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## Elks Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot & Free Throw Coming Soon!

See page 18 for details.



America's Future Depends On You!  
Don't Forget To Vote on November 2, 2010

### Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 holds Flag Day ceremony

The Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 was assisted by Boy Scout Troop No. 10 and Cub Scout Pack No. 10 in honoring the American Flag at a recent ceremony that was held outdoors at the Lodge.

The Lodge collects worn American Flags throughout the year and then respectfully disposes of them as part of the Lodge's annual Flag Day Ceremony. The traditional Flag Day Ceremony script was recited by Exalted Ruler Mike Dugan as the Boy Scouts displayed each of the historical flags of our country. Following the Elks Flag Day Ceremony, the worn flags were burned in accordance with the Boy Scout's official flag disposal ceremony. The audience enjoyed a brunch at the Lodge which followed the event.



Cub Scout Pack No. 10 and Boy Scout Troop No. 10 pose in front of the Flag Day Ceremonial flags.

### Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 holds "Law Enforcement Night"

Over 100 members, families and guests of the Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 honored local law enforcement officers from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, San Carlos PD, Redwood City PD, Menlo Park PD, East Palo Alto PD, Atherton PD and the California Highway Patrol.

For years, the Lodge has set aside the third Wednesday in June as "Law Enforcement Night." It is time for our local communities' "finest" to kick back, enjoy a fine chicken dinner with all the trimmings and be recognized. An officer from each jurisdiction was honored for his/her outstanding work or for "stepping up" in a unique crisis with actions that set him/her apart.

Former San Mateo County Sheriff Don Horsley was the keynote speaker. He spoke with conviction and enthusiasm while telling stories of local police heroism over the past 35 years.

Brad Johnson, an officer from Redwood City, received the "Top Cop" award for his jurisdiction. In addition, he was singled out by the Redwood City Elks Lodge to receive the "Exalted Ruler's Award" to recognize him for being selected as the top Law Enforcement Officer in San Mateo County.

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

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honored Louks Hendricks by hosting his recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The status of Eagle Scout is the highest honor that can be awarded by the Boy Scouts to one of its members.

Louks is the 22<sup>nd</sup> Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troup 1811. He is a resident of Walnut Creek and is currently a sophomore at Chico State University. He has earned 26 merit badges and his Eagle Scout Project was done for Shelter, Inc. Louks directed 235 volunteer hours to get supplies for the struggling homeless.

The Court of Honor event was quite unique. In attendance was a special guest - Jimmy Papka from "Native Bird Connections" who brought their eagle to the event.

Louks also received a "Certificate of Achievement" from the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge as well as an American Flag, which was presented by Exalted Ruler Gerry Gouveia and Ed O'Connell, the Boy Scout Chapter Representative.



### Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 donates to Pop Warner football

The Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 recently donated \$100 to each of the 4 Tracy Pop Warner football teams. The donation was made during Matt Overton's "Pros 2 Youth" event that was held at Tracy High School. Matt Overton is a long snapper for the Seattle Seahawks and he accepted a \$100 check on behalf of the Tracy Buccaneers.

The Lodge took advantage of this venue to set up an informational booth to distribute Drug Awareness, Scholarship and Hoop Shoot pamphlets to over 200 of the youth that were in attendance.



L to R: Tom Eytalis, PER Charlie De Schepper, Matt Overton, John Blackwell (novice head coach), PER John Hardman and PDD Mike Conners.



## President's Message

Hello and Aloha! Dale and I are out there spreading the word and programs of Elkdome and those of our beloved California-Hawaii Elks Association. WOW! If you could look at the pictures of Lodges and Districts as we see them in our travels, you would be beaming with the same pride we feel. The California-Hawaii Elks Association and Elkdome are working from downtown, to the suburbs and in the rural areas of our great States. In our visitations so far, we have experienced the warm hospitality that only Elks can show. Our hearts are overflowing with the kindness and generosity of the Lodges and their members. I wish that you could all travel with us and experience the richness of the Lodges in our Great Association.



While we do travel through California, Hawaii and the rest of Area 7, I encourage you to make an effort to come and see us when we are in your area or District. Check the Association directory or the CHEA website for our schedule and call your District Association Vice President to ask for a copy of the agenda for our visitation. *Lodge Bulletin Editors, Secretaries and Exalted Rulers*: please send me a copy of your Lodge bulletin so that I can see what activities and happenings are going on in your community.

We do need to do a little business. In Orlando, Florida, the site of this year's Grand Lodge Convention, the Past Grand Exalted Rulers made a request of the Exalted Rulers. They are asking for your feedback on the multiple issues and concerns relating to the FUTURE OF ELKDOM. Hopefully, your Exalted Ruler returned to your Lodges with this request. The collection of information starts with you, the member, and your Lodge. What the PGERs want are any ideas, suggestions, or potential solutions that you may have concerning the direction that you, your Lodge and Elkdome are taking now, and going forward into the future. Let's put our thinking caps on and give them new ideas that will help them guide our Order into a better, stronger and brighter future.

I would like to address the subject of our four Virtues. For the first Virtue, I have chosen BROTHERLY LOVE. Brotherly Love finds its perfect expression and is best exemplified by practicing the teachings of our motto: "the Faults of our members we write upon the sand, but their VIRTUES upon the tablets of love and memory." This virtue is extremely important because it also produces healthy, friendly and successful lodges. Dissension in the ranks never does anyone any good, but when we are all on the same page and our efforts are all going the same direction, then we will be a strong and vital organization that will continue to stimulate, attract and build successful Lodges in the great fraternal chain that makes up the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dale and I will continue our travels looking for you, greeting you, sharing our pins with you and hearing first hand how you are promoting our Association. Since the next issue of our award winning magazine does not hit your Lodges and doorsteps until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of next year, on behalf of Dale and me, and as your President, on behalf of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, we wish you a most enjoyable fall season with goblins, turkeys, lights and Christmas trees and such! May you have a Blessed, Holy and Happy Holiday season.

We will see you on the road. God Bless!

At the end of the rainbow,  
you will find a "Pot of Gold",  
full of happiness and blessings  
in all the luck it holds.

This "Pot of Gold"  
is especially for you,  
so the Lucky Charms  
are with you each day through.

With warm fraternal regards,

Hugh Scanlon, President  
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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- ✓ Physical Therapy
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- ✓ The Eye Care Fund
- ✓ Bequests and Living Trusts
- ✓ 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

**September 10-12, 2010**  
*Inland District (Jamboree)*

**September 17-19, 2010**  
*Bay District*

**September 23-26, 2010**  
*Hawaii District*

**October 4-8, 2010**  
*CHEMPI Professional Institute  
Bass Lake*

**October 8-10, 2010**  
*East Central District*

**October 14-17, 2010**  
*North District*

**October 22-24, 2010**  
*Arizona Elks Association  
Mid-Term Conference, Tempe, AZ*

**October 29-31, 2010**  
*South Coast District*

**November 5-6, 2010**  
*CHEA Mid-Term Conference  
Santa Clara, CA*

**November 12-14, 2010**  
*West Central District*

**November 19-21, 2010**  
*San Gabriel Valley District*

**December 3-5, 2010**  
*North Central District*

**December 30-31, 2010**  
*New Year's Celebration – Pasadena*

**January 1, 2011**  
*New Year's Celebration – Pasadena*

## Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 holds fund raiser

There were BBQ steaks and all the fixings as Victorville Lodge No. 1877 raised over \$1,200 for the Lodge's general fund. This was a Special Event Western Night at the Lodge. The attendees enjoyed music and dancing following the dinner.



## Piggy Bank

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



The new Piggy Bank year is off and running – and it seems like time is slipping by faster each year. As proclaimed in the last newsletter, your donations topped the \$3 Million mark for the 2009-2010 Elk fraternal year. You know that we need to do that again, right?

It costs \$4.5 Million annually to operate our program so that needy children can walk, talk, see and play. As more money is donated each year, less money needs to be taken from reserves or from the fund's accrued interest.

When the Major Project started 60 years ago, the cost to operate it was \$78,991.37. At that time, there were 2 mobile therapy units in Eureka as opposed to the 24 therapists and 10 pre-school vision screeners across the Association that we support today. Members – LOOK WHAT YOU HAVE ENABLED CHEMPI to do through your donations! Over the years, thousands of children and their families have been touched by the Elks Major Project. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD of what your organization has done! Now, on to business:

- Have you donated \$60 to get one of the beautiful 60 year CHEMPI Anniversary pins? These will only be available until the next Association convention in May. Don't delay!
- Have you donated to receive a 52 Club, Century Club or Millennium Club award this year?
- Have you signed up to make a recurring donation with CHEMPI? Find out how to sign up on [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) under the "Donate Now" button on the left hand side of the home page.



- Have you gotten your tickets to enter the drawing for the sculpture "Fleet of Foot?" If you haven't seen the flyer at your lodge, contact your Lodge Piggy Bank chairman and ask where it is. This magnificent sculpture looks lovely in my living room – if you

want it in your living room, you need to buy your tickets (7 tickets for \$5). Our District Sculptor, Bill Hyde, generously donated this sculpture to benefit the Piggy Bank. The winning ticket will be drawn at the next Association Convention in May 2011. All ticket proceeds will go to the Major Project.

- Are you using "goodsearch.com" for your internet searches and for shopping? Goodsearch donates money for each search and purchase – it's an easy way to donate – see multitasking works!
- Are you saving the "Boxtops for Education" labels from your household product purchases? These get turned into equipment for our therapists to use with the children.
- Have you gone online to the CHEA website to read articles from parents of our children or checked out the "Where Are They Now" section?

Please do some or all of these things to help our cause – and, as always, bring in your full piggy banks. A member just told me that if you use only quarters you can get \$107.75 in a pig. He keeps trying to get that last quarter in to round it up to \$108. Let me know if someone manages to do that – I'll pass it on to him!

## Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 presents youth awards

The Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 honored several East Hawaii High School seniors at the Lodge's Youth Awards Dinner which was held at the Lodge in May. The students received various scholarships and were also recipients of several commendations from the County of Hawaii and fellow Elk Billy Kenoi.

In other news, Exalted Ruler Robert Shimamoto participated in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony that was held at the Hilo Veteran Cemetery.



L to R: PSVP Miles Nakatsu (Trustee), Lily Chan-Harris (Treasurer), National Scout Jamboree essay contest winner Andrew Ban, ENF MVS Scholarship winners Kerri Nakatsu, Kendall Tada, and Shariyah Campbell, Robert Shimamoto

## Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 holds chili cook off and car show

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 held its First Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show. The event generated \$1,791.00 for the benefit of the Purple Piggy Bank. The event coordinator, Donnell Jones, was pleased to have 21 cars entered in the Car Show and 19 participants in the Chili Cook Off.

All attendees had a great time dancing to the "Good Time Rock & Roll" of "The Sound Waves." A Horseshoe Tournament and a Silent Auction were also held to benefit the Major Project.

Donnell Jones and her committee have already set a goal for next year to double the contributions to CHEMPI. Thanks to all who attended!

## Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 makes community donation

In May, the Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 made a \$1,000 donation to "Hope, Empathy, Love and Prayer, Inc." (H.E.L.P., Inc.) for the purchase of food. Martie Killough (Exalted Ruler) and Patricia Long (Inner Guard and Bingo Chairperson) presented the check to Al Silva, the President of H.E.L.P., Inc.

Mr. Silva said "We are grateful for this kind of support from the neighborhood we serve because the client base we support with food from our pantry has grown to over 3,500 people per month. The money will be used to purchase food to supplement the USDA food that we distribute." H.E.L.P., Inc. is a non-profit corporation under IRS Section 501(c)(3) and the Tax Code of California.

## Elks National Foundation

By Joshua Serrano, CHEA ENF Chairman



This past year (2009-2010) was a good ENF year. Even though CHEA was ranked eighteenth nationally in per-capita donations, we did very well. CHEA attained a per-capita of \$7.37. Total donations, not counting bequests (which totaled \$1,084,533) were \$673,462. Donations plus bequests produced a grand total of \$1,757,990.

Seventeen of the nineteen districts attained or surpassed the GER's \$4.50 per-capita goal. 145 Lodges of 180 attained or surpassed the goal. Special citations were presented to all ENF Chairmen whose District attained or surpassed the \$4.50 per-capita goal. Other awards were made to the first, second and third place per-capita winners at both the District and Lodge levels. Below are the winning Districts and Lodges with the highest per-capita totals for the 2009-2010 year.

### Districts:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: South Central Coast (\$20.45)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: San Gabriel Valley (\$11.38)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Orange Coast (\$9.93)

### Lodges:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Redondo Beach No. 1378 (\$45.51)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Westchester No. 2050 (\$32.51)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pomona No. 2038 (\$29.64)

The South Central District deserves special recognition for being 1<sup>st</sup> in per-capita because two of its Lodges placed first and second. Congratulations.

Congratulations to all the winners. All the hard work for ENF must be recognized. Congratulations also to all the members who made it possible for CHEA to exceed the per-capita goal. Much of this credit should go to the efforts of our District and Lodge Chairpersons. A heartfelt thanks goes to each and every member that donated.

It is important that Lodges submit donations to the Grand Lodge office on an ongoing basis, especially prior to the Mid-Term Conference. Avoid having to submit donations at the Conference. Remember that submitting donations in a timely manner makes it possible for the Foundation to gather more interest for the endowment fund. In addition, the sooner you turn in your donations, the sooner your Lodge can qualify for the Gratitude Grant.

The ENF Board of Trustees approved a record setting operating budget of \$17.8 million for the 2010-2011 fraternal year. Last year (2009-2010) had also been a record at \$17.4 million. Below are the allocations (some are approximate):

Scholarships: \$3.6 million (Most Valuable Student, Emergency Educational Fund Grants and the Legacy Awards).

Youth Programs: \$1.5 million (Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot).

Veteran Programs: \$1.3 million (National Veterans Commission and Veterans Memorial maintenance).

Community Investment Programs: \$1.4 million (Impact, Promise and Gratitude Grants).

Other Allocations: \$7.5 million to State Associations. The allocation to CHEA was more than \$1.7 million, which is a ratio of \$2.56 for every dollar that CHEA donated. CHEA utilizes these funds for our Major Project, Scholarships and other philanthropic programs.

The information above very clearly illustrates the wide ranging scope of the ENF program. The additional funds have further expanded most of the allocations. For example, both the Gratitude and Promise Grants have

been raised to \$1,000. The Lodges should take advantage of this.

We must remember that the job of providing assistance to those in need continues. With all the help that the ENF provides in so many areas, one would think that every Elk would donate. We have not reached all our members with the message of who the ENF helps and the great return we get from our donations. Donors make it possible for the ENF to make a difference in our communities, care for our nation's veterans, offer healthy activities for our youth and provide scholarships for students.

## 2010 Mesquite Elks Charity Invitational Tournament

A fun time was had by all at the 2010 Mesquite Elks Charity Invitational Tournament that was held in Mesquite, Nevada on June 8-9, 2010. Even with the current state of the economy, there were a total of 92 golfers from Area 7. Participating Elks and their guests came from the Arizona, Nevada, Utah and California-Hawaii Elks Associations.

Our Association President, Hugh Scanlon, received a check in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). This is just another way of raising money for CHEMPI and having fun doing it. More children will reap the benefits from this golf tournament in their quest to "walk, talk, see, and play."

Mark your calendars now to play in the next tournament on June 14-15, 2011. The entry fee is \$170.00 per golfer. The fee includes a Monday welcome party, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday steak dinner and Wednesday luncheon buffet. If you bring a guest who is a non-golfer, just add \$30.00 to the total.

Hotel accommodations will be at the Casa Blanca for \$44.78 (includes tax), double occupancy. Make your reservations at the Casa Blanca at 1-877-438-2929. Refer to account number FR6611, Mesquite Elks Golf Tourney for the special room rate.

If you would like to be part of this fundraising tournament for CHEMPI, check the CHEA website ([www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)) for the new information and form. If you do not have access to the internet, then contact Bill Terry, Golf Chairman, 702-345-2380 or Lodge 702-345-2811 or E-mail: [cterry@rconnects.com](mailto:cterry@rconnects.com).



Hugh Scanlon receives \$1,650 donation to CHEMPI

**Visit your California-Hawaii Elks  
Association website. It's a site to see!  
[www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)**



## CHEA announces a new contest

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



CHEA announces a "Best Web Site" contest for the Association. All California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodges are invited to register their web sites with the CHEA office (email to: [chea@chea-elks.org](mailto:chea@chea-elks.org)) in order to be entered into the "CHEA Best Web Site" contest.

All Lodge virtual web sites and external web sites that are registered with the CHEA office will be viewed at random by a judging panel. Sites will be judged on **content, design, news, virtual home page and promoting their web site.**

Award Certificates will be issued to the best Web Site in each of the six divisions and plaques will be awarded to the top three overall. Note that every Lodge is assigned to one of the six divisions based on the Lodge membership size.

The current contest will run from now to September 30, 2010. A new contest will commence on October 1, 2010 and end on September 30, 2011.

Web Managers - spruce up your site now and compete in this CHEA competition! Get further details on this and other CHEA contests on the CHEA Web Site under "Public Relations Contests" or by contacting your District Public Relations or Lodge Activities Chairman.

## Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donates to children and veterans

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 donated \$1,200 to the "Children's Needs Task Force" of Huntington Beach and \$1,000 to a needy individual to assist in recovery therapy.

In support of our military forces and veterans, the Lodge donated 18 boxes of clothing to veterans at the "Villages at Cabrillo." Lodge members also served pizza and donated prize money for a Veterans Bingo Night at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital on June 7, 2010.

In other news, the Lodge sponsored an ENF Americanism Essay Contest entitled "The American Dream: What Is It" for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Fountain Valley School District. Out of over 800 entries, three essays were submitted to the CHEA. The 1<sup>st</sup> place award went to Griffin Kelly (Fulton Middle School) who is shown here with Dave York, ER, and Cal Callaway, the Lodge Americanism Chairman.



L to R: Dave York, Griffin Kelly, Tillman "Cal" Callaway

## San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 donates to Second Harvest

The San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 recently donated \$500.00 to the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos, CA. This money was a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. The Second Harvest Food Bank provides food for needy people in our area, particularly families and children. Our contribution will be used for the "Share Your Lunch" program and it will be enough money to provide 1,000 lunches for needy children.



L to R: John Atno, PER, Lodge ENF Chairman, Victoria Mendiola, Director, Second Harvest Food Bank

## Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 helps their "Special Child"

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 presented 11-year-old Nate Fonseca with a special computer that will help him communicate with people around him. Nate was the Lodge's "Special Child" for July.

Nate was diagnosed at 8-months with hypoplasia of the corpus callosum and optic nerve. His development was severely delayed in every aspect of his life and he cannot speak. This young man is very bright and understands everything going on around him. But with a limited ability to sign, he has great difficulty communicating with everyone.

On July 15, Chairman Scott Stephens invited Nate and his family to the Fullerton Lodge for a wonderful meal by the Sunday Brunch Bunch, a lodge tour and a presentation. ER Butch Rock presented Nate with his pin, and Chairman Stephens gave Nate a Special Child pin. Then, the young man was given an iPad loaded with a special computer program called "Proloquo2Go." It speaks for Nate as he touches pictures on the screen, helping him to communicate with people.

Joining in the presentation were: Assistant Esquire Janet Vandergrift and Inner Guard Julie Vandergrift as well as new Special Child Co-chairmen Nyada Cline and Nancy Wunderlick. The Fullerton Lodge was able to give this expensive gift with the very generous help of Assistant Esquire Vandergrift.

Lodge members were also treated to an inspiring presentation by World War II veteran Louis McKay, a U.S. Marine and Purple Heart recipient, at Fullerton Lodge's 99th Annual Celebration of Flag Day on June 17. Boy Scout Troop No. 1232 conducted the Presentation of the Flags. Rounding out the special evening were American Legion Post 72 and 277 Color Guard and singers Kendall Stephens and Kristen Romero.

## Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS AND CARDS: DO NOT LOSE THEM! THE BURDEN OF PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP RESTS WITH YOU.**

Potential members are out there just waiting to be asked to join our great Order and be part of "Elks-America's Pot of Gold."

Reinstatements are a great source for the Pot of Gold or POG (Plus One Goal). Did you know that, by Grand Lodge Statutes, a Lodge may reinstate

dropped members at a reduced rate of only \$1.00 (yes, one dollar)? See GL 14.180: "However, a Lodge may, by By-Laws, establish a sixty (60) day consecutive period or a two (2) consecutive month period during the Lodge year in which any reinstatement fee otherwise required by this section is reduced to one (1) dollar, except for the months of February, March, April and May." This is found on page 133 of the 2009 edition of the Statutes Annotated.

What a great way to get our dropped members to come back and be part of "Elks-America's Pot of Gold." Better yet, at a reduced reinstatement fee of only a dollar plus the normal annual dues amount. This is where the membership records come into play.

Occasionally, a dropped member will apply for reinstatement, only to be informed that no record of his/her former membership can be found. As a Lodge Secretary, I have had a couple of related experiences - one from another Lodge and one from a defunct Lodge.

The Grand Lodge stipulates that the Lodge allegedly in possession of the former member's records must exhaust every means of locating or recreating them, and that the burden of proof must rest with person requesting reinstatement. If he or she can produce an old membership card, an old dues billing statement, or any proof of participation in the Elks National Foundation, the Secretary is justified in accepting this and processing the reinstatement. A former member of a defunct Lodge must apply to the Grand Secretary for a Certificate of Status to permit him or her to apply for affiliation on a Transfer Dimit or Certificate of Release (Section 14.230 and 14.250).

The Secretary can also accept an affidavit from two Elks in good standing, under their obligation, to the effect that the individual was, to the best of their knowledge, a member. When reinstating a member under the circumstances where it is impossible to verify the exact years when the former member was an active member, it is the duty of the Secretary to document and explain to the reinstated member that any future Lodge action related to length of service must be based on the current date of reinstatement, as a condition of the reinstatement. In the absence of any form of proof, the applicant has to be treated as a new member.

We must remember always and keep in mind that the "Life-Blood," "Heart Beat," and "Pulse" are the essential ingredients of Membership in any organization. In order to remain strong, we must pursue a vigorous campaign to recruit new members, retain our current members, and REINSTATE our dropped members.

## Garden Grove Elks Lodge donates \$12,000 to Community in 2009-2010

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 donated \$12,000 to community organizations in the 2009-2010 Lodge year. The Social and Community Welfare Committee continues to donate to the community and is proud to report that the local recipients of last year's donations include: many local schools, Acacia Adult Day Center, GG Chamber of Commerce, H. Lewis Lake Senior Center, Thomas House Temporary Shelter, Assistance League, GG Junior All American Football, Guardettes, GG American Softball Association, St. Columbian's School, GG Police Officer's Association, GG Firefighter's Association, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of GG, among others.

## Hawaii District Celebrates Flag Day aboard the USS MISSOURI (BB-63)

For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Hawaii District celebrated its annual National Flag Day Service in a joint Hawaii District Elks Lodge ceremony onboard the USS MISSOURI (BB-63) at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor on June 13th at 1:00 p.m.

As you know, the USS MISSOURI was the setting for the formal surrender ceremonies that ended World War II. These ceremonies took place on board the ship while it was in Tokyo Bay. The USS MISSOURI is now berthed in Pearl Harbor, HI, at Ford Island - not far from the USS ARIZONA Memorial where it is a striking symbol of American freedom and patriotism.

During the Flag Day Ceremonies, the Commander, United States Pacific Fleet, Navy Brass Quintet provided a lively patriotic tribute to our Flag and our military services. The Boy Scouts presented an array of historic flags and served as ushers in a ceremony conducted by the Past Exalted Rulers and current Lodge Officers from the 5 District of Hawaii Elks Lodges. The "Ladies of Aloha" from the Kailua Lodge performed the hula to the strains of "God Bless America." The ENF MVS Scholarship Award winner, Kerri Nakatsu, read her essay "What I Love About America."



L to R: Chet Virchinsky (Hawaii District VP), Mia Virchinsky, Admiral Stephen Mehling (Commander 14th Coast Guard District), Admiral Select Gregory Thomas (Commander Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard)

## Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 honors 5th graders and veterans

On June 25, 2010, the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge 2790 participated in the 5th Grade Culmination Ceremony in which the 5th grade students graduate from Elementary School to Middle School. Certificates of Citizenship and Academic Achievement for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Physical Fitness and Attendance were given to four students by the Lodge.

In other news, on June 11, 2010, the Lodge held its monthly fish fry. The dinner was attended by 35 veterans from the Sepulveda VA Medical Center. The dinner was served by 8 members of the Van Nuys-Reseda Antlers. A Flag Day Ceremony was held during the dinner, to celebrate all of the historical flags of our country on display. The MIA/POW flag was also displayed, along with the "missing man table", to remember the more than 2,000 men and women who have served our country, yet are still listed as missing-in-action, or who are being held as prisoners of war. The ceremony was conducted by Roberta Robles and Exalted Ruler Gore Muradyan.



## Drug Awareness

*By Jack Dalton, Drug Awareness Chairman*

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program, an arm of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. No other organization spends the amount of money on anti-drug efforts as the Elks do annually. 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 children be raised in a drug-free environment.

The intention of this article is to inform you of various facets of the Drug Awareness Program (DAP) that the Grand Lodge (GL) has created. The DAP is a vast program which is also being implemented by several other organizations whose agenda is similar to the GL DAP. The goal of the DAP is to ensure a healthy understanding of the consequences related to the use and abuse of narcotics. If successful we will help guarantee our youth of today a better tomorrow. It is my intention to introduce a portion of each element of the DAP program in each issue of the California-Hawaii Elk Magazine.

In this issue, I want to tell you about the finest and most informative pamphlets and brochures available, which provide the truth about mind altering substances. All of this literature is available for free to Elk Lodges. The latest order form and list of available literature is available through your District Drug Awareness Chairman, or you may find it on the California-Hawaii Elks Association web site at [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) (click on "Committees," then click on "Drug Awareness," then scroll down to "Forms.") Due to budget restraints and printing and shipping costs, Lodges are limited to a maximum of 500 copies of each pamphlet/brochure.

To reach the maximum number of youth and to help ensure that they will actually read the literature, it is strongly suggested that the materials are distributed in school classrooms or on school grounds during school events. The Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot contests are another great venue for the distribution of this material.

Please bear in mind that there is no cost to your Lodge for either literature or shipping. When ordering, fill out the form and send it to me via mail, email attachment, or fax. My contact information is on page 42 of the 2010-2011 CHEA Association Directory (every Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary should have this directory.)

The warehouse in Chicago does not back order; therefore your order may not be complete. Orders are shipped via UPS so do not use a P.O. Box number. Orders may be shipped to a private residence or a personal business location, but must be charged to a Lodge or District Chairman.

## Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 does Flag Ceremony at City Hall

On June 9th, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 performed the Elks Flag Day Ceremony at the Los Banos City Hall. This is the 16th annual Flag Day presentation that the Lodge has done at City Hall.

As the Lodge Officers performed the oral portion of the ceremony, Boy Scout Troop No. 58 presented each flag. Councilman Souza presented the Lodge with a proclamation. Mayor Tommy Jones directed his speech to the Boy Scouts, explaining to them that our Flag represents freedom, but that it's not free - that all our nation's veterans gave of themselves in its defense.

Councilman Tom Faria sang "Proud to be an American" and the "Star Spangled Banner." Merced County Supervisor Jerry O'Banion also addressed the audience.

In other news, officers and members of the Los Banos Elks Lodge manned a booth to sell fireworks, thereby generating income for the Lodge's charitable programs.

## Lapsation

*By Richard Rueda, Lapsation Chairman*



By this time of the year, I hope all Lodge Lapsation Chairmen have written an informal welcome to all delinquent members. I am confident that some have responded positively by paying their dues. I have reviewed the membership reports and find a decline in delinquency. This means that your efforts are being justly complemented. Now comes the hard part. You must make those personal telephone calls to let that delinquent member know that he/she is not forgotten.

A CHEA rate of 14% delinquency can be lowered with perseverance and dedication by the Lodge Lapsation Committee. To those Exalted Rulers who just can't find the right person to chair your committee, think about encouraging the Lodge Secretary to step in. Who has more information about the status of delinquent members?

The CLMS Reporting System is becoming the perfect tool for timely reporting by District Chairmen. Have your District CLMS Coordinator or a PDDGER print out your District Report by the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month. This report shows exactly what you have backed up to the Grand Lodge data base. You may be surprised that there are different figures being backed up than those manually prepared by your Lodges. The CHEA 14% delinquency rate is supported by the CLMS back up reports.

Let us set a goal of 10% by my next article. Let's all continue supporting our Association President's motto "Elks, America's Pot of Gold."

## Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 honors fathers and veterans

In June, the Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 honored the fathers and veterans in their community with activities in recognition of Fathers Day and Flag Day.

Thirty-four veterans from the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital were invited to the Lodge to observe the annual Flag Day celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The veterans were treated to a pork tenderloin dinner and each received a patriotic T-shirt. Boy Scout Troop No. 99, joined by Pack Leader Jon Overton, presented the flags during the traditional Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The next evening, the Lodge retired almost 150 flags in a traditional flag retirement service. Both events were greatly supported by the members and guests of the Lodge.

The Lodge held their annual Fathers Day Brunch in the garden area on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The ladies of the Emblem Club No. 360 and their President, Midge Swoger, cooked and served brunch to 140 attendees. Along with the brunch, they had a "Veterans Bake Sale" which was presented by Marlene Marshall, the Veterans Chairman. All of the proceeds will be used to support the veterans at the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital.

## Vacaville Elks Lodge No. 2638 participates in "Relay for Life"

Over the weekend of June 26-27, 2010 the Vacaville Elks Lodge No. 2638 participated in the Relay for Life of Vacaville to Celebrate, to Remember and to Fight Back. With two teams and 21 Lodge members participating in the 24 hour American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Lodge raised \$5,711 for the American Cancer Society.

The Lodge also provided burritos for the Sunday morning breakfast. A team of 15 Lodge members donated approximately 60 man-hours cooking, wrapping and delivering 500 burritos to the relay site. As an additional fundraiser the Lodge also sold "Stop Cancer at the Door" wood engraved door stoppers.

It is a goal of the Lodge to continually promote cancer awareness and early detection among our members and in the Vacaville community.

## Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

|                          |                 |         |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| *L. E. Chenoweth         | Bakersfield     | 1913-14 |
| *Hilliard E. Welch       | Stockton        | 1914-15 |
| *Dr. Ralph Hagan         | Los Angeles     | 1915-16 |
| *William M. Abbott, PGER | San Francisco   | 1916-17 |
| *Harry M. Ticknor        | Pasadena        | 1917-19 |
| *James M. Shanley        | Oakland         | 1919-20 |
| *Charles Donlon          | Santa Barbara   | 1920-21 |
| *John D. Saxe            | San Rafael      | 1921-22 |
| *Richard C. Benbough     | San Diego       | 1922-23 |
| *Howard B. Kirtland      | San Luis Obispo | 1923-24 |
| *Edgar F. Davis          | Long Beach      | 1924-25 |
| *John J. Lermen          | San Francisco   | 1925-26 |
| *Mifflin G. Potts        | Pasadena        | 1926-27 |
| *William E. Simpson      | Fresno          | 1927-28 |
| *John J. Doyle           | Los Angeles     | 1928-29 |
| *Fred B. Mellmann        | Oakland         | 1929-30 |
| *Horace S. Williamson    | Redlands        | 1930-31 |
| *F. E. Dayton            | Salinas         | 1931-32 |
| *Horace H. Quinby        | Alhambra        | 1932-33 |
| *J. Thomas Crowe         | Tulare          | 1933-34 |
| *Milton R. Standish      | San Bernardino  | 1934-35 |
| *George M. Smith         | San Jose        | 1935-36 |
| *L. A. "Fay" Lewis, PGER | Anaheim         | 1936-37 |
| *C. Fenton Nichols       | San Francisco   | 1937-38 |
| *C. P. Hebenstreit       | Huntington Park | 1938-39 |
| *Elmer B. Maze           | Merced          | 1939-40 |
| *Robert S. Redington     | Los Angeles     | 1940-41 |
| *Donald K. Quayle        | Alameda         | 1941-42 |
| *Newton M. Todd          | Long Beach      | 1942-43 |
| *Clifford C. Anglin      | Richmond        | 1943-44 |
| *Stephen A. Compas       | Huntington Park | 1944-45 |
| *Horace R. Wisely, PGER  | Salinas         | 1945-46 |
| *R. Leonard Bush, PGER   | Westchester     | 1946-47 |
| *Earl J. Williams        | Oakland         | 1947-48 |
| *Morley H. Golden        | San Diego       | 1948-49 |
| *Robert J. Craine        | Hanford         | 1949-50 |
| *Ben W. Osterman         | Santa Ana       | 1950-51 |
| *John B. Morey, PGT      | Palo Alto       | 1951-52 |
| *Vincent H. Grocott      | Santa Barbara   | 1952-53 |
| *Edward E. Keller        | San Mateo       | 1953-54 |
| *Robert P. Mohrbacker    | Long Beach      | 1954-55 |
| *Jim B. Nielsen, PGELK   | Watsonville     | 1955-56 |
| *Owen O. Keown           | Santa Monica    | 1956-57 |
| *John A. Raffetto        | Auburn          | 1957-58 |
| *Frank M. Linnell        | Newport Harbor  | 1958-59 |
| *Charles T. Reynolds     | Vallejo         | 1959-60 |
| *Guy A. Daniels          | Redlands        | 1960-61 |
| *Paul T. Wemple          | Susanville      | 1961-63 |
| *Vern R. Huck            | Los Angeles     | 1963-64 |
| *Henry J. Budde          | San Francisco   | 1964-65 |

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| *Edgar Dale                     | Vallejo        | Honorary |
| *Bruce H. Marsh                 | Inglewood      | 1965-66  |
| *Gerald Strohm, PGER            | Fresno         | 1966-67  |
| *Marvin M. Lewis, PGER          | Brawley        | 1967-68  |
| *Norman S. Lien                 | Watsonville    | 1968-69  |
| *Paul E. Haines                 | Pasadena       | 1969-70  |
| *Ernest Olivieri                | Sonora         | 1970-71  |
| *Walter Schween, Jr.            | Salinas        | 1971-72  |
| *C. Wallace Erickson            | Glendale       | 1972-73  |
| *Yubi G. Separovich, PGELK      | Sacramento     | 1973-74  |
| *Dan Davis                      | Van Nuys       | 1974-75  |
| *Rev. Msgr. George Scott        | San Pedro      | Honorary |
| *James E. Spence, Jr.           | Oakland        | 1975-76  |
| *Marvin M. Pike, PGELK          | Torrance       | 1976-77  |
| *Donald W. Luce, PGELK          | Richmond       | 1977-78  |
| *Dr. Robert G. Robb             | Garden Grove   | 1978-79  |
| Donald D. Dapelo, PGER          | Coalinga       | 1979-80  |
| *William D. Brunner             | Redondo Beach  | 1980-81  |
| *Leland J. "Butch" Simas        | Santa Maria    | 1981-82  |
| Kenneth L. Moore, PGER          | Corona         | 1982-83  |
| Elmer L. Lanini, PGT            | Salinas        | 1983-84  |
| Robert J. McLain, PGELK         | Pasadena       | 1984-85  |
| Clifford E. Beatty              | Chico          | 1985-86  |
| Richard L. "Dick" Alves, PGEsq. | San Jose       | 1986-87  |
| *Bernard E. McCune              | Long Beach     | 1987-88  |
| *Oscar W. Stutheit              | Orange         | Honorary |
| *R. E. "Bud" Ceniz, PGELK       | Bakersfield    | 1988-89  |
| *Dr. Eugene P. Weigand, PGELK   | Pasadena       | 1989-90  |
| *Lynn Wood                      | Modesto        | 1990-91  |
| William C. "Bill" Ijames, PGELK | Vista          | 1991-92  |
| Richard E. Owen, PGELK          | Santa Maria    | 1992-93  |
| John A. Parker, PGT             | Marysville     | 1993-94  |
| Rex E. Dondlinger               | Arcadia        | 1994-95  |
| Anthony J. Mauro                | Hollister      | 1995-96  |
| Timothy C. Martin               | San Bernardino | 1996-97  |
| Sim Nathan                      | Redding        | 1997-98  |
| Frank G. Keller                 | Corona         | 1998-99  |
| Louis J. "Jim" Grillo, PGER     | Stockton       | 1999-00  |
| John G. Holt                    | Burbank        | 2000-01  |
| John M. Carvalho, Sr.           | Sacramento     | 2001-02  |
| H. Eugene Chambers              | Needles        | 2002-03  |
| Doug Larsen                     | Salinas        | 2003-04  |
| Lee Northcutt, PGEsq.           | La Habra       | 2004-05  |
| Roy R. Newman                   | Marysville     | 2005-06  |
| James S. Mason                  | Gardena        | 2006-07  |
| Oren Richardson                 | Coalinga       | 2007-08  |
| Jerry Rucker                    | San Bernardino | 2008-09  |
| Lee Karjola                     | Eureka         | 2009-10  |

\*Deceased



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Then hit: Bequests/Living Trusts.  
Become a Benefactor for the  
BLT Commitment Trust.

## Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 retires flags for the community

The Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 held a Flag Retirement Service at their Lodge on July 10, 2010. Over 300 flags were gathered and 150 of them were incinerated. This ceremony was conducted by members of the American Legion, the Marine Corps and the Lodge.

The Lodge will have another Flag Retirement Service before the end of the year. This ceremony will once again be open to the public. The Lodge hopes to make this a semi-annual event for the community.



## **Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 recognizes policemen and firefighters**

The Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 honored policeman and firefighters recently at an annual dinner that filled the Lodge to capacity. The Lodge provided free dinners to over 80 public safety personnel and their families. At the dinner, the Lodge honored Rene Vasquez as the Policeman of the Year and Casey Bryson as the Firefighter of the Year.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$500 to the Atascadero Greyhound Athletic Foundation to assist with their four main annual events: the "Hares 'n' Hounds 5K Run," the "All Comers Track Meets," the "Colony Band Festival" and the "Hall of Fame Induction Dinner."

The Lodge also celebrated Flag Day with the Elks Flag Day Ceremony and a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Boy Scout Troop No. 150 assisted in the ceremonies. The Lodge also offered some family entertainment during the event, with "Joe's Little Train" and face-painting activities. The annual Flag Day and Flag Day Retirement ceremonies continued its family focus by offering free hot dogs, chips, watermelon, sodas and popcorn to the attendees.

## **Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 celebrates Flag Day with five fraternal groups**

The Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 celebrated Flag Day by inviting five local fraternal groups to present their flags and conducting the Elks Flag Day ritual in the lodge gazebo area. Chairman and Esquire Michael Reed introduced the special guests: Retired Army General Richard Lundin and two local Army unit officers. Vallejo City Councilperson Erin Hannigan was the featured guest speaker. PDDGER Gene Beckel conducted the history of the flag, assisted by the lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop and the Vallejo High School band.

A special guest was Edward Bradley, former Lodge Trustee and Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer (Retired). Mr. Bradley is a World War II and Korean conflict combat swimmer and submariner.

## **Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 helps veterans abroad and at home**

In July, 24 members of the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475, and several other Elks from the Orange District, visited the Long Beach VA Hospital to treat 25 veterans to a "Christmas in July." The Lodge provided \$100 for Bingo, a gift bag containing toiletry gifts, Elks playing cards and a hand written note that said "Thank you for serving our county and for defending our lives, liberties and freedom. We are truly grateful for you" and signed "Merry Christmas in July." This is a special program that our Lodge does to show our appreciation to the veterans for their service in keeping our country safe. The Lodge also purchased \$500 worth of calling cards and socks which were sent to the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Lodge has an "Adopt a Veteran program" – having "adopted" Sgt. Nathan Campbell and his Platoon. During the Lodge's Flag Day Ceremony, ER John Stone introduced, as special guests to the Lodge, the wife, daughter and son of Sgt. Nathan Campbell – Nicole, Jamie and brother Chris Campbell.

This year the Lodge's Veterans Committee, headed by Brian and Stephanie Fitzpatrick, handed out the first annual "Orange Hero's Scholarships" - presenting five \$500.00 scholarships to five local veterans who have returned from Iraq and/or Afghanistan: Alexis Gavidia, Merardo Alcaraz, James Spaulding, Jesus Hernandez and Miguel Valenzuela.

## **Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 feeds 1,100 special needs individuals**

Merced, CA, Lodge 1240 – Lodge members, under the leadership of Friends Helping Friends committee chairman John Burk, assembled bright and early at the Lodge to prepare lunch for some very special individuals who were to be treated to a guided tour of the Merced County Fair.

Friends helping Friends is an annual event where the 4H, Merced County Schools and the Elks Lodge treat area special needs individuals to the sights and sounds of the fair. Past years' attendance averaged some 700 visitors, but this year, Chairman Burk was advised that the Lodge would be feeding 1,100 plus visitors.

Burk and his committee contacted members Jim Bik and Paul Ybarra, Paul's Place, who provided the lettuce; Merced County Sheriff's Department, water; Joe Machado Dairy, milk and ice cream; Richwood Meats, hamburgers; Merced County Deputy Sheriff's Association, hamburger buns; Pazin and Myers, water; Steve Thorpe, Di Mare Co., tomatoes; Merced Union School District, 500 meal components, milk, fruit and seven volunteers.

In addition to the 4H members assisting the special needs guests, the Merced County Fair Board attended the serving line and no one went away hungry.

This was quite a feat for the Lodge, using just two large grills and a large committee, ER Vern Warnke, Thomas Franklin Jr., Frank and Julie Hutchins, Gary Hamit, Don Lancaster, Susan Albertoni, and many, many more, to prepare 1,200 hamburgers; cut onions and tomatoes; package fruit, drinks, cheese and chips; and see to it that everything was in place to start feeding at 11:30 a.m.

Another highlight of this event is that PER Frank Wharton, a founding sponsor of Friends Helping Friends, who was stricken with a stroke, was there, as he is every year, helping to serve others in need.

This project is truly one that lives up to the slogan, Elks Care, Elks Share.



## **San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 presents Medal of Valor**

A Medal of Valor was presented to a local family of a soldier who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. The soldier who was honored and remembered at the San Luis Obispo Memorial Day Service was Navy Reserve Commander Duane Wolfe. He was the Officer in Charge of the US Army Corps of Engineers at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq. He and his staff were working on the first ever waste water treatment facility for the Iraqi Army. He was 54 years of age when he died on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009. Approximately 220 Elks, members and guests were in attendance. The ceremony was reported on a local TV station. The Lodge has presented a total of ten Medals of Valor since 2007.

### Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 hosts RimPac exercise participants

The Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 was home to the 144th Fighter Wing of Fresno, California, Air National Guard on Thursday, July 29. The 82 personnel from the 144<sup>th</sup> have been in Kona since July 7 supporting the Rim of the Pacific 2010 exercise.

In Fresno, their mission is homeland air defense. They have 2 alert facilities and 4 pilots on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. They are the nation's first line of air defense for the West Coast.

The 144<sup>th</sup> was invited to RIMPAC to participate in the air portion of the exercise. RIMPAC is a multi-national naval exercise including 10 participating countries. The 144th's role in RIMPAC was as the adversary Air Force, testing Navy air and ship responses to attacking aircraft.

Major Russ Piggott, Deputy Deployment Commander and Lt. Col. Scott Seyfarth, Deployment Commander outlined the three main objectives of their mission in RIMPAC. First: safely deploy seven aircraft and 83 personnel and support the RIMPAC exercise. Second: demonstrate the professionalism of the California Air Guard, and third: to promote a positive impact on the community of Kona.

The 144<sup>th</sup> expressed their appreciation and thanks for the warm welcome from the community. In their off time, they participated in canoe races, parasailing, snorkeling, scuba diving and surfing.

An End of Tour party was held Thursday, July 29. The Kona Elks Lodge, through their special "Support Our Troops" fund, presented a kukui nut lei to each member of the 144th. A note was attached to each lei wishing them safe travels home and expressing the community's thanks.



L to R: Chief Master Sgt. Manny Hernandez, ER Barbara Nance, Lt. Col. Scott Seyfarth, Major Russ Piggott

### Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 commended by city

On Memorial Day, the Redondo Beach Elks Lodge No. 1378 joined the City of Redondo Beach and the Veterans Memorial Task Force to host a Memorial Tribute at the City's historic band shell in Veterans Park. The event was followed by a BBQ luncheon at the Elks Lodge. The Lodge served 347 people, including 91 Veterans who received a free lunch and beer. At its June 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Lodge was honored by receiving a Certificate of Commendation for all its efforts.

### Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 honors Eagle Scout

The Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 recently honored Jonathon E. Shulz (Boy Scout Troop No. 690) at a Court of Honor that was held at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Jonathon received an Elks Certificate of Achievement and an American Flag during the impressive ceremony. Jonathon is a recent graduate of Kern Valley High School. The honor of Eagle Scout is the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

The Lodge also donated \$660 to the Boy Scout Troop. The money will enable two Scouts from the Troop to attend camp this summer. The money was a combination of member donations and funds from other Lodge accounts.

At the Court of Honor, representing the Elks Lodge, were: Jadeen Costa-Schroeder (Leading Knight/Acting Exalted Ruler), Ken LaCrosse (PER) and Lodge member Art Schroeder (Lodge Scouting Chairman). Ken is a 54-year registered Boy Scout.



Front row (L to R): Jadeen Schroeder, Jonathon Shulz and Ken LaCrosse

### Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 donates to Woodland's fireworks fund

The Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 donated \$4,500 to the Woodland Recreation Foundation to help sponsor the City of Woodland's "Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular" display. This was the first year that our city could not afford to pay for this fireworks display. Without the Lodge's donation, the fireworks would not have been purchased and the City and our youth would miss out on this facet of the City's annual Independence Day celebration.

In other news, the Lodge presented \$6,000 in scholarship awards to 6 graduating high school seniors. The awards were presented at the Lodge's Youth Recognition Dinner. The following students received scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,000 each: Emily Hornbuckle (Woodland High School), Megan Morrow (Woodland Christian High School), Erik Barbosa (Esparto High School), Shelby McGriff (Pioneer High School), Richardo Hernandez (Pierce High School) and Nicolette Gmoser-Daskalakis (Davis High School).

The Lodge also recognized the following Lodge-sponsored ENF MVS Scholarship award winners: Carter Reiff (Pioneer High School - \$4,000), Dale Stephens (S. Sutter Charter School - \$4,000) and Jane Seo (Davis High School - \$16,000).



## Americanism

*By Tom Conlon, CHEA Americanism Chairman*



Aren't you glad the dog days of summer are over, high Elk season is over and the big three patriotic days of the year; Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Flag Day are well behind us? Is it time to take a big breath and say we made it and hibernate until Christmas? Oh no! The job of being an American Elk never ends; it should always be in high gear.

We always have opportunities to wave the flag. Recently, in my neighborhood, hundreds lined the street waving the flag, as a seemingly endless funeral procession passed by. The body of a young Marine, who perished in Afghanistan, was being taken to its final resting place. The family of that young Marine will be presented a Medal of Valor by our local Lodge.

National Patriotism Week starts the second Monday in September in observance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This would be a good time to kick off a "Fly the Flag" promotion to our membership and then expand the program to our neighborhoods.

Every Elk should fly the flag every day. It doesn't matter if it is 24 hours per day or only during daylight hours. Patriotism starts at home. Set an example in your neighborhood by flying the flag and starting a neighborhood campaign by knocking on doors and asking every household on your street to fly the flag in support of our war on terrorism, in support of freedom, and in support of those who are putting their life on the line every day in the cause of freedom.

Present a CHEA Americanism Certificate to all local merchants, Elk members and friends who display the flag 24 hours a day. Be a proud Elk and thank them for their display of patriotism.

Remember, as Elks, the American Flag is the emblem of freedom and the symbol of unity. The American Flag does typify the glory of our Nation. Our job as Elks never ends and flying the flag is a good beginning.

## Mission Viejo – Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosted "Special Kids Sock Hop"

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Viejo - Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 held its annual summer "Sock Hop." Over 200 mentally handicapped and Downs Syndrome "Special Kids" danced, ate and partied like any other 7- 10 year olds, despite the fact that some are in their 50's and some were in wheelchairs. They rocked and rolled like never before. The ever popular band the "High Hopes" (mentally challenged themselves ) were the afternoon's entertainment. The dance floor was filled all day. Thirty-two Lodge volunteers helped cook, serve and chaperone. When it was all over, it made us all realize that this is Brotherly Love and that this is what it means to be an Elk.

In other news, the Ladies Auxiliary collected and shipped manufacturer's coupons to their adopted US military base located in Vilseck, Germany. The total value of coupons collected and shipped since 2007 now exceeds \$100,000. The Vilseck, Germany military base is a major training center for the US Army in Europe. The base is generally referred to as Rose Barracks. The members of the Auxiliary cut the coupons from a variety of publications, sort them into food and non-food bundles and then mail them directly to their adopted military base. The coupons are placed on tables at the PX and Commissary, or handed out to military members and families on base. The PX and Commissary are able to accept coupons up to a few months after their expiration date. Total coupon values are reported to the Overseas Coupon Program ("OCP" – [www.ocpnet.org](http://www.ocpnet.org)). OCP was founded in 1992, migrating from a non-profit organization to a patriotic organization in 2002. It serves military families by assisting interested people and organizations in forwarding "manufacturer's coupons" to military bases outside the USA.

## Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 Emblem Club No. 298 presents flags

The Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 held its annual Flag Day ceremony on Sunday June 13th. The ladies from Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 presented the flags of the United States. After the flag ceremony performance was finished, the Elks Sign Language Choir preformed the song "I'm Proud to be an American."



L to R: Sophia Miller, Janet Smith, Susie Piazza, Dora Kaliamos (ER), Troy Combs, Joy Flenniken (Emblem Club President), Phyllis Peals, Pat Patterson, Dorothy Sousa, Dawn Pedersen and Brenda Carlson (standing behind Troy)

## Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 awards \$14,000 in scholarships

The Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 hosted a Scholarship Awards Recognition dinner for 13 high school scholarship recipients and their families. The scholarships awarded totaled \$14,000.00. The students introduced themselves, spoke of their academic achievements and announced the name of the college or university that they planned to attend.

The scholarship monies were funded by the Lodge's "Larison Scholarship Fund." In the past 14 years, this Fund has awarded \$276,950 to 236 graduating students of the Napa County public and private high schools. The Napa Elks Lodge is proud to again grant these awards to these well deserving students.

The students were all graduating seniors: Sierra S. Barnes, Cassandra Benere, Victoria R. Cardoza, Alana J. Freifeld, Angelica Gonzalez-Rubio, Taide Guerra-Martinez, Megan M. Hunt, Norma A. Magdaleno, Chelsea M. McClure, Maria K.C. O'Byrne, Lindsay A. Schmitz, Chloe A. Umble, and Michael J. Wiley.

## Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 hosts fishing trip

Recently, members of the Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 entertained a dozen patients from the Eastern Plumas Long Term Care facility to a day of fishing at Lake Davis.

Transportation and a lunch were provided along with tackle and bait. While the fish seemed to have other things in mind (rather than biting), everyone had a great time!

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (May 15, 2010 through July 31, 2010)

| Donor              | Lodge | Donor                  | Lodge | Donor                      | Lodge | Donor             | Lodge |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Kenneth J. Horst   | 6     | Donald R. Short        | 672   | Ken Smith                  | 1419  | Joseph J. Jordan  | 2045  |
| Douglas W. Kelly   | 6     | Mark Hasson            | 906   | Ray H. Walker, Jr.         | 1419  | Diane Keller      | 2045  |
| Doti Gore          | 168   | Jeanne Atno            | 1112  | William "Billy" Watson (5) | 1643  | James A. Vecchio  | 2095  |
| Lewis Glaeser      | 538   | Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall | 1285  | Alan Barceloux             | 1786  | Bobbie Bigger     | 2142  |
| John Reza          | 559   | Sydney L. Tabler       | 1285  | Bernice Hiller             | 1786  | Vern Swenson      | 2190  |
| Sam Dickey         | 583   | Bob Bowers             | 1289  | Donald Schultz             | 1877  | Richard Kratt     | 2347  |
| Richard Dombrowski | 583   | Dick Hill              | 1289  | Sharon Mason               | 1919  | George Kinkade    | 2358  |
| William Flory      | 614   | Eilene Moore           | 1289  | Dwight L. Roberts          | 1980  | Joan E. Timm      | 2697  |
| George Sallay      | 614   | Dale Scanlon           | 1289  | Helena Wallace             | 1991  | Frank D. Platz    | 2733  |
| Bonnie Collins     | 643   | Don Vincent            | 1289  | Richard "Rich" Wallace     | 1991  | Bobbie Gutshall   | 2801  |
| Larry Hannon       | 643   | Alvin J. Aiken         | 1378  | Debbie Hosted              | 2011  | Robert H. Herrera | 2801  |

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (May 15, 2010 through July 31, 2010)

| Donor                        | Lodge | Donor                             | Lodge | Donor                       | Lodge | Donor               | Lodge |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Richard Ambriz               | 6     | Ross Guy                          | 643   | Carvel Gay                  | 1289  | Danny Minter        | 1712  |
| Rollin Brown                 | 6     | Martha Hall (3)                   | 643   | Curt Grieder                | 1289  | Joseph Paulson      | 1712  |
| Ronald Brusato               | 6     | Larry Hannon (4)                  | 643   | Ralph Harmon                | 1289  | Ture Roslund (3)    | 1712  |
| Marius Gieseke, Sr.          | 6     | James Lenon                       | 643   | Dick Hill (2)               | 1289  | David Smythe        | 1712  |
| Clifford Haskell             | 6     | Larry Perez                       | 643   | The Hill Family             | 1289  | Frank Almazan       | 1740  |
| Kenneth Horst                | 6     | Riverside Emblem Club No. 399 (6) | 643   | Richard James               | 1289  | Janice Almazan      | 1740  |
| Douglas W. Kelly             | 6     | Gerald Troxel                     | 643   | Matt Kearns                 | 1289  | Bud Altmann (5)     | 1740  |
| Anton Leneis                 | 6     | Cliff Wadley                      | 643   | Bob Keller                  | 1289  | Sherlee Chastain    | 1740  |
| Robert G. Nelson             | 6     | Jack White                        | 643   | Al Kepler                   | 1289  | Ira Cohen (5)       | 1740  |
| Ronald L. Roberts            | 6     | Susan White (6)                   | 643   | Karl La Masa, Jr.           | 1289  | Hazel Dotson        | 1740  |
| Jerrell Seay                 | 6     | Troy Combs (5)                    | 652   | Ken Lewis                   | 1289  | Leonard Hirn        | 1740  |
| Fred Strayhorn               | 6     | Barbara Johnson                   | 652   | Eilene Moore (2)            | 1289  | Jeannie Lowe        | 1740  |
| Amy Tanaka                   | 6     | Tom Quigley                       | 652   | Gary Pauff                  | 1289  | Cindy Rodgers       | 1740  |
| Johanna Thommen              | 6     | Robert Beggs                      | 672   | Sandy Sandaker              | 1289  | Jim Rodgers         | 1740  |
| Chad Wohlford                | 6     | James M. Brockman                 | 672   | Hugh Scanlon                | 1289  | Joseph Schrettnner  | 1740  |
| Dorothy Gore (8)             | 168   | Wendell Cabot                     | 672   | Dale Scanlon                | 1289  | Sharon Dearborn (2) | 1767  |
| George Knapp                 | 168   | Ovie Cobb                         | 672   | Jerry Stephens (2)          | 1289  | George Bailey       | 1786  |
| Bruce Rodgers                | 168   | Robert Fidler                     | 672   | Don Thompson                | 1289  | Alan Barceloux (3)  | 1786  |
| Jan Rodgers                  | 168   | Jason Fields                      | 672   | Don Vincent (2)             | 1289  | Arta Davis          | 1786  |
| John & Mary Postgate         | 266   | Bruce Morrison                    | 672   | Ernie Wiley                 | 1289  | Al Frank            | 1786  |
| Jack Geiger (2)              | 439   | Arthur L. Norris                  | 672   | Alvin Aiken (2)             | 1378  | Bernice Hiller      | 1786  |
| The Class of Mr. Jack Geiger | 439   | The Recreation Room (2)           | 672   | Mary Simpkins               | 1378  | Lloyd James         | 1786  |
| Susan Good                   | 439   | Donald R. Short                   | 672   | Robin Baith                 | 1419  | Bob Kennedy         | 1786  |
| Jerome Gott                  | 522   | Anthony Vecchio                   | 672   | Eugene Baxter               | 1419  | Ed Owens            | 1786  |
| Guy Laughridge               | 522   | Edwin Ziolkowski                  | 672   | David Blakeney              | 1419  | Dick Pence          | 1786  |
| Al Mestressat (2)            | 522   | Robert Levin                      | 783   | Dick Bushman                | 1419  | Ron Vickery         | 1786  |
| Norbert Silveira             | 522   | John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker        | 783   | Robert Casaletti            | 1419  | Ronald F. Hirzel    | 1787  |
| Lewis Glaeser                | 538   | Alan Ashworth                     | 794   | Norma J. Gooding            | 1419  | Oren's Sparks (2)   | 1811  |
| Don Clem                     | 583   | Earl Coots                        | 794   | Stanley Roshward            | 1419  | Vilma R. Wilczynski | 1811  |
| Sam Dickey                   | 583   | Michael & Michelle Fujimoto       | 794   | Loyl R. Thomas              | 1419  | Robert Wilson       | 1811  |
| Rick Dombrowski              | 583   | David Whitesell                   | 824   | Ray H. Walker, Jr.          | 1419  | John Holthaus (2)   | 1812  |
| Larry Eberly                 | 583   | Leslie A. Yeffa                   | 824   | Donnell Armand              | 1430  | Don Sauter          | 1812  |
| Wes Hayden                   | 583   | Robin Mueller                     | 832   | Darrell Benz                | 1430  | Don Schultz (2)     | 1877  |
| Richard Jirsa                | 583   | Jim Olsen                         | 832   | Carl Ivie                   | 1430  | Bill Harder         | 1905  |
| Paul Rigano                  | 583   | Zay Brand                         | 888   | Anthony Mauro               | 1436  | Karl Lorenz         | 1905  |
| Cyndi Rodgers (2)            | 583   | Robert Clayton                    | 888   | Karen Mauro                 | 1436  | Jerry Maxwell       | 1905  |
| James H. Rodgers (3)         | 583   | Faygie Colton                     | 888   | John & Katie Behne          | 1443  | Clarence Bonn       | 1919  |
| Sue Rump                     | 583   | Jon Coster                        | 888   | Sal & Shirley Anello        | 1474  | James D. Butler     | 1919  |
| David Williford              | 583   | Dorothy Jensen                    | 888   | Fred Hewins                 | 1474  | Ronald R. Higgins   | 1919  |
| James Stanley                | 613   | Norma Poe                         | 888   | Fred & Laura Hewins         | 1474  | Jim Mason           | 1919  |
| Genio Bonifacino             | 614   | Douglas James                     | 1015  | Fred & Laura Hewins         | 1474  | Sharon Mason        | 1919  |
| Dean Callender               | 614   | Philip Young                      | 1015  | Ed Resnick                  | 1475  | James B. Wilson     | 1919  |
| Alex Camany                  | 614   | Robert Bryant                     | 1250  | Carole May                  | 1561  | Duane Duncan        | 1952  |
| Stephen Jensen (2)           | 614   | Richard "Doc" Carstens (4)        | 1250  | Mike Ahlmann                | 1567  | Shirley Ryan        | 1952  |
| Edward Kelly                 | 614   | Max Fregoso                       | 1250  | Robert P. Chappell          | 1567  | David Skelton       | 1952  |
| Jean Long                    | 614   | Tom Ramsey                        | 1250  | Rowena Chappell             | 1567  | Tom Lemm            | 1959  |
| Gary Razenberger             | 614   | Mike Souza                        | 1259  | David E. Coffman            | 1567  | Daisy Roberts       | 1980  |
| Norman Riggs                 | 614   | Leroy & Jackie Applequist         | 1282  | Christopher Crowe           | 1567  | Dwight Roberts      | 1980  |
| Mary Jane Rogers             | 614   | Chuck Giesbrecht                  | 1282  | W. John Filice              | 1567  | Michael Mathers     | 1993  |
| George Sallay                | 614   | Goodtimers/Plymouth - Potts       | 1282  | Tony Giancola               | 1567  | John McCue          | 1993  |
| David Selvy                  | 614   | Goodtimers/Plymouth - Sabean      | 1282  | Arthur Gillespie            | 1567  | Teresa Smith (4)    | 2031  |
| Bruce Wissler                | 614   | Kimberly Morante                  | 1282  | Robert D. Owen              | 1567  | Beverly Bloch (2)   | 2045  |
| L. Wayne Bennett             | 616   | Ed Ridenour                       | 1282  | Phil Quast                  | 1567  | Ali Brant           | 2045  |
| David Dela Cruz              | 616   | Garry Ackerman                    | 1289  | Armand Trumpf               | 1567  | Robert Brant        | 2045  |
| Robert Finley (2)            | 616   | Keith Anderson                    | 1289  | Donald E. Vanni             | 1567  | Lory Calsing        | 2045  |
| Patrick Keliinui             | 616   | Rick Barnes                       | 1289  | David W. Vanni, Sr.         | 1567  | Robert Calsing (2)  | 2045  |
| Dominick Lostumbo            | 616   | Karl Berger                       | 1289  | Anthony Fiori               | 1570  | Joe Jordan          | 2045  |
| Charles & Norma Martinez     | 616   | Joe Callian                       | 1289  | David Johns                 | 1570  | Marjorie Kane       | 2045  |
| Robert T. Oshiro             | 616   | Larry Christensen                 | 1289  | Ron Reid                    | 1570  | Diane Keller        | 2045  |
| Nancy H. Sadler              | 616   | Wally Colburn                     | 1289  | Jake Parsons                | 1587  | Frank Keller        | 2045  |
| Anthony K. Young             | 616   | Don Colyar                        | 1289  | Frank Taylor                | 1587  | Kenneth L. Moore    | 2045  |
| Laurie Beem (2)              | 643   | Dave Conklin                      | 1289  | Clyde Vaughn                | 1643  | Rosa Rodriguez      | 2045  |
| Georgeanne Beers             | 643   | John Encinas                      | 1289  | Ed Clark                    | 1689  | William Shaw        | 2045  |
| Nick Beers                   | 643   | Todd Erickson                     | 1289  | Auburn Elks PER Association | 1691  | Dave Stukey         | 2045  |
| Maudine Carpenter            | 643   | Ed Foster                         | 1289  | Hangtown RV Club            | 1712  |                     |       |
| Bonnie Collins (2)           | 643   | Mike Gardner                      | 1289  | Dick Henderson              | 1712  |                     |       |

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|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Barbara Sturm                   | 2045  | Jean Babinski                 | 2591  |
| Lupe Aguirre                    | 2095  | Peter Cracchiolo              | 2591  |
| Geraldine Endicott              | 2095  | Myron Davis                   | 2591  |
| Will Carter                     | 2103  | Jim Flatley                   | 2591  |
| Jeffery Hanson                  | 2103  | Mary Ann Hannon               | 2591  |
| Frank Levings                   | 2103  | Lake Elsinore Elks Ladies (3) | 2591  |
| Doyle Long                      | 2103  | Virginia Mulhern              | 2591  |
| Michael McGill                  | 2103  | A. Lyle Skillestad            | 2591  |
| Michael McGone                  | 2103  | Dennis "Mike" Stone (3)       | 2591  |
| Jeffie Moffet                   | 2103  | Larry Williams                | 2591  |
| Jean Prather                    | 2103  | Tom Hinsch                    | 2599  |
| Helena Scherrer                 | 2103  | Barbara Nance                 | 2616  |
| Ed Schlesinger                  | 2103  | Vern Ungerecht                | 2616  |
| Jacob Reid                      | 2117  | Patrick J. Murphy             | 2655  |
| Frank Graziani                  | 2128  | Jolee Burdette                | 2697  |
| Terrence Hunt (3)               | 2134  | Robert Fuller                 | 2697  |
| Vern Swenson                    | 2190  | Carolyn Ksiazzyk              | 2697  |
| Gloria Curry                    | 2243  | Dean Phelps                   | 2697  |
| Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 (2)  | 2274  | Barbara Spezia                | 2697  |
| Charles O. Bishop, II           | 2274  | Jimmie Spezia                 | 2697  |
| Barry Johnson                   | 2299  | Bernard Timm                  | 2697  |
| James Garber                    | 2333  | Joan Timm                     | 2697  |
| James Mower                     | 2333  | Christy Williams              | 2697  |
| Jerry Sanchez                   | 2333  | Mark Williams                 | 2697  |
| Karen Templin                   | 2358  | Madelyn Fenech                | 2704  |
| George Kinkade                  | 2358  | Ruth Bennett Buckhorn Club    | 2704  |
| Mercy Medellin                  | 2379  | Doug Cunningham               | 2733  |
| Steve Arbelbide                 | 2389  | Larry Easterday (3)           | 2733  |
| Dave Byard                      | 2389  | Roy Hill                      | 2733  |
| Roy Lovejoy                     | 2389  | Judy Lilley                   | 2733  |
| Patty Trask (2)                 | 2389  | Robert Nagle                  | 2733  |
| Robert Trask (2)                | 2389  | Frank Platz (5)               | 2733  |
| Harold Tulledge                 | 2389  | Maggie Vangeron (2)           | 2733  |
| Sharon Tulledge                 | 2389  | Marti Barraza                 | 2801  |
| Tom Ziech                       | 2389  | Kenneth Bodenhofer            | 2801  |
| Don McEntee                     | 2393  | Charles Broddie               | 2801  |
| Steve Thompson                  | 2393  | Marilyn Broddie               | 2801  |
| Dennis Brookins                 | 2492  | Lloyd Clough                  | 2801  |
| Don Dauro                       | 2492  | Barbara Conner                | 2801  |
| Ellis Dyer                      | 2492  | Diane Farrens                 | 2801  |
| Pat Frischilla                  | 2492  | Robert Farrens                | 2801  |
| Robert Gross                    | 2492  | Peter Fiori                   | 2801  |
| Happy Wanderers Camping Club    | 2492  | Laurie Gonzalez               | 2801  |
| Fred James                      | 2492  | Paul Gonzalez                 | 2801  |
| Ed Lucas                        | 2492  | Bobbie Gutshall               | 2801  |
| Tony Markarian                  | 2492  | Robert Herrera                | 2801  |
| Wm. "Sander" Moss               | 2492  | Betty Loomis                  | 2801  |
| William Sears                   | 2492  | Ronald Loomis                 | 2801  |
| Ralph Sherwood                  | 2492  | Kenneth Nordstrom             | 2801  |
| Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484 | 2492  | Kim Orona                     | 2801  |
| Ronald Blakey                   | 2504  | Vicki Puterbaugh              | 2801  |
| Shirney Colwell                 | 2504  | Donald Starr                  | 2801  |
| Wallace Lewis                   | 2504  | Gerald Throckmorton           | 2801  |
| Fit Simas                       | 2504  | Robert Walker                 | 2801  |
| Gerald Babinski                 | 2591  |                               |       |

## Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 plays golf for charity

The Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 held its 16<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament in April. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, over 100 Members and guests started the day off with a fantastic breakfast buffet. By 11:30am, 116 golfers hit the tees at beautiful Mission Lakes Country Club for a fantastic and fun afternoon of golf. This was followed by a superb dinner hosted by the Elks Auxiliary. During and following dinner, additional fund raising activities took place. Along with tee sponsors, mulligans, event sponsors and a closest to the pin contest, this small Lodge of 257 Members raised \$5,000 for the Purple Pig and \$9,000 for their local charities. In the 2009-2010 fraternal year, "THE LITTLE LODGE THAT COULD" raised \$10,867 for CHEMPI - a per capita of over \$42.00 - winning a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the South District. A special thanks goes to the Golf Committee spearheaded by Don Johnston, Coach Bob Rittenger, Tom Hile and over 40 volunteers. The Lodge presented the South District VP, Billy Watson with a check for \$3,000 to kick off their 2010-2011 Purple Pig fund raising campaign during his lodge visitation on May 27.

In other news, the Lodge held their annual awards ceremony on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This event honors local youth, youth groups, distinguished citizens, Elks Training award recipients, members/officers recognition awards, and presents the 52 Club, Century Club and Millennium Club certificates. The Lodge's "Youth of the Year," Brianna Burger received a \$500 scholarship from the Lodge. Ray Amador, the local Boys and Girls Club manager, accepted a \$500 donation. John Card and John Martin accepted a \$1,000 donation to help restart the Desert High School Eagles All American Junior Football League. Wanda Grant received the "Elk of the Year" and Richard Conrad received the "Officer of the Year" award. The awards dinner expenses were paid for by one of the Lodge members who stipulated that the dinner proceeds be donated to the Purple Pig - the lodge raised \$200 for the Major Project.

**Elks Care**  
**Elks Share**

## Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 Memorial Day Ceremony

On Memorial Day, the Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 held a Memorial Day Ceremony and a Flag Dedication on the front steps of the Lodge. The Lodge used this opportunity to recognize the Flag Committee for their outstanding service in promoting the purchase of, and then displaying over 125 flags. These were displayed around the exterior of the Lodge during the Memorial Day Ceremony and Flag Dedication and then were removed just before sundown.

A special roll call was observed to honor those who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan who were awarded commendations, Purple Hearts, or who were prominently in harm's way. A flag was purchased in their honor and was part of the line up of flags that were displayed.

We were happy to be mingling with many of the Veterans who were being honored on this special day and remembered those who served and have since passed away.

Our Flag Committee will be lining the exterior of the Lodge eight more times throughout the year in observance of all patriotic days. The dedication of the Committee in putting up and then taking down these 125 flags is greatly appreciated. It is no small task as it takes 6 hours in all to erect the flags, take them down and store them back in the Lodge. We welcome any visiting Elks to come by the Lodge and see this heart-warming display of "Our Flag."

## Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 welcomes dignitaries to Flag Day Ceremony

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 welcomed State Assemblyman Paul Cook, Yucaipa Mayor Dick Riddell, Calimesa Mayor James Hyatt and Mayor Pro-Tem Ella Zanowick to their annual Flag Day Ceremony. A crowd of over 90 watched the ceremony inside the lodge, and then proceeded outside to view the raising of new flags by the V.F.W. Post No. 7347 Honor Guard and American Legion Post No. 426. This public event was attended by the largest crowd to date.

Following a touching speech from our Lodge Secretary, Assemblyman Paul Cook said that he was proud to see the Elks set aside an entire day with an event to honor our flag, stating "I feel that we have lost touch with what the flag stands for. I am truly honored to have been invited to the Elks ceremony and I am looking forward to coming back in the years to come." Exalted Ruler Harold Tulledge closed the beautiful ceremony, thanking everyone for their participation and invited all to return to the Lodge for refreshments and camaraderie.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 60 Year (\$60) Anniversary Donors (May 15, 2010 through July 31, 2010)

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| Jim & Mary Carolyn Nicholson,<br>Past Grand Exalted Ruler |       | Bobbi Galbraith               | 901   | Myrl Wallace                 | 1538  | Lee Northcutt              | 2095  |
| Curtis Brown, President AZ Elks Association               |       | Gail Grenfell                 | 901   | Bonnie Annett                | 1567  | Rosie Northcutt            | 2095  |
| Gary Ferguson, President NV Elks Association              |       | Bill Korbus                   | 901   | Steven Mayne                 | 1567  | John Getreu                | 2121  |
| Dan Johnson, President UT Elks Association                |       | Fred Lucas                    | 901   | Wayne Weller                 | 1567  | Angelique Horton Getreu    | 2121  |
| Jonathan Burns  | 3     | Petaluma Elks No. 901 RV Club | 901   | H. Eugene Chambers           | 1608  | Carol "Sue" Moffitt        | 2121  |
| George Flamik   | 3     | Herbert Preston               | 901   | Patsy Chambers               | 1608  | Michael Moffitt            | 2121  |
| Marilyn Facha   | 6     | Frank Treanor                 | 901   | Bud Altmann                  | 1740  | Don & Nancy Schafer        | 2121  |
| Thomas Rotharmel  | 6     | Mark Hasson                   | 906   | Bob Okamoto                  | 1740  | Terrence Hunt              | 2134  |
| Lona Taggart  | 6     | Sue Hasson                    | 906   | Ernest Symmes                | 1740  | Gene Pendergast            | 2134  |
| Pat Gandolfi  | 168   | Robert Campbell               | 966   | Sharon Dearborn              | 1767  | Knitting Guild             | 2142  |
| Robert Jacobs   | 168   | Dale Ogden                    | 966   | Stan & Frankie Malkin        | 1767  | Vern Swenson               | 2190  |
| Dale Kuhlman  | 168   | Lynn Glick                    | 1015  | Larry Woodard                | 1767  | Dave Swoger                | 2190  |
| Margaret McDonald   | 168   | Sim Nathan                    | 1073  | Robert Shaull                | 1799  | Lawrence DePaul            | 2243  |
| Gene Meyers   | 168   | Jeanne Atno                   | 1112  | Bill Hyde                    | 1812  | Lynn DePaul                | 2243  |
| Chuck Nolan   | 168   | Ed Jablonowski                | 1250  | Alice Miranda                | 1839  | Dick Law                   | 2248  |
| Angela Palango  | 168   | Robert Ostini                 | 1251  | Jackie Solomon               | 1839  | Charles O. Bishop, II      | 2274  |
| Don Snyder  | 168   | Harold Hackett                | 1282  | Linda Fletcher               | 1857  | Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 | 2274  |
| Robert Welch, Jr.   | 168   | Sheri Hackett                 | 1282  | Patricia Lappert             | 1857  | Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 | 2274  |
| Juanita Ream  | 266   | Jeffrey Sabean                | 1282  | Hanley Murray                | 1857  | Lompoc Ladies Auxiliary    | 2274  |
| Mike & Rosie Montano                                      | 266   | Agnes Smith                   | 1282  | Jerline Alford               | 1905  | Jerry "Joe" Vasques        | 2274  |
| Jay Woolpert  | 322   | Pauline Willems               | 1282  | Donald Bush                  | 1905  | Denise Young               | 2274  |
| William Bearse  | 423   | Robert Annett (2)             | 1285  | Jean Clark                   | 1905  | Molly Allred               | 2314  |
| Wade Thorpe   | 423   | Venita Brazier (2)            | 1285  | Chuck & Barbara Knox         | 1905  | Jimmy Hancock              | 2347  |
| Isabel Good   | 439   | Jan Bruno                     | 1285  | Estelle Layton               | 1905  | Ray Oats                   | 2358  |
| Genie Montanye  | 439   | Angela Cardinali              | 1285  | George Layton                | 1905  | Chris Perera               | 2358  |
| Richard Aust  | 522   | John Cardinali, Jr.           | 1285  | Bert Liebersbach             | 1905  | Edmund Austin              | 2379  |
| William Cassidy   | 522   | James Collins                 | 1285  | Bob Odonnell                 | 1905  | Chris Ball                 | 2379  |
| Mike Duffy  | 522   | Maryam Finnigan               | 1285  | Marge Pecore                 | 1905  | Floyd "Skip" Henke         | 2379  |
| Douglas MacLachlan  | 522   | Howard Gustafson              | 1285  | Alice Phillips               | 1905  | Wes Burton                 | 2393  |
| David Marzolf   | 522   | Laura Helgeson                | 1285  | George Rowan                 | 1905  | Pat & Barbara Martino      | 2444  |
| Joe Reader  | 522   | Charles King                  | 1285  | Benjamin Verde               | 1905  | Steve Smith                | 2477  |
| Michele Wilson  | 522   | Liam McCurry                  | 1285  | Melvin McCubbin              | 1913  | Jean Walker                | 2484  |
| George Zuniga   | 522   | Stephen Millich               | 1285  | Marilyn Marble               | 1917  | Todd Bair                  | 2492  |
| Lewis Glaeser   | 538   | Daniel Milligan               | 1285  | Stan Cantrell                | 1918  | David Coleman              | 2492  |
| Daniel Bassi  | 614   | Doris Milligan                | 1285  | Rodney Tanaka                | 1919  | Wm. "Sander" Moss          | 2492  |
| Luisa Diaz  | 614   | Ann Oggerino                  | 1285  | Ralph Glass                  | 1952  | Raymond Gomes              | 2510  |
| Perry Flicker   | 614   | Jackie Phillips               | 1285  | Bill O'Hearn                 | 1952  | Luise Parish               | 2510  |
| Doug Larsen   | 614   | Stanley Ross                  | 1285  | Charles & Gloria Skillman    | 1952  | Janet Rasmussen            | 2543  |
| Mike Manzoni  | 614   | Marguerite Salomone           | 1285  | Tom Smith                    | 1968  | Peter Cracchiolo           | 2591  |
| Thomas Nunes  | 614   | Austin Sloan                  | 1285  | Chris McCurdy                | 1975  | Monty Dhillon              | 2599  |
| William E. Perry  | 614   | Brianna Sloan                 | 1285  | Daisy Roberts                | 1980  | James Williams             | 2599  |
| Barry Wilson  | 614   | Morgan Sloan                  | 1285  | Dwight Roberts               | 1980  | Silas Bollinger            | 2626  |
| Bud Lush  | 616   | Sydney Tabler                 | 1285  | Joan Tindal                  | 1980  | Tom & Dorothy Warren       | 2639  |
| Paul Arnold   | 643   | Rosemarie Tantillo            | 1285  | Tom & Pat Conlon             | 1993  | Kitty Victorino            | 2655  |
| Carole Fajardo  | 643   | Donn Trenner                  | 1285  | Richard Green                | 1993  | Birney Carter              | 2698  |
| Martha Hall (2)   | 643   | Howard Tsuchiya               | 1285  | Robert Hollis-Brau           | 1996  | Leah Gergal                | 2698  |
| Sy Ober   | 643   | Catherine Tufford             | 1285  | Roy Long                     | 1996  | Ruth Bennett Buckhorn Club | 2704  |
| Jimmy Steele  | 643   | Bob Bowers                    | 1289  | Debbie Hosted                | 2011  | Cory Black                 | 2733  |
| Beth Troxela  | 643   | Mary Losia Follett            | 1289  | Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise         | 2011  | Lance Erickson             | 2733  |
| Leon Karjola  | 652   | Ed Henderson                  | 1289  | Michelle "Strawberry" Cahill | 2020  | Karen Hirrel               | 2733  |
| Aron Andersen   | 672   | David Jensen                  | 1289  | Quita Dondlinger             | 2025  | Donald C. Smith            | 2733  |
| Roy Newman  | 783   | George Mazzotte               | 1289  | Rex Dondlinger               | 2025  | Jerry Taylor               | 2733  |
| Art Echternacht   | 794   | Tino Pagliuso                 | 1289  | Marcia Koester               | 2026  | Maggie Vandergon           | 2733  |
| Edward Repic  | 794   | Dale Scanlon                  | 1289  | Steve Marada                 | 2026  | Gloria Boe                 | 2801  |
| Linda Vulgamore   | 794   | Hugh Scanlon                  | 1289  | James Richards               | 2026  | Barbara Conner             | 2801  |
| Roger Vulgamore   | 794   | Ken Saylor                    | 1342  | Jean Uren                    | 2026  | Diane Farrens              | 2801  |
| Thomas Brazier  | 824   | Karen Buchanan                | 1378  | Don Wagner                   | 2026  | Laurie Gonzalez            | 2801  |
| Leslie Yeffa  | 824   | Gerald Delker                 | 1427  | Teresa Smith                 | 2031  | Paul Gonzalez              | 2801  |
| Diane Holliday  | 832   | Sally Emerson                 | 1427  | James Rentschler             | 2038  | Bobbie Gutshall            | 2801  |
| Bob Snyder  | 832   | Ernie Chambers                | 1436  | Joanna Rentschler            | 2038  | Judy Hernandez             | 2801  |
| Dorothy Jensen  | 888   | Dr. Clark Atkinson            | 1471  | George C. Vernon, Sr.        | 2050  | Linda Jones                | 2801  |
| Ed McCain   | 888   | Paul Eisenman                 | 1471  | Mary Vernon                  | 2050  | Robert Walker              | 2801  |
| Patrick & Cynthia Riley                                   | 888   | Bob Fleck                     | 1471  | Dick Maney                   | 2068  | Sue Wilkinson              | 2801  |
| Aujust Balistreri   | 901   | Will Smith                    | 1471  | Roslyn Beauchamp             | 2091  |                            |       |
|   |       | Karen Feldpouch               | 1538  | Fred Guerrero                | 2091  |                            |       |

## Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 donates to cancer support group

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Springs Elks Lodge No. 1905 presented a \$500 Gratitude Grant award to Gilda's Club of the Desert. Gilda's Club is the only support center in the Coachella Valley that serves not only cancer victims, but also their friends and families. Exalted Ruler Bert Liebersbach and Elks National Foundation Lodge Chairperson Alice Phillips presented the check to Marci Iglow of Gilda's Club. An additional \$400 was also presented to Gilda's Club by Pat Donnelly of the Desert Does, the Elks Women's Auxiliary.

## Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543 donates for Veterans Park

On July 26th, ground was broken for the new Veteran's Park in Poway, California. Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543 has had several fund raisers to donate to the building fund for the Park. These include a Texas Hold Em' Tournament, Rummage Sale, a Document Shredding Day and special dinners. In addition, several Lodge members have made personal donations towards this very worthy endeavor. The grand opening of the Veterans Park will be at 11:00am on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2010.



## Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



I just got back from the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida. What a pleasure and joy it was listening to the winners of the Most Valuable Student Scholarships deliver their speeches to an audience of over 2,000. If only the national press had been there, perhaps they would publish the fantastic achievements of these great kids rather than concentrating on the gang activities that seem to dominate their headlines.

According to "The Elktown Elks," more than 15,000 high school seniors handed in their applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarships. All of these students had remarkable achievements! It was very difficult to select the male and female scholarship winners who were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place honors along with a prize of \$60,000 for their four years of undergraduate schooling.

In addition to the two first place winners, the two male and female 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners received \$40,000; the two 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners received \$20,000; the two 4<sup>th</sup> place winners received \$16,000; the two 5<sup>th</sup> place winners received \$12,000, the four 6<sup>th</sup> place winners received \$10,000 each and four 7<sup>th</sup> place winners received \$8,000 each. In addition 482 runners-up each received a \$4,000 scholarship.

So as you can see, this is part of what our Elks National Foundation contributes to our kids and to our nation. Please keep your contributions coming so that we can continue to keep rewarding these great kids who eventually will be leading our great nation.

Applications for the 2011 ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship contest will be available on September 1, 2010. The applications may be downloaded from the internet ([www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)) or may be picked up from your local Elks Lodge. All high school seniors who are American citizens are eligible to enter. The contest deadline is December 1, 2010.

God Bless all Elks, God Bless America and God Bless our great kids!

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## Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 has BBQ pit - will travel

It isn't quite "Have Gun, Will Travel" – but, if you squint real hard, there is some resemblance between ER Richard Barcellos and the character Paladin from that old TV show. Richard took his portable BBQ pit to the Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Several Los Banos Elks cooked pork ribs, beans, corn and salad for 160 guests at the Tracy Elks Lodge's "Family Night." The same crew also cooked for the Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 for their fund raiser at the local rodeo grounds.

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## Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 BBQs for 240 veterans

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Veterans Service Committee served 240 meals at their annual barbecue at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital in June. The barbecue was dedicated to the memory of Vietnam Veteran, Captain Frank Henry, a long time member of our Veteran's Committee. Patients from the Spinal Cord Injury Unit, the Traumatic Brain Injury ward, the Hospice ward and The Western Blind Rehab Center and their families were served along with the hospital staff. Six Lodge officers joined with the Veterans Committee members to cook and serve the Veterans. Special attention was paid to 14 Veterans who were confined to their beds. The Lodge members served these Veterans in their hospital

## Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 receives \$1,000 for Piggy Bank

Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 recently received a very generous donation of \$1,000 that was given to the Lodge to be forwarded to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The money was donated by Michelle Painter, who is the daughter and granddaughter of Lodge members Bob Painter and Bob Misenheimer.

Michelle won a contest sponsored by her employer, AutoTraders.com. The contest rules stipulated that the contest winner donate the award proceeds to a charity of the winner's choice. Michelle said that the choice was obvious – she had grown up around the Pittsburg Elks Lodge since the age of nine, and she was well aware of the good work that the Major Project was doing to help the children of California and Hawaii. So, she chose to donate the money to the Purple Pig!



L to R: Michelle Painter and Bob Bagwell, Lodge Piggy Bank Chairman

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## El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 hosts candidate forum

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 teamed with the East County Chamber of Commerce to host a candidate forum, "A Conversation with the Candidates" to present an opportunity for the public to meet those running for the 36<sup>th</sup> Senate Seat and 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in California. The event was designed to provide information from all candidates to help the community make informed and educated decisions at the polls. The candidates for the 36<sup>th</sup> Senate Seat are Joel Anderson, Paul Clay, Greg Stephens and Jeff Stone; those for the 77<sup>th</sup> Assembly Seat are Mark Hanson, Brian Jones, Christine Rubin and Bill Wells. Approximately 120 attended.

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## San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 holds firefighter and law enforcement night

The San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 held its Firefighter and Law Enforcement Recognition Night on July 19<sup>th</sup>. They honored 6 officers: Officer Scott Wall (CHP), Officer Andy Wilkins (LAPD), Captain Leo Lopez and Steven Gutierrez (LAFD), and Deputy John Despot (LA County Sheriff's Department).

The LAFD Urban Search and Rescue Unit No. 85 demonstrated rescue equipment, including the "jaws of life," which are used to extract people from cars. PER John Donato was the Chairman of the evening with Exalted Ruler Dr. Eugene De Angelis, PDDGER presiding.

## Hoop Shoot Finals

The Northern California finals are on January 29, 2011.  
The Southern California finals are on February 5, 2011.

There are no CHEA (state level) finals.  
Region 7 finals are on February 18-20, 2011  
in Las Vegas.

## Soccer Shoot Finals

The Northern California finals are on October 17, 2010.  
The Southern California finals are on September 11, 2010.

## Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 retires flags with the help of Scouts

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 honored the American Flag with a Flag Day Ceremony and a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Flag Day Ceremony was performed by the Simi Valley Emblem Club. This year, the POW flag received special recognition during the ceremony as well. The flag presentations were performed by the Lodge-sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 642, Cub Scout Pack Nos. 3633, 3642 with the Girl Scout Troop Nos. 60128 and 60150 assisting. Bugler Joey Alfred and drummer Cameron Tenn from Troop No. 642 played the musical accompaniment.

Following the completion of the Flag Day Ceremony, the Flag Retirement Ceremony commenced under the direction of Scout Master Mike Gulotta. Visiting Scout Troop No. 622, sponsored by the Simi Sunshine Rotary, performed the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Color Guard members, Jan Teague, Josh Gray, Evan Parrish, and Ben Freidman lowered the Simi Valley Elks Flag for retirement. When this task was completed, the Color Guard raised the new, bright colored flag on the flag pole. The Veterans from VFW Post No. 10049 and the rest of the audience members all saluted proudly.

The fire in the specially designed burn pit had been previously lit and occasionally made loud popping sounds like a traditional gun salute. The air traffic appeared heavy that day with the planes flying over accompanied with the rustling of the oak trees from the tender breeze and the beautiful sun all lent to the ceremony and being Americans in a Free Country. Pride shone on everyone's face.

The flags were retired in accordance with the Elks and Flag Code of the United States of America. The old Lodge flag was retired first, followed by the retirement of an additional 75 flags. The retirement ceremony was directed by David Gulotta and Josh Gray.

Following the ceremonies, the attendees were invited to enjoy a BBQ of hamburgers and hot dogs.

## La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 donates for JROTC's endurance course

The La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 celebrated Flag Day with the Junior ROTC cadets from Sonora High School. The cadets performed the presentation of the flags during the ceremony. After the ceremony concluded, ER Kevin Courter presented the students with a \$500 check that will be used for the construction of the JROTC's new endurance course at the high school.

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 donates \$500 to BSA

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 recently donated \$500 from an ENF Grant to Scout Troop No. 322. Scout Master Jeff Dalley and Assistant Scout Master Gary Kibbe accepted the check from ER Mark Boaz. The money will go towards the purchase of tents and other camping equipment for the troop.

## Soccer Shoot Information

The Soccer Shoot is easy and fun to do and it can bring out lots of kids. This also gets members of your Lodge involved. Lodges should hold their soccer shoot in August and early September. Districts should have their shoot-outs completed by the first of October. Instructions for putting on a successful soccer shoot and a list of the necessary equipment is in the soccer manual. There will be three State shoot-outs.

The North shoot-out will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2010 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103. The South shoot-out will be conducted by Gregg Merritt, Vice-Chairman of the CHEA Youth Activities/Soccer Committee at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2010 at the Lakewood Elks Lodge No. 1570. There will also be a shoot-out in the District of Hawaii.

The winners will be announced at the Mid-Term Conference.

## Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 supports veterans

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Veterans Service Committee held their monthly Bingo game at the Palo Alto Veterans hospital. Thirty-five Veterans played. Hospital Canteen scrip was given for each bingo prize. The door prizes were 2 wristwatches, 3 Tee Shirts, 4 LED Key rings, 4 personal digital clocks, alarm clock calculators, a Laptop mouse and water bottles. The Palo Alto Elks donated an additional 122 Music CDs to the hospital's Spinal Cord Injury unit's Music library and 44 pairs of earphones. Because of sanitary requirements, each listener must have his or her own earphone. Veterans Service Committee member Dewey Jacques is celebrating his 18<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the VAVS and the Lodge's Veterans Service Committee.



L to R: Dewey Jacques and Jim Bow, VA Hospital Staff member with Navy Vietnam War Veteran Rick Mills

## Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 honors intramural youth athletes

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 held its annual Wally Dietrich Award banquet honoring the most valuable 8<sup>th</sup> grade players in intramural sports. The Lodge served 370 dinners to the honorees and their families. The Lodge also awarded 152 plaques to the athletes. The students attend the Santa Ana and Tustin School Districts. In addition, two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to the most valuable players in softball and baseball.



## **Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 honors fallen soldier, donates to "Adopt-a-Child"**

Army Specialist, Kyle Coumas perished last October 21 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when his vehicle was attacked by a roadside bomb. Kyle, a native of Lockeford, CA, was 22 years of age.

In an open letter to their son, which was published in the Lodi News-Sentinel after his death, Greg and Lori Coumas acknowledged that his decision to join the Army in early 2007 was not their first choice for their son. But, they said, "Despite all our efforts to steer you in the direction we wanted for you, you chose your own path. We wanted you safe and secure. You needed to make sure everyone else was safe and secure. And, by doing so, you far exceeded any and all of our expectations." From his decision, they added, "We've learned the difficulty of having to say goodbye too soon."

The members of the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 were moved to pay tribute to Kyle and acknowledge his sacrifice for our community and his country. At the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the local Masonic Cemetery, Lodge Secretary Marilyn Hughes presented the Elks Medal of Valor to Kyle's parents, Greg and Lori Coumas, on behalf of the Lodge. The ceremony was attended by more than 100 local residents and featured the Lodi Community Band. Mr. and Mrs. Coumas were deeply touched and expressed their appreciation to the Lodge and the B.P.O.E.

In other news, for the second year, the Lodi Elks Lodge has donated money to the Lodi "Adopt-A-Child Foundation." In June, Ed O'Neill, PER, presented a \$500 check to the Foundation President, Jerry Glenn, who gratefully accepted it. Jerry said that, with last year's gift from the Lodge, the Foundation was able to expand their school clothes program. In October they provided the following school clothing items to 134 children: 3 pairs of pants; 3 shirts; a hooded sweatshirt; a pair of new shoes, socks and underwear. In addition, they gave \$500 dollars worth of uniforms to three schools in the Lodi Unified School District and they maintain an inventory of clothing at their headquarters for emergency situations.

The Foundation began as the brainchild of Police Officer Dennis Lewis to provide Christmas cheer for a handful of children. It now brings joy to well over 1,000 local kids each holiday season, thanks to donations and support from the Lodi community. Individual and group contributions now allow the Adopt-A-Child Foundation to offer additional programs that provide badly needed support to underprivileged children throughout the year.



L to R: Marilyn Hughes presents the B.P.O. Elks "Medal of Valor" and ceremonial American flag to Greg and Lori Coumas

## **Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 joins JOTC for Flag Day**

On Sunday June 13, 2010, the Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 held its annual Flag Day observance ceremony. The presentation of colors was performed by Antelope Valley High School Naval Junior Officers Training Corps under the direction of the Senior Naval Science instructor, LCDR Martin Jones, USN (Retired). The history of the Flag was presented by Lecturing Knight Fred Rodriguez while the various flags were presented by members of Boy Scout Troop No. 444, under direction of Scout Leaders Michael Apuan and James Malanowski. The Elks Response was given by Leading Knight Cletus Harris. The Flag Program was followed by a BBQ.



Antelope Valley High School Color Guard

## **Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 holds flag retirement ceremony**

The Redwood City Elks Lodge retired a Flag in a ceremony at the Lodge. Specialist Matthew French and Sergeant Josh Gould of the Redwood City Special Forces Training Team retrieved the flag and presented it to local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for proper disposal. Woodside Fire Chief Armando Muela and Exalted Ruler Henry Artea presided over the ceremony at poolside. Two dozen spectators said the Pledge of Allegiance, while the Scout Master explained the history and procedures of flag retirement. The troop members assisted in the retirement ceremony.



## National Veterans Service

By Samuel Brown, CHEA National Veterans Service Chairman



We have enjoyed another Independence Day celebrating our Nation. With that said we need to keep in mind our Veterans who are homeless and our Veterans who are returning from Southwest Asia.

The Veterans Administration did a survey on homeless Veterans and discovered that we have more than 100,000 Military homeless Veterans on any given day. We need to keep up the good work with our

homeless and hospitalized Veterans, and keep the Army of Hope program going for those loved ones who are left behind to keep the home front moving.

Give our VAVS representatives in the various VA hospitals assistance when asked or ask if they need assistance.

Some important upcoming dates are: August 14 - VJ day; September 19 - POW/MIA recognition day; the month of November is Veterans Remembrance Month (Veterans Proclamation), and November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. When you see a Veteran, recognize them by thanking them for this country would not be what it is today without their service to our country.

*All members and spouses are welcome!*

## CHEA Mid-Term Conference – Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara, CA

([www.chea-elks.org/MidTermAgenda.pdf](http://www.chea-elks.org/MidTermAgenda.pdf))

### Time

### Location

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

|         |                                   |                                     |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8am-6pm | Registration.....                 | Marriott Hotel, California Ballroom |
| 6pm     | Cocktails, Dinner and Music ..... | Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347     |

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

|         |   |                                     |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 8am-6pm | Registration.....   | Marriott Hotel, California Ballroom |
| 9:30am  | Association President's meeting for VP, DD, PSP & DL ..   | Marriott Hotel, Salons D, E         |
| 9:30am  | CHEMPI Board of Trustees .....  | Marriott Hotel, Salons A, B, C      |
| 10:30am | CHEA Board of Trustees.....   | Marriott Hotel, Salons A, B, C      |
| Noon    | Current DDGER's Luncheon Meeting with Sponsors  | Marriott Hotel, Prospector          |
| 1:30pm  | Exalted Ruler's Conference .....  | Marriott Hotel, Salons 1-5          |
|         | (VPs, Committee Chairmen, Loyal Knights, Lecturing Knights and Lodge Officers in attendance are to attend this session) |                                     |
| 1:30pm  | Leading Knights Conference .....  | Marriott Hotel, Salons 6-9          |
| 1:30pm  | Leading Knights & Officers Spouses Conference.....  | Marriott Hotel, Hall of Cities      |
| 6pm     | Cocktails, Dinner and Show.....   | Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347     |

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

|          |  |                                     |
|----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 8am-Noon | Registration.....  | Marriott Hotel, California Ballroom |
| 6:45am   | Past Association President's Breakfast .....                           | Marriott Hotel, Salon A             |
| 8:30am   | Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen Seminar ....                     | Marriott Hotel, Hall of Cities      |
| 8:30am   | Management Seminar .....   | Marriott Hotel, California Ballroom |
|          | Leading Knights, Secretaries, Trustees (DDGERS to attend this session) |                                     |
| 4pm      | Elks National Foundation Mass .....                                    | Marriott Hotel, Salons B, C, D      |
| 5:30pm   | ENF Cocktails (No Host).....   | Marriott Hotel, CA Ballroom Foyer   |
| 6:30pm   | Elks National Foundation Dinner .....                                  | Marriott Hotel, California Ballroom |

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

|        |  |                                 |
|--------|--|---------------------------------|
| 6:45am | District Leaders Continental Breakfast ..... | Marriott Hotel, Salons A, B, C  |
| 7:00am | District Leaders Meeting .....               | Marriott Hotel, Salons A, B, C  |
| 8:00am | Elks Sunday Brunch .....                     | Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 |