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Hugh and Dale Scanlon
2010-2011 CHEA President

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 holds VA hospital fundraiser

About 130 people attended a roast beef dinner and auction on March 20 at the Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 to raise funds for the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Livermore. Tracy Military Moms donated several baskets and items to make the silent and blind auction a success.

Speakers at the event included Robert Elliott, who served his country for 30 years in the United States Army and retired as a Colonel with the U.S. Army Special Forces. Elliott served on diplomatic assignments at the U.S. Embassies in Tokyo, Japan, and Seoul, Korea.

Also speaking was Ruth Briggs. Briggs is a hospital representative for the Livermore VA Hospital. She has recorded more than 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the VA.

Over \$3,100 was raised at the event. A check from the Lodge was presented to Sue Scott, VA Hospital Volunteer Specialist at a Family Night Dinner that was held at the Lodge on April 7.



L to R: Bruce Froelich, event chairman, Sue Scott and John Hardman, ER

Ritual Contest "All State" winners in the Moore Division

Inner Guard: Phillip M. Smith (Garden Grove); **Chaplain:** Francisco Perez (Garden Grove); **Esquire:** Shawn Paul Brown (Garden Grove); **Lecturing Knight:** Barbara Thiemann (Carmichael); **Loyal Knight:** Henry Ross (Garden Grove); **Leading Knight:** David Stamper (Garden Grove); **Exalted Ruler:** Kevin Perkins (Garden Grove); **Coach:** Jeffie Moffet (Carmichael); **Candidate:** Jared Williamson (Garden Grove). These division winners were selected during the preliminary rounds for the highest scores in their respective positions in their division.

Ritual Contest "All State" winners in the Grillo Division

Inner Guard: Peggy Brauner (Riverside); **Chaplain:** Larry Perez (Riverside); **Esquire:** Myrl Wallace (Santa Maria); **Lecturing Knight:** Ashley Munoz (Riverside); **Loyal Knight:** Greg Carlson (Alameda); **Leading Knight:** Reg Ginter (Santa Maria); **Exalted Ruler:** Larry Lulofs (Alameda); **Coach:** Cliff Wadley (Riverside); **Candidate:** Faith Ugriich (Chula Vista). These division winners were selected during the preliminary rounds for the highest scores in their respective positions in their division.

Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 gives dictionaries and scholarships

The Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 donated dictionaries to the students at Woodrow Wallace Elementary school. The Lodge's Exalted Ruler, Beckie Scott, was assisted by Lodge member Marsha Lasson. The students also received a Drug Awareness Bookmark. Every student was excited to receive their own dictionary to use at school and take home to use for homework and personal use. These dictionaries were funded by donations and fundraisers held at the Lodge.

On May 12, 2010 Exalted Ruler Beckie Scott and Lodge Scholarship Chairman Laurie Ashley went to Kern River Valley High School and presented five scholarships to seniors. The winners of the MVS scholarship awards were: Taylor Williams (\$800), Jamie Ollie (\$800) and Jennifer Rowlett (\$1,000). The recipients of the Kern River Valley Elks One-Time Scholarship awards were: Corinn Bedard (\$500) and Dylan Melisko (\$500). Dylan Melisko was not present for the group photograph.



L-R: Beckie Scott, Corinn Bedard, Taylor Williams, Jamie Ollie, Jennifer Rowlett, Laurie Ashley

Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 awards scholarships

On May 3, 2010, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 held a Youth Appreciation Night. The lodge gave out six MVS scholarships, two Mike Ferriera Scholarships and one Toscano Memorial Scholarship. They also honored three Hoop Shoot Winners. The Honorable Tommy Jones, Mayor of Los Banos, presented the lodge with a Proclamation. Mrs. Beck Ferriera gave out her son's scholarships; Loyal Knight Luise Parish gave out the Toscano Memorial Scholarship and the MVS scholarships. Lecturing Knight Marty Oates gave out the Hoop Shoot winners awards.



President's Message

Hello and Aloha! Dale and I want to say "a big hello" to all of the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. We are glad to be your representatives carrying the Association message for the ensuing year. We are well underway in our travels and, right from the beginning, you should know that we are healthy and that we will fulfill our aims and goals. The Major Project, Membership, Veterans Service and Lodge Activities are my "special emphasis" programs for the coming year. All of our other great programs, and their dedicated Association and District chairpersons must not feel slighted, either, for all of them are vital to us and our communities.



"Elks – America's Pot of Gold" is the theme that I have chosen this year. The pot stands for Elkdom and our great Association. The gold in the pot stands for all of you and our great programs. Gold has worth and our Association has worth. Isn't that what we strive for in life, that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? Let us work to fill our Elk's "Pot of Gold" to the brim by the end of this year. Our Major Project would like to receive in excess of three million dollars in donations again this year. Our lodges need to be at a "Plus One." Our Veterans need to feel secure in their daily lives – and that is our pledge to them. Our lodges need good healthy programs for their members and their communities to be viable. We can be successful and we will be successful. Our communities and you, the member, will feel the pride by sharing that full, rich and rewarding "Pot of Gold." We can do this and we will do this.

As your new President, I want to thank the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the trust, faith and confidence that you have placed in me to accomplish our goals. Before I forget, you need to know that your staff in Fresno, headed by Executive Director Tim Martin, PSP, with Charisce, Wanda, Cindy and Karen do a fantastic job making the Elks in California and Hawaii successful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart – you guys "Rock."

Dale and I will be traveling throughout California and Hawaii visiting your lodges. Use the CHEA website, become familiar with it and track our schedule. We look forward to meeting many of you on our journey. We have pins to share with you but, most of all we look forward to meeting you and visiting your lodges. I pledge my support to you and all of your endeavors. We will see you on the road. God Bless!

May you have all the Happiness and Luck that Life can hold
And, at the end of all of your Rainbows
May you find a "Pot of Gold"

With warm fraternal regards,

Hugh Scanlon, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



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President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

July 3-8, 2010
*Grand Lodge Convention
Orlando, FL*

July 23-25, 2010
Northeast District

July 30-August 1, 2010
Orange Coast District

August 6-8, 2010
West Central Coast District

August 13-15, 2010
South Central District

Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 donates to hospice

Mike Dugan, Exalted Ruler of the Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218, presents a \$500 check to Barbara Pombo of Hospice of San Joaquin. The Elks value the work Hospice does in this community and are proud to assist Hospice in their efforts.



Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Pool Tournament feeds Purple Pig

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Pool Chairman, Tom Brown, hosted the Lodge's Annual Pool Tournament and Potluck. Sixteen players and supporters helped raise \$550 for various Elk charities, while having a lot of fun doing it! This year, \$200 went to the Purple Pig, \$200 to ENF and \$150 to the Dictionary program.

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI)

By Billey Skarles, CHEMPI Board of Trustees Chairman

For 60 years, the Major Project Therapists have provided therapy services to children with disabilities in their homes. Studies have shown that patients do better when they are in a familiar setting, surrounded by supportive family and friends. The Major Project founders were on the cutting edge before it was even known as the most successful way to treat clients.

So what happens during a Major Project Therapist's day? The number of children seen each day varies with the geographical area. Initially, a client is seen with their parents (sometimes with siblings and other family members) and the child is assessed for current functioning levels and existing problems. Goals and expectations are set based on observation and testing and with parental input. A program is designed, therapy started, and "homework" assigned. It is well documented that it is the consistent daily program that makes the difference in the achievement of goals, not once a week therapy. This is the premise that has garnered success with our children and is the model we follow.

While most days are pretty consistent, there is always the unexpected! Weather and road construction are the usual challenges, but staff faces some real surprises - like the home with a pony who lived inside the house, other family pets that think they are the ones being treated, and one of my favorites - the family pig that got into the car and expected a ride from the therapist before getting out (the therapist gave him a ride up and down the driveway!). Sometimes the unexpected includes things like fires in the yard, snakes in the house, and other "surprises" such as health issues or behaviors that are so typical of children. Therapists become an integral part of the family, sharing both the good and not so good times.

Because our clients are children first, who just happen to have a disability, each day becomes unique and never boring!

Because of your outstanding generosity at the convention in San Diego, it ensures that this important service to our children with disabilities will continue.

Thank you for your support of the Major Project!

Visit your California-Hawaii Elks Association website. It's a site to see!
www.chea-elks.org

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project

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



Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted, Piggy Bank Chair



Thank You! Thank you to each and every awesome member that donated to the Purple Pig this last year! We BEAT our \$3 million goal, with a total of \$3,062,368.50. In spite of the tough economic factors facing many of us, YOU CAME THROUGH for our project. What a great way to end a year AND what an incentive to keep the momentum going for the coming year! With all my heart, I thank you.

Five Highest Lodges (per-capita)

1. Encinitas	\$750.34
2. Westchester	\$122.22
3. Arcadia	\$67.04
4. Temecula Valley	\$65.34
5. Glendale	\$65.22

Five Highest Lodges (dollars)

1. Encinitas	\$228,103.73
2. Honolulu	\$118,077.87
3. Santa Maria	\$42,355.21
4. Sacramento	\$39,697.19
5. Pasadena	\$39,462.86

Five Highest Districts (dollars)

1. South Coast	\$334,828.16
2. West Central Coast	\$180,684.97
3. Orange Coast	\$179,332.98
4. Southeast	\$145,027.20
5. North Central	\$141,986.77

There are several painless options to help you donate to the Piggy Bank. We have the Boxtops for Education program. Many of the household products you currently use have this symbol. Cut those off the package and save them. Contact your Lodge Chairman for the address to send them to. Another program is www.Goodsearch.com. This is a great online Search Engine with a wonderful benefit. When you sign on to their website, there is a place for you to fill in the Charity you are "searching" for. Fill in "California-Hawaii Elks Major Project" and click verify. Every new search you do puts a penny into the Major Project. You can also shop through the GoodSearch website and the vendors will donate back to the Major Project. Just click on the Shopping Logo and check it out. Also, consider signing up for a recurring donation - check out www.chea-elks.org website for details. Look for the purple DONATE NOW button on the left side of the page.

Watch for the poster at your lodge for our beautiful Elk sculpture that will be raffled off at next year's Association Convention. Ticket sales will go on throughout the year at each lodge. Lest you think I am finished - a new year has started and the race to beat that \$3,062,368.50 total is now under way. Keep those donations rolling in!

**THANKS TO THE
CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MEMBERS
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CHEA 95th Annual Convention is a memorable event

By Kathleen Kuttler, ER, San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168

The 95th annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention is now in the record books. It was held in San Diego from May 12-15, 2010 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. The Convention was hosted by the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 and was chaired by the South Coast District Leader, PDDGER Charles Nolan. 1,288 members and 534 guests attended the four day event. The golf outing held on Tuesday, May 11th at the Riverwalk Golf Course fielded 44 participants and kicked off the Convention activities.

The Opening Ceremonies and Memorial Service were held on Wednesday evening, May 12th. Association President Leon "Lee" Karjola presided. The ceremonies began with the presentation of the American Flag and the State Flags, performed by the Eagle Scouts of the South Coast District. President Karjola introduced the visiting Presidents from the Arizona, Nevada and Utah Elks Associations and the local Grand Lodge Officers who were present. The Honorable Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, introduced the Honorable James L. Nicholson, Grand Exalted Ruler. Past Association President Jerry Rucker led the traditional Elks Memorial Service with a general eulogy presented by James Mason, Past Association President.

The first business session began on Thursday morning and was highlighted with the presentation of the Enrique "Kiki" S. Camarena Award by Mrs. Geneva "Mika" Camarena to Chief Bill Palmini, who is a member of the Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655. The board members of the Enrique S. Camarena Educational Foundation attended the presentation. One of the board members is Kathleen Kuttler, Exalted Ruler of San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168. Also present for this prestigious award ceremony were Kent Gade, Elks National Drug Awareness Program Director; Henry Lozano, former Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States and Director of USA Freedom Corps; and Chief Palmini's son, Will. Following the presentation, nominations for the 2010-2011 officers for CHEA were heard. The First Vice President Hugh Scanlon was nominated for Association President for the 2010-2011 year.

The First Lady's Luncheon was held on Thursday. A social hour preceded the luncheon and the Calexico High School CASA Michael Jackson Group provided entertainment. Meanwhile, three concurrent business luncheons were held for current and past officers and members of the Association. During these luncheons, the attendees heard reports and presentations from various Association and Grand Lodge Committees. These sessions inspired and educated those attending and provided them with information to take back to their Lodges.

The highlight of the Association President's dinner on Thursday night was an enlightening keynote address by GER James L. Nicholson.

The highlight of Friday's business meeting was the installation of the 2010-2011 Association President Hugh Scanlon and his corps of Officers. After a rousing pre-installation welcome rally, led by members of the Metropolitan District, Past Association President Oren Richardson conducted the installation ceremonies. That morning's business session was followed by educational workshops conducted by Grand Lodge Officers and CHEA Committee Chairmen.

To ensure that the conference attendees and their guests enjoyed our fine San Diego hospitality, a variety of entertainment and dinner options were offered. In addition to the golf outing on Tuesday, other activities included a tour of the USS Midway Museum, a San Diego Bay Harbor Dinner Cruise, and optional dinner and dancing at the San Diego Elks Lodge. Of course, those who were so inclined were able to shop or dine at the nearby Fashion Valley Mall.

The introduction of the Theme Child, Alexis Booth and her family, the

Exalted Ruler's Piggy Bank March, and the presentation of the Ritual Contest awards brought the 2010 CHEA Convention to a close on Saturday morning. This year, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project received over \$3,062,000.00 from Association Members, the Elks National Foundation and other donors.

As with any large event, its success was ensured by the coordination and hard work of a dedicated group of individuals. The 2010 Convention Chairman, Charles Nolan, and his team from the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 joined other members of the South Coast District Elks to work tirelessly to ensure that the Convention was educational, enlightening and enjoyable for all.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 holds Court of Honor

On March 28, 2010, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 joined Boy Scout Troop 449 to hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Adam Remelman.



Pictured with Adam is Exalted Ruler Bill Coleman on the right and Scouting Chairman Charles Grant on the left. They presented Adam with an Eagle Scout Certificate from the Lodge and a congratulatory letter from Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson.

Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 welcomes home Army vet

In early April, the Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 hosted a welcome home "All American" dinner for Major Thomas V. Giannini, who returned home after eight months of service in Afghanistan with the Army Corps of Engineers.

A crowd of over 100 enjoyed a barbequed rib dinner with all the trimmings and entertainment from a live band comprised of local Redwood City musicians. A ceremony was held honoring "Major G", as he is called by his fellow servicemen. Historically, Elks Lodges across the country have had a long tradition of supporting active duty service men and women and other military veterans since the Civil War.

Major Giannini has since safely traveled back to duty at Forward Operating Base Shindand in Afghanistan. He is expected to end his deployment in August, 2010. Major Giannini stated "I want to personally thank all those who helped put together a truly memorable ceremony. I look forward to coming home. Please know that your efforts are helping assist my family while I am deployed. Take care and God Bless America."

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, Public Relations Chair



WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE AN ELK. In all the glorious history of Elkdom, now is by far the best time. "Why?" you ask. Well, besides the fact that you and I are members now, there has never been a time in recent history when so many people are in need of so much. Can you remember when there was a greater call for benevolence? We can all be very proud of the part we play in helping our fellow man and we should be eager to spread the good news of those noble endeavors to the rest of the world.

Spreading the word of Elkdom is not only the job of the few who wear the title of Public Relations Chairperson. As members of this great Order, we are all public relations men and women. We show our pride when we engage in lodge activities, and community events. We can be proud when we volunteer to help with the Piggy Bank or Hoop Shoot programs. And isn't it both humbling and rewarding when we visit a veteran's hospital or deliver dictionaries to third grade students? There are many ways we can be public relations men and women, outwardly showing our pride through our actions.

What if you're not a lodge officer or not on a lodge committee? What if you're not even a very active member? You can speak to your Exalted Ruler about that. He or she will certainly suggest some options that are tailor-made for you. Of course active participation in Lodge or community activities is one of the best ways to serve Elkdom, but you can still help in other small ways. Do you ever talk to your friends, family or neighbors about our great benevolence? Last year the Elks donated in money, goods and time, more than 287 million dollars to help their communities. This year our Association raised over \$3 million for the Major Project. That's an awful lot to be proud about! And when you're sitting in the barber chair or at the beauty shop and the conversation turns to "What's new?" why not take that opportunity to show your pride by saying something good about the Elks? At the very least, why not wear your Elks shirt, hat or jacket with pride when you're out and about? Every little bit helps to promote Elkdom.

Each and every article in this magazine speaks of one or more of our benevolent activities. Besides those shown here, there are thousands of heartwarming everyday stories about the Elks that could be told by members just like you and me. Make yourself a public relations man or woman for Elkdom. You just might be surprised when that person you're talking to says they have been thinking about joining the Elks. More good publicity means more good people will seek membership in our great Order and the more good we are able to do for mankind. Isn't it a grand time to be an Elk?

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Ritual Contest "Final 4" results

This was the closest and highest scoring contest in recent history. Only 0.7241 points separate the first and fourth place teams. **First Place:** Garden Grove – 98.0015; **Second Place:** Santa Maria – 97.4375; **Third Place:** Carmichael Lodge – 97.3460; **Fourth Place:** Riverside Lodge – 97.2774. The **"Bud Tari"** award winner, for the highest scoring candidate from the final four teams: Jared Williamson (Garden Grove). The **most impressive Exalted Ruler** from the final four teams was Kevin Perkins (Garden Grove) with a score of 48.375 out of a possible 50. As the Ritual Champions (for the 3rd year in a row), Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 will represent the Association at the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando in July. The CHEA Ritual Panel thanks all the teams who competed at the district level for their hard work, all of which made this contest such a success.

Walnut Creeks Elks Lodge No. 1811 hosts Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honored Benjamin Brohard and Danny Nguyen as outstanding local citizens with the Award of Eagle Scout - the highest honor which can be awarded to a Boy Scout. Benjamin is a senior at Las Lomas High School and has earned 26 merit badges. Danny, a sophomore at Acalanes High School, has earned 22 merit badges.

Their special project was building community benches for the local park. A Certificate of Achievement was given to both Eagle Scouts by Gerry Gouveia, Exalted Ruler, with a certificate of special recognition of eagle from the Honorable Sue Rainey, the Mayor of Walnut Creek.

In other news, the lodge offered its second event helping veterans register with VA to receive benefits available to all veterans. Benefits available to all vets are pension, medical, prescription, eye care, knee replacement, hearing aids and much more. The first seminar revealed thousands of dollars worth of unused but deserved benefits available to those who applied. It was the objective of this latest event to help educate the veterans in attendance about the unused benefits that may be available to them if they should apply.

The lodge also presented several awards to high school seniors. They were judged amongst a large group of applicants in academics, goals, and community activities. Katland Williams (Carondelete High School) plans to attend Princeton Nursing College. Nicole Hood (Carondelete High School) plans to attend UCLA as an Art major. Robert Huff (De La Salle High School) plans to attend San Diego State as an Electrical Engineering major. Jeremy Goodman (Las Lomas High School) plans to attend Brandeis as a Biology Major.

The lodge also presented a total of 720 dictionaries and "Say No to Drugs" coloring books to five Walnut Creek elementary school 3rd grade classes. Recipient schools were Indian Valley, Buena Vista, Walnut Heights, Murwood, and Parkmead elementary schools. This is a yearly program which is expanding. Elks demonstrate that Elks Care-Elks Share.



L-R: Gerry Gouveia, Benjamin Brohard, Danny Nguyen, Ed O'Connell, Lodge 1811 Charter Representative

Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 donates dictionaries

Dictionary Chairman Ray Stewart held a "bowl-a-thon" to raise funds to purchase dictionaries. The Lodge donated 400 dictionaries to all of the third grade classes in Inyo and Mono Counties. The Lodge also donated 20 dictionaries to the inmates at the Owens Valley Conservation Camp.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Mother's Day program to honor mothers, followed by a delicious steak dinner. The Lodge served 85 dinners to Elks, their families and guests.

Membership

By Noe Saenz, Membership Chair



Congratulations to the new Exalted Rulers, Vice-Presidents, District and Lodge Membership Chairmen. You are embarking on a most rewarding and challenging journey in the history of Elkdom. As with most fraternal and civic organizations, our membership losses are like a cancer - beginning very slowly and having a minimal impact - which, if not taken seriously or are ignored, can grow rapidly into steady losses year after year. We must always remember and

keep in mind that the "Life-Blood" of any organization is MEMBERSHIP, and in order to remain strong, we must pursue a vigorous campaign to recruit, initiate, and retain new members. Every member should make an effort to bring in one new member by recruitment, reinstatement, or by transfer demit per year, thereby reaching the goal of making a "Plus One" for the year.

All of you have the opportunity to write the next chapters in Elkdom by helping your district promote the CHEA President's Membership Program by using my Membership Chairman's Manual. The Manual can be downloaded from the www.chea-elks.org/membership.html website. It is a tool and guide to help you accomplish the Membership Program goals set forth by the Association President.

The manual discusses some of the causes of the decline in membership and suggests ways to find a cure to reverse this trend by initiating a vigorous campaign program to recruit new members, reinstate dropped members and to reach out and seek stray Elks. It also lists references, booklets and other materials that are available from the Grand Lodge. Please refer to the Grand Lodge B.P.O. Elks Official Price List Catalog (Revised May 2009) for the code numbers of those materials and for ordering instructions.

It is through training, communication, cooperation, commitment, and teamwork that we can demonstrate the leadership needed to enable our members to set and then achieve their personal "Plus One" goals and to be proud to be members of this fine organization. A well-planned program that is enthusiastically implemented will result in new blood, new ideas, new members and the attainment of a "Plus One" goal for each Lodge in the Association. Remember, there are many potential members in your communities that are just waiting for someone to ask them to join our great Order and be part of "Elks - America's Pot of Gold."

In conclusion: a reminder to each District Membership Chair that your reports are due to me by the 10th of each month.

Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 honors students

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 honored their Students of the Year and their ENF Scholarship winners. Each of the nine students received a \$500.00 voucher and a nice walnut plaque. The two Students of the Year, Megan Vyeniolo and Alejandro Gonzalez also received a \$1,200.00 voucher.

The seven scholarship honorees were Matthew Mau (\$4,000 MVS winner), Zachary Gastelum (\$4,000 MVS winner), Lauren Barnum (\$1,000 Legacy Award), Mary Rigali (\$1,000 Legacy Award), Britney Edens, Benjamin Ortiz, and Augusta Sharp.

In a separate ceremony the Lodge recognized two Students of the Month: Erika Carbajal and Martin Chavez, both from Santa Maria High School. Each Student of the Month received a certificate of achievement, an American Flag and a \$250.00 voucher.

West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 Americanism Essay Contest winners

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 presented Ms. Jordan Purvis, 6th grade student attending Breen Elementary School, with the Division I, First Place Awards of a certificate and \$150.00 for her winning essay titled "The American Dream; What Is It?". Jordan read her essay to lodge members and was presented with her awards at the General Meeting on May 5, 2010. The Division I section of the Americanism Essay Contest is open to 5th and 6th grade students and includes awards for First, Second and Third Place winners. However, there were no qualifying essays submitted for Second or Third Place this year for Division I.



Gary Collins, PER/Trustee escorting Jordan Purvis

The Division II category of the contest is open to 7th and 8th grade students. Ms. Oladez Cuevas, 7th grade student at Holy Cross Catholic School in West Sacramento, managed to top the 8th grade entrants to win First Place. The Second Place winning essay was submitted by Ms. Diana Solario, 8th grade student at Holy Cross School. The Third Place winner of Division II also hails from Holy Cross School and is 7th grader, Ms. Ciena Chavez. The Division II winners will be presented with their awards in June of this year during the Holy Cross School Commencement Ceremony.

Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 held Public Safety Night

The Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 recently held a county-wide Public Safety Night in which members of public safety agencies were invited to a social hour and dinner at the lodge.

Eighty-three representatives from ten public safety agencies were in attendance including Coast Guard, ambulance, fire, police, sheriff and highway patrol.

Following a moment of silence for police officers who had been recently killed in the line of duty, each agency was introduced and presented with a framed certificate of appreciation by Exalted Ruler Dan Merryman and event chairman PDDGER Gene Beckel.

Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 joins Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 for essay awards

The Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218, in conjunction with the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900, presented awards to their contestants who entered the Americanism Essay Contest. The essay topic was "The American Dream, what does it mean to you?"

The awards ceremony took place at the Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy. Jim Norton, Lodi Elks Lodge ER joined Nancy Steinberg, PER and Americanism Chairman from the Stockton Elks Lodge and Gretchen Salvetti, Principal, in recognizing the contestants.

The Americanism Essay Contest contestants who were recognized at the ceremonies were: Dominic Borra (Lodi), Caity Buchanan (Lodi), Alexis Mommsen (Stockton), Emily McClung (Lodi), Brittney Herr (Stockton), Alphonso Franco Jr. (Stockton), Micaiah Dogan (Stockton), and Diamond Tennis (Stockton) who was the Central District winner. Diamond Tennis and her family were honored at a separate breakfast event that was held at the Stockton Elks Lodge, where she received a check for \$150.00.

Drug Awareness

By Jack Dalton, Drug Awareness Chair

During May's California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention in San Diego, Law Enforcement Officer, Chief Bill Palmini was presented the National Enrique Camarena Award. This presentation held an exceptional significance since it is the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week commemorates the memory of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Agent who was brutally tortured and murdered in Mexico by the Mexican Drug Cartel. Shortly thereafter the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks established one of the most prestigious awards in its Drug Awareness Program: the Enrique Camarena Award.



L to R: (barely visible) Enrique Camarena, Jr. (Enrique Camarena's son); Mrs. Mika Camarena (Enrique Camarena's widow); Sgt. Will Palmini (Chief Bill Palmini's son); Chief William "Bill" Palmini; Kent Gade (Director of the Elks Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program), and Jack Dalton (Chairman, CHEA Drug Awareness Program) who presented the award.

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San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 award band scholarships

The San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 held their 43rd Annual Band Concert on Sunday, April 11, 2010. This is an annual scholarship competition for high school band students. The Lodge's Elks Concert Band, conducted by James Langdell, played many great musical selections before the high school scholarship competition commenced.

Six students took part in this competition. Judith Marie Cantiller from El Camino High School played the trumpet, Cynthia Huang from Aragon High School played the flute, Joshua Dunsford from Hillsdale High School played the trombone, Daniel James Kozaczuk from Burlingame High School played the trumpet and Yasuko Kohno from San Mateo High School played the clarinet.

The first place award went to Yasuko Kohno from San Mateo High School. She was awarded a \$250.00 scholarship and four other competitors each received \$50.00. A dinner was served after the competition.

Lapsation

By Richard Rueda, Lapsation Chair

Our Association President, Hugh Scanlon, chose the phrase "Elks – America's Pot of Gold" as his motto this year. An active and satisfied membership is that "Pot of Gold." We must maintain this vital treasure.

In these first three months, delinquent members should have received his/her second notice of delinquent dues. Now the Membership and Lapsation Chairmen should telephone the member and attempt to identify the reason why the member has not paid his/her dues and try to seek a solution. If they fail to get a substantial answer, then they should request the member's sponsor to lend a hand in salvaging this member. Often, a lonely, delinquent member will not take the lead to regain his original status.

Always remind the member that, even though he/she drops on March 31st, the door stands open for reinstatement.

In my next article, we will be in a better position to discuss how various District Chairmen have found interesting solutions to the problem of Lapsation. We will continue to learn from each other. "Let Us Keep Our Members."

Susanville Elks Lodge No. 1487 salutes Veterans and Boy Scouts

The Susanville Elks Lodge No. 1487 honored veterans and celebrated the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America with a special USO Night program attended by approximately 200 veterans, scouts and guests. All Lassen County veterans and Boy Scouts in attendance were guests of the Lodge for the dinner and program.

The traditional USO show themed program featured 1940's era performances by the Susanville Repertoire Company. Colors were presented by members of Boy Scout Troop 159, sponsored by the lodge. Boy Scout Bill Dandois played a medley of military service songs recognizing all veterans. He also played Taps at the conclusion of the program.

PER and retired Army Master Sergeant Larry Rogers stood at attention during the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony delivered by lodge member and veteran Tom Gauthier. Rogers and Gauthier shared duties as masters of ceremony for the evening which was organized by ENF lodge chairperson TeriLynn Bejeck.

Emotions during the evening ranged from solemn touching moments to laughter as those gathered enjoyed great food and entertainment. Plans are already under way to make this an annual event.



Boy Scout Bill Dandois

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*William D. Brunner	Redondo Beach	1980-81
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*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	Arcadia	1994-95
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Timothy C. Martin	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
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Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 visits hospitalized veterans

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 visits the veterans at the VA hospital every 6 weeks. The Lodge members and other volunteers gather to prepare treats which will be taken to the hospital. The Lodge sponsors the Bingo games for the vets, and then they distribute home-baked cookies as they visit the veterans for a few hours following the bingo session.

Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 sponsors annual Rodeo Parade

Each year, during the annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, the new Association President participates in the Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning. The Rodeo Parade is sponsored by the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Over 700 volunteers are needed to put on the parade, some of whom have been working on this event each year for over 20 years. The primary purpose of the parade is to raise funds for the youth of the community. The Lodge solicits sponsorships and donations from community members. Any funds left over after paying for the parade are distributed to local youth groups such as the bands that participate in the parade.



Hugh and Dale Scanlon being interviewed by a local TV reporter while on the parade route.

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 recognizes local youth

The Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 held its annual Youth Recognition night on May 5th, when seven local graduating high school seniors were presented with the Lodge's Most Valuable Student Scholarship awards. The Lodge scholarship awards totaled \$3,000. The total combined awards from local through the national awards levels were \$7,600.

The MVS scholarship winners were: David Whiting, Erin Rehkopf, Sarah Sokolowski, Joseph Lyons, Francisco Marmolejo, Katie Vaught (all from East Union High School, Manteca, CA), and Kimberly Huynh (Merrill West High School, Tracy, CA).



Front row (L to R): Sarah Sokolowski, Don "Spanky" Rathjen (Lodge Scholarship Chairman), Kimberly Huynh, Katie Vaught

Back row (L to R): David Whiting, Erin Rehkopf, Joseph Lyons, Francisco Marmolejo

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 solves a doggy problem

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 discovered that some of the dog handlers in Afghanistan were "dogged" by a problem. The soldiers needed to groom their animals, yet lacked the proper equipment to do so. These troops are the dog handlers that use their dogs to detect and find explosives before they maim or kill our troops.

The Lodge members embarked on a project to supply some of those troops with dog grooming brushes. The members of the Lodge raised funds to buy these much needed brushes. Funds for the project were raised by the cooking crews headed by Jim Madrid, the key fundraiser, and Bob Crosat. These two Elks, along with their prospective cooking crews, prepared and served Mexican and Italian dinners on alternate Monday nights. Enough funds were raised to purchase the brushes from a local feed store at a substantial discount.

The project was the brain child of Doug Frampton, the Lodge Veterans Chairman. He worked with a group called "Give 2 the Troops." This is an organization that sends much needed sundry items to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Plans are to present the brushes to Laurie Mc Call who heads the local "Give 2 the Troops" organization during the Lodge's Cinco de Mayo dinner in May.

The members of the Lodge plan on continuing the project to raise more funds to purchase additional sundry items for the troops.



L to R: Phil Gervasi, Tim Kelleher, Doug Frampton, Don Benson, feed store owner, and Jim Madrid

Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786 holds Purple Pig fund raiser

On April 23, 2010 the Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786 had a very successful fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). The evening started with dinner followed by a presentation by CHEMPI Therapist Denise Wilson. Denise introduced the family and one of the children to whom she is providing therapy services. Denise brought the family with her to explain how their child had been helped.

After this presentation an auction and raffle were held to raise money. Many of our attendees also brought in their piggy banks that evening. Thanks to the very generous people who attended, we raised over \$2,500.00 for the Major Project. We are very fortunate in this district for our many members and friends that support the Purple Pig.

Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 sponsors Youth Night

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 recently celebrated Youth Night by recognizing their many Americanism Essay Contest winners and their Lodge Scholarship winners.

The Lodge Scholarship winners received a \$300 bond and a certificate, while the Americanism Essay Contest winners received a \$100 bond, a trophy and a certificate. The Scholarship winners were: Rosa Lau, Elena Trang, Benjamin Lee, Alice Li, Diana Zhou, Yifang Nie, Stephanie Wang, Elaine Tam and Justin Bui.

The Lodge's Americanism Essay Contest winners were: Henry Cheung, Annie Lam, Willie Koskela, Corrie Chan, Kaeyla Yep and Adam Espinoza. Adam Espinoza was also a CHEA Americanism Essay Contest 2nd Place winner and he received a \$200 bond along with a certificate from the Lodge.



L to R: Henry Cheung, Annie Lam, Samantha Lozano, District Chairman Willie Koskela, Corrie Chan, Kaeyla Yep, Adam Espinoza and Lodge Chairman Charles Pacheco

Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 helps vets attend "Golden Age Games"

The National Veterans Service Chairman of the Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 presented the members with a challenge. He provided the following background information. Patients at the Sepulveda VA hospital have an opportunity to represent their fellow hospitalized veterans every year at the VA's "Golden Age Games." These patients are in their 70's and 80's and they compete in events like shot-put, discus, bicycle and horseback riding, tennis and bowling.

Nationally, what these veterans, and others like them in VA facilities across the county, do to help themselves to stay in shape to compete at these "Games" saves the VA millions of dollars in health care costs.

Veterans going to the "Games" are not given a penny of support by the VA to help with their travel expenses. It costs \$1,500.00 per person for airplane tickets and room and board for a week. To try to help themselves, they collect containers, cans and bottles.

The Lodge Veterans Service Chairman challenged the Lodge to raise money to help defray some of the expenses to send a veteran from the Sepulveda VA Hospital to the "Golden Age Games." Our Lodge, mindful of the Elks motto "So long as there are hospitalized Veterans, the B. P. O. E. will never forget them," responded quickly, and in less than a month, the Lodge raised \$1,000.00 to assist the veterans on their journey!

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 Ritual Champions

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 captured the Ritual Contest championship again – rumor has it that this was their third time in a row to win the contest! The contest was extremely tight this year with only three-quarters of a point spread in the contest finals.

The winning team members are: Exalted Ruler Kevin Perkins, Esquire Shawn Brown, Leading Knight David Stamper, Loyal Knight Henry "Rick" Ross, Lecturing Knight Bill O'Hearn, Chaplain Frank Perez, and Inner Guard Phillip Smith.

The head coach was PER David Skelton. The assistant coaches were: PER Randy Barrows, PER Jim Anderson, and PER John Miller, IV. The Tiler was Larry Hudson (crutches). The candidate was Jared Williamson.



David Skelton, Shawn Brown, Henry "Rick" Ross, David Stamper, Kevin Perkins, Bill O'Hearn, Phillip Smith, Larry Hudson (crutches), Randy Barrows PER (beard), Jared Williamson and Jim Anderson PER. Not shown are John Miller IV and Frank Perez (who had to work).

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 hosts Eagle Court of Honor

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 sponsored a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout, William Makoto Ota. The family prepared a display of badges, projects and a large sign that read "We're Proud of our Eagle Scout." The Master of Ceremonies, Robert Ota, a First Class Boy Scout and the honoree's brother, and his parents Julianne and Dale Ota, both Assistant Scout Masters of Troop 642 made this a Scouting Family occasion. William Makoto Ota is 15 years old and a 9th grade student at Royal High School. He currently serves as Junior Assistant Scout Master and Troop Guide. William's Eagle Service Project was the renovation and expansion of a sprinkler system and planting of grass around the playground equipment at Good Shepherd School and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 holds combined school and lodge fundraiser

The Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 joined with the 20-member Buena High School Jazz Band to hold a combined fundraiser. The band put on a show for the Ventura Elks Lodge during a "Dinner and a Show" event on April 25, 2010. The monies raised benefitted the Lodge Scholarship Fund and the Buena High School Music Department. The students, their parents, and Lodge members volunteered in a combined effort to put on the event. 25 community sponsors (not enough room to list them all here) participated in this very successful fundraising event.

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 attends annual Police ceremony

Members of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 attended the 23rd Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial Ceremony "A Reflection in Time" held on May 20, 2010 at the Police Headquarters in downtown Garden Grove. The ceremony celebrates the lives of five Garden Grove Police Officers who served their community with honor and dignity. It is also a ceremony to remember the surviving family members to let them know the loss of their loved ones was not in vain.

The Garden Grove Memorial Plaza was dedicated to Myron Trapp, Andy Reese, Donald Reed, Michael Rainford and Howard Dallies, Jr. It serves as a historical monument to the officers whose lives were taken in the line of duty.

The Garden Grove Police Department and the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 have both been serving the Garden Grove community for over 50 years. The Elks have been long standing supporters of the Police Department, helping to supply their needs for equipment when needed, and also in honoring them with a dinner and "Officer of the Year" awards in a special ceremony held at the Lodge every year.

The Elks are grateful for the tremendous service provided by the Garden Grove Police to the community and welcomes every opportunity to participate in honoring this fine group of dedicated professionals.



L to R: Dan Arbcast- 4th Year Trustee, Joseph M. Polisar, Chief of Police, Kevin Perkins, Exalted Ruler, and Ken Merrill, an Elk who donated the chairs for the event

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 holds Youth Night

The Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 held Youth Night on Friday, April 16, 2010. Awards were given to Susana Gomez and Angelina Juarez for their outstanding essays on Americanism. The recognition included an award and a stylish Elks sweater. Both students are from Harden Middle School in Salinas. One of their teachers, Ms. Jennifer Garcia, was honored as well. Life Scout Robert Willoughby was presented an award and will be sponsored by the Elks at the National Scouting Jamboree this summer in Virginia. Robert is well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and he is a member of Scout Troop 127. The chairman of the event, Carolyn Cleaves was assisted by PER Carlos Mariscal and the Lodge Honor Guard. They are proud of all the participants in the essay contest and enjoyed the opportunity to present these awards.

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 helps place 3,600 crosses and flags at veterans' graves

Sixteen members of the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 joined other volunteers to place crosses and American flags at the graves of 3,600 veterans at the Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton for the 72nd Annual Fullerton Memorial Day Ceremony. Exalted Ruler Charles "Butch" Rock placed a memorial wreath at the Veterans Memorial Monument. After the ceremony a BBQ was held at the Fullerton Lodge. The Memorial Day Ceremony, which was presented by the City of Fullerton and the American Veterans Memorial Association, was started in 1938 and is the oldest continuous Memorial Day ceremony in North Orange County. The special guest speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony was Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command and Commanding General of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Also in May, the Fullerton Lodge served 400 attendees at the Mother's Day Breakfast. Flowers decorated the Lodge for all the mothers and nans. The event was a success thanks to a team of volunteers who helped serve the food and champagne.

The Lodge's Essay Contest winners were honored on March 4th at the Lodge. Bryan Ghaly (5th and 6th grade) and Maria Alvarez (7th and 8th grade) received a \$100.00 Savings Bond. The winners' parents and siblings also attended with special guests from the school district: Laura Cabera, Dr. Mathew Barnett and Becky D'Arrigo. Bryan Ghaly also won first place in the district and was advanced to the state level of competition.



ER Charles "Butch" Rock places a memorial wreath at the Loma Vista Memorial Park for the 72nd Annual Fullerton Memorial Day Ceremony

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 presents scholarships

On May 5th, during Youth Week, Santa Clara Lodge No. 2347 presented \$400 scholarships to their six finalists in the ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest. The Lodge was assisted by the School Superintendent and the Santa Clara Mayor, who presented each student with the City Youth Week Proclamation. Santa Clara Emblem Club No. 522 presented a \$300 scholarship to their Student of the Year. Four of these students also received \$800 awards from the California-Hawaii Elks Association. The five MVS finalists are: Joan Chong, Alex Willis, Jennifer Juniaga, Ashwin Sundar, Jerry Chung, and Michelle Tsui. The Student of the Year is Alex Barbour.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (April 1, 2010 through May 14, 2010)

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Ed Haffner	218	Faygie Colton	888	Herbert Gerfen	1538	Don Winter	1913
James Heather	218	Edward L. McCain, Jr.	888	James Jensen	1538	Anderson Plywood	1917
Martin Hofheinz	218	Don Checchi (2)	906	Chris McLaughlin	1538	Ronald Crowley	1917
Homer Lewis	218	John Donato	966	Albert Mitchell	1538	Culver City Emblem Club No. 254	1917
Nancy Steinberg	218	Leroy Maston	966	Willie Moore	1538	Charles Melton	1917
Stockton Emblem Club No. 266	218	Annette Shannon-Batinovich	966	Frances Murphy	1538	Glenn Fuller	1952
Stockton Singles	218	Harry Blaesing	1073	Joseph Olivera	1538	Garrett Hartney	1952
Paul Stolberg	218	Katherine Calvert	1073	Josianne Peralta	1538	Chris Merrill	1952
Tuleburg Travel Club (2)	218	Gail Guest	1073	Santa Maria Touring Elks (5)	1538	Bruce Swanson	1952
Tom Watson	218	Dale Inman	1073	James Snowdy	1538	Annette Zahn	1952
Bakersfield Emblem Club No. 186 (5)	266	Richard Jacobsen	1073	Leroy Stanford (2)	1538	Tom Lemm (2)	1959
Tommy & Donna Chisum	266	Ernest Mandere	1073	William Stanford (2)	1538	John Nielsen	1959
Joe Reynolds	322	James Stephens	1073	Pete Thornton (2)	1538	Gary Marlow	1980
Scott Thorshov	322	Edwin W. Ball	1112	Ralph Ujano	1538	Yreka Elkettes (5)	1980
Alice Ackerman	423	John B. Damonte	1112	Myrl Wallace	1538	William Leahy	1991
Stan & Emily Fortier	423	Jack D. Jones	1112	Keith Casper (2)	1608	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Larry Lambert	423	Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Ralph George	1608	Donald Marshall	2027
John Schulz	423	Richard Carstens	1250	David Holmes (4)	1608	Marjorie Kane	2045
Don Smith	423	Robert Bergstrom	1282	L.L. Johnson (2)	1608	Joyce Nohavec	2045
Ryan Vanella	423	Rosalie Clark	1282	Ken Lucas	1608	John Stoker	2045
Bill Berner	522	Barbara Heckendorf	1282	Charlie Myers	1608	David Bakke	2046
Judy Grupp	522	Richard Heckendorf	1282	Marjorie Myers	1608	Robert Bessett	2046
Norbert Silveira	522	Sheila LaMantia	1282	John Wilson	1608	Paul Bostwick	2046
Roger Spencer	522	Ken Pierson	1282	Pauline Rose	1613	Ronald Costello	2046
Ron Williams	522	Dennis Terry	1282	Ruben Rose	1613	Henry Day	2046
Stephen Wilson	522	Bill Welch	1282	Harriot Smith	1613	Robert Folman (2)	2046
Lewis Glaeser	538	Herbert Coffey	1285	Robert Kinsey	1625	Tory Stucker	2046
Jack Merrill (3)	538	Bruce Gordon	1285	Ronald Hinman	1643	James Ward	2046
Earl Trumbull	559	Charles King	1285	Janice Richardson	1643	Patty Crockett (2)	2050
William Cox	583	Stephen Millich	1285	Escondido Lodge No. 1687 (3)	1687	Peter & Amy Crosby	2050
Macy Family Trust	583	Monterey Lodge Line Dancers	1285	Victor Lafica	1687	Edward Baker	2095
Nancy Barnes	613	Bob Beggs	1289	Joseph O'Rourke	1687	Joann Haugen	2095
Eleanor Bolton	614	Lon Croddy	1289	Dave Peterson	1687	Jolene Smith	2121
Floyd Bolton	614	Billy Greenwell	1289	Wayne Senini	1691	Larry Smith	2121
James Wilder	614	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Ray Uebner	1691	Frank Gippetti	2128
Mae Ellen Green	616	Jimmy Martin	1289	Xavier Lerch	1712	Gene & Leila Pendergast	2134
John Isabelo	616	Don Vincent	1289	Marie Linda Bolstad	1728	Canoga Park Emblem Club No. 360	2190
Euclid Lee	616	George Rigney	1328	Cindy O'Brien (3)	1740	Charles Eaton	2190
Harriet Leong	616	Carmen Boyer	1415	Leslie DuBose	1756	Richard Anderson	2230
James Masters	616	Robin Balith	1419	Leonard Weber	1756	Anne Duncan	2230
Pearl Miyasaki (2)	616	Joel Baldwin	1419	Donald Baker	1767	Betty Kemp	2230
Richard Winter, Jr.	616	Arthur Carrillo	1419	Newport Harbor Nautigals	1767	Michael Sullivan (3)	2230
Bonnie Collins	643	Greg Hirst	1419	Mary Ray	1767	Thomas Helbig	2248
Dennis DeSanti	643	Richard Johnson	1419	Richard Pence	1786	Carol Shoemaker	2248
Ross Guy	643	Emil Lenkey	1419	Dorothy Henson	1811	Max Becker	2274
John O'Keefe	643	Leon Marisch	1419	Guy Sachs	1811	William Glen Heidlebaugh	2274
Dave Petersen	643	John Meier	1419	Kimberlee Scott	1811	Robert Towers	2274
Troy Combs (6)	652	Brenda Meraz	1419	Walter Vogan	1811	Eldena Russell	2299
Dave Creech	652	Ontario Emblem Club No. 196	1419	Darrell Webb	1811	Yucca Valley Elks Lounge	2314
Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 (3)	652	Joe Sapenzia	1419	Keith DeFilippis	1857	Yucca Valley Emblem Club No. 411 (5)	2314
Ken & Drois Francis	652	Ken Smith	1419	Gail Niemeyer	1857	George Kinkade	2358
Barry Jacobsen (3)	652	James Zitterkopf	1419	Dr. Marilyn Waiton	1857	Cheryl Laymon (2)	2379
Gerald McDowell	652	Harry Bank	1436	Brian Avery	1905	Patricia Arbelbide	2389
Jack Nash	652	Ernie Chambers	1436	Ben Baumer	1905	Bob Blair	2389
Ernie Nunes	652	James Gillis	1436	Kimber Lea "Kim" Clark	1905	Dean Herigstad	2389
Connie Parker	652	Geoffrey Holland	1436	George Emerick	1905	Richard Goldner	2477
Gary Payne	652	Clyde Homen	1436	Doug & Lori Enroth	1905	Ruby Metzger	2477
Redwood Roamers	652	Melvin Judnich	1436	Diane Gill	1905	Pat Gleason	2484
Ruth Ziegenfuss	652	Ken Kayser	1436	George & Estelle Layton (3)	1905	Stan Barros	2504
Ziggy Ziegenfuss	652	Al Lease	1436	Lawrence Lee	1905	Terry Bennett	2504
Aron Andersen	672	Brandon Roascio	1436	Gene & Barbara McClendon	1905	Alex Cunningham	2504
Donald Black (4)	672	Larry Smith	1436	Ron & Marilyn Palfrey	1905	Patrick Fitzgerald	2504
Andrew Bisset	759	Max Sweet	1436	Alice Phillips	1905	Walter Galloway	2504
Dale Follas	783	Robert Amrosetti	1538	George Rowan	1905		
Larry & Pat Lowe	783	Robert L. Baker (2)	1538	George & Mary Sutton	1905		

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Dennis Hannum	2504	Susan Aguilar	2704
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Patricia Taylor	2504	Jessie Brodnik	2704
Timothy Grund	2529	Harvey Bunting	2704
Neil White	2529	Arnold Bussard	2704
Alan Schuler	2543	Herb Cline	2704
Hugh Duffy	2591	Walter Neumann	2704
Ginny Mulhern	2591	George Nielson	2704
Silas Bollinger	2626	Charles Pikas	2704
David Henise	2626	Lee Adelsbach	2724
Dennis Kaptur	2626	Charles Clark	2724
Norman "Mike" Pettigrew	2626	Christopher Despol	2724
David Price	2626	Elizabeth Despol	2724
Desert Hot Springs Ladies Auxiliary (5)	2639	Charlene Klinger	2724
Dorothy Warren	2639	Wayne Klinger	2724
Tom Warren	2639	Gregory Mueller	2724
Santa Ynez Valley Elk Wagonairs	2640	Greg Metzger	2790
James Wittenbrock (3)	2640	Gary Benanti	2801
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Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 gets in the dirt for the Purple Pig

The "Elk-Enders" (RV-ers who belong to the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952) took their camping rigs to an area of California City in the Mojave Desert just north of Edwards Air Force Base. Edwards AFB is the western United States landing area for the space shuttle and it is also a major training and R & D airstrip for the military. This is where they host their bi-annual "Poker Run" - a fundraiser for the Purple Pig. Their friends and families have lots of fun while making a top notch charitable contribution.

The "Poker Run" participants ride dirt bikes (motorcycles), quad-runners (4-wheelers), dune buggies and 4 wheel drive vehicles. They've even had a Model T Ford participate on numerous occasions. The course is about 10 to 15 miles long. There are four checkpoints along the course where each participant picks up a playing card, with the fifth, and last, card being picked up at the finish line. The course is "off-road" for most of its length, and is suitable terrain for all ages to participate. It is not a race - each contestant goes at his or her own comfortable pace. This reduces any chance for injuries.

When everyone has completed the run, the five-card poker hands are compared. Of course, the participant holding the best hand wins. The entry fee paid by each participant goes into the pot. At the end of the race, 30% of the money in the pot goes to the Purple Pig. The remaining 70% is split among the top three hands: 30%, 25% and 15% respectively. This year's winning hand was an unbelievable four Kings!

The weather was windy and very cool in the shade, but out in the sun, it was nice and warm. The huge campfire each night (many arrived on Thursday and went home on Sunday) was the evening highlight and appreciated by all attending. Everyone had a great time!



Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543 receives donation for Poway Veteran's Park

At the dedication ceremony for the Poway Veteran's Park, Chris Ames from General Atomics presented a \$25,000 check to Rich Falda, representing Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543. These funds will be used for the construction of the Poway Veterans Park. On April 29th, 2010, a "crew" of four active and retired military veterans from the Poway Elks Lodge joined Jennifer Finley (Navy Counselor Chief, Retired) to prepare and serve hamburgers in a fundraising event for the park: Dennis Rasmussen (Hull Technician Chief, Retired), John Hughes (Gas Turbine System Master Chief, Retired), James Balcom (Sonar Technician Surface Senior Chief, Active) and Ray Caston (Gunner's Mate Chief, Retired). All net profits and tips were donated by the Chiefs to the Veterans Park. The park is scheduled to open on Veterans Day, November 11, 2010.

In other news, on May 5, 2010, members of the Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543 joined the South Coast District Association Vice President, Janet Rasmussen, to distribute dictionaries to students at the Valley Elementary School in Poway.



L to R: Chris Ames, a representative for the VFW, a representative for the American Legion, a representative for the Fleet Reserve Association and the Military Officers of America, and Rich Falda

Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 member plans to help Cambodian girls

Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 PER John Haro is a two-tour Vietnam War veteran who recently visited Cambodia on a church organized mission's trip last year. The church group was helping to build a church in the village, but John also saw another need in that community. There are four "safe houses" run by "Rapha House" - a Christian organization based in Missouri. These safe houses shelter young girls who have been victims of the Asian sex slavery trade. In these safe houses, the girls receive counseling, emotional support and learn job skills like sewing, cosmetology and computer skills. In one of these houses, 95 girls are sharing 6 computers.

John sees a need for additional computers at the safe house, so he has set a goal for himself to return in December with some used laptop computers for the girls to use. His daughter and two friends will accompany him on that trip. He has set a goal to collect 50 donated, used computers between now and December. John is fluent in the Thai language, so he will ensure that the computers will get to all the girls. When he returns to Santa Cruz, John plans to bring back girls' handmade bags and sell them at local churches, then return the proceeds to the makers. John says "in that region you have so many predators - if we help one or two girls, the trip will be a success."

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honors Peace Officers and students

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recently held their annual Peace Officer Appreciation Night. Seven officers were honored for their efforts to provide a safe environment for the residents of their community in addition to protecting private and public property. Each department in the area was asked to nominate one of their outstanding individuals for service above and beyond their duty to the community.

The Lodge held its 12th annual Middle School "Student of the Year" awards ceremony on Thursday, May 27, at Van Avery Prep School. 84 students were recognized from fifteen schools in the Temecula and Murrieta areas. Each middle school was asked to submit applications for three girls and three boys. Each application included a 300-word essay, describing why he or she should be selected as the "Student of the Year" from their school. A committee of Elks judged the applications according to their academic achievement, citizenship, involvement in school activities, and leadership activities. The top boy and top girl from each school were awarded a \$50 United States Savings Bond. All candidates received a framed Certificate of Achievement from the Temecula Valley Elks, an Olympic style medallion medal, and a coupon for a free sandwich donated by Chick-fil-A.



L to R: Southeast District Vice President Bob Walker, CHP Officer Jose Serrano, CHP Officer Carl Barres, ER Ship Wilkinson, Border Patrol Senior Patrol Agent Nirey Del Toro, Temecula Fire Department/CalFire Capt. Ty Davis accepting for Firefighter/Paramedic Bret Rijke, Temecula PD Deputy Moses Salas, Temecula PD Deputy Michael Hamilton, Murrieta PD Officer Matt Mozingo

Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 receives a very special donation

Recently, the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 received a very special donation. Teresa Villasco Willoughby donated \$2,346.22 to the Lodge – money that will go to the Major Project in remembrance of Eric Velasco and Jeff Coleman. This money came from the Children's Memorial Fund of Tulare County. This fund was established by her father, Joseph Leal, in memory of his two grandsons, Eric and Jeff, both of whom died from Muscular Dystrophy. Nearly 40 years ago, Eric was made an honorary member in the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge at the age of 9. In the late 1960s, Eric was a recipient of therapy from the Major Project. He passed away just short of his 18th birthday. Eric had managed to attend college for a while, and his mother, Teresa, joined him, to make sure that he was able to attend. They attended college for six months before Eric died. Teresa continued her education and eventually became a special education teacher. Now, Teresa returned to the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge to "give back" and "to help another family."

San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 honors first annual "Teen of the Year"

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 presented their first annual San Clemente "Teen of the Year" award in April 2010. Candidates for this honor were nominated by their respective youth organizations. Each candidate filled out an application, wrote an essay, and was interviewed by a committee. Rebecca Baker (representing the Boys and Girls Club of San Clemente) and Nicole Wyrick (a Girl Scout member) were chosen by the committee to be recognized as the Lodge's "Co-Teens-of-the-Year."

Each young lady received a \$200 I-Bond to be used for college. Fifty dollars was donated to each organization in their name. The students, their parents, and their organization's leaders were honored at a dinner and awards presentation held at the Lodge. San Clemente hopes to make this an annual award.



L to R: Nicole Wyrick, Dick Maney, Exalted Ruler, and Rebecca Baker

San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 presents JROTC award

On May 22, 2010, the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 participated in the 64th Annual Awards Ceremony and Joint Brigade Review of the San Diego Unified School District's JROTC program. The ceremony was held at Patrick Henry High School.

PER Gary Marinelli (Lodge Americanism Chairman) joined ER Kathleen Kuttler to present the "Best Drilled Battalion/Company/Group" trophy which is sponsored by the Lodge. The San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 has presented this trophy for 63 years. Cadet LTC Lily Duong, Battalion Commander, received the award on behalf of the Madison High School JROTC program.



L to R: Kathleen Kuttler, Lily Duong, Gary Marinelli

Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 recognizes youth

The Santa Cruz Lodge Elks Lodge No. 824 held its annual Youth Appreciation night. The Lodge handed out \$7,300 to six students that included four CHEA Awards. The colors were presented by Boy Scout Troop 674 which the Lodge has sponsored for 85 years. The Lodge holds the record for being the longest single sponsor of a scout troop west of the Mississippi. The Mayor of Santa Cruz was also in attendance and commented how nice it was to see the students and scouts honored by the Elks. One of the scouts, Craig Vilbig, was awarded one of the five CHEA essay contest awards of \$2,900 to send him to the 100th Scout Jamboree.

It was a nice surprise when PDDGER Les Yeffa, the Lodge Scholarship Chairman, answered his doorbell a few days ago. Les reports that the visitor was representing the US Census. However, the census taker wasn't ringing the doorbell to gather census information! In 2008, his son had been awarded \$2,100 in scholarships from the Lodge, the District and the Association. Since he lived on the same block where Les lived, he just wanted to stop by and again and thank the Elks for helping his son, Tyler Nayma, who is now receiving straight "A's" as a sophomore at UC Berkeley. Mr. Nayma said that if it weren't for the Elks scholarships, Tyler would not have been able to go to UCB. It's that kind of thanks that makes all the MVS Scholarship judging worthwhile.



L to R: ER Kyle York, Nate Dolton-Thorton, Kersey Cooper, Christopher Mederios, Lindsey Meyer, Selina Rodriguez, Sarah Mount, Les Yeffa
Kneeling: Santa Cruz Mayor Mike Rotkin

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 recognizes armed forces

On Friday, May 14th, the Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 held an Armed Forces Appreciation Night in recognition of all our armed forces. Corporal Anthony Frank, Sergeant Jay Richardson, Sergeant Cole Watson and Sergeant Josh Lyons, all young Marines stationed in San Diego were in attendance. Diane Layfield, a Gold Star Mother and Sergeant Major Doug Levere were among the honored guests as well. Guest speakers, Sergeant Denny Weisgerber, a Navy Cross recipient, and Mayor Patricia Mahan spoke on the important work our military does to preserve our freedom. Jim Lee and John Boyles arranged an armed forces flag display that included all military branches and a MIA-POW flag. Dinner was prepared by Mike Holder, Joe Martinez and Dave Sloan. Others assisting were Jan Tomlinson, Marlys Lee, Pat Sisco, Cathy Perlow, and Jim Boynton. We certainly left an impression that Elks do care for all those presently serving in the military as well as all the other veterans who have defended our Flag and all it represents.

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 has booth at street fair

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 participated again this year in the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. This year's event was larger than last year's with well over the 20,000 attendees. The Elks are grateful to Lodge Secretary Todd Bair and Trustee Paul Lipari for setting up and organizing the Elks booth.

The 'Wheel of Fortune', used weekly at our Wednesday night Bingo, was a big attraction. ER Bill Mason was joined by his Officer Corps and other members who took turns manning the booth. The Lodge gave out dictionaries and promoted its dictionary program. It also handed out Drug Awareness literature, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot information, Veterans Program literature and Community Service information to Fair attendees.



L to R: Paul Lipari and Paul Mott

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 helps kids

On April 18th at the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks held its 5th annual Cancer Kids Carnival. The event fosters supportive relationships for pediatric cancer patients and their families. When a child has cancer, it affects the entire family. This is a day of fun and relaxation for the entire family, complete with games, food, and loads of prizes. 150 guests attended the event which is held in the Elks Lodge and picnic area located in Mission Viejo. The children enjoyed games where everyone won a prize. There was a bounce house, clowns, custom tee-shirts, face painting, temporary tattoos and hair coloring, balloons, cotton candy, chicken fingers, French fries, corn dogs, and snow cones. The zany antics of Elroy the Elk (PER Paul Shelor of Santa Ana Lodge No. 794) were a big hit. The event included most everything you might find at a regular carnival only tailored to accommodate these very special children. 60 attentive Elks saw to the children's every need and comfort. When they left the party, every child picked out a high-end gift to take with them. The parents saw smiles return to their child's face on Elks Carnival Day. Elk members have said that seeing those smiles is reward enough for all their hard work and efforts.

In other news, the Lodge Officers and members participated in the Veterans Memorial Dedication at Saddleback College on April 29th, 2010. The Memorial is the largest and most impressive memorial honoring our veterans on any college campus in the United States. The Lodge was one of the proud contributors to the funding of the memorial donating \$2,500 to its construction. The Elks plaque commemorating the veterans reads: "WE PAY TRIBUTE AND HONOR TO ALL VETERANS - MISSION VIEJO SADDLEBACK VALLEY ELKS LODGE 2444"

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 Awards \$6,000 in Scholarships

As part of the Elks National Youth Week, the Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 honored six graduating seniors from Gilroy and Morgan Hill for their achievements and awarded them \$6,000 in scholarships.

Joshua Yip (Sobrato High School) was the big winner of the evening, receiving \$1,000 from the Gilroy Elks Lodge, \$400 from the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) and \$4,000 from the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Gregory Wong (Live Oak High School) received \$4,000 from the ENF and \$1,000 from the Lodge. Emily Mandel (Live Oak High School) received \$800 from CHEA and \$1,000 from the Lodge. Connie Kuang (Gilroy High School) received \$4,000 from the ENF and \$1,000 from the Lodge. Nicholas Gibson (Gilroy High School) received \$1,000 from the Lodge. Christina Cefalu (Sobrato High School) received \$1,000 from the Gilroy Elks Lodge.

These students, their families and Live Oak High School Scholarship Coordinator Jan Bergkamp enjoyed dinner and the awards presentation as guests of the Gilroy Elks.



L to R: ER Phil Quast, Emily Mandel, Christina Cefalu, Gregory Wong, PER Art Gillespie, Scholarship Committee Chair

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 receives award for veterans service

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 was recently recognized by the Bay Area and Western Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Lodge received an award for their work with the Paralyzed Veterans in the Palo Alto VA hospital. The Lodge Veterans Committee co-chairs, Loren Dowell and Dominick Garofano, accepted the award on behalf of the Lodge. They were each also awarded a certificate of appreciation for their work as co-chairmen of the Veterans Service Committee.

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 hosts Youth Fishing Derby

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 Fishing Club held their 7th annual Youth Fishing Derby at Mission Viejo Lake. The lucky invitees for this event were boys from the Joplin Youth Center. In addition to learning to fish, the boys learn to clean their catch in preparation for the BBQ to follow. Each boy received a rod and reel and line, as well as wonderful memories of a "day of fishing."

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 served veterans on Memorial Day

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 held a BBQ for veterans at the Long Beach (CA) Veterans Hospital on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010. Over 125 resident veterans were served hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and homemade cakes for dessert. The Lodge's National Veterans Service committee, chaired by Harvey Langham hosted the event.

The Lodge also donated gift baskets to fifteen Camp Pendleton pregnant wives of Marines serving overseas. The baskets had baby supplies valued at \$15,000. The majority of these supplies were donated by local businesses.

The Lodge hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge on Easter Saturday. Hosting Yellow Ribbon America, the Lodge invited families of service men and women serving overseas to the event. Yellow Ribbon America was founded in February of 2003 as a non-partisan, national grassroots effort to unite all Americans to directly help our nation's military members and their families.

In April, the Lodge served nachos (cheese over tortilla chips) to the men and women of the California Army National Guard, 224th Sustainment Brigade, who were taking a break while packing their equipment in preparation to being deployed to Iraq in April.



Vickie Scopel, Debbie Callaway and Charlie Langley serve meals to resident veterans at Long Beach Veterans Hospital on Memorial Day.

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 awards students

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 honored three local students who competed in the Elks National History Day contest "American History." These students were recognized prior to the Lodge's regular meeting. The students submitted essays on various topics of their choice. Juan Carlos Fernandez took the 1st Place award of \$50 for his essay on Political Cartoons. Sarah Smith took the 2nd Place award of \$25 for her essay on Barbed Wire – "The Devil's Rope." Caressa Robinson took the 3rd Place award of \$25 for her essay on Democracy. The students are now eligible for the State competition to be held in Pasadena May 7-9.

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 raises money for the ENF

The Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 held an ENF fundraiser at the Lodge on January 29th. Sue Gibbons prepared a wonderful turkey dinner for the occasion and, because of the generosity of our members, were able to make a \$795.00 donation the Elks National Foundation.

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosts Youth Night

The Garden Grove Lodge No. 1952 hosted Youth Night on May 27, 2010. Exalted Ruler Kevin Perkins opened the meeting with their chartered Boy Scout Troop 111 doing the Presentation of Colors. It was followed by Garden Grove's Miss Outstanding Teen Jenae Duran singing the National Anthem. The Lodge is a major sponsor of the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant every year. Fourth year trustee Dan Arbogast presented the Garden Grove High School ASB with a donation of \$500.00 to be used for the schools ASB programs. Both the ASB and the Scout Troop help during the Christmas season when Jared Williamson, Social and Community Welfare Chairman, leads the Lodge in delivering 250 baskets to needy families in the community.

Mixed in the evening was a skit from the Scouts and a dance by Ally Alex of the Teen Court of Miss Garden Grove. The Grand Finale was the presentation of scholarship monies to the top three boys and Girls from the Scholarship Contest. Over \$3,000.00 was distributed to the winners by Mary Miller, the Lodge Scholarship Chairperson. The scholarship winners and their families were also treated to a magnificent dinner and escorted into the meeting regally as part of the presentation. The parents and counselors of the students were given a standing ovation for the support given to these fine future leaders of America. Over 30 youths participated in the event as representatives of their respective organizations.



Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 visited Long Beach VA

On Monday, May 10, 2010 a delegation of seven volunteers from Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444, visited the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. During the visit, the veterans enjoyed coffee, punch and cookies while playing bingo games for prize money donated by the Lodge's Bingo Charity program. While some volunteers assisted in the Bingo games, others visited the Spinal Injury Unit, giving bedridden patients afghans and lap throws. The Elks brought a pickup truck filled with gifts. The value of the articles, time and mileage donated by the Lodge was estimated to be approximately \$5,600.00. The donations consisted of: toiletries from Paul O'Brian and Nancy Allen, afghans and throws from the Ladies Sewing Group headed by Sandra Bergan, animal pillows from Stephanie and Bill Bongartz, over 12 dozen cookies made by Pam Mackey and Joan Pressley, and assorted magazines and paperback books. The volunteers from the lodge who participated in the visit were Joan Pressley, Pam Mackey, Leo Hazell, Andy Dumont, Paul O'Brian, Gloria R. LeCouvre, and Hank Fordham.

Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 hosts Memorial Day Celebration

The Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 was honored by a special request from Redondo Beach Mayor Mike Gin to coordinate the Memorial Day activities at Veterans Park. A Memorial Day tribute was held at the Clamshell in the park beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Following the Memorial Day tribute a ground-breaking ceremony was held for a new Veterans Memorial which will be erected on property located between the Elks Lodge and the Senior Center.

The Lodge prepared a BBQ meal in the Lodge parking lot. Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and all the usual trimmings were served to over 300 attendees. The \$5.00 meal was free to any veteran who showed their veteran's card.



Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 participates in Children's Day in the Park

Joe's Little Train, a major project of the Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733, recently participated for the eleventh straight year in the Children's Day in the Park festivities. Over 250 free rides on Joe's Little Train were provided to local children by a group of volunteers from the Atascadero Elks Lodge that included Joe Coulter, Ken Dougherty, Mike Mintey, Jerry Harter, Carol Harter, Maggie Vandergon, Barbara Coulter, Mary Dougherty, Linda Mintey, and Barbara Tull.

The 21st Annual Children's Day in the Park was held at the Atascadero Lake Park on Saturday, May 15th. The annual free event contains a carnival area full of games and activities as well as multiple bounce houses, piñatas every 30 minutes, rides on Joe's Little Elk Train and other entertainment from the main stage. The event is organized by the Atascadero Youth Task Force/LINK, the City of Atascadero Community Services Department, the Cal Poly Rec 2010 Class, the Atascadero Unified School District, and the Central Coast Zoo Society.

In other news, the Lodge recently celebrated local youth programs and scholarship winners during a special dinner as part of National Youth Week. Two special highlights of the program were a presentation by the award winning Atascadero High School Robotics Team and recognition of Ryan Elliot, a Templeton High School student who recently won an Elks' National Foundation Scholarship worth nearly \$5,000 and plans to attend Princeton University. The Atascadero High School Robotics Team designs and fabricates a new robot within a six-week build season each spring. They then compete with the robot in FIRST FRC competitions. The competition is a great learning experience for the students on the team who get hands on engineering and machining practice.



Elks Memorial Building in Chicago

Photo provided by "BPO Elks of the USA"

So long as there is a disabled veteran the Elks will never forget them!

The Elks Veterans Memorial is a tribute to the bravery, loyalty and dedication of the thousands of Elks who have fought and died for our country. It has been described as one of the most magnificent war memorials in the world, but with its monumental architecture and priceless art, the Memorial is more a symbol of peace and of the patriotism of the members of the Elks fraternity.