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# WE SALUTE BROTHER LEE JACOBIAN FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

We wish to thank Lee Jacobian, Editor of The California-Hawaii Elk for 25 years of service.

Brother Jacobian took over editorship of the magazine in 1983 from Clare McCord, who resigned after 16 years at the helm of the official publication of the magazine. Brother McCord assumed the editorship in 1967 when the fledgling monthly journal was barely three years old and had a subscriber list of only 90. In 1983 when Brother Jacobian took over, the magazine had



nearly 40,000 subscribers. The publication first began in 1963 by Mark Tuban of Palo Alto Lodge No. 1471. Brother Jacobian was instrumental in the process of providing a magazine to each member. Today over 93,000 California-Hawaii Elks receive the publication bi-monthly.

Brother Jacobian came to us with 45 years of experience in the newspaper business. He worked on the Burbank News, San Fernando Valley Times, Los Angeles Examiner, San Francisco Examiner, Chicago Tribune, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and for the 16 years prior to taking over as Editor of The California-Hawaii Elk, he worked for The Hollywood Reporter. He was also Senior Editor of the Disabled American Veterans News, official publication of the Department of California, DAV.

Because of Brother Jacobian's dedication and loyalty to the magazine, the traditions of the past have been preserved and can continue far into the future.

### **Elks Major Project**

By Gene Pendergast- Board Chairman

In this article, I would like to talk about 'COMMITMENT'. In 1950, The California-Hawaii Elks Association made a 'COMMITMENT' to provide in-home therapy for children with disabilities who had no other means of assistance. Then in 1965, the Association made another 'COMMITMENT' for preschool vision screening. These 'COMMITMENTS' were not made just for one day or one week, but for every day of the year. The number of children that have been helped throughout the years is incredible. To see the successes that have been achieved is most rewarding.

We are in the last part of the Elk year. As of December, we have just four months to go. The numbers shown at Mid Term of the monies raised thus far were very encouraging. It is possible to reach the \$3 million dollar mark at the convention in May. Our therapists and preschool vision screeners are working very hard to serve our children. Please help them in this endeavor, as they need and deserve your help for their dedication and service. Why not have a Major Project function and invite a therapist or preschool vision screener to attend. Let your members hear from these professionals how the money that is being raised and donated to CHEMPI is being spent.

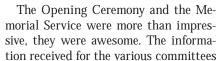
To continue these wonderful works, we, as Elks, must continue to make the 'COMMITMENT' to CHEMPI. It is necessary to continue to raise money through lodge functions and other activities and have fun doing it. At this time, we are working on formulating the 2008-2009 budget for CHEMPI. With any luck, we are hoping the budget will remain constant with no increases due to rising insurance costs. Please think about making a donation to the 52 Club, Century Club, and/or the Millennium Club before the end of the Elk year so we can meet our budget requirements. And remember, all monies donated to CHEMPI are tax deductible.

My wife, Leila and I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season and that the New Year will bring you peace, joy, and happiness.

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# President's Message

he Grand Lodge Session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of L Elks held in Charlotte, North Carolina was an exciting event. Our Association received numerous awards, many of them with the assistance of the Elks National Foundation.



was interesting and useful and the entertainment was well presented and enjoyable.

Three of our Past Association Presidents, were installed as Grand Lodge Officers; Richard Owen, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Lee Karjola, Grand Forum, Chief Justice; and Lee Northcutt, Grand Esquire.

Our Association will host the 144th Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim California, July 6-10, 2008. This will give our members a chance to attend a Grand Lodge Convention and enjoy the friendliness, amenities, and attractions of Southern California. The information and events occurring at the convention will help to ENERGIZE ELKDOM and kindle an opportunity to Be the Spark of Your Lodge.

We have members that have never attended a Grand Lodge Session. Next year an opportunity to attend such a convention exists. I encourage each and every Lodge in our Association to foster the idea of attending next year's Grand Lodge Session. Never pass up an opportunity to use your bulletins and news media to bolster the Elks' activities. Many non-Elks attend our conventions and come away with a better understanding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association Mid-Term Conference assembled November 2nd in Sacramento. Our Vice-Presidents presented donations for the Elks National Foundation, to CHEA at the National Foundation Dinner on Saturday, November 3rd. The dollar figures were impressive and many of our lodges have met or exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.25 per cap-

Many times we see and read words and never give a thought as to the origin. Opportunity comes from the Roman sailors' term for a favorable wind, blowing toward port. Never pass up an opportunity to expound on the virtues of Elkdom and the good works our Lodges do in our communities.

"ENERGIZE ELKDOM" Be the Spark of Your Lodge

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President, California-Hawaii Elks Association



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Santa Clara Mayor Patty Mahan, with President Oren Richardson and his First Lady Charlene, visited the Santa Clara Lodge No. 2347 on November 16, 2007. Exalted Ruler, Jack Lasserot, also pictured, and others were guests of the lodge for a great meal prepared by a very special volunteer. Nacho Garcia of the San Francisco Fairmont Hotel.

#### **800 Dictionaries Distributed**

Duarte Elks Lodge No. 1427 distributed dictionaries to 3rd grade students in Duarte and this year added the Monrovia School District classes as well as two private schools, making a total of 800 dictionaries distributed this year doubling the amount given last year. They hope to make this an ongoing event.

# **Bequests and Living Trusts "New" Look** for Booth at Mid-Term

This year at the Mid-Term convention, the BLT committee had a makeover with more information handouts than previously presented. More people stopped by and inquired about information on the Bequests and Living Trusts and more handouts were taken by the different lodges from California and Hawaii

#### President's Upcoming **Visitation Schedule**

January 1, 2008 Pasadena New Years Celebration

January 11-12, 2008 CHEA and CHEMPI Board of Trustees Meetings - Fresno

January 18-20, 2008 South District (Jamboree) -Palm Springs

January 26, 2008 Southeast District

February 2, 2008 Central District

February 9, 2008 Northwest District - Ukiah

February 15-16, 2008 South Central Coast District

### **Court of Honor for Eagle Scout**

A Court of Honor was held for Eagle Scout, Kevin Weeks on Sunday October 21, 2007 at the Teledyne Science Center with over 100 family and friends present. This is unique because Kevin now joins his two older brothers Ryan and Gary Weeks who are Eagle Scouts. Kevin is a member of BSA Troop 754 which is sponsored by Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 and is the 42nd Eagle to fly from this Troop. Kevin is the son of Don and Vicki Weeks.

Also, an Eagle Scout Certificate of Merit, plaque and American Flag were presented by Greg Metzgus, former scoutmaster of BSA Troop 754, and California-Hawaii Elks Vice President, West Central Coast District from Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No.2477. Bart Vanderlip also presented an Eagle Scout neckerchief.

#### **WWII Veterans Breakfast**

On Sunday the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 hosted 48 veterans from the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Center to a Sunday Breakfast in appreciation for those that have served our country.

There were veterans from WWII, Korean and Vietnam from the Ambulatory Day Care facility. The Westlake Womens Club used this opportunity to make a donation of \$1,000 to the VA Recreational Therapy and \$1,000 to the VA Voluntary Services.

Making the presentation was Sylvia McKey in honor of those veterans who liberated her country and who during WWII in Holland at age 19 with a 6 month old child was turned in to the Gestapo but since she spoke German was able to entertain them with hospitality while her husband was in the cellar using a radio. That night she and her husband escaped. Also making the presentation was Karen Bradley.



Left-Right: Patrick Gregorio, VA Rehab, Jim Kellogg, National Service Committee Chairman, Sylvia McKey and Karen Bradley, Westlake Womens Club and Exalted Ruler Catherine Koeritz



Parents, Don, and Vickie Weeks, Eagle Scouts-Ryan, Kevin, Gary Weeks, and Bart Vanderlip, Winner of the Elks Partners in Scouting Patch Contest and Greg Metzgus-Eagle Scout and VP, West Central Coast District, California -Hawaii Elks Association and member of sponsoring BPO Elks No. 2477

## **ENF Mid-Term Report**

Mid-Term was a great success. We went to convention with \$378,099.00. At convention we collected \$48,822.29, bringing our total contribution to \$426,921.29 which is \$4.52 per capita. This puts us over what the GER asked of us. However, we still need to work on getting more money so we get more in return at the end of the year.

The top three lodges by per capita are: #1 Kailua Lodge #2230 with \$26.68 per capita; #2 Calpine Lodge #2432 with \$19.84 per capita; and #3 Fremont Lodge #2121 with \$14.69 per capita. The top three districts in total donations are: West Central Coast with \$38,102.34; #2 Orange Coast with \$35,629.50; and #3 South Coast with \$30,884.37. I am really proud of all of you. Keep up the good work.

Last year we donated \$903,830.00 to ENF and CHEA got back \$1,281,980. This is \$1.42 for every dollar we donated to ENF or a 42% return on our donation. The previous year we got back a 70% return on our donation. Remember, the more you give the more you get back to use for the charities and scholarships in CHEA, so continue to work hard at your fund raising efforts.

Convention was so much more fun for me this year since I really got to see first hand how generous all of you Elks are. It was a real pleasure to meet so many of you at the ENF table. If you are anywhere near the Southeast District and you would like to invite me to a fund raising event for ENF I would love to come.

Fraternal Regards,
Fred E. Reis
CHEA ENF Chairman

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*Deceased		

#### **Elks Riverside National Cemetery Award**



At the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Veterans Night, Daniel Smith III from the Riverside National Cemetery's Memorial Honor Detail presented a plaque to ER JackieLynn DeFries for a \$200 donation. The Riverside National Cemetery's Memorial Honor Detail performs over 40 services a day at the cemetery.

#### **Veterans Remembered**

On Friday, October 29, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., a contingent of veterans from Paso Robles and the Southern area boarded the 'Freedom' fishing vessel at the Ventura Yacht Club, sponsored by the Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 and Chris Moyers, PER National Services Chairperson for the West Central Coast District, CHEA, Inc. and arranged by Jim Whitacre, Executive Director, Sports Rehab Center, Monterey Bay Veterans Inc.

There were five veterans from Sepulveda VA Hospital, Jim Diacono PDDGER from Santa Barbara and four veterans from the

L o m p o c Lodge. The crew was treated to dinner at the Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443, but everyone was in a hurry to get their fish home. Thousand Oaks



Elks Lodge No. 2477 provided lunch on the boat (tri-tip sandwiches) for the veterans and crew on Tuesday's fishing trip.

It is events like this that help in veteran's rehabilitation and reinforces to our veterans that "as long as a veteran is in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will never forget them."

# **Piggy Bank**

By Jim Olson- Piggy Bank Chairman

We just got back from Mid-Term and enthusiasm was great! We raised a little extra money for the Major Project. We have lots of support out there.

In addition to supporting many fundraisers at your Lodges for the Major Project, we urge you to also remember GoodSearch for your internet use. We are getting a small response to it but we need to help it grow more quickly. Remember; there is no cost to you. Every time you or someone you know uses GoodSearch in the name of California Hawaii Elks Major Project, we get a penny. And speaking of pennies, here's an interesting bit of information.

<u>FALLACY</u>: One cent doubled every day for a month would amount to several thousand dollars.

<u>FACT:</u> One cent doubled every day for a thirty-one day month would amount to considerably more than several thousand dollars. Starting off the first day at one cent, the second day it would amount to two cents, the third day to four cents and the seventh day of the first week to 64 cents. On the last day of the second week it would amount to 1,536 cents. On the last day of the third week it would amount to 1,048,576 cents. On the 3lst day it would amount to 1,073,741,824 cents or more than \$10.7 million. Start saving those pennies.

Pam and I included this in our presentation at Mid-Term (Spouse's Session and Leading Knights Session) – together we raised approximately \$1,000! So you see...a single penny CAN make a difference!

We need to be working hard to reach the \$3 million mark this year for the Major Project. As you are all well aware, gasoline prices are going higher every week as are insurance rates. For the Major Project to be able to deliver, our therapists need to be able to arrive!

Ever penny counts! Count yourself in by helping out.

# **Temecula Valley Elks Provide Dictionaries to Third Graders at Paula Valley Elementary**

Recently Bob Farrens, Diane Farrens, and Barbara Conner, members of the Temecula Valley Elks Dictionary Project Committee, visited the Paula Valley Elementary School to distribute dictionaries to the third grade students in the classes of Mrs. Thompson; Mrs. Cook; Ms. Gonzales-Brown; Mrs. Montour; Mrs. Eventov: and Mrs. Ramirez.

This program is part of a national program called The Dictionary Project, which is designed to aid third-grade teachers in their goal to see all their students leave at the end of the year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers.

The Temecula Valley Elks No. 2801 are working to expand this program in the future to include additional schools. This year they added another school, in addition to the two schools they distributed dictionaries to last year.



Left-Right: Mrs. Thompson; Mrs. Cook; Ms. Gonzales-Brown; Mrs. Montour; Mrs. Eventov; Mrs. Ramirez; Diane Farrens; and Barbara Conner

# **Elks Golf Tournament is Coming Up Fast**

The 2008 Area 7 Elks Golf Tournament will be held in Mesquite, Nevada, June 9-11, 2008. This is a CHARITY TOURNAMENT with part of your entry fee returned to Arizona, California-Hawaii, Nevada and Utah for their state Major Project Fund. The Tournament is open to members and guests.

Play will be during the week on a Tuesday (6/10) and Wednesday (6/11). Check in will be Monday the 9th. If you want to play Monday, check in on Sunday.

Hotel accommodations will be at the Eureka Hotel and Casino for \$29.00 (plus 9% tax), double occupancy. Make your reservations at the Eureka Hotel and Casino at 1-800-346-4611. Refer to account number 627106, Area 7 Elks Golf Tourney for the special room rate.

It will be a shotgun start both days; 6:30 AM at Falcon Ridge and 7:30 at The Palms. Scoring will be by handicap, with flights depending on the number of players. No more than 10 strokes between partners.

There will be a buy in for one mulligan on the front and for

one on the back for each day and also closest to the pin for Ladies and Men, one on the front and one on the back each day. Buy in for both is \$20.00 for both days.

Play at the Falcon Ridge will be a 2 person scramble; and play at the Palms will be partner best ball.

There will be a welcome party/check-in at the Mesquite Lodge #2811 Monday from 3-7 p.m. On Tuesday, there will be a steak dinner at the lodge (5:00-7:00 p.m.). On Wednesday, is the awards luncheon buffet at the Lodge starting at 1:30 p.m.

Please make your plans to attend now. Play is limited to the first 144 PAID golfers. Entry fee is \$170.00 per player. Add \$25.00 for spouse or non-golfing companion; includes welcome party, steak dinner and luncheon buffet. For more information and entry form go to www.chea-elks.org.

#### 11th Hour Ritual Clock Dedication



Jackson Elks Lodge recently dedicated their new 11th Hour Ritual Clock. On hand for the dedication was guest of Honor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo. Also pictured is Exalted Ruler Janis Beach and Chairman of the dedication Jim Zipse, PER.

# **Lake Elsinore Lodge Destroyed**

A fire destroyed the Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge on Wednesday November 7th, 2007. The 6,800 square foot building was a total loss. The fire caused \$3 milion in damage. It was built in 1984 by members on land donated by a member.



## **Kailua Lodge Donates Dictionaries**





Kailua Elks Lodge distributes Elks Dictionaries to Kailua Elementary School 3rd Graders. Pictured with students are Kailua Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Chester "Chet" Virchinsky and Dictionary Committee Chair Lehua Weatherwax.

Kailua Elks Lodge No.2230 sponsors its own Scout Troop #230. Scouts are honored and welcomed by Kailua Members at ceremony in Lodge. Pictured with Scouts are Troop Leaders Scott and Zaida Holmes, Kailua Lodge Scouting Chair Gene Miner and Kailua Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Chester "Chet" Virchinsky.



# **Thousand Oaks Lodge Collaborate With Local School**

October 31, 2007 Thousand Oaks Lodge No. 2477 Esteemed Loyal Knight, Raven West, arranged with their next door neighbor Conejo School for a Halloween Trick or Treating. Lo and behold over 250 kids and their parents came. Robert Jones, Chaplain and a kid at heart, had a number of exhibits on display and even ran out of kool-aid and hot dogs. They also had a Drug Awareness display and gave out book markers and literature.



Raven West, Esteemed Loval Knight



Raven West, Esteemed Loyal Knight and Rick (caveman) Herrera, Scholarship Chairman with anxious trick-or-treat-

### Tradition Carries on in the Santa Clarita Valley

Thanks to the generous donations from the Kamper Klub and Elk Members the third graders at six elementary schools in the Santa Clarita Valley received their own personal dictionary. Dictionary Project Chairman Karen Henke along with PER Larry Lousberg and CHEA Trustee Skip Henke delivered the books along with Leigh Van Den Berg, Emblem Club member. They were also aided by visiting members from Oceanside Lodge DDGER Greg Koester and his wife Sandy.

### **Message from BLT Committee**

If you did not attend the Mid-Term Conference in Sacramento, you missed a great presentation of the Bequests and Living Trusts. You also missed the presentation by the CHEA President Oren Richardson, presenting a plaque to Fred and Laura Hewins for their charitable and rewarding gift by becoming a Commitment Trust Member. They were also awarded a Commitment Trust Pin by CHEA President Oren Richardson, who thanked them again for caring for the future of the Major Project, exemplifying the Elk's motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Fred Hewins is a member of the Pittsburg Lodge No. 1474. He is presently serving the California-Hawaii Elks Association as the Treasurer of the CHEMPI Board. Fred is a past District Deputy and is presently serving as the District Leader of the Central District. Fred and Laura have served Elkdom for many years and we are very grateful they have joined the BLT family to keep the future bright for the Major Project and giving a future to children with disabilities.

The BLT Committee has asked for members to step forward as the Hewins have done. We hope there are many more members like Fred and Laura Hewins to keep the ball rolling in building the BLT. If you would like more information about the BLT programs, go to the website at www. chea-elks.org, then click on Bequests and Living Trusts and download the



At the Conference, Association President, Oren Richardson, was very proud to present a plaque and pin to Fred and Laura Hewins for becoming BLT Commitment Members.

information you are interested in. If you want more information about making a bequest, contact your lodge BLT chairperson, your district BLT chairperson, Dennis Shaffer, BLT Vice Chairman, North; Vern Campion, BLT Vice Chairman, South; or Ron Berglund, Association BLT Chairman. To become a member of the BLT family – you only have to ask.

#### **Elks Donate Time and Money** to the Veteran's Hospital

Van Nuys-Reseda Elks No. 2790's donation program to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital Veteran's "Wish List" has been off to a rousing start during its first 3 months since inception. Not only will the Elks members have donated over \$2000 in clothing, toiletries, books, videos/dvd's, games and many other "Wish List" requests by the end of 2007, but students from Law-



Ken and Linda Knight, Chair-persons of the Veteran Affairs Committee.

rence Middle School under the direction of teacher and Elks member, Bruce Troe, surprised the visiting Veterans at the close of their November 9 Veteran's Day program with over 80 boxes of their "Wish List" items. It taught the students that everyone can make a difference in someone's life with even a small effort.

The students had visited the Veterans at the Sepulveda V.A. the Monday before the event, interviewing them for the program, and the "documentary" type video that was shown at the program was very moving for all who attended. The relationships formed during this event will continue with the students sending cards (birthday, holiday, etc.) to the Vets, ensuring that every Vet is remembered on his/her special days.

# Scouting Message By Jim Warrick

Scouting for youth stands as a wonderful program with a long benevolent and protective history of support from the Elks. In December, for example, the California-Hawaii Elks presented Eagle Scouts Danny Sackett and Russell Furey \$500 for their efforts in the CHEA Eagle Scout Essay Contest. In their essays, both demonstrated how their scouting skills sparked permanent projects in their communities.

CHEA Elks continue to partner with Scouts in other events such as visits to VA Hospitals, Flag Retirement Programs, Flag Day, Christmas basket distributions, and Patriotism Week. Through Scouting, Elks help instill a sense of honor and duty in the hearts of American youth.

Statistically, during the first six months of 2007-2008, CHEA Lodges donated over \$48,000 in cash donations, 5,000 volunteer hours, and 26,000 miles of driving for over 6,000 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

### **Money Raised for Major Project**

On November 10, 2007 the Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613 held a "Western Dinner and Dance" attended by more than 200 members and guests. Proceeds from a "bail from jail" and silent auction raised more than \$2,500 for the CHEA Major Project program.

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# **Victorville Lodge Raises Money**

Victorville Lodge #1877 had about 95 people at the lodge for food, fun, and fund raising. About \$700 was raised for the Elks Major Project Fund. The lodge also donated \$4000 to the Victor Valley College Vocational Fund.

#### **President Visits San Jose Lodge**



Manny gave Oren a #2 padlock and key from PG&E. Oren's Vice President gave him a \$1,000 Millennium Club donation in his name from the sale of the M/P pin. Charlene also received 2 charms: a Sparky pin, and a charm of California with an amethyst stone to mark the location of San Jose.



Vice President Manny Lema received a gift from Oren Richardson of \$250 from the district for the MP in his name.

# **Redding Elks Lodge Helps** with Red Ribbon Week

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 teamed up with the Anderson Police Department this year to sponsor the Red Ribbon Campaign in the city of Anderson. Red Ribbon Week is a national event held each year during the last week of October to promote drug awareness. Dick Richards, the Redding Elks Drug Awareness Chairman, is also a volunteer with the Anderson Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Program. The APD volunteers worked with the Lodge to sell over 7,000 red ribbons to the merchants of Anderson, who then donated the ribbons to the Anderson schools for Red Ribbon Week. Lodge No. 1073, and the APD participated with their drug awareness information kiosk. 3,200 Elks Drug Awareness information pamphlets were distributed while the participants at the rally tried out the "Fatal Vision Challenge", and on the 26th, the kiosk was again set up at the Anderson Prime 11 Cinema as part of Red Ribbon Friday.



The Anderson Chief of Police distributed red ribbons to the Anderson New Technology High School.

# **Bakersfield Lodge Honors Veterans**

Lodge No. 266 and members had the privilege and honor of furnishing the nine flags for the 30 foot flag poles around the large glass honor panels and wall of valor. The Lodge furnished the large American flag poles while members supplied the six military branches, California and POW/MIA flags. It was very impressive and satisfying to be a part of this Veterans Day dedication of the new \$1.6 million memorial to our veterans of all wars and service to our country.

The Lodge also participated in the Kern County California Homeless Veterans Standown for the 9th year to help aid our area's homeless veterans. The veterans received food, shelter, clothing, and medical assistance from the VA Clinic. Legal help from the Superior Court, social security, haircuts, and other assistance during the six day event.



# El Cajon Lodge Opened Their Doors to Fire Victims

El Cajon Lodge No. 1812 did its part while San Diego County battled the devastating fires. A food assembly line was set up for several mornings and members volunteered to make over 300 sandwiches each day. These were delivered, along with granola bars, fruit, and bottled water to the El Cajon Fire Department and were then distributed to the men and women working on the fire lines. The Lodge also opened its parking lot for those displaced to stay until they could return to their homes. The members of the Lodge donated more of their time to cook dinner and feed the San Diego residents. Exalted Ruler Cinde DeMarais was quoted as saying, "I want to thank all of those who stepped up to the plate, made donations and volunteered their time to this cause. This is what ELKDOM is all about. It makes my heart swell with pride to be associated with this great organization." Exalted Ruler Stu Johnson, Yuma, Arizona Lodge No. 476, in a demonstration of charity and brotherly love, had a cash donation sent from his Lodge to help defray the costs.



Left-Right: Laura Harden, Jerry Oleson, John Jenkins, Hans



Lodge No. 1812 Volunteers

#### Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge Hosts Walk-a-Thon and Unity in the Community' Parade

On November 17, 2007 Lake Elsinore Lodge No. 2591 held a Walk-a-Thon in conjunction with the Unity in the Community Parade. The event raised money for the Lake Elsinore Elks Major Project through a walk that appeals to the entire community, especially families.

The Lake Elsinore Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and sponsors raised money for physical and speech therapy for disabled children. It is largely through these efforts that the families and these misfortunate children gain the treatment that is so dearly needed and appreciated. The benefits of this event are two-fold. First, the event was a fund-raiser, both for walkers and non-walkers to solicit pledges. Second, the Walk-a-Thon promotes walking to help and maintain cardiovascular fitness. The combination of fund-raising, promoting physical fitness, and educating the public about Elks makes this Walk-a-Thon a well rounded event. The event finished off with a barbeque potluck at the lodge to celebrate.

# **North District Donates to the Major Project**

During his official visit to the North District at the Paradise Lodge, President Richardson receives a donation to the Major Project from Vice President Al Keller.





#### WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON

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



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### Yreka Lodge #1980 Supports Local School



Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 sponsored the Yreka High School Cross Country Invitational for the 4th year in a row. The Yreka Elks Cross Country Invitational was held on September 8th, 2007 at the Greenhorn park in Yreka. Five hundred and ninty-eight runners from Northern California and Southern Oregon ranging from elementary school to high school competed in this year's seven-race meet. The Yreka Lodge No. 1980 donated \$750.00 to sponsor the 2007 Yreka High School's cross country program which covers the meets costs as well as traveling expenses for the team. The Yreka Lodge also provided meet day volunteers to help out at various jobs and to provide the "Chuck Wagon" to spectators and athletes. So far to date, the Yreka Elks Lodge has donated \$3,000.00 to this program which has involved over 2,400 athletes in the past four years.

### **Elks Partners in Scouting**

On Sunday November 11, 2007 and under a gentle misting of rain the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 conducted a dignified Flag Retirement Ceremony with the help of their sponsored scouting units. Seventy five members, guests and scouting units were in attendance. Harrison Ang, BSA, Troup 754 presented the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gil Riding, DDGER, was the Master of Ceremony and explained the Elk ritual for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Afterwards we adjourned from the Lodge room to the funeral pyre where Catherine Koeritz, ER, retired the first flag.

The scouts performed their ritual by removing one stripe at a time representing the 13 colonies and as they were placed in the



Left to Right: Harrison Ang, BSA Troop 754, An ice cream so-Catherine Koeritz, ER and Alyssa Gogesch, cial was held at GSA Troop 12, pay their respects during the the conclussion flag retirement.

fire a patriotic message was intoned. When at last the blue field of stars was consigned to the flames the retirement was complete. All those wishing to take part had a flag to retire. An ice cream social was held at the conclussion of the ceremony.

#### Orange Roamin' Elks Chili Cook-Off

The Orange Roamin' Elks had another successful Chili Cook-Off. They had approximately 110 people attend. Eighteen secret chili recipes were entered. The winners were:

MildHot1st - Bill Wells1st - Greg Coleman2nd - Jack Larson2nd - Rod Story3rd - Peggy Story3rd - Tim Gillespie

They made a net profit of \$1,010.73. Since this is the Camper Club's only fundraiser for the year, all the money raised will be donated to "House of Hope" (a home for abused women and children) and "Meals on Wheels".



Left to right is: Bill Wells, Jack Larson, Rod Story, Peggy Story, Tim Gillespie and Craig Coleman. In the center is the mystery chili cook, we don't know if their's was mild or hot.

#### Santa Clara Lodge Celebrates Local Veterans

On November 9, 2007 Santa Clara Lodge had Appreciation Night for our Veterans. The guest Speaker, Denny Wisegerber, who spoke on and showed a film of the Korean War in which he served, is not only a member of our Lodge, but a retired Marine and a recipient of the Navy Cross. The Special Guest from WWII was Leighton Sumida (U.S. Army 100th Battalion), recipient of 22 Battle citations, Presidential Citation, Division Citation, Bronze Star, Combat Medal, and Country of France. The second Special Guest was Frank Mizufuka (U.S. Army 442nd Regiment) and was the recipient of 2 Bronze stars, 2 Unit Citations, Combat Medal, and Purple Heart. Our Mayor, Patty Mahan, was also present and toasted all those who "have done so much to preserve our Freedom." Patrick Sisco, our Lodge Chairman for National Veterans Service also spoke on what our Lodge does for our local Veterans. It was truly a wonderful evening to honor our heroes.



Left to Right: Leighton Sumida, Mayor Patty Mahan, Exalted Ruler-Jack Lasserot. Frank Mizufuka

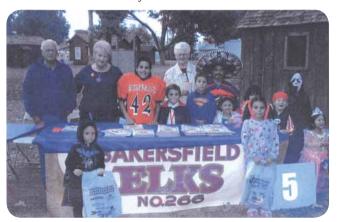
## **Reaching for the Top**



Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Jim Grillo from Stockton Lodge was recently the Guest of Honor at the Jackson Elks Lodge and was presented with a \$100 brick in his name to be placed on the brick wall for Jackson Elks Lodge's future lodge.

#### Elks Celebrate Safe Halloween

Pictured from left to right is Vanessa Tallman, Lodge Chairman for "Don't Use Drugs" Program, Linda Chitwood, Emblem Club representative, Past Exalted Ruler Gary Chitwood and a few safe trick or treaters at the 2007 Bakersfield Safe Halloween hosted by the Kern County Museum. They presented over 4,000 "Don't Use Drugs" coloring books to children ages toddler to 12 years old, over a period of two nights and talked with over 8,000 parents. That's a total of 12,000 people discovering the true meaning of Elkdom. This is the 4th year the Elks Lodge No. 266 has participated in this event and is a wonderful way for them to reach out to the community.



## Elks Recieve Many "Thank You's" From Scholarship Winners

Dear California-Hawaii Elks.

Thank you so much for your scholarship. In these past few days of preparing to leave for college I am realizing more and more the importance it has in paying for my education. It is truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Logan McCoy Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to tell you how much I sincerely appreciate being chosen to receive your scholarship. The money will greatly reduce the financial impact of my education on myself and my family. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely, Daniel Nicholls

#### Palo Alto Lodge Holds Dinner Dance for Veterans Hospital

The Western Blind Rehabilitation Center at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital recently held a Dinner Dance to celebrate their 40th anniversary. The affair was held at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471. The lodge donated the use of the lodge ballroom and the catering facilities. The lodge also donated the cost of the center's resident's dinners while the Veterans Committee served them. Over 100 attended.

Dear California-Hawaii Elks,

I would like to express my immense gratitude in being selected to receive one of your scholarships. It is wonderful that organizations like the Elks exist; I think it is wonderful that you help students around our community to further their education. My family and I are very grateful. I will do my best to make the Elks proud. Again, thank you very much and may all be well for you.

Sincerely, Amber Valdez

### Elks Assisted in Fire Ravaged Southern California

As we go to press, nineteen Elk members who have sustained loss or damage to their home as a result of the devastating fires in Southern California, have received financial assistance from our Association thanks to the donations received from members, lodges, and Grand Lodge. If you would like to make a donation or know of a member who needs assistance, please contact Tim Martin, PSP, Executive Director, CHEA at (559)255-4531 or view the flyer with details on our web site at www.chea-elks.org.

