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**Serving Children with Disabilities Since 1950**

**Meet our Theme Child, Delilah  
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*A Coin a Day so they can  
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*





### Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 honors hoop shoot competitors

The Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 honored the trophy winners in their recent Hoop Shoot Basketball Free Throw competition. Volunteers from the lodge prepared and served a dinner prior to the awards trophy presentations.

The Palmdale City Mayor, Jim Ledford, helped to distribute the trophies at the awards ceremony on Sunday, January 30, 2011. Mayor Ledford and the Palmdale School District Superintendent Roger Gallizzi spoke in honor of the youngsters.

Ariyanna Jones won first place in the competition for girls, ages 12 and 13. She also won the district competition and advanced to the California state contest. Mariah Magana took second place in that category, and Katianna Warren took third. Mark Granados won first place in the competition for boys, ages 12 and 13. Jesse Camacho took third. Andrew Ehn won first place for boys, ages 8 and 9. Julia Magante won first place for girls, ages 8 and 9.



L to R: Jim Ledford, Katianna Warren, Matthew Darwin, Ariyanna Jones, Jesse Camacho, Julia Magante, Mariah Magana, Andrew Ehn and Roger Gallizzi

### Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 donates 1,413 dictionaries

In 2010 the Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 donated 1,413 dictionaries to third graders at fifteen schools in the Stockton Unified School District and to one school in the Lodi Unified School District. Dictionary Chairperson Valerie Edwards and Teresa Tschabold spent approximately one and a half hours at each of the schools giving a presentation and handing out the dictionaries. The Lodge's goal is to exceed that amount in 2011.

Watching each student's reaction as they received their dictionary made the small amount of time spent in preparation worth it. One third grader said "It's mine? It's really mine! Thank you!"



Valerie Edwards with students

### Tim Martin appointed as GELK

Timothy C. Martin, Past Association President and Executive Director of the California-Hawaii Elks Association was recently appointed by the Area 7 Sponsors, Donald Dapelo, Ken Moore and Jim Grillo, to the position of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight. Tim will serve in this capacity for the balance of PGELK Rex E. Dondlinger's 2010-2011 term of office. As you recall, Rex passed away on December 31, 2010.

### Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 sends 1,000th care package to the troops

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge sent its 1,000<sup>th</sup> Care Package to the troops. The Lodge sends about 30 boxes each month.

In other news, over 800 Special Education students and families attended the Annual Christmas Party for Exceptional Children at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794. The students attend the Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine Unified School Districts. The participants enjoyed refreshments while they listened and sang with the band "Pride" (a group of challenged gentlemen.) They had their faces painted and chose from balloon art as they anxiously awaited their turn with Santa. Santa gave each of them a gift of their choice.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Ray Estrella; Veterans Program Assistant Chairman Lionel Lopes; Volunteers Maria Checchi and Claire Heaney; Trustee Ralph Heaney

### Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 holds fish fry for veterans

The Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 held its quarterly Vets Fish Fry Dinner in January, 2011. 32 veterans and 2 representatives from the Sepulveda VA Hospital attended the event. Joining them was Earl Bouchard, the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) representative.

The guests were entertained by Mike Gaglio, Lodge Chaplain, who played the guitar and sang. The vets also received holiday boxes which were prepared by the students at Lawrence Middle School and Bruce Troe, Loyal Knight.

In other news, the Antlers youth group from the Lodge distributed Drug Awareness pamphlets to every child who participated at the District Hoop Shoot. Furthermore, the Lawrence Middle School students joined the Antlers to prepare Valentine Cards and other correspondence for the veterans at the Sepulveda VA hospital.

# President's Message

## ELKS—America's Pot of Gold

My Friends, hello and Aloha! It is a beautiful time of the year. As spring turns into summer, a retiring President turns the reins of the greatest Elks Association over to a new President. This is a good thing. New ideas, a new Officer Corps and new Association Committee people will revitalize our Association and keep it strong. Life goes on. Elks go on. Presidents go on.



We have, in the past few issues of Ian Lanouette's (editor of the highest caliber) "The California-Hawaii Elk," reviewed 3 of the 4 Great Principles of our Order: "Brotherly Love," "Justice" and "Charity." I would now like to address the 4<sup>th</sup> Great Principle – "FIDELITY." Fidelity implies strict adherence to the Principles of our Order and therefore demands that we, as Elks, will be good exemplars of these Principles in our daily lives. "Brotherly Love" demands of us that we strive to write the faults of our members upon the sand and their virtues on the tablets of love and memory. During the recent installation ceremonies, we were reminded that each lodge is one of the fraternal links in the great chain of Brotherhood that constitutes our Order. Your lodge must remain strong and full of vitality. We must join together with mutual respect to work for the betterment of our lodges to ensure that our fraternal chain remains unbroken.

"The Future of Elkdom." During the upcoming Convention, we will discuss the recent national membership survey. Oftentimes, change is good and can be positive. Sometimes the reverse is also true. I don't have the answers. Like you, I do have a few questions. I hope that we will have a respectful and civil conversation so that all of these ideas can be considered and discussed with an open mind.

Do the names Charisce, Wanda, Cindy, Mick or Tim mean anything to you? Yes!? No? Well, I want to thank them for all that they do. These folks in the Association office are our backline support. I could not have been the President that I was without them. They provide: superb office management; effective management, direction and training for the Major Project professional staff; assistance for the Major Project fund raising, and devote countless hours to our scholarship programs. All of this is done professionally, courteously, and with excellent results. This team in the California-Hawaii Elks Association office is the best! Thank you, thank you and thank you!

Did we have fun and a good year? Heck yeah! We have seen one amazing district after another while traveling to almost 150 lodges in our Association. We have met the nicest, most gracious and hospitable Elks everywhere. Meeting with each of you has created lasting friendships and has been an invaluable experience. You are the greatest!

I am proud to have been the President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Dale and I look forward to seeing many of you in Fresno and the rest of you we will see on the road. Thanks again for a wonderful and thrilling year. And just one more time: "May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold, and at the end of all your rainbows may you find a pot of gold." I love you all - God Bless the United States of America and God Bless you!

With warm Fraternal Regards,  
Hugh Scanlon, President  
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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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

**May 18-21, 2011**  
*CHEA Convention, Fresno, CA*

## Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 hosts Farm Safety Day

For the past seven years, the Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 has provided lunch for over 500 elementary school children who come from all over Merced County to have fun learning how to be safe. Each year a "Farm Safety Day" is held at the Merced County Fairgrounds for students who live on or near farms in the area.

The fire and police departments, highway patrol, health department, district attorney's office and various agricultural organizations hold demonstrations during the daylong event. Some members of the Merced Elks Lodge also give presentations.

The children see presentations on a variety of topics, including: chemical look-alikes; stranger danger; hearing dangers; firearms, water, fire and tractor safety, including the ever popular all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

We thank the efforts of the Lodge Bingo Committee, the Bingo players and members of the Lodge who contribute to make this project a success year after year.



Children enjoying lunch on Farm Safety Day 2011

## Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 joins vets for a bingo party

On April 8th, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 conducted a monthly Bingo party for the 20 residents at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration nursing home. A crew of four Elks, headed by Carl Lanterman, National Services Committee Chairman, went to the VA facility where they were met by eager veterans who were looking forward to this monthly event. In addition to the bingo equipment, the Elks also bring snacks, clothing, movies, books, playing cards and cosmetics for the ladies who served our country in the military.

This event, although modest in scope, gives the veterans a chance to socialize with each other, visit with the Elk members and compete in a friendly way for some token bingo prizes.



## Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



The End and the Beginning - the Elk year rolls over again. I can't believe it went by so fast! I personally want to thank all the officers and members that I have met in my travels this year for their attention to our Major Project. I have enjoyed meeting you, answering your questions, and of course collecting your money! And I love seeing all those that I have met before.

Are you becoming more involved in your lodge this year? There are new Officers, new Lodge events and social activities, and opportunities to work on a committee – please see your new Exalted Ruler and officers and ask about how you can help. Also please take a moment to thank last year's officers for the job they did. It's not always an easy job but can be very rewarding. Let them know you, as members, appreciate their efforts.

Just a reminder - our fund raising deadline does not conclude at the same time as the lodge year ends. The Piggy Bank collection effort continues until the Association convention in May. Please don't slow down on your donations as we still have time to hit the \$3 Million mark again. The District and Lodge Piggy Bank Chairs will be asking you for that little bit more (or a lot more if you are so inclined) for this year. The Leading Knights (aka NEW Exalted Rulers) of each District have been given a Challenge and they should be asking you for money as well. Their challenge started on March 1, 2011, and continues to Thursday of this year's Association convention week. If you are able to help, please know that the Piggy Bank Committee and the children we support thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The Fishing Trip Tickets are at each lodge and the Elk Sculpture tickets are available at each lodge as well. By the time you read this we will be in the home stretch in our attempt to hit the \$3 Million mark again for donations since the conclusion of last year's Association Convention. If we can collect that much money by May 20th, 2011, it would be two years in a row! How exciting it would be to see that we go over \$3 million again!

If you haven't looked at the CHEA website lately ([www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)), take a few moments to check it out. Go there then click on the words "Major Project" right above the purple "Donate Now" box. This page has suggestions for using the articles found there to help raise your donations and your member's awareness of the program. It also has articles by month. Many of these articles are thank you notes from parents about our program and the therapist who is working with the family. They are heartwarming and informative snapshots of how we are helping them. After you read some of them, go back to the Home page and click on the purple Donate Now button. There is a simple form to fill out to make a donation and you and your lodge will receive credit for each donation made.

If you decide you wish to make a recurring donation each month, instructions are on the page to enable you to help Piggy Bank that way. Currently we have 14 members that make recurring donations (that is out of 90,000 members). PLEASE sign up for recurring donations! It's an easy way to donate to Piggy Bank and if even ¼ of our members (22,500 members) would donate \$5 a month, the Piggy Bank would have \$1,350,000.00 a year! We can generate over \$1 Million for \$5 a month from ¼ of our members. See how EASY that would be – you sign up once and it's taken care of for you and for our kids!

I know the economy has been an issue over the last couple of years and I want to thank every member and friend that has donated to the Piggy Bank. Our program is life changing and so worthwhile. Your continued support tells me that you believe this to be true. My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

I have been honored to be your Association Piggy Bank Chair for the last three years. Bill Williford from the Carmichael Lodge will be taking over as chairman at the end of this year's convention. I am sure you will all support him and the program as you have always done in the past.

## Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 helps tots and needy families

The bingo players at the Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 hustled late last year to collect items for their local "Toys for Tots" program. Lodge Trustee Frank Borg, who also chairs the Lodge's Charities Committee, was joined by Laura Cramer, a bingo player and lodge volunteer. Together, they succeeded in collecting two boxes full of toys in only two days by using some creative advertising techniques. The weekly bingo group was joined by the Toys for Tots Siskiyou County Coordinators Dawn and Ken Maidl (a lodge member) in this effort.

In other news, the Lodge donated funds to the Yreka office of the Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) to help purchase complete Christmas dinners for 17 needy families. It all starts with donations from wonderful local individuals and groups who sign up to adopt a family for the holidays. NVCSS takes great care in selecting families who are not on other lists, and has been doing so for the last 10 years. "The Elks Lodge raises money all year in order to give back to our community, and this is just one of the charitable acts that we are involved with," Elks Activities Chairman Lisa Marie Sobolik told reporters. Individual Elks also donated Christmas gifts for the selected families' children. Christmas tends to bring out the best in the Yreka Elks, and this year was no different.



L to R: Frank Borg and Laura Cramer

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 promotes drug awareness

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Drug Awareness Chairman Richard Powell is doing an amazing job of distributing our drug awareness materials in the schools. He has a program at Cal Poly called "Friday Night Live" that encourages the college students to engage in activities that are alcohol-free and drug-free. The Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP), which normally targets middle school and high school students has now been taken to the college level by this creative-thinking DAP Chairman! Last month, the "Friday Night Live" event was attended by over 2,000 students. The Cal Poly Chapter and the Cuesta College Chapter are coordinating with 10 middle school Drug Awareness Chapters to start on-campus local clubs that will promote leadership and responsibility through substance-free activities.

In other news, the Lodge presented \$1500.00 in Cash Awards and Certificates of Achievement to 16 local winners of the ENF Americanism Essay Contest. ER Mark Boaz and Leading Knight Daren Friedle presented the awards to the winners from the San Luis Coast Schools.

## Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held a DAP Sunday "Funday"

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held a Sunday Funday party sponsored by the Drug Awareness Program. The event raised funds to send an Inglewood High School student on an educational journey to our Nation's Capital. Approximately 100 guests enjoyed a barbecue, games and a "Kidz Korner" which had activities for kids - including a coloring contest in the DAP coloring books.



L to R: Hunter and Katie Sprick

## Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 holds Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honored Matthew Alm, an outstanding local citizen, by holding an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. To be recognized as an Eagle Scout is the highest Scouting honor that can be awarded to a Boy Scout. Matthew was given a certificate of achievement and an American Flag from the Lodge.

Matthew is a resident of Martinez, CA, and is currently a senior at College Park High School Pleasant Hill. He has received 28 merit badges in the course of his Scouting career. Matthew's Eagle Scout project was the construction of multiple picnic tables for the Sugarloaf open space in Walnut Creek. The project involved over 300 hours of community service. Matthew is the 23rd Eagle Scout in Troop 1811.



L to R: Ed O'Connell, Elks Chairman, Matthew Alm, Garrick Gouveia, ER

## Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 donates to Senior Center

The Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 recently donated \$160 to the Elk Grove Senior Center. The money will be used to purchase a bingo machine for the Senior Center.

The Lodge donated \$5.00 for every Senior Center member that came to play bingo at the lodge on February 2nd. Since there were 32 Senior Center members in attendance that evening, the lodge allocated \$160 for the donation.

In other news, the Lodge recently held a Flag Retirement Ceremony to dispose of American Flags that had been taken out of service. The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Young Marines and the Elks made the event possible. More than 70 flags were disposed of in a patriotic ceremony that left 50 community members in awe. The Elk Grove Lodge plans to hold this ceremony at least twice a year.



Lodge Bingo Chairman Phil Benedum presents the check to Dorothy Motts, Elk Grove Senior Center

## Box Tops For Education

Earn cash for CHEMPI every time you shop for groceries! Clip Box Tops For Education from hundreds of your favorite products found in your local grocery store. Each box top is worth 10 cents to CHEMPI and that adds up fast! The coupons can be used by CHEMPI to purchase items for their clients.

On many General Mills products (go to the web site [www.chea-elks.org/BoxTops4Education.pdf](http://www.chea-elks.org/BoxTops4Education.pdf) for a list), you will find a small "Box Tops For Education" logo. Clip this logo from the box and save them. At your convenience, mail them to: Becky Fahs, 1704 Royal Court, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405.





## Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



What a great year for Public Relations! Congratulations to all of the CHEA Lodges for their excellent job in promoting Elkdome throughout California and Hawaii. Thanks to the efforts of some outstanding Lodge PR Chairmen, the tally of our published newspaper and online articles increased by 16% over last year. We have increased our TV and radio spots by 19% and our Internet activity has skyrocketed by 44%. Other public relations activities such as dictionaries distributed, drug awareness literature distributed, community events, letters to service members etc. showed a 28% increase over the last year. I'm happy to say that this was all made possible because of a greater recognition of the important role that good publicity plays in the success of our Lodges. Today, there are more CHEA Lodges with active publicity programs than ever before. I would also like to thank our nineteen dedicated District PR Chairmen and women who have done a terrific job of guiding and faithfully reporting the publicity activity in their Districts. Be wise as we start the new year! Plan to make 2011 - 2012 an even better year in publicity for your Lodge. Let us heed our Grand Exalted Ruler's advice and "Be Proud, Be Loud and Be Visible in promoting Elkdome with Passion."

### THE CONTEST RESULTS ARE IN.

Congratulations to the winners of the Association Best Bulletin and Brochures contests and thanks to all of the Lodges that participated. All Award Certificates may be picked up at the Public Relations booth at the Association Convention in Fresno. The top winning brochures have been forwarded to Grand Lodge for the National competition. To assure that your Lodge is entered in next year's CHEA and Grand Lodge Best Bulletin and Brochures competitions please refer to the contest rules in the CHEA Web Site under Public Relations/Contests (<http://www.chea-elks.org/publicrelations.html>.)

### BEST SINGLE EVENT BROCHURE CONTEST 2010 TO 2011

- Division I: 1<sup>st</sup> Temecula Valley No. 2801 (Southeast District)
- Division II: 1<sup>st</sup> Walnut Creek No. 1811 (Central District)
- Division III: 1<sup>st</sup> Simi Valley No. 2492 (West Central Coast District)
- Division IV: 1<sup>st</sup> San Jose No. 522 (West Central District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake Elsinore No. 2591 (Southeast District)
- Division V: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Barbara No. 613 (West Central Coast District)
- Division VI: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Maria No. 1538 (West Central Coast District)

### COMMUNITY SERVICE & IMAGE BROCHURE CONTEST 2010 TO 2011

- Division III: 1<sup>st</sup> Atascadero No. 2733 (West Central Coast District)
- Division IV: 1<sup>st</sup> Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake Elsinore No. 2591 (Southeast District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> San Jose No. 522 (West Central District)
- Division V: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Barbara No. 613 (West Central Coast District)
- Division VI: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Maria No. 1538 (West Central Coast District)

### BULLETIN CONTEST (2010-2011)

- Division I: 1<sup>st</sup> Temecula Valley No. 2801 (Southeast District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Calpine No. 2432 (Northeast District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Desert Hot Springs No. 2639 (South District)
- Division II: 1<sup>st</sup> Walnut Creek No. 1811 (Central District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Needles No. 1608 (South District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Buena Park No. 2046 (Orange Coast District)
- Division III: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Clarita No. 2379 (Metropolitan District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lancaster No. 1625 (Inland District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Burbank No. 1497 (Metropolitan District)

- Division IV: 1<sup>st</sup> Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Newport Harbor No. 1767 (Orange Coast District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Orange No. 1475 (Orange Coast District)
- Division V: 1<sup>st</sup> Oceano-Five Cities No. 2504 (West Central Coast District)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Santa Ana No. 794 (Orange Coast District)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Santa Barbara No. 613 (West Central Coast District)
- Division VI: 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Maria No. 1538 (West Central Coast District)

## Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 hosts Scout Court of Honor

The Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on March 19th for two new Eagle Scouts. William Brazelton and Jeffery Sharp were presented with their Eagle Scout rank on Saturday, March 19th. There were approximately 80 to 100 people in attendance, including families and supporters of the honorees as well as several Lodge members. A reception with soft drinks and food was enjoyed by all after the ceremony.

William Brazelton's project provides 20 removable metal flag holders for the wall at the Veterans Park in downtown Napa. The flag holders had been needed for several years. William coordinated with the City of Napa, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Army Corps of Engineers (who oversee any project that might affect the flood control barriers along the Napa River.) He redesigned the flag holders several times, raised funds for materials and built and supervised their construction and installation. The flag holders will be used during commemorative events at Veterans Park. He was responsible for hundreds of hours of labor on behalf of this project.

Jeffery Sharp's project enhances the safety of those who use the Garfield Baseball Fields and protects the adjoining neighbors' properties. He worked with the Department of Parks and Recreation to build a 100 foot long fence that defines the walkway along the entrance to the baseball field parking areas. The fence protects adults and children from vehicles that enter and exit the parking area and also keeps vehicles from parking on or damaging the private properties adjacent to the parking areas. He was responsible for hundreds of hours of labor on behalf of this project.

The City of Napa and County Board of Supervisors made special presentations. The Lodge was represented by ER Bob Price and ER-elect Kristy Wallstrum, Leading Knight. Troop 832 presently has 42 member Scouts and closed out the year 2010 with Courts of Honor for four new Eagles.



L to R: Bob Price, Jeffery Sharp, William Brazelton and Kristy Wallstrum

## Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



### Elks-America's Pot of Gold - A Success Story

As I continue on my second year as your CHEA Membership Chairman, I want to say that it has been both a privilege and an honor to have served under the Hugh Scanlon Administration. Hugh and Dale are the exemplification of "Elks-America's Pot of Gold." It has also been a pleasure to have worked with a wonderful team of District Chairmen and Vice Presidents. Moreover, I offer my sincere appreciation for their continued cooperation throughout the year.

Congratulations to the new Wayne Howard Administration, the new District Chairmen and the new Vice Presidents on their assignments. As the current Lodge year comes to a close, we begin to see the forecast for the coming year looking brighter and brighter.

I am pleased to report that although we have not met the plus 10% goal of initiating new members, we have come very close. Our initiation percentages range from 3.8% to 8.4%, for an average percentage of 6.4%. In terms of total membership gains and losses, we have 6 districts showing a projected loss and 13 districts showing a projected gain for an overall projected gain of 1.65%. Keep in mind that as of this writing, we still have the month of March for the completion of the 2010-2011 Lodge Year.

After having had a successful year, I would like to share the following membership success story which was submitted by Rich Spickler, the 2011-2012 Leading Knight of Fremont Elks Lodge:

### "A MEMBERSHIP STORY"

Over the last few years, I have contacted some old friends on the web. One in particular was my Division Chief Petty Officer from the Navy back in the late 70's. We shared some stories and discussed other shipmates whose names could also be found on various web sites. One of our shipmates, Howard, had all of a sudden disappeared from some of the sites and I wondered what had happened to him. I sent him an email and found out the following.

Apparently, Howard's wife of 40 years had been ill for several years and had recently passed away. He told me that the majority of his time over the last 5 years had been devoted to taking care of her. Now he was kind of lost and didn't really enjoy spending time on the various web sites dwelling on the past.

I expressed my condolences and told him about my membership in the Elks and all the good works we do. I did a little research and discovered there was an Elks lodge less than 5 miles away from where he lived in Florida. I found that Lodge's email on the elks.org web site and sent them an email about Howard.

Howard received an email from that lodge. He was invited to come to the lodge for dinner as their guest the next night. He was working in their Bingo kitchen the week after that. Of course, he had submitted his application that first night and thanked me for introducing him to the Elks. Recently, I checked with him on how things were going and received the following response from Howard:

"Rich, things are going well. I've been supporting various lodge dinners, dances, etc. and work the kitchen for Bingo. I have my interviews next week and should be initiated the first week in March. I've met lots of really nice people and even have a new lady friend Elk. Your advice to seek out the Elks was very timely and sage. I really appreciate it. Thanks for being there. Please feel free to share my story. It is my (now) relationship with the Elks and the projects they are involved with that has restored me. I owe my return not only to the Elks, but also to you for pointing out the way."

So, in this time of declining membership, take the time to reach out to old friends and acquaintances, no matter where and no matter how long it's been. Because you're not only helping the Elks, you might just change a life along the way. A strong caring Elk family and friends will undoubtedly add a "Plus One" membership to "Elks-America's Pot of Gold."

## Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608's quilters create 17 gifts for veterans

The Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 received 17 handmade crocheted blankets and quilts donated by the Veterans Quilt Club of the Lodge. The quilters include Nancy Bunch, Joyce Mazzone, Barbara Staska, Carol Banfield, Linda Fields, Jo Reinholt, Sandi De Leon, Marilyn Leslie and Joan Dufurrena.

The Lodge will take the quilts to the Prescott VA Hospital to be distributed on birthdays, special occasions, or for new patients as admitted. The Veterans Quilt Club plans to make more blankets and quilts in the fall.



L to R: Bill Warner (Exalter Ruler), Nancy Bunch (Lodge member), K. Charles Anderson (Lodge Veterans Service Chairperson), Sally Clemmer (Lodge Veterans Service Co-Chairperson)

## Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 baked cookies for veterans

The ladies of Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 recently learned that the local chapter of "Blue Star Families" was having a cookie drive at St. Catherine's Church in Temecula. The "Blue Star Families" is a national, nonpartisan and non-profit agency that was founded in 2008 by a group of military spouses. They support the military in a variety of ways, and often contact other public organizations to join them in their activities.

Jean Babinski, Dixie Branscome and Colleen Yarchever baked over 120 dozen cookies for the Blue Star Families' cookie drive. In total, over 200 dozen cookies were collected. These cookies will be sent with other items as part of care packages for our Marines who are deployed in Afghanistan.

The Elks Ladies also meet at the lodge the second Monday of each month to clip coupons for food and other items to send to service personnel and their families overseas. So far they have donated coupons with a total value of \$16,808. Once again "Elks care Elks Share."



## **Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 attends freeway extension opening**

Members of the Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the 52-East freeway extension that will link the communities of Santee and Lakeside.

This extension will ease the commute of many of our members who will use it to attend meetings, visit the VA Hospital and pursue many other civic activities.



L to R: Tom Jacklin (Loyal Knight), Valerie Ellis, Jay Ellis (Inner Guard), Vicki Robinette (Tiler), Jon Brinegar (Exalted Ruler) and Don "Lumpy" Lemke, PER

## **Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 raises \$5,000 for CHEMPI**

The Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 recently invited Alejandro Martinez, a child served by the Major Project, to be a guest of the Lodge on March 11th. The Lodge was having a Purple Pig Fund Raiser as its Friday night dinner/dance was turned into a "Purple Pig Ball."

This event raised \$5,000 for the CHEA Major Project. Dignitaries in attendance included: the CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman, Debbie Hosted (Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698), the South District's Piggy Bank Chairman, Ron Stillman (Brawley Elks Lodge No. 1420), ER Bert Liebersbach (Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905), and Mavis Johnson, a CHEMPI Therapist.



Alejandro Martinez is seated in front of (L to R) Mrs. Martinez, Debbie Hosted, Bert Liebersbach and Ron Stillman

## **Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 honors firefighters who helped in Haiti**

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011, during Firefighter Awards night at the Lodge, four outstanding firefighters from the City of Lancaster were recognized by the members of Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625. Another special award was given to the search dog "Hunter." These awards were in recognition of the efforts by these individuals and Hunter in providing search and rescue services to Haitians following the earthquake in January, 2011.

The following City of Lancaster firefighters were honored: Battalion Chief Gerald Cosey, Station 33; Captain Lester Fuzell, Station 117; Firefighter Ryan Golphene, Station 33; Firefighter/Paramedic Adrian Reyes, Station 134 and Captain Bill Monahan, Station 130. Captain Monahan was previously honored as the Firefighter of the Year in 2008. Captain Monahan accepted the award for his Search Dog, Hunter.

The Lodge awarded each individual a plaque. The awards were presented by Battalion Chief Derek Alkonis and Jerry Mundell of the Lodge. Each honoree also received a scroll from both the City of Lancaster and the County of Los Angeles. Bishop Henry W. Hearnese made the presentations on behalf of the City of Lancaster (Mayor Parris was attending a City Council Meeting). Norm Hickling (representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich) presented the scrolls.

Captain Monahan put on a very informative power point program that detailed their search and rescue efforts in Haiti. It was noted that Hunter found four of the eleven people who were rescued.

In attendance were members of the Lancaster Elks Lodge, their spouses and many other deserving firefighters along with their families from throughout the Lancaster area. The Firefighters and their families were treated to dinner before the award presentations.



## **Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 receives flag from soldier**

The Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 recently received an American Flag from US Army Master Sergeant Dean Hubach of the 101st Airborne Division. Sgt. Hubach recently returned from combat duty in Afghanistan. He is a 23-year veteran just returning from his 5th combat tour of duty, having previously served in Panama, Desert Storm, two deployments in Iraq and his most recent tour in Afghanistan. His next assignment will be to Fort Polk, LA, to train soldiers for future combat duty.

The new US Lodge ceremonial flag was received by Exalted Ruler-elect Susan Albertoni and Ernie Conner, the Lodge's National Veterans Service Committee Chairman. Sergeant Hubach presented this flag in appreciation for the many troop packages that the Lodge sent to him and his soldiers while he was deployed in Afghanistan and in recognition of the Lodge's Centennial Celebration.

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*Lynn Wood	Modesto	1990-91
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Timothy C. Martin, GELK	San Bernardino	1996-97
Sim Nathan	Redding	1997-98
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John G. Holt	Burbank	2000-01
John M. Carvalho, Sr.	Sacramento	2001-02
H. Eugene Chambers	Needles	2002-03
Doug Larsen	Salinas	2003-04
Lee Northcutt, PGEsq.	La Habra	2004-05
Roy R. Newman	Marysville	2005-06
James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10

\*Deceased

## Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 helps kick off Little League season

Every year, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 performs a flag-raising ceremony at the start of the Little League baseball season. This year, the season opened on March 12, 2011 at Colorado Park.

Representing the Lodge for the flag raising ceremony and presentation of the colors were: Exalted Ruler Raul Gutierrez, PER, Leading Knight Richard Frontella, PER, Esquire Bob Fischer and Treasurer Tom Hill, PER.



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## Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



"Hi" to all you good people in the world of Elkdome. This past February 5th, many of your dedicated Scholarship Committee members from Lodges across California assembled at the CHEA office in Fresno to begin the tremendous job of judging all of the Most Valuable Student (MVS) applications. This year, the Lodges in California and Hawaii received a total of 2,687 applications. This figure does not include all of the Vocational Grant applications that were received by

the Lodges - which would increase the above number significantly. Out of these 2,687 applications, 195 boys and 195 girls were advanced for judging at the CHEA office in Fresno.

Thirty One (31) volunteer judges were assembled from various District and Lodge Scholarship Committees. In addition, we had some spouses of these judges who performed the important duty of "runners" - keeping the applications moving along the judging "assembly line." Plus the regular staff of the CHEA office that performed the important work of inputting the final information into the computer and helping with their good advice.

After all the judging was complete, seventy three (73) student applications were advanced to the national level. For your information, all student applicants who reached the national level should have been notified by letter on or before March 1st, 2011 as to the status of their applications. Winners of CHEA awards will be sent a Verification Form and instructions on how to receive their awards. Those that were advanced for national judging will be notified by the Elks National Foundation Office.

For the coming fiscal year, the Grand Lodge has budgeted \$2,296,000 for the MVS program to be used for granting 500 4-year scholarships. In addition, \$350,000 has been budgeted for Emergency Education Grants - this money is earmarked for 1-year grants for students of totally disabled Elks. Finally, the Grand Lodge budgeted \$1,000,000 for 250 4-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks in good standing (Legacy Awards).

In closing, I would like to thank all of those who participated in this year's judging and give a particular thanks to those wonderful people in the CHEA Office under the direction of Executive Director and PSP Tim Martin, Cindy Mowrey and Charise Williams.

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 holds Hoop Shoot

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 held their Hoop Shoot on January 15th at the Cuesta Community College. 45 local boys and girls ages 8-13 competed in this portion of the 2010-2011 Elks National Hoop Shoot (free throw) contest. Over 3 million boys and girls across the country compete in this annual event. The national finals are held in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Lodge coordinated the event through the PE programs in the local area schools. The winner in each age group at each school competed at the Cuesta College event. Each shooter received an Elks Hoop Shoot souvenir "T-Shirt". The top three finishers in each age group received a trophy. The T-shirts and trophies are provided by the Lodge.

The Lodge winners, their schools and scores are as follows: Boys: Kyle Stewart (Bellevue, 24/25), Emilio Corona (Los Ranchos, 18/25), Calvin Hilliard (Cayucos, 18/25); Girls: Ellyse Cappellano (Pacheco, 12/25), Christa Lodato (Los Ranchos, 9/25) and Lani Krossa (Cayucos, 7/25).

This event is made possible by the generous volunteer hours of the PE teachers and administrators from the local area schools as well as numerous Lodge members and their friends.

## Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 presents Lodge DAP awards

The Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 presented awards to their local Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Essay Contest and Poster Contest winners. Over 100 youth and their advisors attended the awards dinner.

The Poster Contest winners were: 1st place girls: Eva Giron (9-year old 4th grader) and 1st place boys: Jose Chaves (10-year old 5th grader.) Eva Giron was the Inland District's Poster Contest winner.

The Essay Contest winners were: 1st place girls: Brianna Atkins and 1st place boys: Akshay Sirvasstva. They were also the Inland District's Essay Contest winners. Akshay's entry was entered into the ENF's national DAP Essay Contest.

In other news, the Lodge honored four Girl Scouts. Kaitlin Unferdorfer, Haily Unferdorfer, Logan Brinkley and Breeana Wagner were honored for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award for community service. These girls set up a system called "Treasure Chest" to get food to needy families at a discount by working with suppliers and retailers.



L to R: Jose Chaves, Akshay Sirvasstva, Brianna Atkins, ER Jim Baum and Bob Hancock, the Inland District Drug Awareness Chairman

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## Drug Awareness

By Tim Jaeger, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman Designate



Drug abuse has moved beyond the illegal narcotics which have long been the subject of America's War on Drugs. Recent studies show that abuse of prescription drugs, underage alcohol abuse and performance enhancing drugs pose an equal or greater threat to today's youth and young adults.

The Elks have joined the battle with a vigorous program to increase awareness of the dangers of drug abuse through a combination of community and youth education. The goal of the program is prevention; to help youth decide not to abuse drugs and to recognize that abuse of any substance can have adverse mental and/or physical consequences.

Accordingly, the Elks program is endeavoring to reach youth starting in the third grade and to recognize individuals in the community who are contributors to Drug Awareness through a variety of contests and awards. The program actively involves parents, teachers, community drug agencies, the media and other concerned citizens.

The Elks Drug Awareness program is a perfect addition to many existing youth programs which may already exist in your Lodge, such as the common practice of combining Drug Awareness literature or bookmarks with your dictionary program. Part of the drug awareness program can be incorporated into virtually any activity which involves the youth of your communities. For example, many inexpensive items can be ordered and distributed at parades, or given to all participants in contests such as the hoop shoot or soccer shoot.

Information is available on the CHEA website in the Drug Awareness section describing how to order pamphlets, brochures and other Drug Awareness products. Your County Health Department and local Law Enforcement Agencies are generally very willing to provide information on Drug Awareness efforts and community needs.

Our California-Hawaii Elks Association goal is to be a support group for Drug Awareness Programs, and other community involved groups. In the current economic times many community programs have been eliminated or reduced; if this is true in your community, our Lodges need to be the leaders in forming Drug Awareness Groups and programs.

The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recognizes DAP contest winners

At a recent meeting of the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801, three local students received awards from the California-Hawaii Elks Association for their entries in the Drug Awareness Program Essay and Poster Contests. These students had previously vied in local and district competitions before being recognized by the Association.

Austin Lee from Linfield Christian School received an honorable mention for his essay, "I've Better Things To Do Than Drugs." He received a \$30 gift card from Barnes and Noble at the District contest and a \$100 award from CHEA.

Emma Nagel, also from Linfield Christian School, was awarded an honorable mention for her poster. She also received a \$30 gift card from Barnes and Noble at the District contest and a \$100 award from CHEA.

Elijah Fang, from Pauba Valley Elementary School, was awarded second place for his poster. Elijah is no stranger to the Temecula Lodge as he was a winner last year, too. This year, for placing second in the CHEA competition, he received a check for \$400 and also a gift card from Barnes and Noble for \$30.

## Blythe Elks Lodge No. 1799's golfers putt for bucks

The Blythe Elks Lodge No. 1799's golfers raised \$6,100 for the Major Project last year. This amazing accomplishment occurred over the course of two golf scrambles. The summer golf scramble raised \$1,100 and their December annual golf scramble raised another \$5,000.

In other news, the lodge participated in the local Blythe Cancer Resource Center's annual "Steps for the Cure," raising \$1,900 for this charity. All proceeds will help local cancer patients. In February, the lodge held a Pizza party for the Ruth Brown 6th graders. 85 students were recognized for their participation in the ENF Drug Awareness and Americanism essay contests. The top 5 winners were awarded a \$20 K-mart gift card.



L to R: Steve Fulmer (Trustee), Jay Heflin (Exalted Ruler), Jennifer Schriener (Lodge Secretary), Rande Sederstrom (Member), Robin Wellman (Trustee), Manual Hernandez "Lito" (Leading Knight)

## Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103's Campfire Club USA delivers cards to vets

Several members of the Campfire Club USA, sponsored by Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103, delivered 50 hand-made Valentines Day cards to the residents of Section F at the Yountville Veterans Home of California.



L to R: Sister Diane Bristow, Samantha Kemp, Susan Frazier, (Section F residents Colleen Wright and Kern Wright), Alana Bristow and Elizabeth Bates



## Americanism

By Tom Conlon, CHEA Americanism Chairman



We have just concluded the Americanism Essay contest for this Elk year. The theme was "Why I am Proud to be an American." Our young writers are to be acknowledged for their participation and congratulated for understanding the values and advantages of living in America. There were three constants that reigned among the contestants. Almost without exception they addressed the subjects of freedom, education and religion. At such a young age, they have demonstrated

the Spirit of America and for some, will be the voice of America for the next generation. I express my gratitude to all of the participating Lodges, Lodge Chairmen and District Chairmen. I am pleased to announce the winners, their schools, the sponsoring Lodges and the District Chairmen.

### Division 1 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jerry Alesi, Saint Therese Academy, Santee, CA  
San Diego Lodge No. 168, Gary Marinelli, PER, District Chairman
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amy Lin, Dorris-Eaton School, Lafayette, CA  
Walnut Creek No. 1811, Donald Gumm, District Chairman
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Joe Levin, Carlthorp School, Santa Monica, CA  
Santa Monica Lodge No. 906, R. A Pickett, PER, District Chairman

### Division 2 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade):

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Nora Tsou, Hill Middle School, Novato, CA  
Novato Lodge No. 2655, Kitty Victorino, District Chairman
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Falck, Alliso Viejo Middle School, Laguna Niguel, CA  
San Clemente Lodge No. 2068, Gary Marinelli, PER, District Chairman
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Alexis Rifenburg, Ione Junior High School, Plymouth, CA  
Jackson Lodge No. 2426, Harry Hopton, PER, District Chairman

## Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 breaks blood drive record

The Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 held a blood drive that shattered their previous record of donors. 71 donors gave blood, well in excess of their previous record of 66. The drive was held in partnership with United Blood Services (UBS) of the Central Coast. UBS brought in two collection buses to accommodate the record turnout. The Lodge provided electrical hookups, bathrooms, walkie-talkies, and set up their lobby for use as a staging area. "I appreciate the Lodge spearheading the blood drive," stated Pam Beckwith. "It gives me the opportunity to give back to the community and to help someone in need."



Pam Beckwith (a lodge member) donates blood

## South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091 donates to tsunami victims

The South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091 raised \$4,000 to help victims of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. 21 Elk volunteers served a delicious breakfast to over 300 people in our community including 15 local city officials. SSF Mayor Kevin Mullin was joined by a Council Member, some Board Members, several Fire Department members and others.

The South San Francisco Fire Department (SSFFD) set up information tables to help educate attendees on disaster preparedness using local Certified Emergency Response Teams (CERT.) The SSFFD mascot "Sparky" was also present.

The monies raised will be donated to help Californians that were impacted by this tragedy as well as those who were affected in Japan. We look forward to reaching out to our fellow Elks in Crescent City and Santa Cruz, where many homeowners who were living on their boats lost everything. Monies for Japan will go directly to those in need via the South San Francisco Sister Cities Program.

Within two weeks of this horrific disaster, our Lodge came forward to reflect the true spirit of the Elks: Elks Care, Elks Share.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Fred Guerrero, Sparky, Kevin Mullin and SSFFD members

## Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 presents scholarship awards to students

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 was proud to recognize their recent scholarship winners. The Lodge's top Most Valuable Student scholarship award winner, Noah Holiday (Escondido Charter School), won \$2,000 from the South Coast District, a \$1,000 award from the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) and was advanced to the Elks National Foundation annual competition (which will announce its winners later in the year.)

Ryan Coates (Orange Glen High School) received a \$200 award from the Lodge, an \$800 Scholarship from CHEA, a Sony "Star Award" of \$10,000, a new state of the art computer and a Leadership Award from Mayor Sam Abed for his participation with the city of Escondido. Maggie Montague received a \$200 scholarship from the Lodge and a separate award from CHEA.

The following students also received \$200 scholarship awards from the Lodge: Kerri Briggs (San Pasqual High School), Cindia Diaz (Mission Hills High School), Hanna Johnson (Escondido Charter High School), Samantha Sorrell (San Pasqual High School), Amy Thompson (San Pasqual High School), Haddasah Thompson (San Pasqual High School), Ross Urry (Escondido High School), Christopher Vazquez (San Marcos High School) and Adrianna Sanchez (Mission Hills High School).

Congratulations to all of you and good luck to you as you pursue your educational careers.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (February 1, 2011 through March 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Wayne B. Bellows	6	John Encinas	1289	Richard A. Sutherland	1691	Frank & Janet Parent	2389
Marilyn M. Facha	6	Al Kepler	1289	Nuel C. Henderson	1900	Neil Bodine	2484
Chuck Nolan	168	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Beverly C. Burns	2484
Kathryn A. Anglin	616	Ken Lewis	1289	Bruce Swanson	1952	Arlene J. Hermansen	2484
Dominick A. Lostumbo	616	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	James Rutherford	2095	David Coleman	2492
Emile & Edwyna Pleau	1251	Henry J. Monroy, Jr.	1325	Charles Grant	2121	Patti Powell	2704
Stan Felipe	1259	Kenneth Saylor	1342	Jean Haugaard	2248		
Harold Hackett	1282	Jim Farrand	1419	Charles & Carol Jacobs	2248		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (February 1, 2011 through March 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Southeast District PER Alumni Assn.		Dennis Woodson	888	Robert Sheffield	1325	Nancy Bunch	1608
Catherine Barone	6	Fred Lucas	901	Robert Houston	1342	Darrel Harriman	1608
Marilyn Facha (5)	6	Thomas Mathers	901	Robert Hphoff	1342	Chuck Merritt	1608
Gary Marinelli	168	James Knigge	966	Richard Lamb	1342	Richard Pyle	1608
Carolyn Miller	266	Virgil Magday	966	Narwhals Mating	1342	Bob Hancock (2)	1625
Greg Sullivan	322	Jack Massie II	966	Lowell Sanders	1342	Sharon Kinsey	1625
Leslie Jones	423	Loren McAnelly	966	Louise Saylor	1342	Ronald Hinman	1643
Jack Geiger	439	Bingo Buddies (2)	1015	Joe Strand	1342	Will Johnson	1643
Pat Geiger	439	Harry Blaesing	1073	Karen Buchanan	1378	Ann Sautner	1643
Susan Good	439	Kathrine Calvert	1073	Glenn Dean	1378	Clyde Vaughn	1643
Lynn Gross-Cerf	522	Pat Carr	1073	Jim Farrand (6)	1419	Michael Abbott	1691
Alfred Pregliasco	522	John Chandler	1073	Lorraine Hildebrand	1419	Auburn Elks RV Club	1691
Grass Valley Lady Elks (5)	538	Ronald Dewitt	1073	Ron Nicoles	1419	David Calfee	1691
Edwin Hoffmark	559	Jerome Downey	1073	Ken Smith (2)	1419	Gene Henggeler	1691
Peter McMullen	559	Jeff Engell	1073	Eddie Hoyle	1420	Rudy Pelzman	1691
Carolyn Shupe	613	Conny Ericsson	1073	Shirley Hoyle	1420	William "Bill" Peters	1691
Dean Callender	614	Norval Foss, Jr.	1073	Pittsburg Ladies of the Elks	1474	David Provan	1691
Robert House	614	Gale Guest	1073	Fred Ramey	1474	Bill Rockefeller	1691
Kathy Anglin (7)	616	Richard Jacobsen	1073	Louis Salvetti	1474	Rick Sutherland	1691
Dan Beach (2)	616	James Jensen	1073	VFW Post 7245	1475	Barbara Thompson	1691
James Bushong	616	Dennis Kavert	1073	Peggy Basarab	1475	John Miller	1712
Jane Scott McCrorie-Butler	616	Larse Larsen	1073	Barbara Berger	1475	Sharron Dearborn	1767
Simmonds Camacho	616	Ted Loos	1073	Stoney Bourke	1475	Hank Nametz	1767
Patrick Collins (3)	616	Ernie Mandere	1073	Tom "Mr. Pool" Brown (2)	1475	Richard Pence	1786
Gretchen Duplanty	616	Mike Payne (2)	1073	Jay Broyles (2)	1475	Larry Bakken (2)	1787
Roger Ede	616	Steve Reilly	1073	Dawn Campbell (3)	1475	Elk-A-Haul RV Club	1811
Judith Flanders	616	Charles Wilson	1073	Chris & Tracy Cooper	1475	Larry Ribarich	1811
Peter Gaskell (2)	616	Richard "Doc" Carstens (2)	1250	James Duncan	1475	Larry Tisher	1811
Antonie Grossi-Butler	616	James & Liz Avila (4)	1259	Patsy Edmundson	1475	Brian Avery	1905
Larry Hale	616	Jim English (4)	1259	Dale & Anna Fairchild	1475	Don Bush	1905
Charles Hunt	616	Norman VanBeek	1259	Matt Ferrero	1475	Merle Dillon	1905
Robert Kawai	616	Harold Hackett	1282	Lee Fischbach	1475	Diane Gill	1905
Loretta Krause	616	Sharon Hackett	1282	Gordie & Connie Foley	1475	Chuck & Barbara Knox	1905
Jadine London	616	Hugh Page	1282	Oscar Garza (2)	1475	George & Estelle Layton	1905
Dominick Lostumbo (2)	616	Garry Ackerman	1289	Timbo Gillespie & Jennie Painter	1475	Eugene Mitchell, Jr. (2)	1905
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Keith Anderson	1289	Bob Hanna	1475	Sandra Osban	1905
Cindy Ann Mann	616	Karl Berger	1289	Dick Hayes	1475	Marge Pecore	1905
Young Nishio (3)	616	Tom Brittan	1289	Shelley Horton	1475	Don Rice	1905
David Oberheu	616	Joe Callian	1289	Shari Lords	1475	George Rowan	1905
Paul Sasaki	616	Royal Clark	1289	Jim McAnena	1475	George Sutton	1905
Paul Sato	616	Lon Croddy	1289	Ken McElroy	1475	Mary Sutton	1905
Harold Sexton	616	John Encinas	1289	Phil Moore	1475	George Tate	1905
Debra Shimabuku	616	C.E. & C.Z. Foster (2)	1289	Troy Nichols	1475	Richard Wilkens	1905
Nicholas Teves, Jr.	616	Jack Giroud	1289	Orange Roamin Elks (2)	1475	Randy Barrows (2)	1952
Carl Vaicek, Jr.	616	Curt Grieder	1289	Ron & Kris Paino	1475	Luann Barrows (2)	1952
Lyndell Wood	616	Ralph Harmon	1289	Danny & Lori Paulsen (2)	1475	Steve Berry	1952
Judith Yacovino	616	Dick Hill	1289	Danny Paulsen	1475	David Coombs	1952
George Yanai	616	Dave Kakita (2)	1289	Lori Paulsen	1475	Henry Dalton	1952
Annette Zib	616	Al Kepler	1289	Pentagon Club (2)	1475	Roy Hartzell	1952
Dave Petersen	643	H. Kojimoto	1289	Zena Schwartz	1475	John Miller III (2)	1952
Denise J. Ryan	672	Karl La Masa, Jr. (2)	1289	Frank Sellers	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn (3)	1952
Don Baldwin	794	Ken Lewis (2)	1289	Colin Smith	1475	Shirley O'Hearn (2)	1952
William Capps	794	Jimmy Martin	1289	John Smith	1475	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952
Norm Fisher	794	Dave Olson	1289	Becky Stone	1475	Shirley Ryan (2)	1952
Paul McDonald	794	Rick Spelman	1289	James Swindell	1475	Bruce Swanson	1952
Peter Ehrman	824	Marko Swan	1289	Oliver Taylor	1475	Terry Woodard	1952
Norman Lund (2)	824	Don Thompson	1289	Adam Thomasson	1475	Henry DiTomaso	1968
William Lynch	824	Norman Berry	1298	Ed "Chito" Valenzuela	1475	Gary Holmes	1996
Ian Mackenzie	824	Norman Blackwell	1298	Don Westerfield	1475	Henri Brachais	2026
Robert Murphy	824	Julie Burger	1298	Mike Williams	1475	Thomas Drake	2026
Elio Rodini	824	Dwayne McGovran	1298	Earl Bouchard	1539	John Jewart	2026
Arthur Weeks	824	Jim Pyle (2)	1298	Dale Flummerfelt	1539	Richard Marada	2026
Tom Sheller (2)	836	Ernie Remillard	1298	Robert Medellin	1539	Christine Pinnick	2026
Robert Clayton	888	Lelan Weber (2)	1299	Mark Van Wyk	1567	Major Price	2026
Jon Coster	888	Bertie Allison	1325	Cheri Curtis	1570	Claudia Smith	2026
Liana Croft	888	Sue Anderson	1325	Richard Irwin	1570	Donald M. Smith	2026
Norma Poe	888	Patricia Cason	1325	William Woodard	1570	Tony Gumber	2038
Patrick Riley	888	John Jordan	1325	Oliver Cyrus	1587	Jackie Orvez	2038
Stephen Strichart	888	Phillip Longoria	1325	Jake Parsons	1587	Al Parcelli	2038
Betty Woodson	888	Henry Monroy	1325	Sonora Emblem Club No. 124 (2)	1587		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Emblem Club No. 325 (3)	2038	Michael Dreiling	2248	Joanne Bodine (2)	2484	Richard Cowles	2504
Pomona Elks Bowlers	2038	Ken Green	2248	Robert Brotherton	2484	Jimmy Crouse	2504
Joanna Rentschler	2038	Charles Halter	2248	Beverly Burns (5)	2484	Lana Fleming	2504
Don Betzold	2046	Jean Haugaard (5)	2248	Robert Burns (5)	2484	Linda Hagerly	2504
Patty Crockett	2050	Don Ireton	2248	Kathleen Cobb	2484	Cecelia Kitsch	2504
Sherri Dunlap	2050	Debbie Joiner	2248	Kenny Cobb	2484	Susie Morgan	2504
Joann Haugen	2095	Dennis Joiner	2248	Louis Dulay, Sr.	2484	Hugh Robinson	2504
La Habra Elks 2095 Social Committee (2)	2095	Dick Law	2248	David Ferguson	2484	Kathy Spencer	2504
La Habra Elks PER Association	2095	John Mahan	2248	Bonnie Friddle	2484	Tom Strebel	2504
Jim Rutherford (3)	2095	Mickey Metcalfe	2248	Pat Gleason	2484	Anthony Ulibarri	2504
James Vecchio	2095	Jimmy Ondrasek	2248	Pete Hall	2484	Beryl White	2504
Kay Carrigan	2103	Bill Swayne	2248	Arlene Hermansen	2484	Donald Miller	2639
Gene Hendrix	2103	Rosemarie Turner-Dreiling	2248	Ellen Howell	2484	2010-2011 Novato Lodge Officers	2655
Barbara Kutscher	2103	Jim Valk	2248	Ron Howell	2484	Steve Castleberry	2655
John Morris	2103	Carl Vining	2248	James Jiter	2484	Paul Scheller	2655
Forrest Myhres	2103	Kirk Watkins	2248	Darlene Keeter	2484	Mary Ann Varner	2655
Larry Pequet	2103	Bill Wester	2248	Al Lawson, Sr.	2484	Kitty Victorino	2655
Shirley Reef	2103	Walter Pike (2)	2333	Terry Mellor	2484	Bennett Young	2655
Michael Smith	2103	Laura Ashley (5)	2358	Emblem Club No. 479 (3)	2484	Herb Cline	2704
Taco Tuesday Crew	2103	Martha Evans	2358	Sharon Russell	2484	Magdalena McVay (3)	2704
Roy Weichold	2103	Ken La Crosse	2358	Wolfgang Tuerpe	2484	Don Collier	2733
Ronald Yates	2103	Christopher Perera	2358	Jean Walker	2484	Kendal Gallagher	2733
Knitting Guild	2142	Sherian Van Matre	2358	James Wash	2484	Hal Griffin	2733
Charles Eaton	2190	Rick & Roseann Dalton	2379	John Kraljevich	2492	Bruce McGrath (2)	2733
Vern Swenson	2190	Richard Wurtz	2389	Bill Sears	2492	Frank Petroni	2733
Colette Aoki	2230	Al & Doris Warkentine	2419	Kari Sears (2)	2492	Duane Powell	2733
Mel Baker	2248	Thomas Giblin	2426	John Balster	2504	Jerry Roeder	2733
Charles Braden	2248	Maxine Nix (8)	2426	Michael Balster	2504	Harvey Stuart	2733
Elbert "Mitch" Cropper	2248	Hal Huber	2432	Patricia Breault	2504		
Steven Dale	2248	Richard Goldner (2)	2477	Jamie Clark	2504		
David Deas	2248	Rancho Cordova Lodge No. 2484 (4)	2484	Shirmey Colwell	2504		
Jean Denison	2248	Neil Bodine (3)	2484	Barbara Cooper	2504		

## Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 hosts breakfast for civic employees

The Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 hosted 28 City of Alameda Civic Employees at our March Facility Breakfast. Fire and Police Department personnel feasted on Eggs Benedict, custom made omelets, Belgian waffles and more.

More than 220 members and guests were in attendance to express their support of our civic employees. The Alameda Adventure Scouts bused the tables and earned \$459 for their troop.



L to R: Alameda Fire Chief Mike Fisher and ER-elect Susan Timney (event chair)

## Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 outreaches to veterans

The Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 continues its commitment to the nation's veterans at home and abroad. In the below photo, USMC First Sergeant Brian O'Toole assists two children, part of a larger group of kids, in folding American flags for shipment to our overseas servicemen and women. The event was held at the Cathedral City, CA Boys and Girls Club. Club staff assisted in hosting the event. Project Chairperson Susie Harper, a Lodge member, was able to arrange press coverage by both a local TV station and the Desert Sun newspaper.

In other news, US Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Thomas Trujillo was hosted by the Lodge as he made an overnight stop in Palm Springs. Trujillo is doing a cross-country hike to support military families. The Lodge acted as a liaison for Trujillo for the Banning to Blythe portion of his trip.



L to R: David Nguyen (age 11), 1st Sgt. Brian O'Toole and Paris Alcantar (age 11)

### Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 honors law enforcement

On Wednesday, February 23rd, the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 hosted a dinner to honor the Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. About 120 people were in attendance to honor 10 Law Enforcement officers, from 10 different agencies, who were selected by their superiors for this special recognition.

The awards were based on outstanding accomplishments above and beyond their duties while on or off duty. Cliff Raynolds, captain of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Victorville station acted as Master of Ceremonies and Jim Baum, the Lodge Exalted Ruler, presented the plaques.



L to R: Deputy Mike Cleary (Hesperia PD), Officer Ryan Bostrom (Barstow CHP), Officer Jason Costello (Victorville CHP), Deputy David Alexander (Barstow SBSO), Deputy Eddie Bachman (Apple Valley PD), Senior DA Investigator Barry Hazelett (Barstow DA office), Deputy DA Jill Gregory (Victorville DA office), Deputy DA William Fifita (Victor Valley SBSO), Deputy Edwin Paul (Victorville PD), Lieutenant Levi Baker (Marine Corps PD) and Exalted Ruler Jim Baum

### Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 feeds hungry ballplayers

The Simi Valley Elks No. 2492 prepared a breakfast of pancakes and sausage for the Simi Valley Little League and Simi Valley Challenger League baseball players and families.

It was opening day and approximately 150 players needed a "Breakfast of Champions." The Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484 prepared and served the breakfast.

The teams had their pictures taken and played their first game of the season. We know they will all go on to be winners! How could they not, with all the support of their families, the Elks and the Emblem Club of Simi Valley behind them? Elks do Care and Elks do Share.



Emblem Club members Betty Gilmore and Betty Edwards serving breakfast

### Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 "Fashion Fantasy" fund raiser

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 held its 36th annual fashion show fund raising event. The Ladies Group event was chaired by Jinnae Wessling, with decorations provided by Carol Glover and Eva Palomares. Over 240 lunches were served by Girl Scout Troop 261 and the Tesoro Band Boosters. After lunch, the fashion show began with DJ Andy Costello providing the music.

In other news, the Lodge distributed over 4,400 dictionaries to 3rd grade students in elementary schools in the local communities. The Lodge also held a Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Awards dinner for over 150 personnel. The Orange County Firefighters Association Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums unit added a special touch to the event.



Fashion Model Sandy Jacobs

### Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 holds Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner

On March 5th, the Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 held a Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner, chaired by Brad Anderson. Approximately 120 people attended the event.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$500 to the Arroyo Grande Centennial, and \$950 to the Grover Beach Library Staff.



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



## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 60 Year (\$60) Anniversary Pin Donors (February 1, 2011 through March 30, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
San Gabriel Valley PER Association		Sally Tueckes	1474	Ernie Acuna	2038	Robert Westgard	2333
Southeast District Elks Bowling Club		Hap Hruska	1538	Tom Brigante	2038	Eldon Poole	2358
Southeast District PER Alumni Assn.		Stanley Gardner	1539	Tony Cascone	2038	Tom Rock	2358
William "Bill" Darr	3	Steven L. Smith	1587	Delbert Crandall	2038	Ray Harrod	2364
Mengo Darr	3	Sandy Erickson	1608	Anita Dunlap	2038	Christine Moyers	2364
Wayne Bellows	6	David Holmes	1608	Bella Gitter-Stubbs	2038	Don Greenwood	2379
Jack Enlow	6	L.L. Johnson	1608	Tony Gumber	2038	Ted Olsen	2379
Elisa Immoos	6	Dennis Larkin	1608	Felix Herrera	2038	Janet Janisch	2389
Donald K. Johnson	6	Nancy Larkin	1608	Pam Johnson	2038	Roy Lovejoy	2389
Geraldine King	6	Jim Miller	1608	Virginia Madrigal	2038	James Beach	2426
Kathleen Lane	6	Rick Milligan (2)	1608	John McEntire, Jr.	2038	John Brantan	2426
Anne Muljat	6	Chris Moore	1608	Jody Mentzer (2)	2038	Shirleen Phillips	2426
Cherylann Rapp	6	Marjorie Myers	1608	Frank Morehouse	2038	Steve Washburn	2426
Sacramento Elks Lodge No.6 Lounge	6	Charlie Myers	1608	Jackie Orvecz	2038	Bob Bevers	2432
Lucia Grillo	218	Adela Owensby	1608	Al Parcelli	2038	Lynn Crosby	2432
John Sullivan	322	Ralph Garcia	1613	Pomona Elks Bowlers	2038	Katrina Fender	2432
Jack Geiger	439	Gerald Gilmore	1625	Pomona Emblem Club No. 325	2038	Peggy Lang	2432
Pat Geiger	439	Joseph Daily	1643	Pomona Lodge Past Elk of the Year	2038	Matthew Swidergal	2432
Dick Bartels	522	Manny Lopez	1643	Pomona Lodge Past Officer of the Year	2038	Jim Vanderwall	2432
David Brucker	522	Patricia Montes	1643	Kathy Rentschler	2038	Bob Vieira	2432
Anthony Camarda	522	Serafin Montes	1643	J.T. Rentschler	2038	Michael Alford	2484
Nancy Jeglum	522	Sandra Reid	1643	Jennifer Rentschler	2038	Joanne Bodine	2484
Raymond Peralez	522	Jack Wheeler	1643	Laura Rentschler	2038	Neil Bodine	2484
Patrick Taylor	522	Bob Souza	1691	Mike Rentschler	2038	Robert Brotherton	2484
Dan Wolf	522	Carl Backers	1712	Jack Sanberg	2038	Bob Burns	2484
Anna Anderson	559	Carmen Barbour	1712	Randy Smith	2038	Kathleen Cobb	2484
Peter McMullen	559	David Creps	1712	Marjorie Willson	2038	David Ferguson	2484
Kenneth Spingola	559	Arlen Docktor	1712	Donald Mendenhall	2046	John Havens	2484
Bernard Hanly	614	Allan Fry	1712	Patty Crockett	2050	Hartley Hermansen	2484
Jim Mayne	614	Jack Vranes	1712	Sherri Dunlap (2)	2050	Ron Howell	2484
Michael Wilson	614	Frank Almazan	1740	Lorraine Kasse	2050	James Jiter	2484
Seymour Ober	643	Marc Mejia	1761	Tony Pacheco	2050	Sandy Klimecki	2484
John Rogers	643	Rick Blake	1767	Jody Alldredge	2103	Cory Passini	2484
Denise Ryan	672	Steve Diument	1767	Wayne Archer	2103	Donald Poole	2484
Richard Krzewinski	888	Dena Hocking	1767	John Bertoni	2103	Alvie Stacy	2484
Mario Balestrieri	901	Russ Kerr	1767	Bob Chase	2103	Vi Thatcher	2484
Billie Bertrand	901	H. Lightfoot	1767	Nancy Chase	2103	Neil Zinn	2484
Walter Brusatori	901	Roger Martin	1767	William Galoosis	2103	John Lawson	2492
Thomas Chelini	901	Hank Nametz	1767	Peggy Ledbetter	2103	Sam Martinez	2492
Patrick & Susie Kelly	901	Tory Sullivan	1767	Duane Orzol	2103	Olivia Morales	2492
Bill Korbus	901	Bruce McLeod	1786	Byron Parker	2103	Beverly Nickson	2492
Thomas Mathers	901	Mark McLeod	1786	Jim Peterson	2103	Jay Dupler	2504
Wm. "Bud" Morgan	901	Tom Daly	1799	Helena Scherrer	2103	William Moran	2504
Linda Morgan	901	Dave Hudson	1799	Richard Scherrer	2103	Donald Reese	2504
Herbert Preston	901	Reece McPherson	1799	Nanette Scott	2103	Helen Summerfield	2504
William Turner	901	S. Sue VanKirk	1857	Rosann Seale	2103	Beryl White	2504
George Tarr (2)	1015	James Baum	1877	Taco Tuesday Crew	2103	Gunther Sprink	2529
Louis Tullius	1015	Nuel Henderson	1900	Tim Wilson	2103	Phil Benadum	2577
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Jon & Juliana Traxler	1900	Walter Wlasiuk	2103	Donald Kammerer	2577
Stan Felipe	1259	Anthony & Rose Amoroso	1905	Michael Kovacich	2121	Mike Sabo	2577
Larry McDaniel	1259	Carol Quan	1905	C.M. "Chuck" Christensen	2134	Santa Ynez Valley Elks Loge No. 2640	2640
Ronald Grider	1282	George Sutton	1905	Knitting Guild	2142	Georgia Daughton	2640
Garry Ackerman	1289	Rich Wilkens	1905	David Willis	2142	Emmett Darbyshire	2640
Rick Adams	1289	Betty Ziesmer	1905	Rich Casellini	2248	Hal & Jan Miller	2655
Donald Bodeau	1289	Judy Sutton	1919	David Deas	2248	Dick Williams	2697
Donald Colyar	1289	Steve Berry	1952	William Faubel	2248	Magdalena McVay (2)	2704
James Ennis	1289	James Johnson	1952	Harry Hopton	2248	Patti Powell	2704
C.E. & C.Z. Foster	1289	Dale Jones	1952	Peter Lococo	2248	Marti Barraza	2801
H. Ostendorf	1289	Shirley Ryan	1952	Marionette Mason	2248	Opal Bendikson	2801
Bob Rollins	1289	Don Schneiderhan	1952	Michael Mueller	2248	William Bright	2801
Marko Swan	1289	Ron Yates	1952	Gary Platz	2248	Cynthia Jarvis	2801
Floyd Alger	1298	Henry DiTomaso	1968	Chuck Purcell	2248	Jack Keefer	2801
Marion Bailey	1298	Fred Howe	1968	Elaine Purcell	2248	John Merry	2801
Kenny Evans	1298	Marion Sanders	1968	Michaelle Bagnesi	2274	Dan Wildelski	2801
Chuck Lee	1298	Dominic & Gayle Trapasso	1993	Eugene Schaefer	2274	Sue Wilkinson	2801
Jan Lee	1298	Judith Lumbreras	1996	Robert Towers	2274		
Arlen Lynn	1298	Michael Salazar	1996				
Scott Nelson	1298	Don Anderson	2011				
Michael Wiebe	1298	Martin Barros	2011				
John Thompson	1342	Kim Coronado	2011				
William Woodall	1378	George Gardner	2011				
Joe Palmisano	1419	Warren Goetze	2011				
Dr. Ronald Stillman	1420	Stanley Lewandowski	2011				
John Adams	1427	Emily Phelps	2011				
Ines Greenwald	1443	Paul Schauer	2011				
Jon Greenwald	1443	John Scott	2011				
Stephanie Tramz	1471	Joe Vigo	2011				
Robert & Sheena Beck	1474	Carolyn Williams	2011				
Angelo Gutierrez	1474	M. Emil Cevik	2025				
JOBS Daughters of Pittsburg Elks Lodge	1474	Jesse Nighswonger	2026				
Dennis Linsley	1474	Bonnie Vaught	2026				
Fred Ramey	1474	Tommy Bullard	2031				
Jim Trezza	1474	Ray Dowell	2031				

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## Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 raises \$2,000 for ENF

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 raised over \$2,000 for the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Charity from its sold-out St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance. Over 220 attendees enjoyed Irish music, Irish dancing and an authentic Irish Pub Buffet dinner prepared by Ann Mallen, wife of Elks Lodge officer, Ray Mallen, with assistance from Ed Mackey and Clint MacDonald. Stephanie Bongartz, Pam Mackey and other Lodge volunteers assisted with event operations.

For an evening, the Elks Lodge became a new Irish county. The outstanding authentic Irish Pub Buffet included: Irish Soda Bread, Leek and Potato Soup, Shepherd's Pie, Bangers and Mash with Onion Gravy, Corned Beef braised in Guinness Beer, Cabbage with onion and bacon, Cheese Potato Pie, Carrots and Parsnips with Irish Butter and Bailey's Irish Cream Cheese Cake. Attendees also enjoyed some authentic Irish refreshments. Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Long Beach's famous Irish Pub band - the Whooligans. Later in the evening, an exhibition of outstanding Irish dancing was provided by world class dancers from Aniar Academy of Laguna Niguel to which the Elks Lodge provided a donation. The dinner crowd gave numerous standing ovations for the Irish music and Irish dancing.

Elks Lodge event chairman Ray Mallen said, "Life is too short not to be Irish!" The event attendees raved about the authentic Irish food. The Whooligans and Aniar Academy dancers provided world class entertainment. And most importantly, the Elks Lodge raised a significant amount to donate to the ENF. Our gratitude is extended to the event volunteers and especially Ann Mallen for the authentic Irish food.



The Aniar Academy Irish Dancers

## Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 fetes veterans

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 concluded a very busy month serving the veterans of this nation. A monthly bingo game was held at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Lodge members served veterans soft drinks and pizza.

The Lodge hosted a Bar-B-Q at "The Village" (a home for the veterans) several weeks later. Hamburgers, chili beans, french fries and cakes were served to 32 residents.

The Lodge delivered items, valued at \$3,000, to The Village: including clothing, televisions and small appliances. The gifts and clothing were greatly appreciated by the veterans.

## Youth/Soccer

*By Norman A. Stump, Sr., CHEA Youth/Soccer Chairman*

Our goal is the promotion of a well-balanced year-round youth program that will insure an effective Youth Activities program in every Lodge in the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Our goal is to provide programs for boys and girls of all ages regardless of their status in life. We want to reach all children, whether they are healthy, underprivileged or disabled.

There are many programs that our Lodges can support. The best known prevention device for drug related problems and keeping our youth out of trouble is to get the young people active in youth programs that will teach them good citizenship and good moral character. Our youth programs can do just that.

Lodges can get youth to volunteer in working with our veterans by collecting reading material, reading to veterans, and helping with veteran's outings, fund raisers for veterans, or just being a friend.

Many schools today struggle with rising day to day operating costs and are not financially able to provide dictionaries to individual students. The dictionary project is a wonderful community service project. It could open the door to other youth programs like scholarships, and essay contests.

Each Lodge should consider a Junior Golf program. Golf is becoming as popular among boys and girls as it is among adults and it is part of the PE class in many schools. Many of the Lodges, if not all, have members who golf. What a better fit than to start a Junior Golf program. This program could easily bring in new members.

Many of our older members became Elks because of their involvement in the Elks' Antler Program when they were young. This program is back and it is a great way to get future members. Maybe parents who see the program will want to join the Elks. The Antlers program builds social skills, good citizenship and a strong spirit of American Patriotism. Each Lodge should try to get an Antlers program started.

Each Lodge should promote Scouting, either by supporting a Boy Scout troop, Cub Pack, Girl Scout troop, Brownie troop or all of the above. Scouting develops good moral character, team work, leadership and much more. If a Lodge doesn't have a meeting place, try and support them somewhere else.

I would like to see more Lodges have Soccer Shoots. It is a very popular sport and isn't hard to put together. Maybe a few lodges in a district can get together and do a joint program.

Sometimes our youth are taken for granted, kids should be seen and not heard, which I think is wrong. Youth should be recognized for the things that they do. Each Lodge should recognize an outstanding youth. There are many ways to do this, Teenager or Student of the month/quarter/year and excellence in Scouting.

We are proud of the dedication of our Order to the Youth of our country. Remember: from the youth of today come the leaders of tomorrow, and our future members.

## Hawaii District donates to disabled veterans sports clinic

The five Lodges in the Hawaii District (Hilo No. 759, Honolulu No. 616, Kailua No. 2230, Kona No. 2616 and Pearl City No. 2669) recently donated \$600 to the 25th annual winter sports clinic for spinal cord disabled veterans. The clinic was scheduled to be held in Snowmass, CO, in March of 2011.

Since many of the Hawaii District patients in the Veterans Affairs-Pacific Islands Care System are referred to the VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit in Palo Alto, CA, the donation was sent in care of that facility. The donation came from the Hawaii District National Veterans Service Committee fund.



## **Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 welcomes Hugh Scanlon home**

The Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 recently held a Homecoming Banquet at the Glendale Hilton Hotel to honor the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) President Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale Scanlon. There were over 500 attending the event, including Past Grand Exalted Rulers Ken Moore and Jim Grillo, 25 Past Exalted Rulers from the Metropolitan District, as well as numerous other CHEA dignitaries. President Scanlon is a local resident and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Glendale Elks Lodge. During the past year as the Association President, Hugh visited almost 150 Elk Lodges in California and Hawaii as he spread good news about our "Great California-Hawaii Elks Association."

In other news, the Hoop Shoot was once again a great experience for the youth involved, and drew in boys and girls from Glendale's elementary and middle schools. Winners who qualify will go on to represent their respective schools at district, regional, and national competition. The Glendale Montrose Christmas Parade is a long standing tradition. For the last 31 years, celebrities, high school bands, local service groups and families have gathered on Honolulu Avenue to await the fly over of Santa Claus courtesy of the Glendale Police Department Helicopter. The Lodge was represented in the Montrose Christmas Parade by Exalted Ruler Richard James and his lovely lady, Rosario. The Boy Scout Troop No. 118 carried our Elks Drug Awareness Banner in front of the vehicle. Thrilled crowds of over 50,000 people watched the exciting parade. The College View and Elks Children Christmas party was a fun and successful event with cookies, a puppet show, and a visit from Santa handing out toys to all the children. Also, 36 baskets containing turkeys and food were distributed during the Holidays to the community.



President Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale

## **Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 aids softball team**

The Hawthorne High School girls softball team, the "Cougars," had most of their softball equipment stolen and have been looking for help to replace it. The Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 donated \$1,000 to help replace some of their equipment, and Edmond Russ, a 55 year lodge member, gave a personal donation. To show their appreciation, the Cougars had a banner made showing that the Lodge was a team supporter, and will display it at each of their games.

## **Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 delivers lamb to firefighters**

The Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 delivered lamb to the Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire Department in Fairhaven, CA. The lodge often donates left over food to the homeless shelter, but the fire department was brought to their attention by members who know the four men who live full time at the station and are on call 24 hours a day.

These four volunteer firefighters are all students at Humboldt State University. Some of them also have outside jobs. All have a class "B" driver's license and are able to drive the fire trucks. They are all certified EMTs. On the week-end prior to the lamb delivery, they spent two full days taking a class to study structural fire behavior and how to fight structural fires. Then, just for practice, they burned down six old duplexes in Crescent City!

Mary Lou Riley, PER, and Lodge Secretary, thought that it would be a nice gesture to send the lamb over to the men who work so hard and usually cook "Top Ramen" for dinner. It was very much appreciated by all of them, and the Elks were heartily thanked.



L to R: Ross Mathewson, Dominic Vitali, Ben Smith and Matt Allman

## **Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 recognizes Police and Firefighters**

Each year, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 holds "Officer of the Year" awards recognition dinners for local Police and Firefighters.

This year, the "Officer of the Year" from the Thousand Oaks Police Department was Deputy Lars Johnson. The award was presented to him by Captain Bill Ayub. Former Thousand Oaks Mayor Tom Clancy and Thousand Oaks City Manager Scott Mitnick were in attendance for the recognition dinner and awards ceremony.



L to R: Lars Johnson; David Nacarrato, PER; Bill Ayub; Harry Brockwell, ER; Tom Clancy and Scott Mitnick



## CHEA Annual Convention May 18-21, 2011

(For the complete schedule, go to [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org))

### Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Registration  
CHEA & CHEMPI Boards of Trustees Meetings  
Ritual Practice  
First Vice President's Meeting  
DDGER Designate Meeting  
Opening Session - Visitors Welcome  
Introduction of Guests  
Introduction of Grand Exalted Ruler  
Memorial Service

### Thursday, May 19, 2011

Registration  
Ritual Contest  
First Business Session - Visitors Welcome  
Introduction of CHEA Officers & CHEA Vice Presidents  
Nomination and Election of Officers  
Grand Lodge Committee Reports  
First Lady's Social Hour & Luncheon  
Secretaries, Trustees and Club Managers Luncheon  
Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights and other Officers and Members Luncheon  
DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisors Luncheon  
Bequests and Living Trusts (BLT) Seminar  
Association President's Dinner

### Friday, May 20, 2011

Registration  
Ritual Contest Finals  
Second Business Session - Visitors Welcome  
Rally and Installation of Officers  
Seminar and Workshops  
CHEA & CHEMPI Boards of Trustees Meetings  
CHEMPI Piggy Bank Seminar  
Membership & Lapsation Seminar

### Saturday, May 21, 2011

Past Association President's Breakfast  
Final Business Session - Visitors Welcome  
Theme Child Presentation and Exalted Rulers March  
Ritual Contest Awards

