug awareness programs (DAP) in their Lodges and Districts. This was a great opportunity to learn about some of the ideas that others have successfully implemented, and, hopefully, to spark some new ideas for additional projects.

I was impressed and inspired by all the great programs sponsored by our Lodges. I was a little surprised by a comment that I heard several times: "We have already done our drug awareness event/program for the year." While I was glad to hear that the Lodges had at least focused some energy on the DAP, I am concerned that the feeling is that drug awareness is a once a year event.

I can assure you that the negative influences that impact the youth of our communities do not just take one shot at them and then wait a year. The DAP in each of our Lodges needs to be thought of as a continual program which can augment almost any event we have that includes the youth or their parents/grandparents who could benefit from exposure to updated information or education relating to the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

It is almost impossible for a single Lodge drug awareness chairperson to manage all of the DAP related programs in a Lodge - partially due to the volume and partially due to the diversity of the choices. I was able to provide the persons attending the Leading Knights conference with an overview of most of the DAP programs. These include the various poster and essay contests, the Enrique Camarena Awards, Parenting Videos, Drug Prevention videos, Comic Books for Classroom use, Drug Awareness literature, etc. I encourage each Lodge Chairman to truly expand their role by building a committee and assigning different projects to members of that committee.

The DAP is truly a "universal donor" in that it can be a positive add-on to almost any Lodge activity that you have planned. For details on all the DAP programs, tools and resources available please see the www.chea-elks.org/drugawareness website. The site has information on our programs and it contains links to the Grand Lodge website and other online resources.

Please remember to report your DAP events to your District Chairperson - we are truly doing a significant amount of activities and reaching more children than we are reporting. For instance, I rarely see Lodges and Districts counting the Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot participants in their drug awareness programs or youth reached statistics. If you look at the message on the balls that are provided, we are clearly sending a strong anti-abuse message.

Please do not think of the DAP as an annual event, but rather a continuing opportunity to improve your community and your Lodge. If you can make a difference in the life of even one child in your community, we have succeeded.

Pearl City Elks Lodge No. 2669 supports Boy Scouts and Special Olympics

The Pearl City, HI, Elks Lodge No. 2669 sponsored an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Micah G. O. Taniguchi of Troop No. 147. The Lodge presented Micah with a Certificate of Achievement and an American Flag.

In other news, for the 17th consecutive year, the Lodge again supported the Special Olympics. Members grilled and served 1,350 hamburgers and hot dogs for Special Olympics athletes and volunteers at two different events.

To recognize the Lodge for their support, the Special Olympics Director presented Exalted Ruler John Ippert and Committee Chairman Tom Bentkowski with a framed photograph of a Special Olympics Gold Medal winner embracing his Gold Medal.

Enrique Camarena Award Winner Chosen

By Tim Jaeger, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman

The 2011-2012 CHEA Enrique Camarena Award winner has been chosen by the selection committee which is made up of retired law enforcement professionals from around the state. We received three very strong nominations for this year's award. The two other nominees are encouraged to apply again in future years.

The winner of this year's Enrique Camarena award is from the East Central District and the Fresno Lodge. Please join me in congratulating Detective Felipe "Doc" Lucero of the Fresno Police Department for winning this well deserved award. Detective Lucero has been contacted and he has accepted the award. His nomination has been forwarded to the Drug Awareness Program's National Competition as our CHEA winner for 2011-2012.

We hope to present the CHEA award to Detective Lucero at the State Convention in San Diego. Runner-up awards will be prepared and forwarded to the District Chairpersons for presentation to the other two nominees: Detective Scott Hughes of the Bakersfield Police Department and Detective Todd Kessler of the Salinas Police Department.

Thank you to the Lodges and Districts who forwarded these nominees for this prestigious award!

San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 donates for Veterans Memorial Wall restoration

The San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 PER Association helped to restore the City of San Jose's Veterans Memorial Wall through a generous donation of over \$2,300. Exalted Ruler Michele Wilson presented a check to the Public Art Director for the City of San Jose, Barbara Goldstein. The funds will help pay for the restoration of the Veterans Memorial Wall which had been damaged by vandalism. This Wall is a tribute to the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces during peacetime and times of war.

Funds were generated through the San Jose Elks Lodge PER Association who organized an Old Fashioned New England Style Lobster/Clam Bake Dinner. Additional funds were donated by other Lodge members. Guy Laughridge, PER, spearheaded the event, with Past Exalted Rulers and other volunteers doing the cooking.

There were over 90 people in attendance and, judging by the number of napkins that were used, it was a very tasty meal! The event almost did not happen because, for some reason, the lobsters and clams were wrongly shipped to San Diego. With some detective work, they were rerouted to the San Jose Airport where Elk members picked them up just in time for the dinner.



L to R: Guy Laughridge; Michele Wilson; Barbara Goldstein; Captain Christopher Elson; Commander Francis B. McVey, City of San Jose Commissioner; Lodge National Veterans Service Chairman, Richard McCoy, and DDGER Steve Gollob

Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



As we look around it appears that there is an institution of higher education wherever we look. According to UNESCO, the U.S. has the second largest number of higher education institutions in the world, with a total of 5,758, an average of more than 115 per state. The US also has the 2nd highest number of education students in the world, a figure of 14,261,778 or roughly 4.75% of the total population.

The American Community Survey found that the area with the highest percentage of people 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree was the District of Columbia (45.9%), followed by Massachusetts (37%), Maryland (35.1%), Colorado (34.3%) and Connecticut (33.7%). The state with the lowest percentage of people 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree was West Virginia (16.5%), next lowest was Arkansas (18.2%), Mississippi (18.8%), Kentucky (20%) and Louisiana (20.3%).

Each state supports at least one university and several support many more. Our great state of California is exceptional in this endeavor. It has three public higher education systems: the 11 campus University of California, the 23 campus California State University and the 109 campus California Community College System.

When and where did all of this originate? Religious denominations established most early colleges in order to train ministers. In 1636, Harvard College was founded in order to train young men for the ministry and won general support from the Puritan colonies. The College of William and Mary was founded in 1693 and James Blair, the leading Anglican minister in Virginia, was its first president and remained so for 50 years. Yale College was founded in 1701 because the conservative Puritan ministers felt that Harvard was too liberal. The College of New Jersey was created in 1747 by the New Side Presbyterians. Brown University was established by the Baptists in 1746. In New York City, the Anglicans set up King's College and it eventually became Columbia College, and is now Columbia University. Benjamin Franklin created the Academy of Pennsylvania in 1749. It was renamed the University of Pennsylvania in 1791. Unlike the others, it was not oriented toward the training of ministers. The Dutch Reform Church in 1766 set up Queen's College in New Jersey which later became Rutgers University. Dartmouth College, chartered in 1769, grew out of a school for Indians.

It can easily be shown that because of this commitment to higher education, the United States has always been a leader in the free world. The Elks, thanks to their almost one million members and their charitable contributions which support many scholarship programs, are helping to keep this commitment on-going and, in turn, are keeping America strong as a leader in the world scene.

Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 aids youth and receives recognition

The Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591, under the leadership of Larry Ryan, Lodge Scouting Chairman, now sponsors five Boy Scout groups: Pack 20 and Troop 30 of Lake Elsinore, and Pack 332 and Troops 332 and 430 of Wildomar. Larry is also the Southeast District Scouting Chairman of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

The Lodge also received recognition from the Arsenal Soccer Club, which has members from Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta and Wildomar. Karli Winton, a Club member, presented the Lodge Bingo Chairman with a plaque of appreciation for the Lodge's donation of \$300 to the Soccer Club. The donation will help fund local soccer tournaments where college scouts are looking for prospective team members.

In other news, the Lodge received recognition from State Senator Joel Anderson's office. The Lodge received a Certificate of Recognition for its continued support of community and charitable organizations.

Orange Coast District Elks participate in "Stand Down"

More than 150 homeless or at-risk veterans and their families received services during the 1st Annual Orange County Stand Down held the weekend of Sept. 17-18, 2011 on the grounds of Santa Ana College in Santa Ana, California. Elks from the ten Orange Coast District Lodges worked with various veterans-aid groups and assisted in providing meals and services to those in attendance.

Attendees were greeted with a hot breakfast as the gates opened at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. They were provided new linens and assigned to their tents. Volunteer tent leaders, all former or active duty members of the military, led them to the showers at Santa Ana College's locker room. After getting new clothing and grooming services, the veterans and their families were able to access a variety of social services ranging from medical and dental to counseling, benefits claims, legal aid along with housing and employment placement assistance. On Sunday morning, the Orange Coast District Elks Lodges hosted a pancake breakfast.



PFC Warren Pagalise receives a pan of link sausages from Joseph Perry (Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952) while Melvin Wankonicz and Bob Carrasco (both from Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475) observe.

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge raised over \$7,000 for cancer patients

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosted a "Silent Auction" event to raise funds for the Orange County Foundation for Oncology Children and Families. Over 130 people attended the Masquerade Ball. Dancing to the music of "Alter Ego" were a Viking Opera Singer, a 1920's Flapper, a Monk, a Chicken and other assorted fantasy characters. The band joined in the fun masquerading as Zorro, Phantom of the Opera, Green Lantern, a Pirate, a Warrior Princess and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.

Donated gift baskets and raffle items were fantastic and included: an original Wyland lithograph, a Dyson vacuum cleaner, a Bellemode crystal tea gift set, various pieces of jewelry, a baby basket, a Marilyn Monroe memorabilia basket, an autographed St. Louis Cardinal Baseball and many more items. The dinner was hosted (donated) by the Outback Steakhouse of Laguna Hills.

Event organizer and Elks Lodge member Stephanie Bongartz said, "Words cannot describe the gratitude that I feel for all the generous volunteers and those individuals and businesses that donated items for this event. The donations mean we can raise even more money to support the pediatric oncology patients and their parents."

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Elks Lodge No. 2444, celebrating forty one (41) years of service to the Saddleback Valley communities, is one of ten Elks Lodges in the Orange Coast District.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Bronze Pig Level Donors (through November 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Donald M. Puliz	6	Stan Felipe	1259	Albert D. Fredrickson	1328	Jesse Nighswonger	2026
Helen Montanye	439	Howard Tsuchiya	1285	Joyce Taylor	1378	Herman Bruce Froelich	2031
Jerry Rucker	836	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Joe Cenoz	1538	James A. Vecchio	2095
James Avila	1259	Hildegard Bolinder	1298	James S. Mason	1919	Francene R. Taylor	2510

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors (August 6, 2011 - November 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Faygie Colton	888	Donaly Colyar	1289	Dale Flummerfelt	1539	Robert Brotherton	2484
Richard E. Simmons	901	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Patrick O'Keefe	2013		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1000) Donors (July 21, 2011 - November 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jack Geiger	439	James & Liz Avila	1259	Danny Paulsen	1475	William C. Ijames	1968
R. Weston "Wes" Hayden	583	Herbert Coffey	1285	Maxine Elin	1567	Larry Smith	2121
Sam Trad	583	Saro Koumashian	1289	David Holmes	1608	E.F. "Gene" Pendergast	2134
Wayne Howard	616	Bob Casaletti	1419	L.L. Johnson	1608	Robert Brotherton	2484
Jim Lenon, III	643	Ken Smith	1419	Bruce McLeod	1786	Patricia Breault	2504
Susan "Sue" White	643	Fred P. Krinke	1427	Richard Pence	1786	Herman DeJong	2591
Oakley Smith	836	Frank Furtado	1474	Fred Whitnack	1913	Sadie Velci	2646
Dorothy "Dottie" Jensen	888	Kathleen A. Linsley	1474	Shirley Ryan	1952	Joe D. Coulter	2733

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors (July 21, 2011 - November 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Earl & Lois Wilford	AZ	The Elks Bowling Team (2)	836	Dick Hill (2)	1289	Lee Fischback	1475
Stuart Fryer	322	Ken Gunn	836	Saro Koumashian	1289	Oscar Garza (2)	1475
Joseph Logan	322	Earl Hively	836	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Bob Genelle	1475
Bill Berner	522	Elliott Livingston	836	Ken Lewis (3)	1289	Timbo Gillespie	1475
Bill Cassidy	522	Eva Mino	836	Dennis Malone	1289	Bob Hanna	1475
Sylvia Becker	583	Carl Morrow	836	Joe Mendicina (2)	1289	Ken House	1475
Rick Dombrowski	583	Paul Ohlms	836	Gary Pauff	1289	Vincent Marizzaldi	1475
Stephen Melms	583	Richard Rios	836	Hugh Scanlon	1289	Jim McAnea	1475
Paul Rigano	583	Phil Rossi	836	Steve Lawrence	1298	Patrick & Sonja O'Hara	1475
Larry Taylor	583	Jerry Rucker	836	Donald Nelson	1298	Ron & Kris Paino	1475
Sam Trad	583	Oakley Smith	836	Michael Wiebe	1298	Danny & Lori Paulsen	1475
David Williford	583	Jerry Vanadestine	836	Gretchen DiAlto	1328	Danny Paulsen	1475
George Bardin	614	Christy Williams	836	Al Fredrickson	1328	Pentagon Club (2)	1475
Salinas Elks Rodeo Committee	614	Denny Young	836	Chuck & Rose Pacheco	1328	Ed Resnick	1475
Ben Hanly	614	Jim Young	836	Daniel Stowe (2)	1328	Thomas Ruff	1475
Harry Ligon	614	Faygie Colton (2)	888	Gene Baxter	1419	John Ryan	1475
Salinas High Class of '51	614	Dorothy Jensen	888	David Blakeney	1419	Frank Sellers	1475
Mateo Secondo	614	The Rolling Antlers	888	Dick Bushman	1419	Colin & Nicole Smith	1475
Brian Stoffey	614	The Rolling 8's	888	Ken Carnes	1419	Becky Stone	1475
Sandra Burgess	616	Mario Balestrieri	901	Robert Casaletti	1419	John Stone (2)	1475
Margaret Harnish	616	Wayne Black	901	Paul Massono	1419	Oliver Taylor	1475
Norman Hashimoto	616	Jim Street	901	Ontario Elks Ladies	1419	Adam Thomasson	1475
Wayne Howard (2)	616	Tom Hinsch (2)	1015	Michael Tharp (3)	1419	VFW #7425	1475
Francis Quinn	616	Dean Seaquist	1015	Fred Krinke (3)	1427	Mike & Susan Williams	1475
Antje Shelton	616	Marilyn Zecher	1015	Jessica Gracia	1430	Charlene Peale (4)	1497
Clifford Wakatake	616	Richard "Doc" Carstens (3)	1250	Paul Eisenman	1471	Greg Peale (6)	1497
Anthony Young	616	Earl Conro	1259	Ann Morey	1471	Carole May	1561
Nick Beers	643	Venita Brazier	1285	Arlene Allen	1474	Bonnie Annett	1567
Peggy Brauner	643	Tim Buhl	1285	Jerry Boyd	1474	Brenda Bernal	1567
Maudine Carpenter	643	Herbert Coffey	1285	Mark Cappucini	1474	Warren R. Blakley	1567
Dennis DeSanti	643	James Collins	1285	Jerrold Cook (2)	1474	Ray Delgado	1567
Ross Guy	643	Louise Cutino	1285	Lester Edleman	1474	Steven Mayne, Sr.	1567
James Lenon III	643	Bruce Gordon	1285	Dianna Enea	1474	Philip Quast	1567
Dave Petersen	643	Carroll "Budd" Hall	1285	Richard Enea	1474	Duane Rasmussen	1567
Gerald Troxel	643	Sally McCully	1285	Neal Essary	1474	Wayne Weller	1567
Bonnie Wadley	643	Liam McCurry	1285	Cynthia Favaloro	1474	Nicholas Cangiamilla	1587
Cliff Wadley	643	June Michel	1285	Frank Furtado (2)	1474	Oliver Cyrus	1587
Susan White	643	Joan Michele	1285	Louis Maldonado	1474	Frank Pacholl	1587
Jim Olson	652	Joanne Millard (3)	1285	Peggy Basarab	1475	K. Charles Anderson	1608
Chuck DeRenne	783	Stephen Millich	1285	Barbara Berger	1475	Gene Chambers	1608
Kathleen Levin	783	Doris Milligan	1285	Tom "Mr. Pool" Brown	1475	Dave Davis	1608
Xenefon Papadopoulos	794	Monterey Lodge Tri-Tip Crew	1285	Jay Broyles	1475	David Holmes	1608
Bob Ellis	832	Monterey Lodge Line Dancers (2)	1285	Dawn Campbell	1475	Ed Horst	1608
Jim Olsen	832	Jacqueline Phillips	1285	Chris Christensen	1475	L.L. Johnson (2)	1608
Penny Wiley	832	Marguerite Salomone	1285	Club 33	1475	Dennis Larkin	1608
Beth Alexander	836	Sydney Tabler	1285	Chris & Tracey Cooper	1475	Nancy Larkin	1608
Allen Bartleman	836	Rosemarie Tantillo	1285	Joe Diaz	1475	Owen Long	1608
John Branton	836	Howard Tsuchiya	1285	Mike & Lynn Duff	1475	Chris Moore	1608
Ed Callihan	836	Anthony Vierra	1285	Jim Duncan	1475	Charlie Myers	1608
Robert Cones	836	Monterey Scottish Games Workers (2)	1285	Patsy Edmundson	1475	Richard Pyle (3)	1608
Gene Cranford	836	Greg Brittner (2)	1289	Dale & Anna Fairchild	1475	John Wilson (2)	1608
Gary Eisenbeisz	836	Don Colyar (4)	1289	Mathew Ferrero	1475		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Mike Powers	1613	Clifford Diamond	1812	Carmichael Lodge Softball Team	2103	Richard Courtier	2543
Sandra Brown	1625	David Binning	1900	Kay Carrigan	2103	Bill James	2543
Linda Smith	1625	Eileen Dugan (2)	1900	Connie Ford	2103	Gene Saffell	2543
Art & Barbara Davidson	1643	Patrick Atkins	1905	Lawrence McHenry	2103	Robert Samaniego	2577
John's Restaurant (2)	1643	Barbara Banniza	1905	Fred Camunez	2117	Herman DeJong (5)	2591
Marcia McGowen	1643	Don Bush (2)	1905	Bill Diebner	2117	Lesa Hamilton (4)	2591
Sandra Reid (2)	1643	Bonnie Givens (4)	1905	Larry Smith	2121	Russell Hamilton (4)	2591
Clyde Vaughn (2)	1643	Ronald Hinman	1905	Alfonso Martinez	2142	Rhett Jiles	2591
Billy Watson	1643	Barbara Knox	1905	Rex Berglund	2230	Roy Crowley	2626
Auburn Elks RV Club	1691	George & Estelle Layton	1905	Coleen Howard	2230	Desert Hot Springs Post Office Employees	2639
Sharon Bettencourt	1691	Norbert Liebersbach	1905	Michael Sullivan	2230	Bob Eliasson	2639
Ginger Henggeler	1691	Donald Rice	1905	Lawrence DePaul	2243	Peter Hennessey (2)	2639
Laurine Johnson	1691	Don Spargur	1905	Walter Pierson	2248	Desert Roadrunners	2639
Manny Martinez	1691	Bruce Tappeiner	1905	Karen Howard	2314	Bill Swisher (2)	2639
Wayne Senini	1691	Ben Verde	1905	Norma Luck (2)	2314	Bill Threhane	2639
Georgiana Squires	1691	Paul Homer	1913	Donald Cook	2333	Dorothy Warren	2639
Tom Alexander	1712	Fred Whitnack	1913	Mark Healy	2333	Tom Warren	2639
Sue Coffey	1712	Larry Faust	1918	Billy Black	2358	Barbara Moore	2646
Lee Morris	1712	George Dacorte	1952	Ken Durant (2)	2358	Cal Nelson	2646
Ture Roslund (2)	1712	Sallie Dalton	1952	Thomas Giblin	2426	Sadie Velci	2646
Dean Walters	1712	Ed Irvin	1952	J.B. Bre	2477	Chuck Noble (5)	2655
Marie Bolstad	1728	Bill O'Hearn	1952	Eugene Letourneau	2477	Cey Murakami	2669
Donald Stanton	1728	Rick Ross (2)	1952	Dorothy Murray	2477	Birney Carter	2698
Richard & Windy Bramberg (5)	1740	Bruce Swanson	1952	David Naccarato	2477	Leah Gergal	2698
Hemet Greeters	1740	Gary Whitaker	1952	Kathy Ryder	2477	Michael Jackson	2698
Nel Nelson	1740	Oren's Sparks (2)	1968	Thomas Ryder	2477	Barry Johnson	2704
Louis Pandol	1761	Robert Cruz	2013	Lydia Brotherton	2484	Jeffrey Morris	2704
Sharon Dearborn (2)	1767	Karen Emery	2013	Robert Brotherton (5)	2484	Walter Neumann	2704
Steve Heytger	1767	Maxine Hitchings	2013	Glen Buttner	2492	Charlie Pikas	2704
Tony Messina	1767	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Roger Callahan	2492	Carl Plath	2704
Newport Harbor Lodge PER Association	1767	Stacy Thomas	2013	John D'Amico	2492	Diane Snow	2704
Lori Riem	1767	Michelle Cahill	2020	Jose Diaz	2492	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Norma Watson	1767	Richard Fisher	2025	Ellis Dyer	2492	Ray Berry	2733
Nancy Witherspoon	1767	Margaret Hernandez	2027	Fred James	2492	Joe Coulter (3)	2733
Alan Barceloux	1786	Steven Nelson	2031	Ed Lucas	2492	Lance Erickson (2)	2733
Jeff Cobb	1786	Edward Garland	2045	Gary Lynch	2492	Hal Griffin (2)	2733
Michael Davis	1786	Brian Ratliff	2045	Tony Markarian	2492	Grace Lathrop (2)	2733
Richard Pence	1786	Paul Schwager	2045	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492	David Martin (4)	2733
George Waters	1786	George Vernon, Sr.	2050	Jim Vandenberg	2492	Doug Sheffer	2733
Harold White	1786	Theron Collier	2095	Frank White	2492	Don Smith	2733
Joe Baxter (2)	1787	Nomads Traveling Single Ladies	2095	Robert Araujo	2504	Brian Stein (2)	2733
Black Fox Trading Post	1787	James Rutherford	2095	William Caldwell	2504	Gerry Taylor	2733
Paul Overbeck	1787	James Vecchio	2095	Shirley Colwell	2504	Maggie Vandergon (2)	2733
Ruth Reeves	1811	Jerry Attebery (4)	2103	Ken Nelson	2504	Ardean Werner	2733
Waeton Vogan	1811	John Bristow	2103	Marvin Greer	2510	Tiffany Lacey	2790

Mid-Term 2011 was a success! Thank you!

Jim Beem and his Committee did a great job on the 2011 Mid-Term Conference. It takes a year of planning to put together a Mid-Term Conference: make the hotel arrangements for all the District representatives, Association Officers and guests, plan the ENF dinner with the conference center representatives, organize the speakers for the business meetings, and coordinate the planning of the weekend's events with the host Lodge. Then, after the Conference begins, there's "running the show."

Thanks, too, go to the Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643, whose members put in many long hours planning their social events for the weekend. The golf tournament on Thursday, the evening meals that were served to the Conference attendees and the champagne brunch on Sunday were enjoyed by all. The Lodge members also provided the transportation to/from their Lodge and participated in a myriad of other ways to help make the business sessions flow smoothly. Thank you, too, to the Conference presenters – whose sessions were very informative and should help the Association's Lodge Officers successfully finish their Lodge Year.

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 RV Club coordinates an RV Purple Pig Fundraiser

The 43rd Annual Southern California Elks Major Project fund raising event put on by the Southern California-Hawaii Elks raised \$23,400 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. This year, 130 RV rigs signed up. The Fullerton Hilltoppers camping club members were joined with associate members from Bellflower/Long Beach, Banning-Beaumont, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Hemet, Downey, Indio, Paramount, San Bernardino, Temecula, and Mission Viejo Lodges. In all, there were folks from the Orange Coast, South, South Coast and Southeast Districts at the rally.

This fun filled weekend event, open to the general public, provided entertainment, shopping, musical concerts, food sales, miscellaneous vendors, an RV show, a police dog demonstration, delicious barbecues, patio entertainment, and much more. It turned into a great fun-filled weekend. Other features of the rally were arts and crafts sales, games including shuffleboard and billiards, pig races and a salute to the military and first responders.

The salute to the military and first responders featured a band with 55 students from Hemet and San Jacinto High Schools. Exalted Ruler Butch Rock visited on Saturday and encouraged the event's success. Darlene Aldridge donated \$500 to the rally in the name and memory of her deceased husband, Orien, a long time member and officer of Fullerton Elks Lodge. Claude and Marky Lowe and Shirley Buxbaum were commended for their success in selling drawing tickets. The Fullerton Elks Lodge donated more money than they had donated last year.

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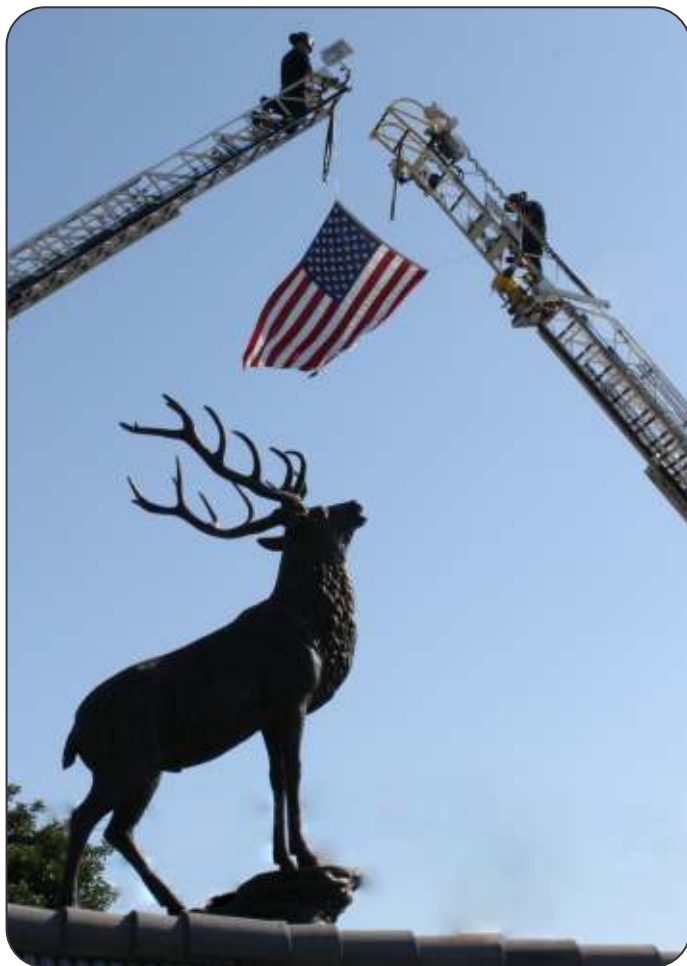
Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosts nine-eleven remembrance ceremony

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 was the setting for a remembrance ceremony that marked the ten year anniversary of the 9/11/01 attack on the twin towers in New York City. All ten Lodges of the Orange Coast District joined in a combined tribute to the victims of nine-eleven. Over 250 Elks, families and friends came together to honor the victims and the first responders of nine-eleven, and to pay tribute to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Two hook-and-ladder fire trucks from the City of Garden Grove set the stage perfectly for the solemn memorial service, with extended ladders raised high in the sky to form an arch with the American Flag waving majestically between them.

Representatives from various law enforcement organizations and fire departments joined members from the Orange Coast District Lodges and the Orange County Branch No. 175 of the Fleet Reserve Association to enjoy the memorial program. The Orange County Fire Authority Pipes and Drums Corps provided the appropriate haunting strains of "Amazing Grace."

The event was chaired by retired Fire Captain PER Harvey Boelts, of the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444, assisted by members from the District.



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2011 Holiday Greeting Donors



<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Earl & Lois Wilford	Arizona	James & Mary Batt	1625
John & Sandy Carvalho	6	Bill & Joyce Chelonis	1691
Anthony & Ann Muljat	6	William "Ray" Beckett	1712
Billey & Delina Skarles	6	Curt & Carole Robbins	1804
Chuck & Ginger Nolan	168	Harry E. Evans	1877
Dick & Kay Alves	522	Mrs. B.E. McCune	1905
Gene & Audrey Beckel	559	Melvin McCubbin	1913
Chuck & Phyllis Shallenberger	559	Fred Whitnack	1913
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Lanini	614	Bob & Beth Duitsman	1917
Doug & Jo Larsen	614	Noe & Luisa Saenz	1917
Wayne Howard	616	Jim & Sharon Mason	1919
Leon Karjola	652	Norma Robb	1952
Aron & Cheryl Andersen	672	Tom & Valarie Lemm	1959
Roy Newman	783	Bill & Dottie Ijames	1968
Jack & Jo Parker	783	John & Diane Knitter	1980
Art Echternacht	794	Dwight & Daisy Roberts	1980
Tom Brazier	824	Robert Cassetta	1991
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993
Jerry & Bonnie Rucker	836	David & Barbara Redfearn	1993
Richard & Carolyn Simmons	901	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Don & Kathy Checchi	906	Kathleen Murray	2013
Jack & Kris Massie	966	Quita Dondlinger	2025
Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Dick & Marion Wallace	2027
Walt & Del Johnson	1108	Frank & Diane Keller	2045
Bob & Ellen Phillips	1259	Ken & Rosemary Moore	2045
Mary Ann Wood	1282	George C. Vernon, Sr.	2050
Dean & Karen Kiel	1289	Bill Williford	2103
Edward & Patricia Morris	1289	Ian & Wanda Lanouette	2121
Hugh & Dale Scanlon	1289	Don & Nancy Schafer	2121
James Taylor	1378	C.M. "Chuck" Christensen	2134
Gene Baxter	1419	Gene & Leila Pendergast	2134
John D. Adams	1427	Bob & Char Brennan	2190
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436	Rex Berglund	2230
John & Kath-leen Behne	1443	Skip & Karen Henke	2379
Fred & Laura Hewins	1474	Dwayne & Patsy Hutson	2419
Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474	Steve & Josephine Haydn	2432
Joe & Liz Cenoz	1538	Richard & Elaine Goldner	2477
Mac & Mary Lou Clark	1538	Greg & Barbara Metzger	2477
Richard E. Owen	1538	Timothy & Lazell Martin	2599
William Madison Stanford	1538	Thom & Linda Richardson	2599
Greg & Sandy Koester	1561	John & Jerilyn Holsapple	2638
Steve & Debbie Smith	1587	William R. "Bill" Brown	2669
Gene & Patsy Chambers	1608	Lance & Karen Erickson	2733
Don & Nancy Dapelo	1613	Bob & Diane Farrens	2801

Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 hosts a Thanksgiving dinner

The Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 hosted their 9th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 24, 2011. The dinner was for widows, veterans, and others who did not want to spend the Thanksgiving Day alone.

There were over 75 participants, including some who were only able to stop by to take out a meal. The guests included 15 veterans, five widows of veterans and one Blue Star Mother. The dinner was offered for a voluntary donation. All of the donations will be used to purchase Christmas Food Baskets that will be given by the Lodge to some needy families in the area. This year, the Lodge will only be able to give out 15 baskets.

Americanism

By Tom Conlon, CHEA Americanism Chairman



I trust the Holiday season was joyous for all and New Year's resolutions were made. As we begin the final quarter of this Elk year, I hope you have included a resolution to be more involved with our Americanism program. There are many things we can do in our communities that will not take much time, but will make a difference.

For example, in the lower elementary school grades, volunteers are frequently sought to read to students.

There are many wonderful short stories written about American heroes, American Industrialists and entrepreneurs who have provided strength and security to our country through their fight for freedom, or through their vision and participation in the industrial revolution which created better products and American jobs, thereby allowing the American Dream to come true. In addition, these students can learn and benefit as a recipient of a Children's Pledge Kit or Pledge of Allegiance Wallet Card.

Classroom additions and new school construction have created a need for additional American Flags for classrooms. Our Lodges have the opportunity to provide these Flags or other classroom supplies by working with the School Board or PTA.

The Americanism Committee's primary school project is the annual Americanism Essay Contest for those 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attending school in California and Hawaii. The essay contest theme this year is "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag." As always, our creative writers will have some interesting comments, of which many will apply to our everyday life. The contest essays must be submitted to the Lodges by January 10, 2012. The Lodges must submit their winning entries to their District Chairperson by January 30, 2012.

This year, the Elks are cooperating with the "Citizens Flag Alliance" to petition the President of the United States to allow for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow the U.S. Congress, by law, to prohibit the physical desecration the Flag of the United States of America. In spite of some who say that they have the right to destroy our flag as a symbol of protest, we, as Elks, need to join with the silent majority of American people and tell the President "No" to the desecration of the American Flag. The petition form is on the CHEA web page. Simply Click on Committees, then Americanism.

Please, remember to fly the American Flag - our symbol of freedom and unity.

Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 receives award from CA National Guard

Major David Lovett, Commander of "C" Company of the 168th General Support Aviation Battalion, a California National Guard Medical Evacuation Unit presented an award to the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 Veterans Chairman, Robert G. Burns, Sr., PDDGER, and to ER Dave Ferguson. The Award was presented in recognition of the outstanding support that the Lodge has provided to the Medical Evacuation unit.

Over the past five years the Lodge has regularly provided assistance to the unit during five deployments to Afghanistan. The Lodge has put on several BBQs for the Medical Evacuation soldiers and their families at various ceremonies to send them off and welcome them home from the deployments. Many of the families are provided with various provisions and equipment during the Holiday season and throughout the year. All of the Lodge's activities to support military and veteran activities are part of the Lodge's 501(c)3 tax exempt "Catch The Spirit" Project, and by an Impact Grant from the ENF. The project is managed by Bob Burns, Sr., who took over from his son, Bob Burns, Jr., the original founder of the project, who passed away in August of 2009.

West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 joins Veterans Day parade

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529's float was liberally decorated in red, white and blue theme. Historical American Flags were mounted inside the float, joining a POW/MIA Flag trailing at the rear. The parade announcer not only described our float, but proudly proclaimed the many activities that our Lodge and the Elks do to honor and remember our veterans: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. The Elks support the community with many charitable programs. Their Veterans programs include: donating to the Wounded Warriors Project, which provides assistance and counseling to wounded veterans; the Elks' Army of Hope, which assists the families servicemen and women who have been called to duty overseas; and, through the Adopt-a-Veteran program, the Elks visit hospitalized Veterans." The announcer interjected with more about the Wounded Warriors Project by saying "The Wounded Warriors Project has been in the news a lot lately, and it helps those veterans who've been in Iraq." He named other battlefields associated with Wounded Warrior Project veterans and then went on to say a couple of words about the Army of Hope and to recognize with appreciation the Reservists and National Guardsmen who have been called to active duty.

While most of us rode the parade in the float, Sam Butler, eighty-six year old WW II Veteran, refused to ride: "I'm going to walk!" he said. It wasn't that Sam isn't proud to be serving his community as an Elk. It was that Veterans Day holds a special meaning and significance to Sam. It is the one day every year when Sam can embrace his memories and share his pride for having served in the Army's Parachute Infantry with the premier "Triple Nickels" - the Nation's first All-Black Battalion. Wearing his Airborne 555th, "Triple Nickels" hat with a big smile on his face, and giving the "thumbs-up" sign along the way, Sam Butler proudly walked the entire Veteran's Parade. Sam's participation put an exclamation mark to the message our float was displaying. But, of much more significance, was the special pride that he gave to that day.



Sam Butler, Lodge member and WW II veteran wears his Airborne "Triple Nickels" 555th Battalion hat and his original Army dress trousers and dress shoes.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 raises money for the ENF

At a recent meeting, the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 held a fundraiser for the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation funds scholarships for high school seniors; the Drug Awareness Program; the Americanism Program; the Hoop Shoot Program; the Veterans Program; and our State Major Project which helps children with disabilities. There were over 50 guests from our Lodge and surrounding Lodges.

During the evening, the Lodge's ENF Committee, chaired by Craig Stevanus and Diane Farrens, raised a total of \$900. The Association's ENF Chairperson, Debbie Hosted, and DDGER Bob Walker, were present to join in the fundraising. Craig Stevanus was dressed as "Bright Spot," a Dalmatian dog that talked about the ENF and encouraged those present to make a donation.

Elks Training

By Les Yeffa, CHEA Elks Training Chairman



Elks Training is alive and well, thanks to our Sponsors. A new test has been written and we will kick off the Elks Training at Mid-Term. The District Chairman will receive the tests at that time and if they are not at Mid-Term, then I will give them to the Vice Presidents to take back to their districts.

This year's test is different. It is based on who we are and what we do. This will be a fill in the blanks and not a true and false test as we have had in the past.

There will be ample time to get the Elks Training done. We don't have a Grand Lodge deadline so I will be able to accept the tests into March.

As a heads up to the Lodges so that you will be prepared, the Lodges will need the Grand Lodge manuals for: Elks National Veteran Service Commission, Americanism, Elks Soccer Shoot, Youth Activities and Lodge Activities. In addition, there are many questions regarding the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. To find those answers, you will need the brochure put out by CHEMPI entitled "50 Years of Service." This is a blue brochure and was sent to all the Lodges 10 years ago. It should be available in your Lodge library, but, if you don't have a copy, I would suggest that you contact the Major Project in the Fresno office at 559-255-4531. Perhaps some of your Lodge members have a copy that you can borrow.

I would like to see 100% of the Lodges participate this year. This is an excellent way to have our newer members learn some of the ways that "Elks Live Aloha."

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donates to veterans' shelter

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donated clothing, televisions, coffee makers and other housewares, valued at \$3,000, to the "Mattlack House for Female Veterans" in Orange County. This facility is the first home for homeless female veterans in Southern California. It was opened by Orange County's "Veterans First" organization and is a much-needed facility as the number of homeless female veterans is rising.

The Assistant Director, Linda Lomask and House Manager, David Newman, received the donations from the Lodge's National Veterans Service Committee Chairman Harvey Langham



L to R: Harvey Langham, Linda Lomask and David Newman

Madera Elks Lodge No. 1918 holds Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

The Madera Elks Lodge No. 1918 held its annual Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner to recognize "Officer of the Year" honorees. The Lodge hosted over 200 law enforcement officers and staff from throughout Madera County to a free dinner.

The dinner event provided the backdrop for several honorees to receive "Officer of the Year" plaques from the Lodge. The honorees were: Danny Cook (Investigator for the Madera County District Attorney's Office), Candelario Salas (Madera Probation Department), Efrain Jimenez (California Highway Patrol), Matt McCombs (Madera Police Department), Jason McIntyre (Madera Department of Corrections), Jennifer Swain (Madera Parole Office), Stella Miles (Valley State Prison for Women), Josie Roderick (Madera Sheriff's Department) and Sgt. Caesar Padua (Central California Women's Facility).

The recipients were nominated and chosen by their peers for their outstanding efforts and job performance through the previous year.



L to R: Danny Cook, Candelario Salas, Efrain Jimenez, Exalted Ruler Doug Rowe, Matt McCombs, Jason McIntyre, Jennifer Swain and Stella Miles. Not pictured: Josie Roderick and Sgt. Caesar Padua

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 replaces Marine Corps recruiting flag

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will not forget them." But, the Elks National Veterans Services is not limited to veterans. When Lodge member, former marine and senior citizen Jerry Feldman noticed that the Marine Corps flag in front of the Thousand Oaks recruiting office was well worn, he offered to share in the cost of a new flag. The officers of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 voted to provide the money from the Lodge's veteran's fund.

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Metropolitan District presents Wii system to VA hospital

Earl Bouchard, the VAVS Representative for the Metropolitan District, with assistance from several Lodges in the District, presented a complete Wii game system to the Physical Therapy Department of the Sepulveda VA Medical Center.

After receiving a request for this system from Larry Wong, Specialist, Voluntary Services, Earl went to the Metropolitan District Lodges to ask for their assistance in acquiring the various games that the therapists had requested. With help from the District, we were able to provide the majority of the video games requested. These games encourage physical activity and will assist in the rehabilitation of the returning veterans that are served at the Medical Center.

This is the second system presented to the Sepulveda VAMC. The first was presented two years ago to the Recreational Therapy department, and included a TV and cabinet which Earl had modified with locks and casters to allow the unit to be wheeled to the veterans' bedsides and to various recreational rooms.



L to R: Earl Bouchard, Sharon Wilmut, Lisa Barnett and Jesus Ayala of the Sepulveda VA Physical Therapy Department, Sepulveda VA Medical Center

Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 delivers DAP program material and dictionaries

The Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 Exalted Ruler, Bill Warner, and Drug Awareness Chairman, Ken Griffin visited the Vista Colorado Elementary School during Drug Awareness week. The Elks Lodge donated 500 Drug Awareness Program coloring books and bookmarks. The Lodge also donated dictionaries to the students in the third grade class.



L to R: Bill Warner, Ken Griffin

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 gives dictionaries to six schools

Again this year, the Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 participated in distributing dictionaries to 3rd grade elementary school students in our area. This year, the Lodge was asked to donate the dictionaries to six schools in the area. In total, the Lodge distributed 405 dictionaries to the students in six schools.

The photo shows 105 students at the Oakhills Elementary School in Roseville. All of the students were very excited to receive their very own dictionary. The teachers were very pleased as well.



L to R: with the students are Kelly Wood, Kris McKim, ER, Julie Severson and Jane Murnane

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 promotes anti-drug message

The Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 held its annual "Wing Fest" booth on September 10, 2011 on the Eureka boardwalk. The event is sponsored by "Business against Methamphetamine Use." This is a free family event with a bounce house for kids and musical entertainment for adults.

Profits from the "Wing Fest" booth are donated to the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and to the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Unit. This year the Lodge cooked over 300 pounds of chicken wings and donated over \$500.



L to R: Kevin Christie (Trustee), Jonnie Miller (ER), Pete Day (Lecturing Knight), Ernie Nunes and Sara Biasca

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 gives scholarship to veteran

"Thank you for serving our county and defending our lives, liberties and freedom. We are truly grateful to you." The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 is very active in supporting our nation's veterans. Several times each year the Lodge visits the VA Hospital in Long Beach to host bingo. The Lodge provides cash prizes for the games along with cookies, drinks, toiletry items, back packs, books and magazines.

This year the Lodge is also helping to support the Broadway and Manor House (for men) and the Maddock House (for women). These are Transitional Housing for homeless veterans. Some of these veterans are employable and some are disabled.

In addition, this year the lodge handed out its "Orange Hero's Scholarship" for \$1,475 to Adonay Silva, USMC. Adonay served two tours of duty in Iraq. This award will help him continue his education. In the last two years, the Lodge has awarded \$3,475 in scholarships.

All of these gifts are the result of a very successful Omelet Breakfast Bar. In five years the Omelet Breakfast Bar has raised over \$14,500. These generous donations from the Elks have been a major part of the success that the Lodge's Veterans Committee, headed by Brian and Stephanie Fitzpatrick, brings to fund our Lodge's veterans programs.

In other news, this year 41 Lodge members visited 80 classrooms in 30 schools and delivered 2,472 dictionaries, each with a Drug Awareness bookmark. The Dictionary Project is completely funded by the Lodge. This is the fifth year for the Dictionary Project program, and the Lodge has donated over 11,500 dictionaries to elementary school children. Funding for the program can be very creative. Three years ago, Trustee Doug Wells had an idea. He designed a decal that could be purchased for \$5.00. That idea generated \$770 for the Dictionary Program. And Esquire Becky Stone sold lanyards and raised \$515 for the project.



L to R: Mary Higgden (Leading Knight); Stephanie Fitzpatrick (Veterans Committee Co-Chairman); Adonay Silva with his daughter, Issa; Lodge member Barbara Berger and Brian Fitzpatrick (Veterans Committee Co-Chairman)

Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 helps Salvation Army feed the needy

On November 17, 2011, the Salvation Army used the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 as an instrument to feed the needy. The Salvation Army Outpost Unit No. 356, under the direction of Pastor Joe Roberts, his wife, Bonnie, and many other helpers, cooked and served 300 meals to needy local residents. 45 of those meals were delivered to homebound residents who were unable to partake of the meal at the Lodge. The Salvation Army volunteers spent the day before preparing the food. The room was filled with "GOOD WILL."

Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 initiates eight family members

The Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 welcomed eight members of the same family into the Elks Lodge in a ceremony at the Lodge. On July 28, 2011, Barbara Knox (PER, PSVP, PDDGER, CHEA Trustee) inducted eight members of her family into the Palm Springs Lodge.

She and her husband, Chuck Knox (PER, PSVP, PDDGER), who served as Esquire, took charge of the ceremony at the direction of current Exalted Ruler, Bert Liebersbach, PER.

Liebersbach said that this is the largest group of persons from one family to join the Palm Springs Lodge at one time in the 57 year history of the Lodge. The Knox family was part of an eighteen member class inducted by Barbara Knox on the evening of July 28.



Front row (L to R): Barbara Knox, Todd Knox, Tamara Moreno, Frank Moreno and Chuck Knox
Middle row (L to R): Kawika Hopps, Christie Crook, Connie Kanterman and Bert Liebersbach
Back row (L to R): Ron Crook, Mitchell Kanterman