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## ATTN: Lodge Secretaries

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Several Lodges have been involved with the beta testing of CLMS and the results and feedback have been very positive. So, don't wait... get your copy now!

To assist those secretaries feeling "technically challenged" in using CLMS, on behalf of our association sponsors, I am actively recruiting prospective District CLMS Coordinators. As such, you would need to be a lodge secretary, have a good understanding of the Yuma 6 program, have a high-speed Internet connection, be available to mentor other secretaries in your district, and to conduct district training workshops.

If you are interested in taking on such a challenging and rewarding opportunity, first obtain your district leaders' approval, and then contact me at: [Roy-Elks783@loantrainer.com](mailto:Roy-Elks783@loantrainer.com).

Fraternally,  
Roy Newman, PSP  
Interim CHEA CLMS Coordinator

## Feed Your Purple Pig!



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

## Piggy Bank

By Jim Olson, PDDGER

The years that I have spent as your Piggy Bank Vice-Chair and then Chair have been wonderful.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people in our Fresno office for all their help and support.

And a BIG thank you to all our District Chairs – with special thanks to our CHEA Piggy Bank Vice-Chair Debbie Hosted.

Debbie will now be our CHEA Piggy Bank Chair, and I know you will do as much for her as you have for me.

But the BIGGEST thanks go out to all of you who support the Purple Pig with your donations of time, energy, and money. I know you will continue with your support (which is even easier now that you can do it online!). Your enthusiasm and caring for our kids and their families is what Elkdom is all about.

Just a reminder: The Klamath River Fishing Trip tickets are available at your Lodge now. This is a great way to support the Piggy Bank and have a memorable time on the Klamath River. Learn to fly fish and tie flies, enjoy the company of fellow Elks, practice your golf from a specially built driving range overlooking the Klamath, partake in gourmet dinners, and generally have a good time! Tickets will also be available at the CHEA convention.

Remember: a penny a day can make a difference – so keep on collecting those pennies!

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## President's Message

As we approach the 93rd California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention, Charlene and I are getting excited about the many events and sightseeing that are available to us in the great City of San Diego, such as visiting with friends while dining at the San Diego Elks Lodge, a dinner cruise, visiting the USS Midway, San Diego Old Town, San Diego Zoo and maybe Coronado Island or even a sightseeing cruise around the bay. Golf is always an option.



Many hours of planning and work by Chuck and Ginger Nolan have gone into the production of our Association Convention. If you catch Chuck and Ginger when they happen to take a break, thank them for a great convention.

Our Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife Beth will be our guests. They are from Illinois and are a friendly, enthusiastic couple. They attended the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl game in January and will be in Anaheim for the 144th Grand Lodge Convention in July.

Other guests attending our convention are State Association Presidents from Nevada, Ken Curto and Teresa; Utah, Peter Bravo and Regina; and, Arizona, Homer Sylvers and Vera.

It is our pleasure to host three of our Past Association Presidents who are Grand Lodge Officers: Richard Owen and his wife Hildy, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; Lee Karjola and his wife Cindy, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and Lee Northcutt and his wife Rosie, Grand Esquire.

Our Association is hosting the 144th Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim California, July 6-10, 2008. Put this event on your agenda. It is within traveling distance to Disney Land, as it is directly across the road from the Anaheim Convention Center.

Let's make it a "Family Affair" as this is our opportunity to help make this the largest gathering of Elks at a National Convention.

**"ENERGIZE ELKDOM" Be the Spark of Your Lodge**

Fraternally,

*Oren Richardson*

Oren Richardson

President, California-Hawaii Elks Association

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

## CHEA Scouting

by Jim Warrick, Scouting Chairman

Statistics reflect overwhelming support for Scouting as a program for youth from Lodges in the Association. In 2007-2008, Lodges donated over \$100,000 to various Scouting groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Cub Scouts. Elk volunteers also drove over 50,000 miles and donated over 15,000 hours to more than 5,000 Scouts in California and Hawaii.

Lodges lent their facilities and members applauded the character building of over 150 Lodge sponsored Eagle Scouts and 50 Gold Award Scouts. In 2007, CHEA also recognized Eagle Scouts Russell Furry and Danny Sackett as winners in the CHEA Eagle Scout Essay contest and helped send Scouts Cole Berber and Cameron Roth to the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

Elks applaud Scouting as a way to teach young people citizenship and moral character. The Elks strong support for Scouting stands as a responsible promotion of positive youthful achievement. In 2008-2009, CHEA will again feature the Eagle Scout/Gold Award Essay Contest. In 2008-2009, the Scouting Committee is also seeking 100% participation in the Scouting Program in the California-Hawaii Elks Association. The Boy Scout and Girl Scout movements are one of the best deterrents to drug related problems we may offer our young people in America.

## President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

**May 1-4, 2008**  
Utah State Convention

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### Pancake Breakfast Held at Elks Lodge

Atascadero Boy Scouts Troop 150 hosted a pancake breakfast at the Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 on February 9th, 2008. Elk members and Scouts presold approximately 275 tickets for the event. Over two hundred people attended. The Atascadero Elks sponsor Troop 150. The event was held to recruit new Scouts and earn funds for future trips and camp-outs.



Left to right: District Chair and Assistant Scout Master Robert Winslow, Scout Matthew Winslow, Order of the Arrow Representative, Exalted Ruler Lance Erickson, and Senior Patrol Leader A. J. Casteneda.

### Vista Elks Help the Poor and Homeless

Members of the Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 have donated and delivered a truck load of clothing to Brother Bennos in Ocean-side. Clothing and many personal items from Brother Benno's "most needed list" were included.



Left to right: Elk Molly Mummert, Harold Kutler, founder of Brother Benno's, John Bergman, Vista Elks Trustee Chairman.

### Temecula Valley Elks Host California-Hawaii President Oren Richardson

The Temecula Valley Elks recently hosted a dinner at their lodge to honor the California-Hawaii Elk Association President Oren Richardson and his wife, Charlene. Oren and Charlene were visiting the Elks Lodges and members of the CHEA Southeast District. Elk members and guests from southern California attended the event to welcome and meet him. Oren and Charlene visited other Lodges in the district during their weekend visit. During his tenure as Association President, Oren and Charlene visited all nineteen districts in California and Hawaii.



Left to right: Hemet Lodge ER Jack Lentz, Temecula Lodge ER Paul Gonzalez, Southeast District VP Larry Hannon, Oren Richardson, Southeast DL Jerry Rucker and Southeast DL Manny Gomez.

### Valentines Dance held for Developmentally Disabled

Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 recently hosted a Valentine's Dance for local challenged friends. Approximately 200 guests and caregivers enjoyed games, interactive entertainment, a high tech laser light show, and a smorgasbord of snacks, pizza and desserts. The chicken dance, hokey pokey, and cha cha slide highlighted the fun times, donated by PER Tim Bigler and Buttercup.

More recently, two drive thru dinners have raised several hundred dollars toward the continued development of the Duane Moss/ Gus Drumm Elks Park. This is a 20 acre, roping and recreational facility, dedicated to the betterment of the lives of the Central Valley's challenged residents.

### Charitable Donations Made

The Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430, with the help of the Elks Bingo program, made donations to many community and charitable organizations in Ventura and Ventura County during 2007-08. \$16,701 was given to local charities; \$1,000 to the Purple Pig and \$1,000 to the ENF.

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James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
*Deceased		



Oren and Charlene Richardson receive a hand made quilt from the district while visiting Torrance Lodge No. 1948. They are pictured with Vice President Ted Talbot and wife Jeanie.

Oren Richardson, pictured with Vice President Warren Bilstein and wife Linda from the Ukiah Lodge No. 1978, received a silver tray and 12 glasses, one for each lodge.





### Winners of Essay Contest Honored at Americanism Night

On February 13, 2008, Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 Exalted Ruler Randy Garcia awarded savings bonds and certificates to six students from local schools for their winning essays in the first round of competition in the Elks-USA sponsored national "What is an American?" essay contest.

The event took place during a dinner honoring the winners at the Lodge's Americanism Night.

The patriotic program was highlighted by the posting of colors by the Boy Scout Troup 210 Color Guard, and crowned by each winner in attendance reciting his essay to the cheering standing-room-only crowd. The event was closed with the "Star-Spangled Banner" beautifully sung by Americanism Committee Chairman, Joseph J. Caruso.

The Division 1 (5th or 6th grade) winners were: 1st Place - Heather Purdy, 2nd Place - Robert Chaves, 3rd Place - Nick Nikoian. The Division 2 (7th or 8th grade) winners were: 1st Place - Ryan Wilson, 2nd Place - Molly Shamieh, 3rd Place - Cameron Edinburgh.

The following three of the six Burbank area winners, Robert Chaves, Molly Shamieh and Ryan Wilson, have been selected by the district judges to advance to the Association finals. Those winners will compete at a regional contest to determine the contestants who will compete at the national finals after which top honors will be presented at the Grand Lodge convention in Anaheim, July 6-10, 2008.

The Burbank Lodge Americanism Committee is chaired by Joseph J. Caruso, with members: Jim Adams, Donna Bliven, Laney Clevenger and Don White.

Boy Scout Troup 210 Color Guard is composed of: Scott De Vall, Evan Hall, Jordan Hall, Mark Maloof and Austin Ross, lead by Bill O'Leary, Scoutmaster



Left to Right: Nick Nikoian, Cameron Edinburgh (rear), Ryan Wilson, Molly Shamieh, Robert Chaves. Heather Purdy was not available, and was to be honored at the lodge on February 27.

### Yucaipa Elks Donate Dictionaries

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 treated all Mesa Grande Academy third graders to their very own English-Spanish dictionaries. The objective of this program is to assist all students to complete the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. Mrs. Boyko, third grade teacher, appreciated the donation.

Ronda Krug, Yucaipa Elks Youth Activates chairperson said, "This has been the most rewarding experience thus far. It was so awesome to meet the kids and actually sit with them to show them how to use their new dictionaries. This is what being a part of the Elks is all about - giving." Glenda Dutched, Exalted Ruler, addressed the students in Spanish. The kids were excited and very appreciative.



Adults shown are: Left: Mrs. Boyko, teacher, Center Back: Glenda Dutched, Exalted Ruler, Right: Ronda Krug, Youth Activities Chairperson

### Huntington Beach Hoop Shoot Winners

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 had two contestants that were winners in their annual Hoop Shoot Contest. The two sharpshooting winners of county and state competitions are Stephanie Louie - Huntington Beach, 1st place of Girls Age 10-11 and Reese Bearden - Huntington Beach, 2nd Place Boy Age 12-13. Reese was also the Southern California regional champion.

Stephanie is a student at Carden Hall School and Reese is a student at Huntington Beach Christian School.



Left to Right: Bill Collier PER, Hoop Shoot Committee Chairman, Reese Bearden, Stephanie Louie and Walter Boskovich, Leading Knight at the Lodge.

### Alhambra-San Gabriel Gives Dictionaries

Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge No. 1328 has recently finished distributing 4,429 dictionaries to 3rd graders. Since the Lodge merged with the El Monte Lodge 2 years ago, members felt that children in the El Monte school districts should also be recipients of the dictionaries. There were five school districts, seven parochial schools, and 100 dictionaries were sent to Oregon, sponsored by a member who spends part of the year there. Most of the districts have honored the Lodge with certificates and assemblies.



Clockwise from left (adults): Teacher Cathy Eckstrom, Dictionary Chairperson/ District Vice President Al Fredrickson PER, Exalted Ruler Robert Santos, Teacher Jenni Mizokami, Teacher Bonnie Konoske and student Isiah Williams who received the first dictionary to be distributed at Wilson Elementary School in San Gabriel.

### Medal of Valor Given to Elk

Orval Stokes, Tiler, Susanville Elks Lodge No. 1487, receives a Medal of Valor in memory of his nephew, Sean Stokes. Exalted Ruler Larry Rogers presents the medal during a Lodge meeting in recognition of the supreme sacrifice Marine Corporal Stokes made during service in Iraq. He received a Silver Star, the nation's third-highest award for combat valor, for heroic action during the Battle of Fallujah in 2004. Corporal Sean Stokes was killed while serving his third deployment to Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded on July 30, 2007.



### BLT Special Recognition

The generosity of the Elks is amazing and to have a couple like Ronald "Ron" Jungels and Matilde Vargas Jungels join the BLT Family by becoming Commitment Trust members is outstanding! If everyone cared as much for the children with disabilities as Ron and Matilde, the future of the Major Project would never be in doubt. Ron and Matilde, you emphasize the Elks' motto, "Elks Care-Elks Share." Thank you for caring about the future of the Major Project. Also, congratulations to Steve Mayne, the West Central District BLT Chairman, for all his hard work in helping Ron and Matilde join the BLT Family.

Ron has been a member of the San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522, for fourteen years, and West Central District Scouting Chairman for eight years, San Jose Lodge Boy Scout Chairman for fourteen years and he is also active in the Youth Programs such as Soccer and Hoop Shoot. Ron is also the auctioneer for Lodge Activities. Matilde and Ron work side by side making sure the youth of San Jose have an opportunity to participate in all Elks' Youth Programs. They keep the lodge youth activities program going. Thank you for caring from all the therapists and the children with disabilities.

If you would like more information about the BLT programs, go to the website at [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org), then click on Bequests/Living Trusts and download the information you are interested in. If you want more information about making a bequest, contact your lodge BLT chairperson, your district BLT chairperson, Dennis Shaffer, BLT Vice Chairman, North; Vern Campion, BLT Vice Chairman, South; or Ron Berglund, Association BLT Chairman.

To become a member of the BLT family - you only have to ask.



### Money for Angora Fire Victims

Lake Tahoe Lodge No. 2094 donated \$1,000 to victims of last summer's Angora fire which destroyed 254 homes in South Lake Tahoe. The money was earmarked for renters who lived in the fire area and lost all of their possessions.



## Eagle Scouts Awarded

El Cajon, CA Lodge No. 1812 hosted the annual Eagle Scout Gold Award recognition dinner. Those receiving their awards pictured left to right in the front row were: Mark Gracyk, Grant Myres, Taylor Holmes and Kevin Dreesen. Back Row, Left to Right: Conner Brown, Alex Nicoloff, Patrick Brady, Skyler Littlefield, BJ Miller and Josh Caldwell. The Colors and Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Josh Caldwell and BJ Miller from Troop 363.



## Veterans Service Committee At Work

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Veterans Service Committee held their monthly bingo at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and handed out prizes and canteen coupons to the patients. One prize, a gear clock, caused a lot of comment by the veterans. The winner of the gear clock was a veteran from the Spinal Cord Injury ward, Steve Casto.



Left to right: Veterans Committee member Dom Garofano with the gear clock, veteran Steve Casto and Tom McCarthy, Chief Recreational Therapist, VA Hospital.

## Elks Hold Youth Appreciation Dinner

The Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 hosted more than 110 youths and their advisers for the Elks annual Youth Appreciation Dinner. Attendees included Victorville Police and Fire Explorers, Apple Valley Police and Fire Explorers, and the High Desert Magic 4H Club.

Youths honored were selected by their leaders based on their academic excellence, leadership skills and community service records. Alexander Smith, a college science major and an Elks Scholarship recipient, gave a short talk of appreciation for his scholarship award as it enabled him to go to college.



Left to right: Victorville Fire Captain Nolan, Exalted Ruler Dario Juarez, Victorville Fire Explorer of the Year, Emily Hernandez and Rich Unferdorfer, Youth Activities Chairman.

## Dictionaries Distributed by Bishop Lodge

Bishop Lodge distributed 346 dictionaries to all of the 3rd grade students in Inyo and Mono Counties.



Left to right: Committee Chairman Larry Clark with teacher Mrs. Keehn and principle Joy Straub of Pine Street School.

## Americanism

By Ron Marsile, CHEA Americanism Chairman

One of the most important programs that the Americanism committee promotes is the Americanism Essay Contest.

This years theme is "What Is An American". The entrants are divided into two groups - Division 1 - 5th & 6th graders - Division 2 - 7th & 8th graders

The competition starts at our Lodge level where schools and students are encouraged to participate. Lodges then gather their entries and select the top three division winners who are advanced to the district contests. The top three winners in each division at the district level are sent to me to determine our top three Association winners.

The 1st place winners in each division from the Association contest are sent to the National Americanism committee to determine our national winners. All judging has been completed and our Association winners are as follows:

### Division 1 (5th and 6th Grade)

- 1st Place - Andrew Vieyra - Lodge - West Covina Lodge No. 1996 - District Chairman - Willie Koskela, San Gabriel - Award \$500
- 2nd Place - Chad Elton - Lodge - Monterey Lodge No. 1285 - District Chairman - Bud Jobe, West Central - Award \$300
- 3rd Place - Daniel Kimoto - Lodge - Honolulu Lodge No. 616 - District Chairman - Josephine Keanu - Hawaii - Award \$200

### Division 2 (7th and 8th Grade)

- 1st Place - Bianca Dailo - Lodge - Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811 - District Chairman - Richard Frontella, Central - Award \$500
- 2nd Place - Jenny Soliman - Lodge - Huntington Beach Lodge No. 1959 - District Chairman - Norm Jones, Orange Coast - Award \$300
- 3rd Place - Damian Ross - Lodge - Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801 - District Chairman - Gary Gunn, Southeast - Award \$200

I want to thank my district chairman for all their assistance with promoting this contest and Americanism throughout the California-Hawaii area. Our Association totals for the Americanism contest is 145 lodges that participated and 14,250 students entered their essays.

District and local lodge chairman please convey our thanks to these students for their patriotism.

## Ontario Elks Cookies

Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419, Social & Community Welfare Committee, headed by Ken Schreckengost, purchased \$500 of Girl Scout cookies from Troop 1060 to be sent to our deployed Military personnel. Another \$200 was sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and \$265 was sent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The money used for these projects comes from profits gathered on our Bingo nights held on Wednesdays every week at the Lodge.

## Lake Elsinore Lodge Unites Together

Ever since the disastrous fire which destroyed Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 last November, Lodge members have united to reestablish their Lodge. A meeting place was acquired at the Trevi Entertainment Center in Lake Elsinore where the owner, Michael Knight, now an Elk, donated a large assembly room.

Since acquiring this room, other Lodges have donated articles so that our Lodge meetings could be held. Officer stations, the American Flag, officer jewels, etc. were donated. The latest donation was a set of Antlers of Protection from Oceanside Lodge No. 1561.

Carole May, Exalted Ruler, Carole French, Inner Guard and Andy Korbacker, a Past Exalted Ruler attended a recent Lodge meeting and presented the antlers. At the base of the antlers they had inscribed, "May these spreading antlers protect this Lodge from harm."



Left to right: Andy Korbacker, Carole May, Bob Becker III, Lodge Exalted Ruler, and Manny Gomez, Lodge Esquire

## Elks Hold Firefighters Appreciation Night

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 held a local Firefighters Appreciation Night on March 11th, honoring the men & women who responded to the most destructive fire in Orange County since 1993; this fire occurred from Oct. 23 until Nov. 11, 2007 when 28,400 acres were destroyed, as well as 15 homes.

Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief, Kris Concepcion presented a most informative video and gave a detailed narrative to the 100 firefighters and Elk members and guests assembled. Chief Concepcion received a certificate plaque of appreciation on behalf of Santa Ana Elks, presented by Chairman Dan Breece, the Lodge's Esteemed Leading Knight.

A total of 1,941 firefighters battled the raging fire in Modjeska Canyon and through parts of Cleveland National Forest during those 19 days to fully contain the fire, which had been set by an arsonist. The estimated damages amounted to \$21,650,000, but most importantly some 2,000 homes threatened were saved, thanks to the brave team of men and women from agencies & departments from all over Orange County and the western states.



**Latest Members to Join the Century Club**

*(January 28, 2008 through March 27, 2008)*

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Liz Avila  
Fran Aylett  
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Steve Bailey  
Ofresia Baldwin  
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Charletta Batten  
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Pam Beckwith  
Paul Bellanca  
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Richard Bennet  
Bill Bennett  
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Hugh Berry  
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Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801  
Auburn Lodge No. 1691  
Auburn Lodge No. 1691  
Hanford Lodge No. 1259  
Hanford Lodge No. 1259  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Willows Lodge No. 1786  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Placerville Lodge No. 1712  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Pomona Lodge No. 2038  
Atascadero Lodge No. 2733  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Calpine Lodge No. 2432  
Tracy Lodge No. 2031  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
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Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Eureka Lodge No. 652  
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Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
Willows Lodge No. 1786  
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Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
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Monterey Lodge No. 1285  
Pomona Lodge No. 2038  
Redding Lodge No. 1073  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Monterey Lodge No. 1285  
Auburn Lodge No. 1691  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Barstow Lodge No. 1920  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Auburn Lodge No. 1691  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
Sky Forest Lodge No. 2393  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Madera Lodge No. 1918  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Monterey Lodge No. 1285  
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**LODGE**

Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Newport Harbor Lodge No. 1767  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
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Huntington Beach No. 1959  
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Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Sacramento Lodge No. 6  
Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Sacramento Lodge No. 6  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Madera Lodge No. 1918  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577  
Pasadena Lodge No. 672  
Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
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Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Fresno Lodge No. 439  
Whittier Lodge No. 1258  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Gilroy Lodge No. 1567  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Crescent City Lodge No. 1689  
Lake Tahoe Lodge No. 2094  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Grass Valley Lodge No. 538  
San Luis Obispo Lodge No. 322  
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Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
San Jose Lodge No. 522  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Paradise Lodge No. 2026  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Santa Clara Lodge No. 2347  
Crescent City Lodge No. 1689  
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Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Monterey Lodge No. 1285  
Rancho Cordova Lodge No. 2484  
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Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Big Bear Lake Lodge No. 1787  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Willows Lodge No. 1786  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Oceano-Five Cities No. 2504  
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**Dictionaries Spread Joy**

Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge No. 1328 ER Robert Santos, CHEA VP Al Fredrickson, and Public Relations Chairperson Char Parry pose with Mr. Peter Lam and his 3rd grade class from Cortado School in El Monte. The class had earlier received their dictionaries and were excited about all of the ways they could be used. The class presented a binder to ER Robert with thank you letters from each student. They also had the Elks sign each of their books, making them feel like celebrities.



**Ronald McDonald House Patients Get Dictionaries from Garden Grove Elks**

Ken Charity, Past Exalted Ruler and Dictionary Committee Chairman of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge reported the distribution of twelve dictionaries to the children's library at the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County.

Assisting Ken Charity in this endeavor were committee members Bob Underwood and Chris Merrill, Sister Kathy Stein, Shelter Director, and Kathy Roth, Volunteer Coordinator of the Ronald McDonald House.



Left to right: Bob Underwood, Chris Merrill and Dictionary Chairmen Ken Charity, PER.

**Kailua Elks**

The Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships to three students during their awards dinner. Pictured are Exalted Ruler Chester "Chet" Virchinsky, students Carson Handserling who is home schooled, Bryanna Amoroso of Castle High School and Tori Miyagi of Hawaii Baptist Academy.



Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 Exalted Ruler Chet Virchinsky awarding three \$1000.00 scholarships to students.

**Law Enforcement Recognized**

Richmond Lodge No. 1251 held its 9th annual Law Enforcement Night on February 20, 2008. City Council members from each of the municipalities represented joined the Contra Costa County supervisors who presented certificates for exceptional service to the seven officers during the ceremonies and PER Association dinner.



Left to right: Chairman PDDGER Robert Ostini; Officer Robert Brady - San Pablo P.D.; Sergeant Shawn Maples - El Cerrito P.D.; Deputy Mike Meth - Sheriff's Office - Bay Station; Officer Alan Honea - Pinole P.D.; Officer Keith Barrow - Kensington P.D.; Detective Patrick Davis - Richmond P.D.; Detective Thomas Koeppe - Hercules P.D.; ER George Antoniotti.



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Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Calpine Lodge No. 2432  
Palm Springs Lodge No. 1905  
Porterville Lodge No. 1342  
Reedley Lodge No. 2699  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Salinas Lodge No. 614  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Tracy Lodge No. 2031  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Atascadero Lodge No. 2733  
Woodland Lodge No. 1299  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Indio Lodge No. 1643  
San Jose Lodge No. 522  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Sacramento Lodge No. 6  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Sonora Lodge No. 1587  
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Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
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Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811  
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Fresno Lodge No. 439  
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Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Redding Lodge No. 1073  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Hesperia Lodge No. 2646  
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Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
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Robert Simerson  
Mary Simpkins  
Martin Smith  
Terri Smith  
Frank Sosa  
Michael Stein  
Betty Stephenson  
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Dave Story  
Harvey Stuart  
Ernest Suemoto  
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**LODGE**

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Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2379  
Richmond Lodge No. 1251  
Mount Shasta Lodge No. 2333  
Thousand Oaks Lodge No. 2477  
Sonora Lodge No. 1587  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Lakeport Lodge No. 2704  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
Gilroy Lodge No. 1567  
Pomona Lodge No. 2038  
Rancho Cordova No. 2484  
Indio Lodge No. 1643  
Livermore-Pleasanton No. 2117  
Indio Lodge No. 1643  
Coalinga Lodge No. 1613  
Huntington Park Lodge No. 1415  
La Habra Lodge No. 1712  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Hanford Lodge No. 1259  
Santa Ana Lodge No. 794  
Banning-Beaumont No. 1839  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Indio Lodge No. 1643  
La Habra Lodge No. 2095  
Atascadero Lodge No. 2733  
Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Alhambra-San Gabriel No. 1328  
Porterville Lodge No. 1342  
Porterville Lodge No. 1342  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
Mount Shasta Lodge No. 2333  
San Clemente Lodge No. 2068  
Eureka Lodge No. 652  
Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Ukiah Lodge No. 1728  
Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
San Jose Lodge No. 522  
Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Pasadena Lodge No. 672  
Escondido Lodge No. 1687  
Tracy Lodge No. 2031  
Stockton Lodge No. 218  
Calpine Lodge No. 2432  
Atascadero Lodge No. 2733  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Pomona Lodge No. 2038  
Auburn Lodge No. 1691  
Atascadero Lodge No. 2733  
Livermore-Pleasanton No. 2117  
Escondido Lodge No. 1687  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Tracy Lodge No. 2031  
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Stockton Lodge No. 218  
Palmdale Lodge No. 2027  
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**LODGE**

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Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
Needles Lodge No. 1608  
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Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801  
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Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
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Hemet Lodge No. 1740  
Huntington Beach No. 1959  
La Habra Lodge No. 2095  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616  
Huntington Park Lodge No. 1415  
Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613  
Roseville Lodge No. 2248  
Honolulu Lodge No. 616

**Elks Sponsor Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet**

Boy Scout Troop 603 celebrated their 40th anniversary. Mission Viejo Mayor Trish Kelly awarded the Scouts with a 40 year proclamation award. Also recognized were the 58 Eagle Scouts to achieve that position over the past 40 years with Troop 603. Mission Viejo Lodge was given a shadow box with the Troop's scarf adorned by the Elks 11 O'clock hour logo and a hiking staff in recognition of our support of Scouting for over 30 years.



Left to right: Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Smith, Youth Activities Chairman Pat Martino, Mayor Trish Kelly, Scoutmaster Ron Rolstad, Scout Committee Chairman Chris Talamo, Elks Loyal Knight Dennis Lumley.

**Latest Millennium (\$1,000.00) Club Donors**  
(As of March 27, 2008)

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**LODGE**

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Palm Springs Lodge No. 1905  
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Sacramento Lodge No. 6  
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Oceanside Lodge No. 1561  
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Redondo Beach Lodge No. 1378  
Salinas Lodge No. 614  
San Pedro Lodge No. 966  
Coalinga Lodge No. 1613  
Alhambra-San Gabriel No. 1328  
Glendale Lodge No. 1289  
San Jose Lodge No. 522  
Los Banos Lodge No. 2510

**"Let your heart feel the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse."**  
- George Washington

**"Law & Order Night"**

In appreciation for his service to Hawaii upholding the law and administering justice, Honolulu Lodge No. 616 presented United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii Edward H. Kubo, Jr. with a beautiful koa Outstanding Service Award at a dinner on March 19, 2008. Mr. Kubo has been in charge of federal law enforcement for the State of Hawaii since his appointment by President Bush in 2001.



Left to right: Ron Mizuno, PER, Tammy Kubo, Edward Kubo, Glenn Beppu, ER and Keith Williams, PER and Lodge Secretary.



### Association President Does Chores!



### Member Receives Special Citation

On Wednesday, November 14th, South Coast District DDGER Greg Merritt presented a CHEA Special Citation to Elk Member Ralph Ford.

During the San Diego fire storms Chula Vista Lodge was used to prepare approximately 1,400 meals that were served to individuals displaced by the fires. Elk member Chef Ralph Ford, who is also a member of the Chefs de Cuisine Association, spearheaded the effort at the Lodge. The Chefs and Elks traveled over 200 miles delivering and serving the community, law enforcement, and firefighters. As Chef David Chenelle stated, "It was our community pulling together that saved people from falling through the cracks."

Thanks to Elk members Ralph & Belia Ford, Larry Schultheis II, Steve Fialko, Cyndy Wise, Anne-Marie Martin, Bob Bigbie, Laura Schauer, and Sam Waychoff.



### Elks Major Project

By Gene Pendergast- Board Chairman

When you read this article, we will either be at the CHEA Convention in San Diego or it will have passed. The highlight of every convention is the presentation of the Theme Child. This is when you get to see how the money you raise each year benefits a child. We are looking for a big total at the Exalted Ruler's March this year. And I know everyone has been working very hard to help us make our goal.

As many of you know, this Program is very near and dear to my heart. When I saw my first Theme Child presented to those of us sitting in the audience, I could not take my eyes off her. She looked just like a little angel. If it hadn't been for the service of her therapist, she would not have been able to do the things she was doing. As I've said before, we have some of the best people working for our Program who are dedicated to providing the best service they can to the children. They continue to educate themselves to keep abreast of the changes in technology and procedures.

I would like to encourage all lodges to have a Piggy Bank or Major Project function at your lodge. Submit a Form II to the Association Office to invite a therapist and/or child to your function so you can hear first-hand his or her experience with the Major Project. I urge those that are able, to take part in the Elks Camper Rally, Area 7 Charity Golf Tournament, Southeast District Bowling Club, and/or district functions. Not only will you be raising funds for the Major Project and having fun doing it, but you will also be making new friendships that may last a lifetime. And, if you change your search engine from Google to GoodSearch, you will be making money for the Program.

As I come to the close of my time as Chairman of the Major Project Board, I want to take this opportunity to 'THANK' all of you who have so graciously donated of your time and money to keep our Program going. Without your continued support of The 52 Club, The Century Club, The Millennium Club, filling the Purple Pig, and making a BLT request, there would be many children within the California-Hawaii Elks Association who would not get the help they needed in order for them 'to walk, talk, see and play'. To see the smiles on the children's faces and hear their laughter is what we're after. I ask you to make a commitment to yourself to keep this Program near and dear to your heart. The children will THANK YOU!

God bless you. God bless the California-Hawaii Elks Association. God bless America!

### San Jose Lodge

San Jose, CA Lodge No. 522 donated \$1,925 to the San Jose Police Foundation for the purchase of one canine bulletproof vest. The officers of the "Canine Unit" must purchase the dogs, provide all equipment and care for them at their own expense.

### District Drug Awareness Contest Winner

In December, 2007 the Temecula Valley Elks honored the six Lodge Drug Awareness Essay Winners. The six winners were sent on to the district level for judging. Recently they were notified that one of their six students, Lana Rainey, received first place on her essay at the District Level. She was also the first place winner at the Lodge level. At the district level she received a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond for first place. Her essay has been forwarded onto the Association level for further judging.



Left to right: Diane Farrens, Drug Awareness Co-Chairman; Dave Jones, Drug Awareness Co-Chairman; Lana Rainey, Drug Awareness Essay Winner; and Paul Gonzalez, Temecula Valley Elks President.

### Temecula Elks Southern California Hoop Shoot Winner



In February Temecula Valley Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot winner and District Hoop Shoot winner, Trey Endris, competed at the Southern California Hoop Shoot, held in Corona, with winners from other Lodges in Southern California. Trey placed first in the 10-11 year old boys division. Trey is from Pauba Elementary School in Temecula.

The Northern California's Hoop Shoot was held recently and Trey's score in the Southern California competition was higher than the top score in the Northern California competition and he was named the California State Champion. He will now compete in the Elks Regional Hoop in Las Vegas on Saturday, March 1st.

The Elks Hoop Shoot competition is conducted in six tiers: the school contest; the Lodge contest; the District contest; the State contest; the Regional contest; and the National finals for the National championship.

### Sculpture Donated to Reno Lodge

El Cajon Lodge No. 1812's resident sculptor, Bill Hyde, donated one of his beautiful hand-carved Elk sculptures titled "Under the Spreading Antlers of Protection" to the Reno Lodge No. 597. The drawing for the sculpture will take place at the Scholarship Awards Dinner on May 8 at the Reno Lodge. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will be placed in the charity account at the Reno Lodge to benefit the Scholarship Program. Accepting the sculpture is Diane Hyde, daughter of Bill and the first woman Elk initiated into the Reno Lodge.



### Mission Viejo Celebrates 20 years of Cityhood

The Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Elks participated in the Mission Viejo celebration of 20 years of Cityhood, held at the Norman Murray Senior Center on March 29th. Representing the Lodge were Elks Andy Costello and wife Mary Ann, Gloria LeCouvre, PER Charlie Hart, and ER Hal Mattson. The group passed out American Flags, Drug Awareness literature and Elks pamphlets to the 12,000 visitors at the event.



Left to right: Drug Awareness Chair Gloria LeCouvre passing out literature to Sarah & Brendan Van Ry of Mission Viejo with Mom Andrea.



## Rancho Cordova Elks Make \$10,000 Grant Stretch to Help Many People

The Elks National Foundation awarded the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge a \$10,000 Impact Grant for their Catch The Spirit (CTS) Project to provide assistance to veterans and military families in Northern California, and to other families in need in the community. In 2006, the CTS Project provided Christmas toys and food baskets to 700 military families and 250 needy families in the local community at Christmas. The food consisted of a turkey and six boxes of canned and fresh food. The National Guard, the Army Reserves and the Rancho Cordova Police Department distributed the food.

For the 2007 Christmas Holiday season, the Impact Grant, along with donations from many businesses and individuals, helped the CTS Project provide over 900 Northern California military families and at least 300 local Rancho Cordova families with at least three boxes of food and toys during the 2007 Christmas holiday season.

In addition to the Christmas time deliveries, the Grant will allow the CTS Project to continue to provide assistance throughout the year to veterans, military families and others as needed. Since December of 2007, the Project has distributed 928 turkeys, 928 cases of pastries, 4,000 loaves of bread, 1,000 containers of assorted milk, 500 cartons of juice, 1,000 toys, 120 bicycles, 6 pallets of candy, 10 pallets of ice cream, 36 pallets of pastry, 500 cases of dairy products, 15 pallets of bread, 10,000 children's greeting cards for deployed members to send to their children back home, and 20 pieces of donated furniture to military families in need.

The CTS Project will also provide clothes, sundries, snacks, soda water, and other supplies to about 150 injured veterans and their families transiting through Travis Air Force Base and to 40 injured veterans at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.

In effect, the CTS Project Manager has become a "dispatcher/facilitator", fielding calls from military, veterans and community service organizations about special needs for families in the area. If he cannot meet those needs from existing donations, he contacts various businesses and food distributors for donations to meet those needs.

The success of the CTS Project has largely depended on the generous donations of food, equipment and warehouse space from local businesses. The Elks National Foundation Impact Grant will go a long way in helping to meet those needs that cannot be satisfied through other donations.

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## Elks Support Girl Scout Troop

Girl Scout Leader Janet Singer and the Girl Scouts of Troop 954 show off their handiwork to Mission Viejo Elks Lodge No. 2444 ER Hal Mattson. The large backboard is part of the Troop's display being prepared for their participation in the Scouting International Fair to be held at the Capistrano Christian School. The purpose of the fair is to commemorate the World Thinking Day Celebration of Scouting. The theme of Troop 954 is "The Regions of China." The girls will display Chinese garments and hand out moon cakes from their booth. They will also be performing a song. Troop 954 is but one of the scouting troops sponsored by the Lodge.



Left to right: Leader Janet Singer, Shaynee, Jenna, Shavani, Shannon, Brooke & Exalted Ruler Hal Mattson. Front row, Left to right: April, Gabriela and Alison.

