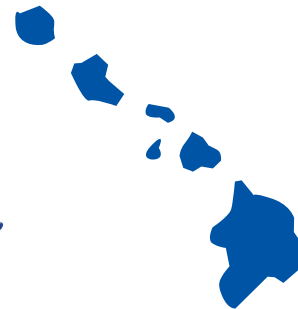




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Ventura Elks Lodge Hosts a Luncheon for Safety Officers

Safety Officers were honored at a "drop-in" luncheon held at the Ventura Elks Lodge. Agencies represented were Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura City Fire Department and Ventura City Police Department and City Councilman Jim Monahan stopped by. Other agencies invited were Ventura County District Attorney's office, Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol. There were over 70 in attendance that enjoyed a delicious, relaxed lunch of Cold Cuts with a variety of Breads, several Salads, Condiments and Apple Pie. Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 looks forward to making this an annual event.



Pictured: Exalted Ruler Steve Gilbert (top row, 3rd from Left); First Lady Pat Gilbert and Chairman Darlene Benz surrounded by Ventura County Firefighters

Ventura Elks Help Save Their History

Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 donated \$1,000 from its Bingo Charity Account and general Charity Calendar programs to help in the preservation of the Elks Historical Building located downtown at the corner of Ash Street and Main Street. The building has stood empty for three years, since the members sold it and bought their new facility. The old Elks building was built in 1928, although the Ventura Lodge No. 1430 started on December 2, 1921. The Vice Chairman David Armstrong and Steve Schaffer were presented the check at an open meeting.

Association President Rucker Visits Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge No. 2790

President Rucker and his wife, Bonnie, and a bus load of veterans from the Sepulveda VA Hospital enjoyed lunch at the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge. Ken and Linda Knight, National Veterans Service Chair, catered a taco bar. The Lodge members, and visiting Elks, raised over \$300 through the "Adopt a Vet" program to purchase the lunches for the veterans. Ken and Linda also raised \$200 from rummage sales and used this income to purchase scrip (coupons) for the veterans to use at the commissary at the hospital. While visiting the Lodge, Jerry was made an honorary member of the Van Nuys-Reseda Antlers Lodge No. 2790.



President Jerry Rucker, his wife Bonnie with Metropolitan District Vice-President Kelvin Swanson, Ken and Linda Knight Veterans Chairmen and Vets from the Sepulveda VA hospital

Mae Separovich Passed Away

The Association office received word that Mae Separovich, wife of the late Yubi G. Separovich, Past Association President 1973-1974, passed away in Sacramento on July 6, 2008.

Grateful parents write: "Brian (Brian Ferri-Taylor, Physical Therapist) was an awesome physical therapist for our daughter. Brian no longer sees Hannah, but she is doing excellent."

President's Message

Bonnie and I have now attended the Grand Lodge Convention at Anaheim, California and I have to tell those of you that did not have the opportunity, you really missed a party. I am pretty sure that I had the opportunity to shake the hand of every Exalted Ruler in California and Hawaii. Our members from Orange Coast went above and beyond to make this the best convention that I have experienced as an Elk. While it was a team effort and Elks from all over California and Hawaii came together to make this such a great experience, I do feel that all will agree that our Convention Chairman Art Echternacht and his wife Shirley deserve our appreciation for a job well done.



I have learned many things in my short tenure as the President of the California Hawaii Elks Association, but the one thing that stands out is that we need to improve our membership numbers. You will be hearing many things about membership throughout this year, but after attending many meetings in Anaheim I can tell you how we can immediately make our membership grow. For the past many years we have initiated many Elks into our Order. Our problem has been that more drop their membership than we initiate. Let me share with you some startling facts. When we take into account how we lose members, 76% of those we lose are due to being dropped for non payment. When these individuals were interviewed they stated that they were never contacted by the Lodge. 54% stated that they would have rejoined if they had been contacted. At this moment we have many members that have been dropped for non payment of dues. If you haven't done so, give them a call and ask them to come back. If you have already contacted them, give it one more attempt. This needs to be the year that our Association has an overall +1 in membership.

Another way to improve membership is to let the community and your Lodge members know what a great Lodge you have. Each Exalted Ruler received a brochure at Grand Lodge listing the contests that each Lodge can enter. Each year we have many of our awards go unclaimed, because Lodges did not submit entries. I know what you are doing and I know the effort that you are putting in to your Lodges. Share it with others so all will know the good things that Elks are doing. Each Lodge should have a member that works with the Lodge chairman to see that all Lodges enter the contests that they are eligible for. The members of each Lodge will be proud when their Lodge is recognized for their efforts. Elks are great people because: "ELKS MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE."

Fraternally,
Jerry Rucker
President, California Hawaii Elks Association

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Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 Awards \$1,000 to Scouts

ER Glen Ireland presents Scout Leader Es-cott Morton with a check for \$1,000 to help with summer's Scouting expenses. The presentation was made during Troop No. 118's annual fund-raising car wash which was held at the lodge.



President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

September 5-7: Inland District (Jamboree)

September 12-14: South Coast District

September 19-21: Bay District (100th Anniversary)

September 26-28: Hawaii District

October 3-5: San Gabriel Valley District

October 6-8: CHEMPI Professional Institute-Bass Lake

October 10-12: East Central District

October 17-19: North District

October 23-26: Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Meeting

November 7-8: CHEA Mid-Term Conference-Redding

November 14-16: West Central District

November 27-30: Thanksgiving

December 5-7: North Central District

December 25-28: Christmas

December 30-31: Pasadena New Year's Celebration

A Note from the Editor

By Ian Lanouette, DDGER

As some of you noticed, we had some difficulties with our email address cheamag@concoursecomm.com from July 25th until August 11th. This caused several of you to have difficulties submitting your articles. The technical problem has been resolved and I offer my apologies to all of you who were inconvenienced.

I would also like to draw your attention to the CHEA web site - www.chea-elks.org. If you click on the "Magazine" link on the left margin, you will find new "Guidelines" for submitting articles to the magazine. In addition, you will be able to view this year's past issues.

We have modified our format this month. We reduced the line spacing and font size in the headers and text of some articles and we removed the Lodge name from the donor lists. This has significantly increased the available space for articles from you, our readers! I hope that you like these changes.

Membership

By David Harris, PDDGER

CHEA Membership Chair

I am going to speak to the most important part of the membership team - the SPONSOR. That's right, the sponsor. The entire process starts when a sponsor proposes a new member. Once the members vote on the floor to send the application to membership, the process begins in earnest. At this point, the sponsor becomes very important because, beginning with the investigation, the sponsor should attend each step all the way through the initiation of the new member. Some are very good at following this process, however, it is my opinion and observation this is where many sponsors fail their new member.

We have learned that the highest numbers of lapsed members, within the first 18 months from initiation, are the newest members. Why is this, you ask? Well a good analogy, would be asking a date to the prom of your school, where she knows no one, and, once you get there, you go talk with your friends while leaving her at the table. She knows no one, and is left to try to fit in with your friends. Do you think that she will enjoy herself and do you think that she is going to stick around? She probably will call a taxi and be out of there.

In essence, that is what happens to many of our new members. We leave them to be the responsibility of the other members. It has been shown that new members, who are given a job or who are invited by their sponsor to events, and who are introduced by their sponsor to the other members will tend to stay involved. Are there going to be exceptions? Yes. Some are going to move because of jobs or family situations. Some will leave, saying that they are not joiners or that they joined to keep you from always asking them to join. I believe that they will be the exception rather than the norm.

If your friend does fall into lapsation, it is your responsibility, as their sponsor, to be first to find out why they lapsed. I am encouraging Lodge Lapsation Chairs to contact the sponsor, as soon as they see a name on the roster of lapsed members, and do it as quickly as possible. The sponsor can prevent the loss of members by being there to lend a hand if the new member has a problem, and to try to help resolve their issues. Try it and see if it results in the swelling of our ranks with active Elks.

Grateful parents write: "Linda Pinnell (Pediatric Vision Screener) is always efficient, courteous, and well prepared. She does a fantastic job of screening our Head Start kids."

Visit your California-Hawaii Elks Association website, it's a site to see!

www.chea-elks.org

National Veterans Service

By Frank Chicago, PDDGER

CHEA National Veterans Chair

I hope those of you that attended the recent Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim had a chance to stop by and visit with Brian Foley and Adrain Guglielmo of the Vietnam Veterans Assistance fund and clear up any questions you had concerning the program. The Michael Manning Coin Program has been instituted in every state and hopefully will help fulfill the needs of our veterans.

I am in receipt of the First Quarterly Reports from throughout California and Hawaii reporting what the lodges and districts are doing throughout the Association. It's really a pleasure to read about the numerous programs, events, and fundraisers, that the lodges and districts are doing in support of our veterans here in California and Hawaii. I commend all district and lodge chairmen for their hard work and dedicated service.

November is just around the corner. Those lodges that haven't planned some type of event for November in support of our veterans program need to start thinking and planning right away and get it scheduled on the calendar.

In the next few months lodges will be receiving the "Veterans Remembrance Report" to complete and return in to your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler who will forward them to me for grading and submission to Grand Lodge. My goal this year is to have 100% participation throughout the Association. With your help we will achieve this goal.

If you are at mid-term please stop by the National Veterans Display and say hello.

Remember, through your efforts, we are "Making Dreams Come True" for our veterans.

Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 Clips Coupons

Military Outreach Ministry (M.O.M) is an organization located at Camp Pendleton dedicated to providing assistance to the families of the military attached to the Camp. They provide a wide range of services including food. Manufacturer's coupons are a valuable supplement to what they supply. The Vista Elks Lodge members are clipping coupons for distribution by M.O.M. Pictured is Lodge member Tina Vaccaro clipping and preparing coupons for mailing to M.O.M. at Camp Pendleton.



Grateful parents write: "The children were treated with respect by Mrs. Zinn (Candy Zinn, Pediatric Vision Screener). They were so relaxed and they didn't ever realize they were engaging in eye testing."

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| *Norman S. Lien | Watsonville | 1968-69 |
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Association President Jerry Rucker visits San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836

San Bernardino Elks Lodge was proud to have CHEA President Jerry Rucker join them for their Flag Day celebration. Member Jim Smith has been in charge of their Flag Day event for 28 years. Several veterans from the Loma Linda VA Hospital were invited to the Lodge for the ceremonies. Other attendees joining the Lodge Officers were: Robert Cones, PER, CHEA Sergeant-at-Arms; Ray Succow, PER, Southeast District Youth Activities Chair; Boy Scout Troop No. 434; Tobin Brinker, 3rd Ward Councilman, City of San Bernardino; the "Treble Clef" Chorus; Emily Adams, daughter of ER Robert Adams, Dennis Baxter; President of Arrowhead Parlor No. 110, Native Sons of the Golden West; and Mark Sheperd, Marshal of Arrowhead Parlor No. 110. Lodge member Ray Quiel presented the lodge with a 9' x 12' American Flag. The Emblem Club served a buffet luncheon prior to the ceremony.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Lapsation

By Bob Ostini, PDDGER
CHEA Lapsation Chair

Start working on your Lapsation problem - NOW! Lapsation is not something you work on after the dues notices are mailed. It works best long before the list of delinquent members is tallied. Member retention starts every time you open your Lodge doors. It works every time you send a newsletter or ask a member to work on a committee.

Here is a great way to start. Ask these questions. Is my Lodge delivering on the promises it made to its new members at the Indoctrination session? Are we practicing the virtues expounded during the Initiation ceremony? Is your Lodge earning the support of your member's entertainment time and money?

If your answers to these questions are yes then your Lodge is well on its way to minimizing Lapsation and increasing Member Retention. If the answer is no then it is time to hold ourselves accountable to each other and our obligation.

During the year you are going to bring in many new members. Be sure that your Lodge is doing all it can to get these members involved. Using the Second Step program is a great way to start. The program can be downloaded from www.chea-elks.org. Other great success stories are available at www.elks.org. I really like the idea that Alameda Lodge No. 1015 used to get members involved. They held a "Job Fair" with each committee chairman set up to "recruit" new committee members. I welcome you to send me what is working in your Lodge and I will be glad to share it with other Lodges.

If you are the Leading Knight or Exalted Ruler, or you are looking forward to being an officer in your Lodge, get in the habit of greeting every member with a hand shake and a smile. This is a great way to learn what the social quarters are talking about. It may seem awkward at first as all new good habits do. But later, your greeting will be natural and welcomed. Every officer is a member of the Member Retention Committee.

If your Lodge still has a large Lapsation rate at this time of the Lodge Year, it is time to get your Secretary and Lapsation Chairman some help with contacting delinquent members. Your Lodge has invested a great expense in per capita dues paid for lapsed members. Be diligent in protecting this investment in your Lodge.

Santa Maria Elks Lodge Bowlers Raise Money for the Purple Pig

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 bowlers have raised \$3,139.50 for the Major Project. Their fund-raising efforts on bowling league nights were quite successful!



Left to Right: Brian Feldpouch, Madge Miller and Anthony Torres along with Major Project Committee Member Jim Mulloy present a check for \$3,139.50 to their Major Project Chairperson Raeleen Silva.

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 and Emblem Club Sponsor Challenger League

June 14th the sun shone brightly on the Simi Valley Elks Lodge and the 160 players and parents of the Challenger League as they arrived. The Elks Special Events crew, led by Chairman Doug Wright prepared the breakfast that was served by the Emblem Club. The Elks and Emblem Club have sponsored the Challenger League for years.

Following the breakfast, everyone went to the ball field for the special All Star Game and awards. The game was so spirited. Katherine Street Fire Station No. 43 gave their time and enthusiasm for the players. The players' "Buddies" were Engineer Cary Rake, Captain Damon Dalton, and Firefighter Marcos Aviles who manned the bases and encouraged the players to run. The Hi Fives and laughter made this the game of the year. Engine No. 41 arrived with Captain Hadley, Firefighter Michael Trabbie, Firefighter Micdaniels and Engineer Lamb to join the fun. These Firemen give their support yearly for the Challenger League.

The excitement was far from over. After the game was Awards time. All the players of the Challenger League received an award, but they weren't the only ones. Bonnie Schaffer, founder of the Challenger League, was presented a Simi Valley Elks jacket from the Simi Valley Elks by Past Exalted Ruler Mike Johnson. The Challenger League then presented the Elks, the Emblem Club, Helen & Frank Galbraith and Joan Ramelow each an award of appreciation for the sponsorship they all have given throughout the year.

The sun set around the happy, tired players that even the Dodgers would have been proud of. For more information on their event or the Elks sponsorships please call the Lodge 805-522-2492.



Betty Gilmore and grandson Brandon on their way to first base

San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 awards \$8,100 in Scholarships

On May 12, 2008, the San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 held a Most Valuable Student Scholarship awards program. The invited guests included 75 students, families and friends. A buffet dinner preceded the awards ceremony. Two students received \$800 each; two received \$625 each; two received \$425 each; and 22 students received \$200 apiece. The MVS judging committee members were: Mrs. Peggy Cranford, Mrs. Eloise Livingston, Ms. Martha Hall, Ms. Angie Higgins, Mr. Harold McGraff and Mrs. Eva Mino. The Lodge thanks its members for their generous contributions to the Lodge's Scholarship fund. These scholarships will go a long way to help these students achieve their academic goals.

Grateful parents write: "Anna Galvan (Anna Galvan, Pediatric Vision Screener) is awesome! I just want it known that I deeply appreciate her and the services. Thank you!"

Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted
CHEA Piggy Bank Chair

Happy Start of Fall – I am amazed at how quickly time flies these days. As those of you with children prepare to send them back to school, let me ask you to set the search engine on your computer to www.good-search.com. When you go to their website, fill in the charity box with California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Once you have clicked on verify, a penny for each search will go to the Piggy Bank. I have this set as my default search engine both at home and at work. It's a good search engine and it weeds out a lot of junk for you so you get quality sites to check out. Don't forget you can also "shop" through Goodsearch!

Have you checked out the CHEA website at www.chea-elks.org? There are descriptions of what each of our therapy services entail, articles about some of our "kids" and information about the scholarships that are available for Students With Disabilities. There are brochures you can download and there is a nice big button for making donations on line to the Major Project. You can even set up recurring donations. There is lots of good information on the site for you to share with neighbors and friends. Charisce Williams in the Fresno office does a great job on the website. Thanks Charisce!

Mid-term will be here before we know it, be sure to visit the Piggy Bank table for raffle tickets, key chains and some other goodies we are trying to round up for you. All the money goes into the Piggy Bank so visit the table often.

Keep those coins and bills coming in!

Presidential Award

By Jack Dalton, PER
CHEA Drug Awareness Chair

At the Grand Lodge Convention, Henry Lozano, the White House Director of USA Freedom Corps, presented "The Presidents Call to Service Award" to Jack Dalton and the Honorable Paul D. Helsel, Grand Exalted Ruler. The Award was accompanied by an Award Certificate, a lapel pin with an embedded Presidential Seal, and a letter of congratulations signed by President George W. Bush.

This award is presented to an individual who has provided in excess of 4,000 hours of volunteer service for the betterment of his or her Country and Community. The same award was also presented to all State Drug Awareness Chairmen.



Left to Right: Kent Gade, National Director, Elks Drug Awareness Program; Hon. Ken Moore, PGER; Hon. Jim Grillo, PGER; Jack Dalton and Henry Lozano

Paradise Elks Lodge Offers Shelter During June Fires

On June 12, 13, 14 and 15 the Paradise Elks Lodge provided our Lodge and RV Park as a shelter to evacuees of the Paradise Fire.

Our RV Park was overflowing and our Lodge was home to many evacuees. Several Elks worked around the clock to feed and house our guests. Kitchen crews prepared meals, set up crews provided cots.

Elks around the State called in to offer help and prayers.

Below is a picture of the Father's Day brunch that was served by the Elk Wives to members and evacuees. Definitely in Paradise – Elks Care and Elks Share!



Van Nuys-Reseda No. 2790 Antlers Youth Craft Gifts for Vets

On May 22, 2008, thirty five personalized gifts, made by the Van Nuys-Reseda Antlers Youth Group who are attending Lawrence Middle School located in Chatsworth, CA., were delivered to the veterans at Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center in time for the Memorial Day Holiday.



Left to Right: Ringo, an honorary member of Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge, Roberts Robles, Tiler and owner of Ringo, Kenneth Knight, Co-Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Bruce Troe, Lodge Chaplain and Linda Knight, Co-Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee

Grateful parents write: "Sheila (Sheila McCarthy, Occupational Therapist) is a wonderful therapist. We feel very fortunate to have Curtis participating with her."

2008 Public Relations Contest Winners

By Fred Bianchini
CHEA Public Relations Chair

The California Hawaii Elks hold three contests each year in order to recognize the lodges who are publicizing our Order. The contests are the Bulletin Contest, Single Best Event Brochure Contest and the Community Service and Image Contest. These are open to all lodges and we encourage you to participate. The rules for each contest may be found on the www.chea-elks.org website under Public Relations. You compete only against lodges in your division (based on number of members).

- The Bulletin Contest winners are:
- Division I (0-300): First: Temecula Valley No. 2801
Second: Yucaipa No. 2389
 - Division II (301-500): First: Thousand Oaks No. 2477
Second: Pittsburg No. 1474
Third: Downey No. 2020
 - Division III (501-700): First: Hollister No. 1436
Second: Monterey No. 1285
Third: Alameda No. 1015
 - Division IV (701-1100): First: Lancaster No. 1625
Second: Lake Elsinore No. 2591
Third: Mission Viejo No. 2444
 - Division V (1101-2000): First: Santa Ana No. 794
Second: Carmichael No. 2103
Third: San Mateo No. 1112
 - Division VI (over 2000): First: Santa Maria No. 1538
Second: San Pedro No. 966

- Single Best Event Brochure Contest winners are:
- Division I: First: Yucaipa Elks No. 2389
 - Division II: No entries
 - Division III: No entries
 - Division IV: First: San Luis Obispo No. 322 and Mission Viejo No. 2444 (a tie)
Second: Sacramento Elks No. 6
Third: San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522
 - Division V: No entries
 - Division VI: Santa Maria Elks No. 1538

- Community Service and Image Contest winners are:
- Division II: First: Nevada City No. 518
Second: Thousand Oaks No. 2477
 - Division IV: First: Lake Elsinore Elks No. 2591
Second: Mission Viejo No. 2444
Third: San Diego Elks No. 168
 - Division VI: Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538

It is early in the year, so start working on your entries for 2008-2009. I would like to see your lodge on this list at Convention in 2009.

Elks Hold Family Barbecue for Veterans

The Palo Alto Elks Veterans Service Committee held a family barbecue at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. They served 210 meals of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato and green salads, chips with ice cream and soft drinks. Veterans from the Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, Hospice wards, The Western Blind Center, and The Fisher House attended with their families. Larry Lynch and his Friends, a Blue Grass band, supplied entertainment.

In 2007-2008, the ENF returned \$1.418 to CHEA for each \$1.00 you donated in 2006-2007. Please support the ENF!

Alameda Elks Honor the Flag and Recognize Scholarship Winners

On June 8, the officers and members of Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 gathered to observe Flag Day at the Elks Lodge. The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1015 assisted with Color Guards that presented the history of the American Flag from the Revolutionary War to the present. The choir from St. Joseph Church provided vocal support, accompanied by Elks Lodge musician Tom Donato. Past Exalted Ruler Dennis Valerio presided over the event, and he was ably assisted by Past Exalted Ruler Roy Stout and current Exalted Ruler Diane Pryor.



At the completion of the ceremony, the Elks honored their newly selected Legacy Annual Award scholarship winners. Legacy Awards go to the children and grandchildren of Elks. David Kirscher enjoys the Ted and Katie Zachman Award. Bridget Kline, the granddaughter of Clarence Kline, received the Arthur Roke Award. Hunter Mitchell is the recipient of the John Hoke Award. The Lester Peterson Award goes to Alyssa Ruckman. Each Legacy Award is for \$1,000 for four years of college.

Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 Celebrated Flag Day

The Elks Lodge No. 1913 sponsored FLAG DAY on Saturday, June 14th at 1:00 pm. Don Holeman, Lecturing Knight, organized this annual Elks event. Our guest speaker, USN ACC James Page, offered enlightening words about his military service to our country and regarding the flag of our country. The Boy Scouts, Venture Crew No. 291 (VFW), Troops 291, 36 (St. Ann's), & 33 (Joshua Tree Council), preformed the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Gerald Flag prepared a great lunch following the Flag Day Ceremonies.



Left to Right: Don Holeman, USN ACC James Page, and Exalted Ruler Willie Edwards

Grateful parents write: "We are a mostly low income family provider. Therefore the services such as provided by the Elks program greatly improve the health of our children."

Large Dictionary Donation Planned

The Mission Viejo Elks Lodge No. 2444 today announced plans to purchase 4,416 dictionaries for distribution to the Saddleback Valley area's third graders in the upcoming school year. The Lodge is in its third year of participation in the program and is but one link of a nationwide plan to place a personal dictionary in the hands of every third grade student in the country. Educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn.

Last year, the ten Lodges in Orange County placed a total of 29,500 dictionaries in County schools. Orange Coast District Publicity Chairman Andy Costello said, "We set the bar pretty high last year, but all ten of our Lodges are running fundraisers such as chili cook offs, Bingo and other events throughout the summer to raise funds for the project. Many teachers have reported excellent results in the classroom by using these dictionaries over the past two years. The schools are totally supportive of our efforts. Because of their budget spending cuts, none of these schools could possibly afford to provide this sort of benefit to their students." Costello added, "We feel that it's our responsibility to help, and we're going to do our best to surpass last year's mark this coming year."



Third grade teacher Vicky Young and her students at Foothill Ranch Elementary school show their appreciation for their dictionaries with thank you cards to the Elks (Note: photo used with the permission of the school)

Temecula Valley Raises \$7,500 for the Piggy Bank



Rosa Rodriguez, wife of State Elks Association Vice President Manny Rodriguez (left) holds \$7,500.00 check raised for Elks Major Project with Linda Jones; and Steve Jones, Temecula Elks President.

Flag Day Service Onboard USS Missouri (BB63)

Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann salutes the American flag at the Hawaii District Elks Lodges National Flag Day Service onboard the USS MISSOURI at Ford Island, June 14th. The 200 plus guests were greeted by Honolulu Lodge No. 616 and Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 Boy and Cub Scouts and presented with Service programs and hand held American flags upon entering the USS MISSOURI fantail.

The program included the United States Pacific Fleet Band Brass Quintet playing patriotic music; Pearl City Elks Lodge No. 2669 sponsored Boy Scout Troop 180 posting the colors, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHEA Americanism Essay Contest winners Daniel Kimoto and Jasmine Healy (who was represented by friend Rei Kitagawa), recited their essays on "What is an American." They were both recognized for their outstanding achievement.

Past Exalted Rulers from the five Hawaii District Elks Lodges (Honolulu, Hilo, Kailua, Kona, and Pearl City) gave "Patriotic Voices in Prose and Poetry" and the "Presentation of Historic Flags." Boy Scout Troop 180 scouts were flag bearers for the "Presentation of Flags." In conclusion the Brass Quintet played beautiful renditions of the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America.

Attendees to the Service included ten Veterans Administration patients from the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Recovery Program.

Following the Service a reception was held for the guests at Pearl City Elks Lodge.

In conjunction with the USS Missouri's 10th anniversary in Hawaii, the five lodges in the Hawaii District donated 1,500 American flags to the USS Missouri Memorial Association to be given to visitors to the Memorial in recognition of its presence at Pearl Harbor.

This was a great way to "Salute Old Glory." God Bless America!



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| Dennis Brookins | 2492 | Bob Farrens (2) | 2801 | Beth Johnson-Troxel | 643 |
| George Brown | 1285 | Diane Farrens | 2801 | Linda Jones (2) | 2801 |
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| Bob Casaletti | 1419 | Manny Gomez | 2591 | George Kraul | 614 |

Scouting

By Jim Warrick
CHEA Scouting Chair

The California-Hawaii Elks Association Eagle/Gold Essay Contest is open to any registered California-Hawaii Boy Scout or Girl Scout who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout (BSA) or Girl Scout (GSA) between the dates of August 1st, 2007 and July 31st, 2008. Essays must be original compositions not to exceed 500 words. All essays must be submitted to an Elks Lodge by October 1st, 2008. District Scouting Chairs will then pick up to three BSA and three GSA winners.

The CHEA Scouting Chair must receive district winners before November 1st. State winners will be announced at the Mid Term Conference in Redding. The three parts to the contest include: (1) A description of the Eagle/Gold Community Project, (2) What attaining the rank of Eagle/Gold means to the Scout, and (3) In what way does the Scout feel that attaining his or her rank be of future benefit to him or her. State winners will receive: 1st Place: \$500 bond and plaque, 2nd Place: \$200 bond and plaque; 3rd Place: \$100 bond and plaque. All participants will receive Gold or Eagle Certificates from their Lodges.

60th Annual Junior Youth Olympics

Since the beginning of the Elks Annual Invitational Junior Youth Olympics in 1948, this event has continued to be one of the most popular sponsored, hosted, and operated by the members of the Lancaster Elks Elks Lodge No. 1625 in the Antelope Valley. This year is no different.

On May 10, 2008, The Lancaster Elks hosted the 60th Annual Junior Youth Olympics at Quartz Hill High School Athletic Field. This year 10 separate schools participated with 454 students in 40 events. The participants were 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. The event was managed by over 45 Elk volunteers and supporters. The stands had many friends and relatives of the participants who remained to cheer on the participants until the last event was held.

The day's activities opened with the raising of the American Flag by the Emblem Club No. 76 Ladies Honor Guard and the Esteemed Loyal Knight George Olson, chairman of the event.

The track events included the 4x100 Meter Relay, 1,600 Meter Run, 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, 800 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, and the 4x400 Meter Relay. The infield events included Long Jump, Shot Put, and High Jump for both the 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Records continued to be broken from previous years.

Hillview Middle School took 47 medals this year, which again ranked them 1st overall in the Antelope Valley. Del Sur followed with 22 medals overall, Joe Walker Middle School took third with 14 medals overall, and Cole Middle School took fourth with 13 medals overall. All the participants and schools should be proud of their efforts.

The week's activities were culminated with the proclamation of Elks National Youth Week being read and presented to the Exalted Ruler, Beverly Jaramillo, by the mayor of Lancaster, R. Rex Parris. The proclamation was read and presented during the city council meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.



Glendale Elks Help Challenged Children

Glendale Elks visited College View School for challenged children. ER, Glen Ireland and Esquire, Ernie Wiley presented the school with a check for \$250 to help with their Wheel-A-Walk-A-Thon fund raiser. This event raises money for use during the summer outings. Lodge No. 1289 visits the school twice each Christmas for parties to bring joy to the students.



Left to Right: Anoush Haghverdian, Ninel Haghverdian, Carlwyn Almendras, Sung Ho Park, Back Row: ER, Glen Ireland, Principal Jay Schwartz, Esquire Ernie Wiley, Josephina Menjavar, Nancy Noya and Marine Asoyan

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 in 4th of July Parade

The Temecula Valley Elks' float in the 4th of July Parade took first place in the float division. There were eighteen 2007-2008 student winners from the "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship Contest; Hoop Shoot Contest; Americanism Essay Contest; Drug Awareness Essay Contest; and Middle School Student of the Year winners, dressed in red, white, and blue, riding the float and waving American flags. Current President Stephen Jones and Past President, Paul Gonzalez carried the Temecula Valley Elks' banner leading the float. Scholarship Co-chairman Bob and Diane Farrens are pictured with the students from Temecula and Murrieta schools.



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| Richard Marada | 2026 | Jake Parsons | 1587 |
| Steve Marada | 2026 | Denis Parsons | 1108 |
| Rick Maring | 1991 | Catherine Patric | 2801 |
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| Jolly Martin | 1919 | John Paulson | 2038 |
| James S. Mason | 1919 | Frederick Pedone | 6 |
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| Ann McMahan | 2098 | Pete Recatto | 2801 |
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| Charles Melton | 1917 | Frank Reiman | 1786 |
| Jody Mentzer | 2038 | J.T. Rentschler | 2038 |
| Wes Merritt | 1420 | James E. Rentschler | 2038 |
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| Keith Meyer | 2801 | Joanna Rentschler | 2038 |
| Gary Meyers | 2801 | Kathy Rentschler | 2038 |
| Joanne Millard | 1285 | Mike Rentschler | 2038 |
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| Gene Miner | 2230 | Iris Robertson | 1419 |
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| Mission Viejo Chevron | 2068 | Rosa Rodriguez | 2045 |
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| Doti Mock | 168 | Jerry Rucker | 836 |
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| Ed Shozda | 1952 | Ed Shozda | 1952 |
| Bernard Sievers | 2128 | Bernard Sievers | 2128 |
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| Manuel Silva (3) | 1786 | Manuel Silva (3) | 1786 |
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| Claudia Smith | 2026 | Claudia Smith | 2026 |
| Don M. Smith | 2026 | Don M. Smith | 2026 |
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| Judy Smith | 2697 | Judy Smith | 2697 |
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| Ralph Smith | 1786 | Ralph Smith | 1786 |
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| Marie Swaim | 2504 | Marie Swaim | 2504 |
| George Swirin | 1285 | George Swirin | 1285 |
| Sydney Tabler | 1948 | Sydney Tabler | 1948 |
| Ted Talbot (3) | 6 | Ted Talbot (3) | 6 |
| Amy Tanaka | 1968 | Amy Tanaka | 1968 |
| Tommy Taylor | 836 | Tommy Taylor | 836 |
| Wes Taylor | 218 | Wes Taylor | 218 |
| Ed Temple | 6 | Ed Temple | 6 |
| Donald Thielen | 616 | Donald Thielen | 616 |
| Douglas Thomas | 1857 | Douglas Thomas | 1857 |
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| Jerry Throckmorton | 2697 | Jerry Throckmorton | 2697 |
| Bernard Timm | 2697 | Bernard Timm | 2697 |
| Joan Timm (2) | 2117 | Joan Timm (2) | 2117 |
| Suzanne Torrilhon | 2389 | Suzanne Torrilhon | 2389 |
| Bobby Trask | 2389 | Bobby Trask | 2389 |
| Patty Trask | 643 | Patty Trask | 643 |
| Brandi Troxel (2) | 1474 | Brandi Troxel (2) | 1474 |
| Sally Tueckes | 1328 | Sally Tueckes | 1328 |
| Vern Valenzuela | 836 | Vern Valenzuela | 836 |
| Jerry Vanadestine | 2492 | Jerry Vanadestine | 2492 |
| Jim Vandenberg | 1857 | Jim Vandenberg | 1857 |
| S. Sue VanKirk | 2142 | S. Sue VanKirk | 2142 |
| Richard Vargas | 2389 | Richard Vargas | 2389 |
| Darlene Vastine | 1643 | Darlene Vastine | 1643 |
| Clyde Vaughn | 1786 | Clyde Vaughn | 1786 |
| Ron Vickery | 1289 | Ron Vickery | 1289 |
| Don Vincent | 643 | Don Vincent | 643 |
| Cliff Wadley (3) | 1419 | Cliff Wadley (3) | 1419 |
| Ray Walker, Jr. | 2801 | Ray Walker, Jr. | 2801 |
| Robert Walker | 1919 | Robert Walker | 1919 |
| George Weber | 2697 | George Weber | 2697 |
| Charles White (5) | 2492 | Charles White (5) | 2492 |
| Frank White | 1787 | Frank White | 1787 |
| Gail White | 643 | Gail White | 643 |
| Jack White | 643 | Jack White | 643 |
| Susan White | 1289 | Susan White | 1289 |
| Ernie Wiley | 1285 | Ernie Wiley | 1285 |
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| Chad Wohlford | 6 |
| George Wool | 2389 |
| Steve Worthington | 1787 |
| Carol Wren | 2591 |
| Wayne Wren | 2591 |
| David Wyckoff | 3 |
| Louise Wynn | 2098 |
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CHEA Mid-Term Conference - Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA

(For a detailed agenda, go to www.chea-elks.org/MidTermAgenda.pdf)

TIME

LOCATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

8am-6pm Registration. Red Lion Hotel - Lobby

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008

8am-6pm Registration. Red Lion Hotel - Lobby
 8:00am CHEA Investment Committee Meeting. Red Lion Hotel - Cascade/Siskiyou Rooms
 9:30am Association President's meeting for VP, DD, PSP & DL. Red Lion Hotel - Sierra/Trinity Rooms
 9:30am CHEMPI Board of Trustees. Red Lion Hotel - Cascade/Siskiyou Rooms
 10:30am CHEA Board of Trustees. Red Lion Hotel - Cascade/Siskiyou Rooms
 Noon Current DDGER's Luncheon meeting with Sponsors. Red Lion Hotel - Sundial Room
 1:30pm ER's Conference (VPs, ERs, Committee Chairs,. Holiday Inn - Palomino Room
 Loyal Knights, Lecturing Knights, Lodge Officers)
 1:30pm Leading Knight's Conference. Holiday Inn - Buckskin Room
 1:30pm Leading Knight's & Officer's Spouses Conference. Red Lion Hotel - Sierra/Trinity Rooms
 6:00pm Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing. Redding Lodge No. 1073

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

8am-12pm Registration. Red Lion Hotel - Lobby
 6:45am Past Association Presidents' Breakfast. Red Lion Hotel - Sundial Room
 8:30am Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen Seminar. Red Lion Hotel - Sierra/Trinity Rooms
 8:30am Management Seminar. Holiday Inn - Palomino Room
 (Leading Knights, Secretaries, Trustees, DDs)
 4:00pm Elks National Foundation Mass. Red Lion Hotel - Sierra Room
 5:30pm ENF Cocktails - No Host. Redding Convention Center
 6:30pm Elks National Foundation Dinner. Redding Convention Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

6:45am District Leaders Continental Breakfast. Red Lion Hotel - Sundial Room
 7:00am District Leaders Meeting. Red Lion Hotel - Sundial Room
 8:00am Elks Sunday Brunch. Redding Lodge No. 1073

Grateful parents write: "I was so pleased that the therapist (Hedley Uetake, Speech-Language Pathologist) didn't need to help secure other services for my son because he really improved and didn't need other help. Our therapist went to my son's school and they accommodated me when I needed to schedule my son's appointment around my work schedule. The therapy didn't cost me anything, which was wonderful."

Veterans Day At the Salinas Rodeo

Each year, the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 helps to provide a day at the Rodeo for veterans from nearby veterans health care facilities. On Saturday, July 19th approximately 150 veterans from Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and San Jose facilities attended a barbecue chicken lunch at the Salinas Elks Lodge, went on for a day at the Rodeo, and then had dinner at American Legion Post 31. This was a joint activity with several American Legion Posts in the area.

The Chicken was cooked by several Elks and our veterans committee chairman, John Holliday. The lunch was served by Salinas high school students. Bussing was provided by the Veterans Administration.

One of the older veterans participating was Walter Foster a WWII Navy veteran. Walter is 85. His bride as of February 2008 is Colleen. She was also a WWII veteran that worked in Naval Aviation maintenance but did not reveal her age. They were temporarily at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital for treatment. Their home is in Chula Vista, Ca.



Walter Foster and Colleen Foster with other veterans in the background.

Elks Feed the Troops and their Families

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donated and cooked hot dogs for 200 troops and their families from the 349th Combat Support Hospital Reserve Group, Bell, Calif., who will be deploying to Iraq in September 2008.



Guide Dogs for the Blind

The Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767, Newport Beach, California, donated \$370 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind. It is noteworthy to share the response from this worthwhile organization.

Dear Newport Harbor Elks Lodge, Your generosity has touched thousands of people, dogs and puppies who benefit from our mission. Your gift will allow us to continue to offer our services free-of-charge, and to provide top quality care and training. The partnership between a blind person and their Guide Dog symbolizes the bond we share with others in our community. Elks are among the very special people who have brought joy to more than 10,000 successful Guide Dog teams since we were founded in 1942. You have helped keep our graduates traveling safely throughout the United States and Canada.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Nancy E.S. Gardner
President & CEO



Kathy Blake, past First Lady of the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge and her guide dog, Lucita, share a moment of fun with the CHEA Major Project Theme Child, Alejandro Martinez.

Huntington Beach Lodge Honors Pearl Harbor Survivors

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 held a luncheon to honor 41 members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and their families after the 104th annual 4th of July parade held in Huntington Beach. The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association was honored guests in the annual parade and the Lodge was proud to honor their service afterward with a luncheon.



Left to Right: Mike Seeley, Lodge Secretary, Gery Porter PHSANational Treasurer, Dick Higgins, PHSANational Chapter 14 President, Jim Evans PHSANational Secretary, Art Herriford, PHSANational Vice President, Nat Middlesworth, PHSANational President, Jack Hammett, PHSANational Chapter 14 President and Earl Roach PDDGER. Seated is Art Gregory, PHSANational Chapter 14 President

Area Elks Host BBQ At Yountville Veterans Home

Seventy-three volunteers from eleven different Elks Lodges in California's North Central District gathered at the Yountville Veterans Home/Hospital on August 9th 2008 to feed about 300 Veterans who are residents or patients at the Home. This year's annual event provided BBQ Tri-Tip, Chicken, Sausages, Hamburgers, and all the trimmings. Included in the feast were several patients from the Pathway Home Project. These are Veterans from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan who have lost a limb or are suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Through the Elks' "Catch The Spirit" (CTS) Project, several "Pathway Home" patients are taking advantage of the Sacramento "Paws For Vets" program which provides training and "Service Dogs" to the Veterans free of charge. The CTS project also provided sixty jackets, 1 1/2 pallets of drinks, and 1 pallet of pastries to the Veterans. The Elks Lodges participating in the event were: Carmichael, Elk Grove, Folsom, Jackson, Marysville, Placerville, Rancho Cordova, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, and Woodland.

The photo below shows, from left to right, front row: an Alzheimer's Veteran petting Service Dog "Caesar", and, in wheel chair, Vietnam Veteran Mike Hamilton from Lakeport, with Service Dog "Mango" in his lap, and, back row: in wheel chair, Rancho Cordova Elks "Catch the Spirit" Project Manager Bob Burns, Jr., Sacramento Elks Lodge member Wayne Bellows, North Central District Elks Vice President Jerry Landreth, and "Paws for Vets" Service Dog trainer, Terry Sandhoff at the Elks annual Yountville Veterans Home BBQ. (Photo and article by Al Russell).



Orange Coast Lodge No. 1475 Fund Raisers

The Orange Coast Lodge No. 1475 passed the hat recently and raised \$456 to sponsor Betty "Boots" Coughenour for her American Cancer Society Relay for Life walk. Boots was walking for her mother - the team raised over \$11,000.00.

On Tuesday nights, Steve Weaver cooks a "Meal Deal" for the Lodge members and guests. This year, \$500 from the dinners is going to the Orange Police Department to help purchase a third police dog.

The members of the Orange Coast Lodge donated \$747 to the family of Daniel Martinez for his Court Of Honor program.

Amy Carra, Orange Elks Lodge member, and her daughter Megan, helped organize a car wash at her school. The school raised \$524 and presented it to the Lodge to go to the Orange Police Department to help purchase a third police dog.

Simi Valley Elks Donate BBQ for Southern California Police K-9 Competition

July 11, 2008 the Southern California Police Canine Competition was held at Camarillo High School. German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Westfalen Terriers were among the K-9s in competition.

The Simi Valley Elks arrived with their BBQ wagon, and volunteers: Trustee Paul LiPari, Past Exalted Ruler Mike Johnson, Esquire Heather Johnson, Rhoda Devis, Lloyd Thomas, Mark Clements, Melanie Gadberty, and Dennis and Adelaide Wavra. The fire was lit and cooking began. BBQ tri-tip, chicken, beans, garlic bread and salad were the menu of the day. Even the seagull that flew in and snagged a chicken breast from the hot grill thought the food was great.

The parking lot was full of Police cars, (with engines and AC running to keep the K-9s cool), from as far north as Concord and as far south as Carlsbad. The K-9 Officers and their Handlers were here on their own time for fun and competition.

The K-9s are imported from European countries where they are trained. The price of each dog is anywhere from \$6,000 to \$9,000. These dogs are provided by the generosity of the communities of each department. The K-9s are given classes such as hard surface tracking. This class alone is \$4,000. The Officers/Handlers are taught 15 to 20 words (in the language that the dog was trained with) to bond and work together. After all these expenses, it costs about \$30,000 each to have a K-9 Officer on the street.

The K-9s live with their Officer/Handler and their family. They work for about 5 to 8 years before they are retired.

The Simi Valley Elks were proud to BBQ for those who "Protect and Serve". Thank you to all the Officers.

PS: The K-9s were not fed tri-tip or chicken.



Officer Debbie Inglis and 4 & 1/2 month old "Ike" (in Training)

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

- George Washington

Lake Elsinore Lodge No. 2591 Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 held its groundbreaking ceremony for the new lodge on Saturday, July 12. Since the disastrous fire which destroyed the lodge last November, the remains of the building were removed and the slab which served as the foundation was also removed.

At the lodge meeting of June 17, held at the temporary lodge at the Trevi Entertainment Center, Lake Elsinore Lodge members approved the architectural plans for the new lodge. The new lodge will be about 13,000 square feet, which is about 5,000 square feet larger than the old lodge building. The interior and exterior of the new building is anticipated to be completed by July, 2009.

Exalted Ruler Rafael Lopez was joined by local officials. Mayor Bob Cashman, and the council members of the new City of Wildomar were present, as well as Daryl Hickman, the Mayor of Lake Elsinore. He is also a member of the Lodge. Supervisor Bob Buster of the First District of Riverside County was represented by David Stahovich, his Chief Deputy. Other Elk dignitaries from the Southeast District also attended. At the conclusion of the ceremony, all repaired to the VFW Post where the Elks Ladies served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. It was truly a day to remember!



Left to Right: Scott Farnam, Bob Cashman, Brigitte Moore, Rafael Lopez, David P. Stahovich, Sharyl Ade and Marsha Swanson. Scott, Brigitte, Sharyl and Marsha are council members of the City of Wildomar

Gifts for Veterans



Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donated a hand-made crochet American flag to the Long Beach, Calif. Veterans Hospital along with a total of 33 boxes of clothing, valued at \$3,500.00. Pictured are: Rex Jennings, Chief Voluntary Services, VA LB, Cal Callaway, Asst VA Services, Walter Boskovich, Exalted Ruler, Willie Johnson, VA LB and Harvey Langham, Chairman VA Services

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 has ENF National MVS Winners

Dale J. Sandfrey Jr., from Quartz Hill High School, received \$800 from CHEA and \$750 from the Lancaster Elks Lodge 1625. Christopher M. Reinert, from Quartz Hill High School, received \$4,000 from the ENF and \$750 from the Lodge. Emma K. Ah Sing, from Desert High School, received \$800 from CHEA and \$750 from the Lodge. Bethany J. Sutherland, from Quartz Hill High School, received \$4,000 from the ENF, \$700 from the Inland District, and \$750 from the Lodge. This is the first time that the Lancaster Elks Lodge has had national MVS award winners.



Left to Right: Bob Hancock, Leading Knight, Scholarship Chair; Dale J Sandfrey Jr.; Christopher M. Reinert; Exalted Ruler Beverly Jaramillo; Emma K. Ah Sing; and Bethany J. Sutherland

Grateful parents write: "We love this program! Thank you for your pleasant and fun screener, Katie. (Katie Mackay, Pediatric Vision Screener)."

