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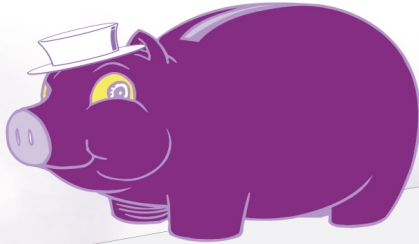


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*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

Preschool vision screening catches problems early: I am writing first to thank the California-Hawaii Elks. The free eye exam done at our son Nathan's preschool in March of this year was invaluable. When my wife and I saw how disparate Nathan's eyes were ... it brought tears to our eyes...as concerned parents we had no idea a problem existed. I cannot thank you and your organization enough for this service you provide. Nathan's eyesight really made a difference.

Dear Elks: ...Brian (the Physical Therapist) is an asset to your program ...the children adapted quickly to him being a part of their life.

Linda (Pediatric Vision Screener) is very professional and kind. The students feel safe and at ease with her. Thank you for allowing her to do the vision screening at our school. We hope she can do the screening next year.

**Preschools and Day Care Centers  
Appreciate Elks Pediatric Vision Screeners**

Teresa (Pediatric Vision Screener) was wonderful, patient & kind towards the staff and children. She was always on time with a smile. Can we have her back next year?  
Thank you, Teresa.

Dear Elks, I am writing this letter with my heart full of thanksgiving. My son has been diagnosed with Amblyopia ...Untreated may lead to functional blindness in the affected eye. ...Had it not been for the screening we would not have known (to) strengthen his sight in that eye. I am deeply grateful and I have that to thank you for. Thank you.

Dear Elks, Maria (Physical Therapist) is really great with Nick. She knows how to motivate him and he lights up when he sees her. Maria has really helped us understand the physical therapy, how to work with Nick and how important it is to do his exercises several times a day.  
Thanks Maria!

**Your Program Helped**

I am greatly appreciative. Had it not been for (The Elk Major Project) my son may have ended up wearing a helmet due to his irregular head shape....His head has recovered remarkably with no noticeable signs. Thank you for offering this program. It has changed my son's life!  
A grateful

Dear Elks, I want to thank the individuals responsible for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project that allowed us to get help for my son. Our family has benefitted tremendously from your program and we are extremely grateful. ....Sarah B

Dear Elks, This program and Hedley (Speech-Language Pathologist) were such a blessing to my daughter and our family. Our daughter really needed this. I'm glad she was able to start kindergarten with confidence. Thank you so very much for this service. You really make a life changing experience for families.

I am impressed with the improvement that my daughter, Jocelyn has made. She currently started crawling. I'm very happy!

## Letters From Grateful Parents & Preschool Directors



### Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 oenophiles raise \$6,000 for charity

The Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Extravaganza on January 22, 2011. Representatives from ten local wineries poured wines while the guests were treated to a large variety of appetizers.

A silent auction and other prizes were donated by local merchants and wineries, enabling the Lodge to raise almost \$6,000 for local children's charities.



Barbara Hofer, ER, exhibits wine from each of the wineries attending

### Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059 receive gifts for kids

On Friday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, CHP Officer Ed Smith and Highway Patrol Volunteer Gene dropped off about 75 gifts plus a bicycle for the Mojave Elks No. 2059 Kids Annual Christmas Party which was held on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Lodge's Lecturing Knight, Candis Snider, who is also the Youth Activities Chairman and the Chairman for the Children's Christmas Party accepted the donations on behalf of the Lodge.



L to R: Candis Snider, Gene and Ed Smith

### Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 donates to local charity

Each year volunteers with the Livermore Police Department conduct a "Holiday Giving Tree" event. Tags with the names and special needs of families and seniors needing assistance are hung on the Giving Tree. People select a tag and return it with the items requested on the tag. The volunteers wrap all of the collected gifts and donations which are then delivered to the families shortly before Christmas.

This year, the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge donated \$600 worth of Target gift cards for the Giving Tree. Exalted Ruler Jeremy Kennedy presented the gift cards to Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney on December 17, 2010. Lodge Trustee Bob Terhune, Leading Knight Cynthia Kennedy and First Lady Deena Kennedy were also in attendance.



L to R: Five members of the Livermore Police Department Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Steve Sweeney, Jeremy Kennedy, Bob Terhune, Cynthia Kennedy, and Deena Kennedy

### Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 donates bicycles

In memory of their departed member, David Hamm, and to continue his Christmas tradition, the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 expanded on that tradition for its annual "Toys for the Troops' Kids" toy drive.

Each year David Hamm donated a new boy's and girl's bicycle to this program. Through generous donations from Lodge members, the Courtland, CA Volunteer Fire Department, family, friends and the David Hamm Estate, a bicycle fund was established to ensure that this tradition could continue for years to come. Frank Cook, the "Toys for the Troops' Kids" collection organizer, received the donated bicycles from the Lodge.



L to R: North Central DDGER Jerry Landreth-Brusato, Frank Cook, ER Ron Brusato, PER Richard Cherry



# President's Message

## ELKS—America's Pot of Gold

Hello and Aloha to all of you great Elks and your families. It is still an amazing experience to be your President and I know I also speak for your First Lady, Dale.

Great is the word for the Elks in California and Hawaii - for your hospitality, friendship and dedication to all the programs of the Grand Lodge and our beloved California-Hawaii Elks Association. I have seen firsthand in our travels through our great States the work that is being done by your Lodges and by you, the members. I kiddingly say that Volunteers live longer. I really don't know if that's a fact or not, but I would like to think so. Which brings me to restate an important point from some of my district speeches: I believe that "Our volunteerism to our Order and our Association, our Lodges and our communities takes dedication and effort, but the payoff in personal satisfaction is tremendous". It has to be that way for that is what we are all about. We receive no pay or compensation, just the satisfaction that goes with our hard work and dedication. Keep it up!

I was very fortunate many, many years ago, to be a Vice President for Past Association President and current Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Rex Dondlinger and his beautiful wife, Quita. Rex left us a few weeks ago and I would like to say that we will miss him, and that he will forever be in our thoughts and prayers, especially during our 11 o'clock toast. Good job Rex and Quita!

There are only few more days in which to purchase a CHEMPI 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin, so don't get left out - send that \$60.00 in to receive your Major Project collector's pin. Over \$60,000 has been raised for the Major Project so far, just from the sale of this beautiful 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin!

In the previous two magazine issues I commented on BROTHERLY LOVE and JUSTICE. CHARITY is the virtue that I will comment on for this issue. Charity begins at home. Home at your Lodges, home in your Piggy Bank, home in your Bequests and Living Trusts and home in our California-Hawaii Elks Association. All the great Lodges in our Association raise a lot of money for our charitable programs. I am proud of the dollar amounts that come in, not only for the Major Project, but also for Scholarships, Dictionaries, Scouting, Youth Activities and for so many of the other worthwhile programs of our Order, our Association and our Communities. I ask you to keep it up and try and stretch a little bit more into these programs.

Charity is also reflected by the Flag that stands majestically beside our altars. It represents our Country and our Veterans. We should honor our Veterans through our Veterans Program - not only 2 or 3 times a year, but each and every day. God Bless them and God Bless America!

At the end of the rainbow, you will find a "Pot of Gold," full of happiness and blessings in all the luck it holds. This "Pot of Gold" is especially for you, so the Lucky Charms are with you each day through.

Dale and I are still out there, so we will see you on the road. God Bless you folks!

With warm fraternal regards,

Hugh Scanlon, President  
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- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

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

## President's

### Upcoming Visitation Schedule

**March 4-5, 2011**

*Homecoming, Metropolitan District  
Glendale*

**March 25-27, 2011**

*Western Region Hoop Shoot  
Las Vegas*

**April 21-24, 2011**

*Hoop Shoot Finals, Springfield, MA*

**April 28-May 1, 2011**

*Utah Elks Association Convention  
Tooele, UT*

**May 18-21, 2011**

*CHEA Convention, Fresno, CA*

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## Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 serves dinner to local VFW members

As we know, the motto of the National Veterans Service Committee is "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." In keeping with that sentiment, the Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 recently decided to recognize the members of their local VFW post.

Approximately 60 Lodge members and guests, including members of the VFW post, enjoyed a full turkey dinner at the Lodge. The evening was a great success for all! It was heard more than once that the veterans felt like they were at home because they were treated so well.



VFW guests in the serving line



## Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



I can't believe that January is over and February is the page seen on the calendars! Everyone is gearing up for nominations, elections, ending of one year and the start of another. Busy times!

Another event arriving soon is the Association Convention in May, which culminates in the Exalted Ruler's March. It's very exciting to hear how much each Lodge donated and see the tote board total climb. Last year, the total was \$3,062,368.50. It was an amazing demonstration from our members of your

commitment to our Major Project Piggy Bank program.

We have been celebrating CHEMPI's 60<sup>th</sup> year of service to the children of California and Hawaii communities and one of the representations of this is our beautiful 60 year anniversary pin. With your donation of \$60 you can receive this pin and a signed certificate. To date we have raised over \$60,000 from your donations received for this pin. I urge you to send in your \$60 donation soon as the pins are only available until March 31, 2011. You will not be able to get them at convention!

The Fishing Trip is being donated again this year by Jim Olson and tickets are being printed now. You should receive them soon. Please make sure to ask at your lodge and buy your tickets. I hear it is a fantastic trip, well worth the cost of a few tickets, or a LOT of tickets if you wish to try harder to win the trip.

Tickets for the Elk Sculpture should still be available at every lodge and I urge you to buy your tickets to try to win the sculpture. If you think you don't have any place to put it, consider donating it to your lodge for display. The drawing for the sculpture will be in May at the convention. Bill Hyde, the wonderful sculptor in the South Coast District, presented this Elk Sculpture to me at the last convention to raise money for Piggy Bank. I have brought the sculpture to all of the President's visits that I have been able to attend and we have raised about \$3,000 so far. This piece is a beautiful wood carving and I would like to raise a lot more money for our Major Project.

Remember six easy ways to raise more money for the Major Project are: (1) sign up for a recurring donation with the Fresno office, (2) send in at least \$5 for your Christmas cards and/or labels you have received from CHEMPI, (3) use Goodsearch.com as your search engine or your place to shop, (4) send in your \$60 for your anniversary pin, (5) send in \$52 or \$100 to receive your 52 club or Century Club pin and certificate, (6) bring your full piggy banks to your lodge.

These are just a few of the ways to contribute. I hope that you will try some or all of them to help in our quest to reach \$3 Million again.

I thank every member for their participation and donations to the Piggy Bank project. Please keep them rolling!

## San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 saves a member – literally

A few months ago, a member of the San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 fell to the ground in the Lodge parking lot after having just left the Lodge facility. Another Lodge member saw the member in distress and ran inside the Lodge to find someone who knew CPR. Fortunately, fellow Elks Kendall Miller and Mike Mercurio were able to help. Running outside, they performed CPR on the stricken member. Because of their fast action and knowledge of CPR techniques, the person in distress was revived while awaiting the arrival of an emergency medical response team.

Also, in observance of "National Veterans Remembrance Month," the Lodge treated 46 veterans, from the Trauma Unit at the Menlo Park, California VA Medical Center, to a steak and apple pie ala mode dinner. The San Mateo Elks Lodge Band entertained the guests with military and popular music. In addition to these events, every month the members of the Lodge's Veterans Committee sponsor a birthday party for the veterans at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center.

## Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 visits Barstow, CA veterans home

The Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 Veterans Committee paid their annual Christmas visit to the Barstow CA Veterans Home. They delivered presents consisting of a camcorder and disks, 60 department store gift cards, 200 boxes of chocolate covered cherries and boxes of books and puzzles. The Lodge's chorale group ("The Shenanigans") provided the entertainment during the lunch hour by singing Christmas carols.



Barney Barnhart, WWII Army Air Force Veteran receives a gift from Santa Claus

## Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 visits hospitalized vets for Christmas

Fourteen members of the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471's Veterans Committee, including friends, visited Veterans at the Palo Alto Veterans hospital to deliver 90 Christmas bags to the patients. The bags contained toilet articles, candy and canteen scrip. Each patient also received a box of chocolates.

The Elks visited veterans in the Spinal Cord Injury ward, the Traumatic Brain injury ward, the Poly Trauma ward and Veterans in the PTSD group. The visit ended with a visit to the Western Blind Rehab center.

While Santa was giving out the gifts, Committee members sang Christmas carols in the Ward's hallways. Extra bags were delivered to the Chaplain's office to be given to homeless Veterans.



L to R: Lee Barbanan, Santa Claus (Rod Norville, PER) and Alex Johnson visit USMC Lance Corporal Daniel Hall



## Orange Coast District donates \$1,000 to Special Olympics

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 announced a donation of \$1,000 to the Orange County Special Olympics by the Elks Orange Coast District (OCD). The OCD conducts two golf tournaments annually to raise money to support the Special Hoop Shoot, which is part of the Special Olympics. These funds enable over 300 handicapped kids of all ages to participate in the Special Hoop Shoot. Each participant receives an Elks District T-shirt and a gold medal on a red, white and blue ribbon. The red, white and blue basketballs used in the hoop shoot are donated to the organizations that bring the kids to the competition. Ed Repic, OCD DDGER, said, "Because of a very generous gift to the Special Hoop Shoot fund by Ray Estrella, Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794's Exalted Ruler, the OCD is able to make an extra donation to the Orange County Special Olympics. In 2011, the 10 Lodges of the OCD will strive to increase our contributions to the Special Olympics."

In other news, the Lodge accompanied other volunteers to bring gifts and sing Christmas carols for the military veterans in the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Andy Dumont, Lodge Veterans chairman, and Leo Hazell, event chairman, led a group of Elk members and other volunteers (which included: Sandie McClure, Jean Edwards, Pam Mackey, Diane Landis, Gloria LeCouvre, Ted LaPorte and Sharon Scott.) The gifts had a retail value of over \$2,000. They included dozens of home made Afghans, shoes, clothing (shirts, socks, etc.), bingo prizes, gift bags, stuffed animals, personal care items and eight dozen cookies (four dozen with no sugar). The veterans were also serenaded by a group of volunteers from Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Choir of Rancho Santa Margarita and Mission Viejo. Members of this group included Elaine Witten, Carrie Yates, Lucy and Perry Cabera, Cora Haroso, Lourdes and Ed Hortinela, Rey Alonso, Lily Perrera, Bill and Elvie Villanueva and Sally Cordova.

The Lodge also hosted their annual Christmas Party for well over 200 special kids, special adults and their caretakers. The "Special Guests," aged seven (7) to over seventy (70) years old, were pampered by sixty-seven (67) Elks Lodge volunteers. During the lunch, ten (10) clowns in colorful attire and make-up from the Laguna Woods Senior Clown Alley circulated among the tables, entertaining the crowd. After lunch, the guests swarmed onto the dance floor to join "Elroy the Elk," dancing to a variety of music. Entertainment was donated by Larry and Irene Stephens. Later in the afternoon, Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival caused great excitement. Each guest received a picture of their visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a gift bag. Gifts in all of the gift bags were provided by the Elks Lodge members through its charity bingo operation and The Walt Disney Company, which provided Ratatouille DVDs, Tinker Bell pendants and other gifts.



Ed Repic with Special Hoop Shoot committee members

## Why wasn't my photograph included?

### *A note from the Editor*

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

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

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

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

## Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 hosts Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 hosted a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Casey Martinson on November 28, 2010. For Casey's Eagle service project, he planned and supervised a number of improvements for the Nevada County demonstration gardens.

This was the second Eagle Court of Honor that the Lodge hosted in 2010, and in December, the Lodge recognized Rebecca Bowman for earning the Girl Scout Silver award.

The Grass Valley Elks Lodge is very proud of its partnership with the Scouts. We host Cub Scout pack 21, Boy Scout troop 21, and Venture Crew 21. This year, all three scout groups donated all the food collected in their annual "Scouting for Food" food drive to Project HOPE (Helping Other People Eat). Project HOPE is a Lodge program partially funded by an ENF grant to provide food and school snacks to people in need in Nevada County.

The Lodge provides meeting space and equipment storage for the Scouts, and we provide funding for Scouts in need. The Lodge also makes our beautiful, spring-loaded ballroom dance floor available for teen dances, which are run by the Venture Crew about 6 times each year. The Boy Scout troop serves dinner each month at Taco Night, and our Venture Crew helps with meals one night each month. The Boy Scouts usually participate in our Flag Day and Veterans Day celebrations, and both Boy Scout and Venture Crew members serve at Lodge dinners during the year.

The Grass Valley Lodge scouting program is a great example of two community service organizations coming together to help each other and serve the community. When the lodge agreed to support the scout groups, lodge members had no idea just how much the scout groups would help the lodge.



## Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 holds children's Christmas party

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 held its annual Christmas party for 75 deserving children and their parents. This year's theme was "A Hawaiian Christmas." Santa Claus arrived via a Huntington Beach Fire Truck. The children were entertained with face painting, table crafts and a Polynesian dance program. Each child received an age-appropriate gift from Santa and they and their parents were fed a lunch of pizza and soft drinks. The Edison High School girl's soccer team donated their time assisting with table crafts and serving of lunch. This year's party was especially appreciated given the economic challenges faced by many families in attendance.

In other news, the Lodge donated 26 boxes of food and toys to the veterans and their children at "The Villages at Cabrillo" in Long Beach. "The Villages at Cabrillo" is a veteran's transitional housing village. Support for "The Villages at Cabrillo" has been a long time service project of the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge's Veterans Service Committee, led by Harvey Langham. The Lodge also donated twelve Christmas Trees to the Village.

The Lodge also donated dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students of Courreges Elementary School in Fountain Valley. The students of the school warmly received the dictionaries. As an added bonus, Ron Courreges, a member of the Lodge, conducted a question and answer session with the students. Courreges School is named after the family, which has been located in the area for 140 years. The students were keenly interested in his description of the development of Fountain Valley over several generations of his family members.

The Lodge hosted this year's annual Orange Coast District "Flag Retirement Ceremony". Each year the Lodge receives the retired flags which are collected by the ten Lodges in the District. The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge performed the Elks Flag Retirement Ritual. This year, over 4,000 flags were collected, folded reverently by our various Boy Scout troops, and presented to our members for formal retirement. Over 120 Elks and family members witnessed this year's program.



## Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733's Elroy the Elk has been busy

Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733's Elroy the Elk distributed drug awareness coloring books to every fourth grade student in the Atascadero Unified School District. The drug awareness coloring books were distributed to the fourth grade students as part of National Red Ribbon Week. Every year, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. Elroy the Elk also distributed over 250 holiday bags to children at the Winter Wonderland festival in Atascadero. Each bag contained holiday treats and drug awareness material.

## Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 honors two WWII veterans

Two members of the "Greatest Generation" were surprised and honored at the Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652. Ninety-three year old Captain Lee Whitehead, USN, from Eureka, and 86 year old Major Richard Daniels, USAF, from Fortuna, were honored by the entire aviation community of Humboldt County.

Richard Daniels was a member of a ten man crew of a B-17 "Flying Fortress." On their 22<sup>nd</sup> combat mission, they were assigned to bomb an airbase at Toulouse, France. After losing an engine on their four-engine bomber, they began to lag behind the rest of the formation and became a prime target for the German Luftwaffe fighter planes. The crew bailed out near the Pyrenees Mountains.

Lee Whitehead flew the Lockheed Ventura PV-1 anti-submarine patrol bomber to escort ships that were transporting our troops to England. His plane protected the ships for the first several hundred miles of their voyage, from which point onward naval destroyers guarded them. Lee performed patrol duties in both the North and South Atlantic Ocean and served 55 missions while assigned to Dutch Guinea in South America.

In what was widely acknowledged as the largest gathering of its kind in the county's aviation history, 95 members and representatives of every aviation organization in Humboldt County assembled for the surprise celebration of these two World War II veterans. Officers and members of the Lost Coast Aviators-EAA Chapter 1418, the North Coast Vintage Aviation Society, The 99's-Redwood Coast Flyers (women aviators), AV8Cando (aviation educators), the Airport Advisory Committee and the Kilroy Corps enjoyed the banquet. Colonel T. F. "Sam" Spayd from the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum also attended the event and spoke in honor of both Dick and Lee. Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airport Manager; Chuck Goodwin, Chairman of the Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee; and Major Loren Hanks, recent 1st District Congressional candidate, spoke at the event along with numerous friends, young and old. Nine members of the honorees' families also made a surprise appearance, and another five appeared by video tape.

The event was produced and emceed by a 16 year old South Fork High School Junior, pilot and EAA 1418 Secretary, Lindsay Locke. Lindsay was elected president for the 2011 term of the local Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1418 at the beginning of the evening. The two honorees were completely unaware that everyone was there to honor them until Lindsay Locke started the recognition ceremonies. Former U2 pilot, Major Dave Sandige, USAF, while wearing a helmet and oxygen mask, presented certificates to the honorees, inducting them into the "Lucky Bastards Club."

According to Dick Daniels, he was "kidnapped" to the event and forgot to put in either of his hearing aids. Only after his wife Margo explained into his ear why his picture was up on the big screen did he realize what was happening. Both men, though aging bodily, are still very sharp. Everyone involved in the "conspiracy" found out how difficult it is to fool these two old war-birds.

The honorees were truly surprised by a group of people who acknowledged both Lee and Dick's lifetime passion and devotion to aviation and particularly to the education of the young and the public about aviation and aviators.



L to R: Mike Shapiro (Lecturing Knight), Captain Lee Whitehead, Pete Day (Leading Knight), Major Richard Daniels and Ernie Nunes (Esquire)



## Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



### BRIDGING THE GAP and MEETING THE CHALLENGE

My fellow Elk members, during the third quarter our membership performance seesawed its way to positive results and this proves that your continued support, dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm has paid off. I congratulate you and express my appreciation to all the District Chairs who have so diligently sent in their reports. It really has made my job much easier.

As of December 31, 2010, the Association shows a net gain of 2.52%. Our goal is to have a 10% gain in membership. Speaking of percentages, the membership growth by district is: West Central District 5.64%, South District 4.58%, Metropolitan District 4.34%, Orange Coast District 3.67%, Hawaii District 3.50%, Bay District 3.08%, San Gabriel District 2.88%, South Central Coast 2.83%, West Central Coast District 2.38%, Central District 2.36%, East Central District 2.22%, North District 2.00%, Southeast District 1.58%, Northeast District 1.14%, Northwest District 0.99%, South Central District 0.93%, North Central District 0.77%, South Coast District 0.37%, and the Inland District 0.17%.

Our Association has experienced an upturn in membership gain and the results are very promising. However, my unofficial Lapsation numbers show that we have over 4,800 members who are one year delinquent (6.00%). If those members do not renew before March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Association will wind up on the losing side.

Therefore, it is important for us to continue to work hard and with determination to retain these members. I encourage and ask each Elk, and every family member who reads this, to take part in the activities of your individual lodges and lend a hand whenever possible. Remember, we are a family oriented Order and by promoting and encouraging family participation, we will meet the challenge to finish the year with a plus membership gain.

As spring arrives, a season of renewal takes place in each of our subordinate lodges and new leaders are being installed to face the challenges of 2011-2012. I believe that the most important responsibility facing the new administration is to Bridge the Gap between the outgoing, incoming, and "in between" officers.

Bridging the Gap is the transition from the old to the new. We have Past Exalted Rulers who have been recycled more than once, and some incoming officers who will step up to the plate with little or no prior experience as an officer. In order to ensure your lodge's growth and survival, your new officer corps must work as a team to plan and set goals for the next five years. We must get the younger members involved as well and encourage them to join the team.

At the upcoming Association Convention in Fresno, there will be a workshop on Membership Recruitment and Retention. The main discussion will focus on two subjects: (1) the Membership Management Control Team Manual and (2) the Second Step Program. There will also be a refresher course on how to work with Excel formulas for determining percentages in membership gains and/or losses. Any member who wishes to be a participant or help with the workshop, please contact me by e-mail at noesaenz1938@aol.com. I encourage all members and guests in attendance to stop by and participate in this worthwhile seminar. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine. For more information on Membership manuals and references, please visit the CHEA website: <http://www.chea-elks.org/membership.html>.

I learned a long time ago that "The road to success is always under construction" and in building that road, we must Bridge the Gap in order to meet the challenges facing us in the new lodge year. A strong, knowledgeable Elk family and Leadership Team will undoubtedly add a Plus One membership to "Elks-America's Pot of Gold."

## Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 fetes police and fire

The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Police and Fire Recognition Dinner on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the honorees from the Placer County Sheriff Department and the Roseville Police and Fire Departments. The dinner was attended by 70 guests, Elks and Emblem Club members.

Plaques for outstanding community service were awarded to Brian Harris (Placer County Sheriff's Deputy), Brandon Fernandez (Roseville Police Officer) and George Titus (Roseville Fireman).

In other news, the Lodge delivered dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for the third year in a row. This year, 1,005 dictionaries were delivered to fourteen local schools. The books were accepted with gratitude from the teachers as eager students waited with wide eyes to receive their very own dictionary. In addition to passing out the dictionaries we gave a short presentation about the Elks and told the students about future opportunities that awaited them as they got older, such as the Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and the Drug Awareness poster and essay contests. We have received many thank you notes from the students telling us how much they love their dictionaries and how they are using them.



Back Row: Kris McKim, Leading Knight, George Titus, ER Bill Faubell

Front Row: Brandon Fernandez, Brian Harris

## Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 delivers 4,930 dictionaries

For the fifth year, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 distributed dictionaries to third grade students at 51 schools in four school districts: 27 schools in the Fremont Unified School District, seven schools in the Newark Unified School District, eight schools in the Castro Valley Unified School District and nine schools in the San Lorenzo Unified School District. The Lodge's Dictionary Program Chairman Charles Grant noted that a total of 4,930 dictionaries were delivered. In addition, the Lodge donated \$500 towards the purchase of 300 books for the New Haven Unified School District in Union City, CA.



## Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 holds Hoop Shoot

To defray costs, on December 4th, 2010, The Los Banos Elks No. 2510 and the Knights of Columbus partnered up and held a joint Hoop Shoot. The Hoop Shoot was held at the newly opened Pacheco High School in Los Banos. The Lodge sent three contestants to the Central District Hoop Shoot in Tracy on January 28, 2011. Marty Oates was the Chairman from the Los Banos Elks Lodge and Joe Cox was the Chairman from the Knights of Columbus. The three shooters were Ally Meza, Mark Barcellos and Trent Mallonee. Trent Mallonee shot in the 10-11 age group and placed 3rd.



Trent Mallonee and Marty Oates

## Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 hosts President Hugh and Dale Scanlon

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, after the South District Jamboree at Banning-Beaumont Lodge No. 1839, the Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 was honored by a social visit by the Association President Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale. Joining Hugh were the South District VP Billy Watson and Gwynn Watson, South District DDGER Al Isaacson and Shirley and over 100 other dignitaries, members and guests who enjoyed a delicious luncheon.

During the luncheon, ER Bill Threhane, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Hugh with a \$1,000 check for the Major Project (Purple Pig). Hugh also received a rosewood plaque thanking him and Dale for their visit. Prior to lunch, the President of the Elks Auxiliary, Linda Morrow, presented Dale with a bouquet of red roses. The Youth of the Year, Brianna Burger, presented Dale with a bouquet of flowers from the Lodge. During the luncheon, Lodge Trustee Tom Hile, challenged the South District VP Billy Watson, to use his famous Irish tenor voice for an acapella rendition of 'Danny Boy'. Billy obliged and Tom Hile donated \$60 to the Purple Pig.

The afternoon closed on another high note with Billy Watson and DHS Lodge Vocalist baritone "Coach" Bob Rittenger singing "God Bless America." All present joining hands and, led by President Hugh Scanlon and VP Billy Watson, they observed the 11:00 o'clock toast. The afternoon ended with everyone having a great fraternal time.

## Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 hosts President Scanlon at recognition luncheon

The Elks Luncheon Club held its annual Roses for the Living award luncheon at the Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 in December. This year's honoree was Mr. Lee Northcutt, District Leader, Past Grand Esquire (2007-2008) and Past Association President (2004-2005). Lee is a member of the La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095. As an award recipient, Lee has shown his dedication and service to the Order and to his community. Lee was joined by a large group of family members and six prior honorees. Association President Hugh Scanlon joined PGER Ken Moore in the celebration.

The Luncheon Club also honored Ms. Charlene Brown, who recently retired as a CHEMPI regional manager after serving the Association for over 40 years in providing Major Project services to many California children. Charlene received many citations from both the State and local levels. She was pleased and surprised to see that Tim Martin, CHEA Executive Director, had traveled from Fresno to join her at this special luncheon. Charlene spoke on her years as a therapist, and then received a toy from each of the luncheon attendees. The toys will be distributed to children who are currently receiving services from the Major Project.



L to R: Hugh Scanlon, Kathy Rogers, Luncheon Club President, Lee Northcutt, Ken Moore

## Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 hosts Christmas Party for special guests

On Friday, December 17, 2010, the Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 hosted their annual Christmas Party and lunch for the clients of People Services. The clients have a wonderful time exchanging gifts, eating lots of turkey and ham, playing games and enjoying a visit from Santa Claus (Jerry Gettman) and Mrs. Claus (Joanne Gettman).

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the luncheon. The Elk volunteers for this event have as much fun as the clients.

## Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 delivers gifts to veterans and money to charities

The Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 and Emblem Club No. 124 delivered over 60 Christmas bags full of comfort items, playing cards and 36 pairs of Elk hide wheelchair gloves to Veterans housed at various care facilities in the area.

This was accomplished with the help of the Visiting Hospitalized Veterans (VHV) Association located in Sonora. In other news, Lodge Members also donated \$1,800 to the Interfaith Community Social Services and \$1,000 to Operation MOM to help spread Christmas cheer.



## Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

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*Dr. Eugene P. Weigand, PGELK	Pasadena	1989-90
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Doug Larsen	Salinas	2003-04
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Roy R. Newman	Marysville	2005-06
James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10

\*Deceased



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### Editor's Note: a correction to January article

On page 2, lower right corner, the first paragraph of an article titled "San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 assists veterans" implied that Birney Carter was a member of the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168.

She is not a member of the San Diego Elks Lodge. She is the Exalted Ruler, a PER and a Charter Member of the Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698. My thanks go to ER Carter for this clarification.

## 2010 CHEA Theme Child visits the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168

On January 20<sup>th</sup> the San Diego Elks Lodge hosted a Major Project night. Special guests were the 2010 CHEA Theme Child, Alexis Booth and her family, and her CHEMPI Therapist, Mindy.

The event was also attended by Piggy Bank Chairwoman, Debbie Hosted, PER and the South Coast District Piggy Bank Chairwoman, Faith Ugrich. Lodge members and their families brought in their Purple Pigs stuffed with coins.



L to R: Debbie Hosted (PER, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairwoman), Alexis Booth, Kathleen Kuttler (ER) and Faith Ugrich (South Coast District Piggy Bank Chairwoman)

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 delivers Christmas boxes

On Saturday December 18, 2010, members from the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 delivered Christmas "boxes" consisting of food and children's gifts to 96 needy families in the Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park and Westlake area. One of these boxes contained a bicycle for a special child, who is a member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation for children. Jonathan, who has a serious life-threatening condition, and his family were recommended to the Elks Lodge by a staff member of the California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.



Jonathan (second from right) with his family and two Lodge members

## Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 holiday boutique fund raiser

Association President Hugh Scanlon stopped in at the Holiday Boutique which was being held at the Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 during his official visitation to the San Gabriel Valley District on November 21, 2010. The boutique raised over \$2,000 for the Lodge Veterans fund - part of which went to Fisher House at the West Los Angeles VA Hospital. Jerry Ryan, Char Parry and Georgia Christian co-chaired the event.

The Lodge also had a very successful Veterans Appreciation Night the week before. The Lodge was decorated as a USO facility for the performance of a variety show. That event raised \$1,300 for the Lodge Veterans Fund.

Several members of the Lodge were honored at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Los Angeles VA Ambulatory Care Center in January. The luncheon was given to recognize the Lodge for its ongoing efforts to supply needed items for the Center's clothing room. Many veterans, some homeless, are able to use these donated clothing items - which include items such as warm pieces of clothing including sweat pants and shirts, jackets and thermal clothing. The Lodge also donated 200 hygiene kits to be distributed. The Lodge planned a February luncheon as a National Salute to Veterans event, which will enable them to restock the clothing room with new t-shirts and white socks for the Veterans.



L to R: Jerry Ryan, Char Parry, Hugh Scanlon, Georgia Christian

## 2010-2011 Leading Knight Challenge

Since you will most likely be the person walking across the stage at the *Exalted Ruler's March* during our CHEA Convention in Fresno, you are being **challenged** to increase the monies collected for the Piggy Bank this year. Last year, almost **\$12,000** was raised through this special Leading Knight effort. Congratulations to the Central District and the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 for generating almost **\$8,000** in additional contributions.

You are being challenged to organize and incrementally raise money for the **PURPLE PIG** between **March 1 and May 19** (the Thursday of our Association Convention in Fresno.) This year's goal is **\$13,000** and your help is needed. This is NOT to include monies already on deposit at your Lodge in the Piggy Bank Account - this is **NEW MONEY** for you to generate. There will be a trophy for the District whose Leading Knights generate the most funds by 1:00 pm on Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you collect money for people who would be entitled to a **52 Club** or **Century Club**, please include that information with the money. Full contest rules, procedures and the contest entry form can be found on the CHEA web site at [www.chea-elks.org/leadingknightschallenge.pdf](http://www.chea-elks.org/leadingknightschallenge.pdf).



## Drug Awareness

By Jack Dalton, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



As of this writing I have yet to determine the winners of this year's Essay and Poster contests. However, one thing is as apparent today as it was in the past: some of the entrants are crying for our help.

Children, who live in households or homes where one of the parents uses drugs or abuses alcohol, often sustain severe emotional trauma. Even if parental substance abuse occurred when a child was small, the child may still suffer repercussions during his or her

adolescent years. Oftentimes, parental alcohol and/or drug abuse leads to violence in the home, so it is not uncommon for grandparents to raise their grandchildren. Furthermore, children who are exposed to family violence are much more likely to become violent than are children from nonviolent families. Studies also show that if either parent uses alcohol or drugs, then his or her children are more likely to eventually drink or use drugs as well.

Most teens who start using drugs don't expect to develop a substance abuse problem. While most teens probably see their drug use as a casual way to have fun, there are negative effects that frequently follow such use. The biggest consequence to casual drug use is the development of an eventual drug addiction. Very few addicts recognize when they have crossed the line from casual use to addiction.

How can you help? The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has invested an enormous amount of time and money to provide information about drug use and abuse to children. It has attempted to stimulate lodges to incorporate an effective Drug Awareness Program. This Program is not intended to educate parents or any adult in drug use prevention – its main goal to educate and promote in children the ability to make good decisions when they are tempted to experiment with mind altering substances. The Program will also educate the child regarding the potential hazards associated with drug and alcohol use.

Each Lodge should have an active DAP Chairman and committee working with local law enforcement, school officials and community leaders, to form a coalition whose common objective is to conduct wholesome activities that are attractive to the children in the community, thereby reducing the influence of gangs or other unsavory elements of society. These activities should be safe, fun, enjoyable and promote a positive relationship between the child and the members of the coalition. Some suggestions are: a fishing derby, a bicycle safety rodeo, a kid's day at a zoo or theme park, Christmas and holiday parties, Easter egg hunts, ball games other than hoop and soccer shoots. They are, after all, our children, our future and our immortality.

## Bellflower-Long Beach Elks Lodge No. 888 delivers dictionaries

The Bellflower-Long Beach Elks Lodge No. 888 recently delivered 101 dictionaries to the students of Woodruff Elementary School. Each of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers also received a dictionary. The students were very appreciative of this gift. The dictionaries were delivered by PER David Shindledecker, Dictionary Program Chairman, PER Robert Nelson and Lodge member Elaine Lundborg.

Following the delivery of the dictionaries, the students performed the Pledge of Allegiance after an impressive flag raising ceremony performed by two of their classmates. Overall, it was truly a rewarding experience for all who participated.

## Rex Dondlinger passed away

The Association Office was notified that Rex E. Dondlinger, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Past Association President (1994-1995) and member of the CHEA Investment Committee, passed away on Friday, December 31, 2010.

## Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 welcomed Japanese Exchange students

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 welcomed eighteen exchange students from Japan. The students ranged in age from middle school through high school. They were here for a two week visit from Kagoshima, Japan, and returned to the Lodge on January 5<sup>th</sup> for a going-away party.

The students were brought to the Elks lodge under the direction of Kameal Costa and Amy McCulloch, both from Los Banos, and Yasuko Fukushima from Japan.

The Lodge was used for a meeting place and an evening of fun. The students enjoyed a pot-luck dinner that was supplied by their exchange parents, and then they met Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus – who came bearing gifts.

In other news, the Lodge teamed up with the local police department for their "Kops for Kids" toy drive. The Lodge collected toys and money and then donated \$350 worth of toys to the program. The local police department collects the unwrapped new toys, separates them into age groups and then the Boy Scouts wrap them for Christmas donations.



## Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 uses ENF Promise Grant for PHP

The Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 recently received an Elks National Foundation Promise Grant in the amount of \$1,000. The Lodge's ENF Chairman, Alice Phillips, presented this \$1,000 Promise Grant to Ann Osterman, of People Helping People (PHP) – a non-profit thrift shop in Cathedral City. The check was presented during a benefit luncheon/fashion show at the Lodge on Saturday, January 8, 2011.

PHP will use this Grant to purchase new clothing for 32 local children. Profits from the luncheon/fashion show and other local Elks Lodge funds will be added to the Promise Grant contribution to enable PHP to conduct \$100 shopping sprees for sixteen girls and sixteen boys.



L to R: Grace Arnett (PHP), Betty Trower (Lodge member), Bert Liebersbach (ER), Ann Osterman (PHP), and Alice Phillips (Lodge ENF Chairperson)

## Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475's "OOH-RAH" program



In May 2010, one of our Boy Scout leaders asked one of our local residents and current Marine Sgt. Nathan Campbell to stop by with his gear and talk to the scout troop. Sergeant Campbell was about to leave on his third deployment to the Middle East, but he took his precious time to speak to our Boy Scouts. At this time the Lodge decided to adopt him and his unit. While it is nice to send needed items to the men and women serving our country, it is especially meaningful to support one of our LOCAL servicemen.

That started the OOH RAH Program. At least twice a month items were collected and sent to Sgt. Campbell and his unit. The United States Postal Service's "If It Fits, It Ships" policy provided the boxes that were stuffed! Every delivery had thank you cards signed by our Lodge members, in addition to toiletries, snacks, reading materials, Hickory Farms, socks, and other items.

Last night, Sgt. Campbell, returned from his latest deployment. He delivered a flag to our lodge in person. He stated that this flag had been mounted to the back of a Humvee and flew during an 86 mile convoy in the heart of combat. It was a gratifying experience to the Lodge members who were present for the presentation!

Exalted Ruler John Stone received the flag from Sgt. Nathan Campbell. The flag is proudly displayed on the third floor of the lodge.

## Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 holds Veterans Day dinner

The Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 hosted 166 members and guests at their annual Veteran's Day Dinner on November 11th. The evening's program included three guest speakers. Army Command Sgt. Major Commenia-Hill spoke about her 27 year career and her path to reach the highest NCO rank. Army Major Miller (retired) discussed his work with disabled veterans who are returning home from the Gulf and Marine Major Hudson reviewed today's current challenges that face our troops in Afghanistan. The event raised over \$2,300 for the Lodge's Package Program that currently supports a 12 member squad stationed "outside the wire" in a mountain range near the Pakistan border.

## Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 donates \$14,000 to the community

On December 22, 2010 the Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 made a trip to the USO Bob Hope Hollywood facility located at LAX airport in Los Angeles, CA. There were dozens of military personnel there enjoying the entertainment and food supplied by local hotels and restaurants. Santa made a surprise appearance and wished them a very Merry Christmas.

During the visit, the Gardena Elks presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the USO in hopes that it would help with the rising cost to operate this facility. The USO receives no funds from the government and must raise every dollar that is spent on the troop's welfare and morale themselves. The Bob Hope USO serves 60,000 troops and their families each year. Everyone was very surprised and very happy as it cost about \$3,000 a day just to feed the men and women who come through there each day.

On December 1, 2010, the Lodge donated \$4,000 to the Gardena Police Department's K-9 unit to help support the good work that their canines do in our community.

## Guam Elks Lodge No. 1281 helps local youth

The Guam Elks Lodge No. 1281 is part of the Hawaii District. Recently, Emory Tanos, a member of the Lodge, made a presentation to Perry Taitano, the Administrator of the Courts for the Judiciary of Guam.

The Lodge's donation will help sponsor programs that will be offered to juvenile drug court participants who are referred to alternative education programs. This donation will help fund GED (Graduate Equivalent Degree) or other adult education programs.

The sponsorship is supported through the Elks Youth Activities programs.



L to R: Judge Arthur Barcinas, Perry Taitano, Emory Tanos

## West Central Coast Elks veterans help celebrate Veterans Day at Reagan Library

Four members of two West Central Coast Elks Lodges helped celebrate Veterans Day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA. The theme of the event was to recognize, in a historical context, the contributions that veterans have made when going to war.

Four members of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 joined one member of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 to participate in a Civil War era demonstration of period guns, supplies and artifacts.

Veterans Sam Frankl (No. 2477), Kira Wagner (No. 2477), Tom Martinez (No. 1952), Paul DeNublio (No. 2477) and Doug Carroll (No. 2477) are shown dressed in period costume and posing by a Civil War-era cannon.

The booming of Civil War guns were heard all day. There was a flyby by an Air Force C-17 Tactical Transport jet, which provided a stark contrast to the Civil War-era activities.



L to R: Sam Frankl, Kira Wagner, Tom Martinez, Paul DeNublio and Doug Carroll



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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian (1)	3	Helen Montanye (1)	439	Albert Isaacson (1)	1643	Bill Threhane (1)	2639
James Irion (1)	6	Kenneth E. Lady (1)	906	Eugene Scherer (1)	1691	Dave Hosted (1)	2698
Geraldine King (1)	6	Hildegard Grill (2)	1285	Ture Roslund (1)	1712	Joe D. Coulter (1)	2733
Donald M. Puliz (2)	6	Hugh H. Scanlon (1)	1289	Mary L. Vernon (1)	2050		
Hugh VanDoren (1)	168	Ken Smith (1)	1419	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr. (1)	2484		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Ronald Brusato	6	Ray Beers (2)	906	Warren Bilstein (2)	1728	VanDyke Farms	1799
Stephen Clazie	6	Don Checchi	906	Robert F. Burke (2)	1728	Wilbur Ellis Company	1799
Peter Cotter	6	Frank Frazier	906	Jack Dalton	1728	George & Estelle Layton	1905
Joe Elwell	6	Ken Lady (2)	906	Jack Doolley (3)	1728	Hoyt Lundin	1905
Marilyn Facha (5)	6	John Larkin	906	Sarah Farber (2)	1728	Ben Verde	1905
Paul Frye	6	Shari Larkin (2)	906	Gladys Hammell	1728	Henry Blecha	1913
Richard Hanson	6	Abrey Myers	906	Thelma Maddox (3)	1728	Robert Preul	1913
Marilyn Hooton	6	Margy Pickett	906	Kenneth Olsen (2)	1728	Don Winter	1913
James Irion (2)	6	R.A. Pickett (2)	906	Adolph Wagner	1728	Frank Rizuto	1952
Janelle Lathrop	6	Ken Getzin	966	Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740	1740	Yreka Elks Bingo Players (4)	1980
Anita Neves	6	Bingo Buddies	1015	Thomas Jones	1740	Robert Cassetta	1991
Ray Nielsen	6	San Mateo Elks Handball Players	1112	Bob Okamoto (2)	1740	Michael Harrington	2026
Marietta Petersen (7)	6	Richard "Doc" Carsten (2)	1250	Mel West	1740	Christine Pinnick (3)	2026
Donald Puliz (2)	6	Fred Casey	1250	Alan Barceloux	1786	Robert Wallen	2026
Lona Taggart	6	Larry Ragan	1250	Richard Pence	1786	George C. Vernon, Sr.	2050
Raymond Thielen II	6	Goodtimers RV Club-Columbia	1282	Almquist Sales	1799	Mary L. Vernon	2050
Dorothy Trapanese	6	David Lucero	1282	Barnes & Berger	1799	Lupe Aguirre	2095
Eddie Dees, Jr.	168	Joe Massey	1282	Callan Oil/Lovekin Liquor	1799	Leilani Coleman	2095
John Economou (4)	168	Peggy Massey	1282	Chaffin Farms	1799	Geraldine Endicott	2095
Louis J. Grillo	218	John & Shirley Thompson	1282	Wayne Pinkerton & Barbara Colby	1799	James Rutherford (2)	2095
Tuleburg Travel Club (2)	218	Bocce Ball Players (2)	1285	CRVC Wayne Pinkerton	1799	Jim Sekelsky	2103
Tommy & Donna Chisum	266	John LaSala	1285	Crawford & Associates	1799	Patricia Lowers	2142
Ronald Watkins	266	Monterey Lodge Line Dancers (4)	1285	Diva's Closet/Curves	1799	Jerry Shubb	2190
Milt Grau	322	Rosemarie Tantillo	1285	Duffer's Fore Children	1799	Lawrence DePaul	2243
Joseph Reynolds	322	Glendale Elks Lodge	1289	Fisher Wireless	1799	Russell Chabrier	2248
Joseph Castage	522	Andy Anders	1289	Glen Johnson Cooling	1799	Walter Pierson	2248
Harry Krokus, Jr.	613	Rick Barnes (3)	1289	Hayday Farms	1799	Carl Vining	2248
Robert Spinner	613	Lon Croddy	1289	Mark Hayden	1799	Grant Tuttle (2)	2333
Bob Works	614	Michael Goosman	1289	The Holt Group	1799	Jane Belmont	2364
Loretta Baptist	616	Dick Hill	1289	Mike & Sandy Hudson	1799	Paso Robles Lodge El-Kettes	2364
Norman Hashimoto	616	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Butch & Dean Hull	1799	Richard Goldner (3)	2477
Elliot Loden (5)	616	Eileen Moore	1289	Inland Builders	1799	Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Bartenders	2477
Francis Quinn	616	Dale Scanlon (2)	1289	Joey DeConnick Farms	1799	Mike Fox	2510
Emma Villa	616	Hugh Scanlon	1289	Johnson Electric	1799	Luise Parish	2510
Dennis Wong	616	Don Thompson	1289	Johnson Refrigeration & Ice	1799	Larry Hannon	2591
Teru Yasuda	616	Don Vincent	1289	La Casita Dos	1799	Mary Ann Kuk	2591
Callie Young	616	Glen Okazaki	1328	Larry Green Chevy	1799	Virginia "Ginny" Mulhern	2591
Christel Yount	616	Ken Smith (2)	1419	Larry Green Chrysler	1799	Fredrick Gilbert	2646
Robert Bennett	643	Sherry Hollman	1567	Larry Green Ford	1799	Robert Hanevik	2646
Maudine Carpenter	643	Joseph Libers	1567	Lester Hay/Greenleaf Seed	1799	Barbara Moore	2646
Dennis DeSanti (2)	643	Jo Ann Krabbe	1570	Mallett & Sons	1799	Sadie Velci	2646
Mona Perez	643	Ron Reid	1570	Passmore Gas	1799	Andrew Bush	2698
Pasadena Lodge No. 672	672	Sharon Kinsey	1625	The Players Sales Inc.	1799	Ed Chidlaw	2733
PER Association (2)		Albert Isaacson	1643	Rancho Vantana	1799	Joe Coulter (3)	2733
Steven Flinn (5)	832	Billy Watson	1643	Robinson Farms	1799	Jim Money	2733
Mike Stornetta	832	Eugene Scherer	1691	Dr. Shahlobe (2)	1799	Jerry Taylor	2733
Clifford Kohler	888	Ron Conway	1712	State Farm Insurance - Robert Crain	1799	Ardean Werner	2733
Louise Kohler	888	Fred Degregory	1712	Kent Steed	1799		
Patrick Riley	888	Paul McKinney	1712	VFW Post #2987	1799		
Bruce Sharrow	901	Ture Roslund (2)	1712	Vanderpol Hay	1799		

## Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 holds "Christmas Tree Lane"

Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Tree Lane on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. A tent was erected on the east side of the Lodge where eight fully decorated Christmas Trees with their presents were exhibited. Each tree had a specific theme. For instance, the Lodge Bingo Committee sponsored "Santa's Computer Room" where a computer, printer desk and other computer items were displayed. The PERs sponsored a "Travel Tree" where luggage, toilet kits, travel clock, etc. were also displayed. Tickets sold for \$1.00 apiece, with discounts for multiple purchases. Everyone in attendance also received a free door prize ticket, where winners received gift dining certificates for local restaurants, spa visits, haircuts, etc. Refreshments were also sold. Music was provided by Lodge DJs Barbara and Richard Conchola. The event raised \$14,500 for Lodge scholarships and local charities.

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 remembers hospitalized veterans

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 donated a trailer full of much needed items with an estimated value of \$11,000 to the Veterans at the Fresno VA Hospital and Geriatric Extended Care Unit (GECU). Each patient received a new sweat outfit, a goodie bag, and an Elks Christmas card. Other items donated were books, lap afghans, coffee, warm clothing, personal care toiletries, puzzle books, reading glasses and phone cards. Seventy goodie bags were given to the Veterans at the San Luis Obispo VA Clinic. Ninety-six goodie bags were sent to the soldiers in our Adopt a Vet Units in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Thanks for what you and the Elks do. We are grateful for those that take the time to think of us. Thanks for all you do."

## A message from the CHEA First Vice President

By Wayne Howard, First Vice President



Aloha all of you new Exalted Rulers and Officers. Please make your plans to attend the upcoming California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention. The convention will be held in Fresno on May 18-21 and it promises to be exciting and informative.

The convention is open to all Officers and Members who wish to attend. It will be especially informative for the Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustees. There are several workshops for the Officers although all members are invited to most of the events.

While there are many events to keep you occupied throughout the Convention. Saturday's Piggy Bank March is the highlight of the Convention - be there to see your Lodges dedicated fund raising efforts!

Please attend and be a part of your California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention. Don't forget that there are other things to do in Fresno and at the hotel. See your District Convention/Housing coordinator for your room reservations.

Coleen and I look forward to meeting new friends and seeing old friends. We plan on seeing you in Fresno!

## Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 holds military luncheons

Luncheons were held at the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 for two military detachments and their families on consecutive weeks during the holidays. The lodge served the lunch for the service personnel at both events.

The Los Alamitos Army Reserve family Christmas party was attended by 137 people. The Lodge was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation stating: "For your willingness to support the Soldiers and families of 3/363<sup>rd</sup> Training Support Battalion is greatly appreciated. The Officers, NCOs and Soldiers of the 3/363<sup>rd</sup> TSBN are forever thankful for your kindness and time. Thank you. Paul E Shaw, CMS, USAR and Ahron Hakjnmj, ITC, USAR BN Commander."

The other party was held at the Lodge for the 419<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support and was attended by 238 people. Appreciation was expressed thusly: "For your dedication and continued selfless service in support of soldiers and self reliant families in 410<sup>th</sup> CSSB "Wolfpack," your invaluable efforts and hard work reflect great credit upon yourselves and the concept of: 'One Army, One Family, One Team.'"

## Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 donates to "Four Paws for Vets"

On January 20, 2011, the members of Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 donated a check in the amount of \$1,500 to Four Paws for Vets. This program offers fully trained service dogs free of charge for wounded veterans. The program includes training with the recipient and lifetime follow-up training, as needed, for no additional charge. Service dogs in this program are trained for mobility, balance and psychiatric responses. Many of the returning wounded troops from recent wars benefit from having a mobility and/or psychiatric service dog to aid in their healing and reintegration into civilian life.

## Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 awards scholarships

The Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 awards \$7,500 in academic scholarships. These MVS award winners will have their scholarship entries compete at the state level of competition. The award winners and their scholarship amounts are: Ashton Rank (\$1,500), Stephanie Zinn (\$1,000), Lauryn Gregorio (\$2,000), Kendal Hasek (\$1,000) and Christian St. Pierre (\$2,000).

## Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 holds Veterans Night

Over 300 Elk members and guests attended Veterans Night on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Modesto Elks Lodge, No. 1282. They were there to help honor many of America's veterans. The 127 veterans in attendance were treated with a free dinner and were recognized for their service with a patriotic presentation created and presented by Americanism chairperson Ron Harris.

The presentation received several compliments and stirred emotional responses from many in attendance. The Modesto Lodge was also recognized for its contributions and efforts in supporting the troops serving in the California Army National Guard. Colonel David Brady, commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 144<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, presented the Lodge with an inscribed print from the Battalion.

The Modesto Lodge coordinated a card campaign last year and collected over 900 Christmas cards created by students in the Stanislaus Union School District for the battalion's troops stationed in Kosovo. In addition, a fundraising campaign coordinated with the Modesto Elks Lodge and the Stanislaus Union School District collected \$850 for the battalion's Family Support Unit that helped to fund a Christmas party for the children of the troops stationed overseas and to send care packages to the troops.



L to R: Ron Harris, Americanism Chair; Ruby Brawley, Commander Korean War Veterans; Colonel David Brady and ER Walt Getz, PDDGER

## San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 celebrates Veterans' Night

The San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 welcomed approximately 50 U. S. veterans from the Menlo Park and Palo Alto Veterans Hospitals on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They were welcomed by a hundred or more local Lodge members, many veterans themselves. Among those Lodge members present was Lt. Col. Jimmy Hanson, who had recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan combat. Brother Jimmy, dressed in full uniform, spent the evening greeting the veterans.

ER Christine "Chris" Carlson welcomed the veterans and encouraged them to enjoy the rest of the evening. Carol Hay described the "Yarn Spinners for Charity," a Lodge Committee of knitters, who had made knitted items, such as blankets and hats, for the veterans to take home that evening. One veteran spoke for the group in expressing his appreciation for being invited to the San Jose Elks Lodge.

As the vets departed, Lodge members Hank Wong, Randy Jungels and Lou Randazzo gave each one a bag of personal care items and candy. Other Lodge members also donated cash to help defray the expense of the night. Every veteran left with "Thanks" on their lips for the wonderful evening.



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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 60 Year (\$60) Anniversary Pin Donors (December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Donald Carmignani	3	Carolyn Horton	906	Joe Fasani	1378	Ann Kuh	2098
Josh Hachadourian	3	Christy Klein	906	Debbie Stillman	1420	Jim Newman	2098
Rick Barone, Sr.	6	Ken Lady	906	Dr. Ronald Stillman (2)	1420	Barbara Robbins	2098
Ronald Brusato	6	John Larkin (2)	906	Neal Andrews	1430	Cleone Braatz	2103
Roberta Davies	6	Shari Larkin	906	Karen Hamilton	1430	Don Braatz	2103
James Dominguez	6	Mona Young Lopez	906	John Hessel	1430	Rita Lowe	2103
Edward Gilbert, Jr.	6	Norm Lopez	906	Karen Mauro	1436	Robert "Bob" Lowe	2103
Johnny Henman	6	Mike Mansoor	906	Dewain Doty	1487	Richard Ransom	2103
Joseph Ignoffo	6	Lucy Michel	906	Christopher Mancebo	1487	Jolene Smith	2121
James Irion	6	Sam Mock	906	David Rothman	1487	Larry Smith	2121
Michael Johnson	6	John Mondragon	906	Tom Tinnel	1487	Berneice Spence	2121
Geraldine King	6	Abrey Myers	906	Sherri Barks	1538	Gordon Willett	2248
Janelle Lathrop (2)	6	NY and C Pizza	906	Nicholas Cangiamilla	1587	Elton Howard	2314
Bryon Longero	6	Cynthia Osborne	906	Skip Hoy	1587	Karen Howard	2314
Anthony Muljat	6	Margy Pickett (2)	906	Oren Richardson	1613	John Lieser	2314
Donald Puliz	6	R.A. Pickett	906	Albert Isaacson	1643	Stuart Sampson	2347
Billey J. Skarles	6	Doug Randall	906	Billy Watson	1643	Joan Francioni	2364
Lona Taggart	6	Robbie Robinson	906	Glen Foss	1687	Mike Harrod	2364
Rudy Toralez	6	Frank Sambert	906	Tom Alexander	1712	Barbara Hofer	2364
Benjamin Valencia, Jr.	6	Santa Monica PER Association (2)	906	Ture Roslund	1712	Donald Hofer	2364
John Economou	168	Steve Schecter	906	Dave Smythe	1712	Michael Locke	2364
Frank Chicago	218	Tom Scully	906	Darel Walker	1712	James Rockwell	2364
Jack Flockhart	218	Julio Yniguez	906	Marie Linda Bolstad	1728	John Rost	2379
James Hairrell	218	Peter Heintz	966	Hemet Greeters	1740	Eugene Letourneau	2477
Erin Kester	218	Bingo Buddies	1015	Don Hubble	1740	Coleen Morris	2477
Grady Lee	218	Dean Seaquist	1015	Bob Okamoto	1740	Steven Barnhart	2492
Richard Lincoln	218	Chris Lopez	1250	John Oler	1740	J. Renee Kern	2492
Michael Wilson	218	Kathy Murray	1259	Mary Wright	1740	Nick Nickson	2492
Richard Adams	322	Shay Adams	1285	Cherylle Waters	1786	Sue Clagg	2504
George Havale	322	Jeffrey Barnes	1285	Stephen Askew	1787	Manuel Dias	2504
Allen Lyke	439	Rebecca Barnes	1285	Elsie Mae Doolittle Appraisal	1799	Linda Hagerty	2504
Linda Terry	439	Bocce Ball Players	1285	Bill Campbell	1857	William Jansen	2504
Bill Berner	522	Angela Brown	1285	David Capella	1857	Wally Lewis	2504
Judy Grupp	522	George Brown	1285	Charles Coleman	1857	Margaret Walker	2504
Kent Klippel	522	Lloyd Elves III	1285	Rose Marie Dippel	1857	Robert Hillyer	2577
Patrick Taylor	522	Robert Finnigan	1285	Noel Pechin	1857	Tom Hile	2639
Ron Williams	522	Paul Klein	1285	Harry Flood	1877	Natalie McKee	2639
Hardy Swartz	538	John LaSala	1285	Eugene Casey	1913	Mae King	2697
Dennis Barrett	614	C. Scott Milne	1285	Charlene Hall	1913	Bob & Connie Brown	2698
Gary Dota	614	Gerald Neville	1285	Larry Muncy	1913	Birney Carter (3)	2698
Mike Manzoni	614	Peter Passanisi	1285	Dottie Odsen	1913	Frank Darling	2698
Dominick Lostumbo	616	Kimberly Perry	1285	James S. Mason	1919	Lee Falter	2698
Jesse Alvarez	643	Stephanie Pintar	1285	Sharon Mason	1919	Leah Gergal (2)	2698
Dennis DeSanti	643	William Ponder	1285	Christopher Merrill	1952	Dave Hosted	2698
Winford Teasley	643	Tim Anderson	1289	John Ryan	1952	Yosh Ikeda	2698
Penny Wiley	832	Rick Barnes	1289	Shirley Ryan	1952	Sharon Leezy	2698
Carl Bellovich	901	Greg Brittner (2)	1289	Tom Lemm	1959	Mary McCormick	2698
Bob Baldwin	906	Albert Farajian	1289	Eric Whitehead	1980	Troy Montgomery	2698
Elizabeth Beers	906	Charles Follett	1289	Rebecca Whitehead	1980	Debra Murgia	2698
Ray Beers	906	Dan Harden	1289	Robert Cassetta	1991	Jeri White	2698
Theresa Beers	906	John Horan	1289	Helena Wallace	1991	Thomas Coyne	2801
Cheryl Brown	906	Joe Myers	1289	Rich Wallace	1991	Kenneth Craig	2801
Don Checchi (2)	906	Greg Postajian	1289	Jacqueline Kilpatrick	1993	Sunni Doster	2801
Joe Checchi	906	C.W. Pyros	1289	Derrol Hammer	2031	Robert Farrens	2801
Linda Marie Checchi	906	Rex Shields	1289	Tim Kane	2045	Judy Hernandez	2801
Frank Frazier	906	Randy Wolff	1289	Everett Ryan	2045	Cindy Higl	2801
Mark Hasson	906	Bob Yanovick	1289	Dale Wilson	2045	Barbara Mitchell	2801
Sue Hasson	906	Lee Ashenfelter	1378	Ray Bullard	2068		
Todd Hawkins	906	Karen Buchanan	1378	Earl Bouchard	2098		

## Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 holds Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 held a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout David Anthony Gulotta at the Simi Valley Elks Banquet Room. David's parents, Mike and Lynn Gulotta, have shared David's interest in scouting for over eleven years. Starting out in Tiger Cubs with Boy Scout Troop 622 of the Sunrise Rotary, David earned the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout under Scoutmaster Tim Gray. David's Eagle Scout project was a landscape beautification project at Knoll Elementary School in Simi Valley. David enjoyed scouting and earned 27 merit badges. His interest in Scouting is not over. He is now eighteen years old and President of a new Venturing Crew that he has started. The Court of Honor Ceremony included the presentation of a framed Elks Eagle Scout Certificate and an American Flag by Exalted Ruler Bill Mason. David's family, friends, scouting associates and Elk members attended his Court of Honor. David's father, Mike, is an Elk and is the Hoop Shoot Chairman for the Lodge.

## San Fernando Lodge No. 1539 serves Thanksgiving dinner to the needy

The San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 opened its doors and their hearts to serve 1,900 needy community members on Thanksgiving Day. Bobby Medellin, PDDGER, Chairman of the Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Needy of the East San Fernando Valley, joined Chef Rudy Garcia and other volunteers to prepare the meal. Rudy is a Culinary Instructor at Mission College and a Lodge member. One hundred turkeys and all the trimmings were prepared by Mission College culinary students. The guests were transported to and from the Lodge on buses that were scheduled by Los Angeles City Councilman Richard Alarcon.

This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year that this event has been held at the Lodge and the 8<sup>th</sup> chaired by Bobby Medellin. With the help of Lodge members and more than 170 youth from local high schools and Mission College, this event continues to get bigger and better each year.

## Elks scholarship recipients – where are they now?



In 2003, Adam was a senior in high school who applied for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship for Students with Disabilities. He has Asperger's Syndrome which affects educational performance relating to neuro-developmental and sensory motor processing. Adam was so successful in his educational endeavors that he received the Elks scholarship for another three years.

Adam's mother recently wrote us to give an update on Adam's whereabouts. She tells us he graduated from Harvey Mudd College in December 2007 with a degree in computer science. Harvey Mudd accepts only the top students and indeed his education was very

rigorous, especially for a teenager with a disability. There was one point where his mother thought he wasn't going to make it and questioned her decision to let her son go away and live on his own. They picked the college, in part, because it only had 800 students in the entire school and because it had a great computer science department. On the other hand, it was a private school and as a result very expensive. They wondered how they were ever going to pay the tuition!

School was hard, but Adam never gave up. Part of his senior year included doing a project at a computer company. He completed a very successful internship at a company called Laserfische. At the end of his senior year, the company offered him a job. Two weeks after he graduated he moved into a company apartment and began work in Long Beach. He has been there ever since and really enjoys it. He is making more money than his mother makes as a teacher! After a few months in the company apartment, he moved into his own apartment and has been living independently. He bought a Honda Civic to drive to work each day. (His mother says she still worries about him, but she has been told that all parents worry, even about children that don't have Asperger's Syndrome.) Adam's family was very concerned about his college loans, but he has been steadily paying them off. His family is so appreciative for the money that the Elks Association provided. Adam's mother says sending him to a private college was very expensive and it was a hard decision to let him go there, but the support they received from the Elks and a scholarship from the Santa Cruz teacher's union gave them hope. In the end, she believes that they made the right decision.

What a success story!!! Adam's mother says, "Thank you for providing us with support and letting me stop my daily activities, feel the gratitude, and write you Adam's story."

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 honors Eagle Scout

On Sunday, December 19th, 2010, Harrison Ang, son of Ben and Doreen Ang, received the 60th Eagle Scout award earned by our Elks Lodge No. 2477 sponsored Troop No. 754 of Newbury Park, CA.

Harrison's Eagle project refurbished 25 wooden benches and several trash receptacles at the Chumash Indian Museum in Westlake Village. Harrison's project was another step forward in Museum Curator Greywolf's dream of improving the representation of the Chumash culture to our area.

Materials for Harrison's project were provided by CVS Pharmacy, Lowes and Home Depot. Twenty-six volunteers assisted Harrison in completing his project.

## Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 fulfills veteran's dying wish

Recently, the Veteran's Committee of the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 and the Castro Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars were proud to fulfill the wish of a Vietnam War veteran who was terminally ill with pancreatic cancer.

The man was a homeless veteran who had been living on the streets in the Bay Area. In November 2010, while feeling seriously ill, he checked himself into the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, California. A medical checkup revealed his cancer and he was transferred into the VA's hospice unit in Livermore, CA.

During his hospice stay, he was visited by Ethel Gilmore, a member of Fremont Elks Lodge and a VAVS Deputy Representative to the VA Medical Center in Livermore, CA. The veteran explained to Ethel that he had served his country in Vietnam and, even though he had been living on the streets, he wanted to die with dignity. He proceeded to explain that he had a last wish to be buried in the uniform which he wore while serving in Vietnam.

At the next Lodge meeting, Ethel stood up and told his story to the Lodge members in attendance. Even though she knew the chances were slim, she asked if anyone might be able to supply the veteran with the uniform he wanted. A week or so later, Ethel was surprised when the son of one of the Lodge members appeared one day with the exact uniform that the veteran wanted! The former husband of Lodge member Diane Caceres had served in Vietnam, and his son Scott was in possession of his father's uniform. Diane told her son the story of the homeless veteran, and asked if he was willing to donate his father's uniform. Scott selflessly decided to give the uniform to the needy veteran. A few days later, he went to the Lodge and donated his father's discharge uniform; hat, jacket and pants.

Another lodge member, Leading Knight Rich Spickler, jumped into action to help find the ribbons which the veteran had been awarded for his service in Vietnam. Rich found a military medal website, and was able to order every ribbon that the veteran had been awarded. He also ordered the mount to put them on. The ribbons were as follows: (1) Army Commendation Medal, (2) National Defense Service Medal, (3) Vietnam Service Medal, (4) Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal and (5) Army Overseas Service Ribbon.

The Castro Valley VFW supplied the final touches of shirt, tie and socks. In January, the veteran was still alive and living with relatives in Oakland, CA. In his final days, he can rest assured that people cared enough to help grant him his dying wish, and he knows that we are grateful for his patriotic service to his country.

## Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 hosts Inland District Hoop Shoot

On February 8, 2011 the best of seventeen young "Free Throw" Hoop Shooters came from five of the eleven Inland District Lodges to compete at New Vista Middle School in Lancaster. Boys and girls, ages 8 to 13 represented their respective Lodges.

The following boys and girls placed first and will compete in the Southern California hoop shoot competition on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Northern California scores will be integrated with the scores of the Southern California competitors. Those winners will go on to compete at the Regional competition in Las Vegas, NV, on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2011.

Boys ages 8-9: Bradley Smith (Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027); Girls ages 8-9: Alexandria Malena (Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625). Boys ages 10-11: Carlos Ocegerra (Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059); Girls ages 10-11: Alvie Marie London (Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625). Boys ages 12-13: Joey Medina (Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625); Girls ages 12-13: Ariyanna Jones (Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027).



## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 honors veterans

On November 11, 2010, the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 held their annual Veterans Day dinner to honor and thank their local veterans. 80+ year olds and Purple Heart Medal recipient veterans were treated to a free dinner. Gifts were given to the oldest and youngest in each group and to the veteran who received the most Purple Heart Medals. All veterans received a "Support our Troops" ornament, an "Elks 322 supports Veterans" pencil, and a "Thank You" red, white, and blue bracelet.

101 members and guests attended the event. Two speakers, Chuck Ward and Tim Haley, both Marines, spoke about the Highway 101 "Purple Heart Trail" and "Sacrifice and Service." A check for \$500 was donated to the Purple Heart Trail Fund. \$228 in tips was donated to the local Veterans Van. The Camp Fire Girls presented the flags, led the flag salute, and sang patriotic songs. Special remembrances of Spec. Michael Mihalakis and Sgt. Robert Ayres, who died in Iraq, were shared by their mothers. The program closed with a candle lighting ceremony honoring and remembering all ten local soldiers who have died in Iraq/Afghanistan.

## Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 dedicates Korean War Memorial

The attached photograph was taken during the dedication of the Korean War Memorial at the Paradise Community Park on November 11, 2010. The Korean War Memorial monument can be seen on the left of the World War II Memorial monument which was dedicated on July 4, 2010.

The Korean War Memorial was the senior class project of Kyle Webster who is now serving in Afghanistan.

Both the Paradise Elks Lodge and the Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 were major donors toward the funding for both Memorials. The Memorials are located in the Paradise Community Park at the corner of Almond and Pearson streets.



L to R: Kathy and Bradley Webster (Kyle's mother and brother), Tom Drake (ER), Al Keller (PDDGER), Sam Houston (who did the WWII Memorial as his senior class project) and Jan Keller, PER

## Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 holds children's Christmas party

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 sponsored a children's Christmas party for 175 children of all ages. The most popular person in the room was "Santa Claus!" Each child had their picture taken with him as they sat on his lap. Everyone had refreshments and the children were all given gifts. We look forward Santa's visit in 2011!

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge welcomed 38 veterans from the Sepulveda VA Hospital for a celebration for all veterans. The dinner was greatly enjoyed as were our two speakers, Ramona Hackett, Sepulveda Recreation Therapist and Captain Al Lewis, retired U. S. Army Air Corps. Each veteran received a canvas tote bag with "American Vet" printed on it. To close the evening, a stirring rendition of the POW/MIA remembrance was given by PDDGER Frank Farquharson.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge returned to our Elk roots as "Thespians." Under the direction of Marlene Marshall, we presented a comic, spoof thriller called "Wild, Wild West." There were 13 Elk players participating to make it a profitable and fun evening. A dinner of beef brisket was included. The Boy Scout Troop No. 99, under the leadership of Scout Master Jon Overton assisted in serving the meal. It was an evening of great food and lots of laughter – and best of all, the Purple Pig received donations totaling \$220!

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge visited the Sepulveda VA Hospital to play "Santa" to the residents in the Bldg 99 Nursing Home. Earlier in the month, the lodge had a "Make-a-wish-Vet Tree" – which held tags from 38 veterans expressing their gift wishes. Each gift collected was wrapped and placed in colorful gift bags for these vets. Later, 60 Ambulatory veterans in a separate building received candy and cookie filled tins and a "Care Bag" containing combs, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, lotion, nail clippers and nail files. In addition, they received crocheted socks filled with goodies. All items were gratefully received.

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 donates to needy families

In the December rain, young and old members of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 carried on the tradition of father and son making deliveries to 97 families who are feeling the economic downturn and needed the Lodge's help this Yule Tide season.

A total of \$9,700 worth of turkeys, food staples and toys were distributed, each family receiving enough food to last them for a week. Funding for this program came from donations from the Elks ladies and other Lodge members who held fund-raising BBQs during the year. Additional funding came from the Christmas tree lot and from a generous \$1,000 donation from the El Konejo Kamper Klub. The El Konejo Kamper Klub also delivered a pickup truck full of groceries and a \$1,000 check to Manna, the local food bank.



Back row (L to R): Ken Krabel, Jr. with his father, Ken Krabel, Sr., and daughter, Samantha Krabel standing behind a family friend, Maeve Ramsey and grandson Brandon Krabel

## Mount Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 helps deliver "Toys for Tots"

The Mount Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 joined forces with the South Siskiyou County "Toys For Tots" program this year to deliver more than 1,725 toys to 553 children from 229 families in Castella, Dunsmuir, McCloud, Mt Shasta, Weed, Edgewood and Lake Shastina. We also helped a few families in Gazelle and Montague.

This effort was spearheaded by Past Elk of the Year Wes Anderson and his wife Marla. Over 50 volunteers bought, separated, and delivered toys over a four day period from December 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

Wes Anderson presented Exalted Ruler Sandy Richardson a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Association at their first meeting of 2011 on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all of you that gave of your time to help batch toys for distribution and donated your gasoline to help us deliver the toys. It was a huge job, but you can take pride in looking at the number of children we helped provide a brighter Christmas!



L to R: Sandy Richardson, Wes Anderson

## Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 holds Public Safety Night

The Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 sponsored an event to honor the public safety personnel of Monterey County on January 19, 2011. The carved roast beef dinner was enjoyed by nearly 150 people. Proceeds for the event exceeded \$500, which will be donated to the Elks National Foundation.

The Salinas Police Chief, Mr. Louis Fethdolf, was the key note speaker. His message identified many of the problems faced by today's peace officers in the county, and in the country. He offered suggestions for solutions and gave us several examples of improvements in our local agencies. However, he made it clear to most in the room that the big problems faced by law enforcement agencies will require community and perhaps society solutions, not just policing improvements. Law enforcement personnel need our support and help. Community improvement is our job, too! Several awards were given to individual officers for their outstanding service. Chief Fethdolf was presented a B.P.O.E. award for his forty years of community service by Exalted Ruler Hans Smits.

## Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 donates to Middle School

The Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 donated \$500.00 to Judkins Middle School for submitting the most Drug Awareness Essays. We sponsored this award and also gave nine individual U.S. Savings Bond prizes to these students who are in the Lucia Mar Unified School District.

## Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 was represented in 2011 Rose Parade

The Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 was represented in the 2011 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 1st, by our Exalted Ruler, Richard James and his lovely lady Rosario, as shown in picture. The theme of the parade was "Building Dreams, Friendships, and Memories."

The City of Glendale's float, "Say Cheese," depicts couples standing in oversized picture frames with the photographer being a mouse with a box camera. In the front of the float a bride and groom stood on a large wedge of cheese, a playful take on the "Say Cheese" catch phrase of photographers.

The float represented the theme of the parade stated Glendale Rose Float Association President and fellow Elk, Garry Ackerman, "by celebrating those memorable events of life where dreams come true, friendships are cemented, and memories are created."

In other news, Al Kepler, Lodge Chaplain, and fellow Elk George McCullough delivered dictionaries to the 3rd Grade students at the Mark Keppel Elementary School in Glendale.



First Lady Rosario James and Exalted Ruler Richard James on the City of Glendale's Rose Parade float

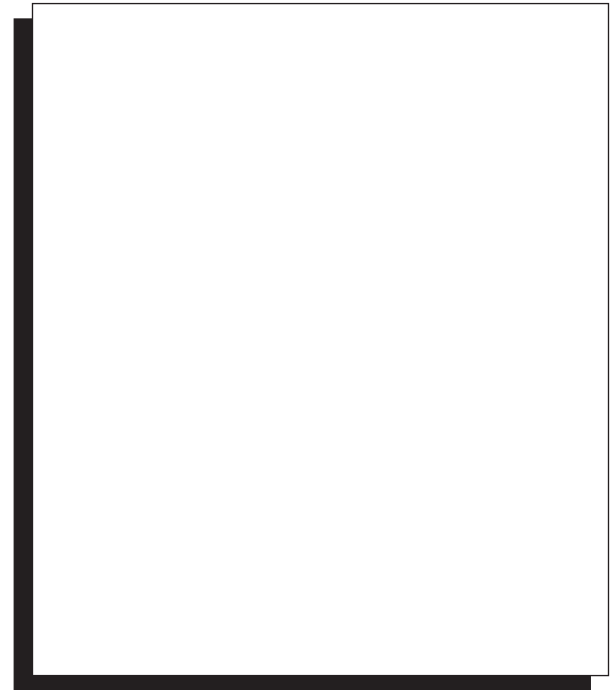
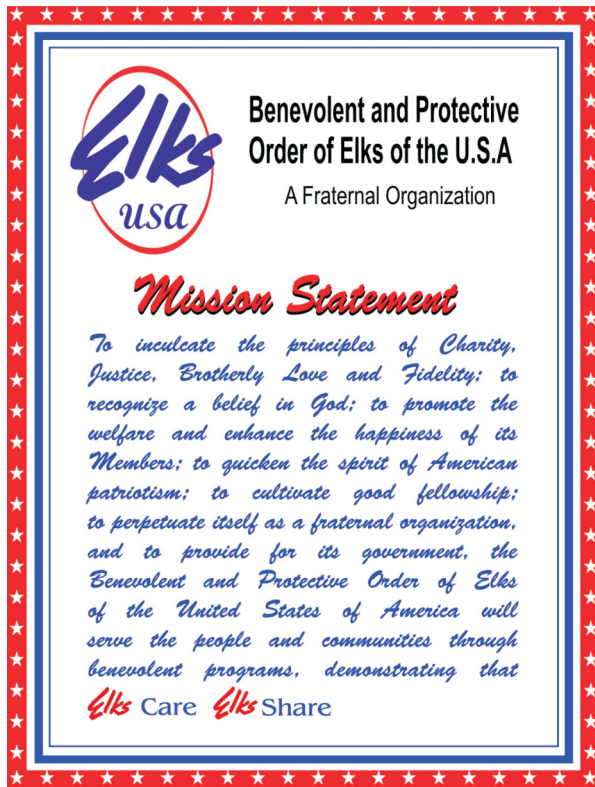
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## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honors students and delivers dictionaries

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honored six students and their families at a recent dinner. The Lodge presented awards and certificates to the six winners of the lodge competition for the "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship contest. Each winner received a scholarship from the Lodge to help with college expenses. The first place winners received \$1,000; second place winners received \$750; and the third place winners received \$500. Scholarship applications were judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. At a recent meeting, the Lodge honored the winners of the Lodge's Drug Awareness Essay Contest and the Drug Awareness Poster Contest. The event was attended by the winners, their parents, teachers and Lodge members.

For the fourth year, the Lodge has delivered dictionaries to schools in the community. So far this school year, over 600 dictionaries have been given to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at the Abby Reinke Elementary, Nicholas Elementary, Pauba Valley Elementary, Temecula Elementary and Vail Elementary Schools. Rancho Elementary School is scheduled to receive dictionaries later this month, for a total of 780 deliveries.





## Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 member gives Purple Pig a vacation

Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 member Barbara Glaspey felt that the Purple Pig needed a brief vacation to recharge its batteries so that it can race to the finish line helping the Piggy Bank reach its \$3M goal for the Lodge Year. She took it on an inter-cultural exchange to China! The Purple Wonder trekked to all different parts of the country, including Shanghai, Xian and Beijing.

