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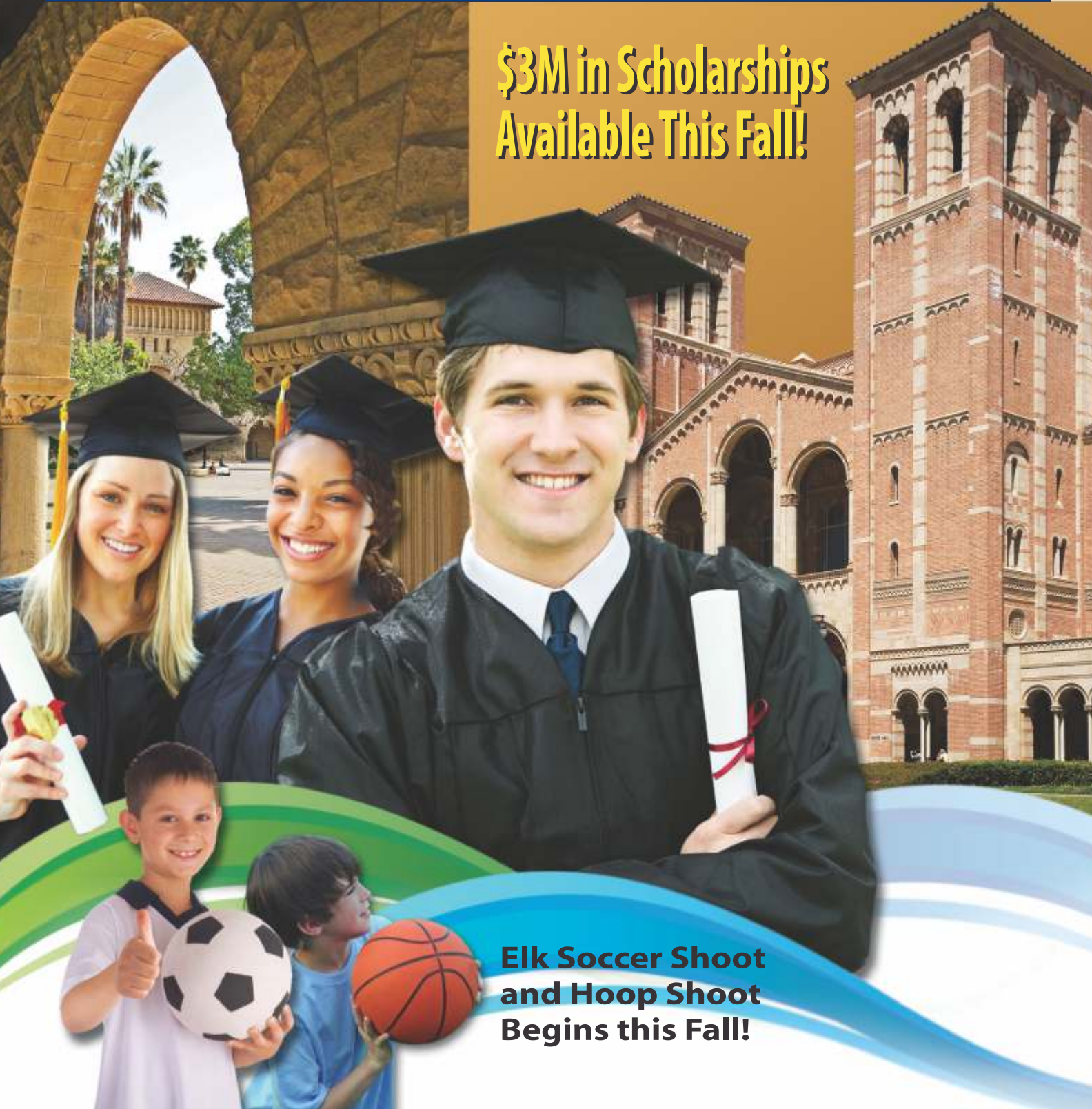
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**\$3M in Scholarships
Available This Fall!**



**Elk Soccer Shoot
and Hoop Shoot
Begins this Fall!**

Clovis Elks Lodge No. 2599 fireworks stand benefits charities

Each year, members of the Clovis Elks Lodge No. 2599 operate a fireworks stand which has now been established for 6 years at the same location. Many local customers support the Elks Lodge by returning year after year to purchase their fireworks. As part of the inducement for customers to continue to purchase fireworks from their stand, the Lodge has a drawing for an assortment of fireworks.

The fireworks stand generates between \$5,000 and \$9,000 in income to the Lodge each year. The profits are used to support several unique Clovis Elks Lodge Community Charities such as: Teacher's Day – to provide a no cost dinner to Clovis teachers; Thanksgiving Baskets – to give 200 baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving; to support the Lodge-sponsored Boy Scout Troop; to sponsor the Clovis Classic Basketball Tournament, and to support Elks Hoop Shoot.



PER Steve Sidebottom presents an assortment of fireworks to the drawing winner

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 member raised \$19,450 in "Relay for Life"

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 member Flo Donoghue recently received an award from the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" Chairwoman Christi Raway for her contributions to the "Relay for Life" Cancer Fund.

Flo has walked five miles in each of the past five years to raise money that she solicits from members of the Hemet Elks, the Colonial Country Club, where she lives, her church, her doctor, her dentist, her family and a few local merchants.

Altogether, Flo has received contributions from about 350 people. In her first year (2007), she raised \$650; in 2008, \$3,240; in 2009, \$3,760; in 2010, \$5,700, and \$6,100 in 2011. This is an impressive total of \$19,450!

Flo, who is now 84 years old, isn't sure if she will walk again next year. She says the walking is the easy part, but it takes a lot of time to do all of the collecting of monies.



L to R: Flo Donoghue, Christi Raway and Esquire Mike Wright

Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 honors the USMC on Flag Day

The Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 held its annual Flag Day ceremony. We had several Marines, who are all Wounded Warriors from either the Iraq or Afghanistan wars, present the different American flags during the ceremony.



Standing (L to R): CPL Young, SGT Goodpasture, ER Jon Brinegar, SGTMAJ Mark Ooughlin, LCPL Gillian and LCPL Sedillo
Seated (L to R): CPL Capo, CPL Cuong

Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 donates to Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge

The Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 donated \$1,000 to the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484's "Catch The Spirit Project for Veterans" during the North Central Vice President's visitation.

The Rancho Cordova Lodge's "Catch The Spirit" Project helps veterans in need and their families. The project is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt project. It provides provisions, motorized wheel-chairs, clothing, furniture and other needed items and assistance to veterans and/or active military personnel and their families throughout California.

For example, over 2,000 families of veterans, National Guard and Reserve troops were provided turkeys, food and beverages during the Holiday Season over the past four years. The Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge's "Catch The Spirit Project" welcomes tax deductible donations from any donor.



L to R: ER Garlyn Aday (Woodland Elks), ER Dave Ferguson (Rancho Cordova Elks)

President's Message

"Elks Live Aloha"

Aloha from your President and First Lady. Coleen and I have traveled around California, Nevada and Arizona spreading Aloha. We have witnessed firsthand the warm hospitality and Aloha our Elks Ohana (family) has in their hearts. We can testify that Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity are alive and well throughout our Association and Elksdom.



As we travel throughout California and Hawaii and visit the Lodges and Districts, we are encouraged by the active participation we encounter. I encourage you to participate in the activities that are happening in your Lodge and District. Your District Vice President has our agenda and schedule of events in your District as well as other Districts. We hope to see as many of you as possible along the way.

Our Mid-Term Conference in Riverside, California is coming up on November 4-5, 2011. I encourage all Elks to attend this conference and participate in the events. There is much to learn and I know you will enjoy not only the meetings but the friendship of other Elks.

The Grand Lodge Convention has now come and gone and, among other business items, the Future of Elksdom has been discussed and the issues have been voted on. While you may agree or disagree on some of the issues, they have been voted up or down by a majority of the delegates attending; let's embrace those that were voted up and move on. You can be assured that there will be more on this subject in the months ahead.

Teamwork is vital to our Ohana of Elks. As long as we have a strong team, the Elks will grow and prosper, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will remain strong. Many of our Elks have taken up the call to help the victims of Joplin Missouri and to date have raised thousands of dollars; this is truly "Elks Living Aloha."

This is only the beginning of our travels to Lodges and events. We look forward to meeting all of you on our visitations. Should we not see you before the New Year, Coleen and I, on behalf of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, would like to wish you and your Ohana a Joyous Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas (Mele Kalikimaka) and a Happy New Year.

Faternally,
Wayne Howard, President

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Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2797 assists local family

The young grandchildren of a member of the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2797 were diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder called hemophagocytic lymphocytosis. A bone marrow transplant is needed to cure this disorder and save their lives. The Lodge designed paper "purple pigs" that included a picture of the two children. Each pig is called a "Lavender of Love." The paper pig has a place for the name of a member who is donating money for these children. The pigs are put on one wall of the Lodge, and the wall is filling up fast! Additionally, Lodge members organized a bake sale and a dinner with proceeds going to the family of these children. Cindy Minich, Loyal Knight, and Melissa Caubet, "Elk of the Year" organized all the events.

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President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

September 9-11, 2011
Inland District

September 16-18, 2011
Bay District

October 3-7, 2011
CHEMPI Professional Institute
Bass Lake

October 7-9, 2011
East Central District

October 13-16, 2011
North District

October 21-23, 2011
Arizona Elks Association
Mid-Term Conference, Tempe, AZ

October 28-30, 2011
South Coast District

Catherine "Kitty" Tufford passed away

The Association Office was informed that Catherine "Kitty" Tufford, Chairman of the CHEA Board of Trustees and West Central District Leader, passed away Saturday morning, June 18, 2011. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, July 8, 2011 at the Monterey Elks Lodge, No. 1285.

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 honors law enforcement

On Wednesday, June 29th, Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 recognized local law enforcement for their good works in public safety. The CVPD Agent Steve Guthrie was recognized for his role in capturing the prolific Don Casters thieves and National City PD Agent Dan Nagle was recognized for his role in arresting a violent sexual predator. Along with being recognized as a CV Lodge "Officer of the Year," each Officer's department was given a \$100 donation to a charity of their choice. Agent Guthrie selected the CV Police Athletic League and Agent Nagle selected the Boys and Girls Club.

In addition, with monies received from an ENF Gratitude Grant, the Lodge presented the Chula Vista Police Foundation with a \$1,000 contribution to help towards the purchase, training, and care of a Police K9.

Lodge Activities

By Bob Ostini, CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Attention – Attention – Attention
Alerting all Lodge Webmasters

Does your Lodge have a web site independent of its virtual home page at www.elks.org? Have you notified the CHEA office that your Lodge has a Lodge web site? Is your Lodge's virtual home page at www.elks.org current?

If the answer is yes to these questions, your Lodge is well on its way to contending for CHEA's "Best Local Lodge Web Site" award in your membership division and is a prime candidate to be recognized as the Grand Lodge's Five-Star Local Elks Lodge Web Site.

Every California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodge Web Site that is registered with the CHEA Office will be visited randomly by members of the Lodge Activities and Public Relations Committees for judging during the month of September. The deadline for registering with the CHEA office in Fresno is September 30, 2011.

Web Sites will be judged based on the following criteria. Each area is valued at 1 – 20 points:

- Content: Is the Lodge information up to date?
- Design: Is the site attractive and easy to use?
- News: Are programs and events updated in a timely manner?
- Virtual Home Page: Is the Lodge's Grand Lodge Virtual Home Page up to date?
- Promotion: Is the domain name easy to remember and is the web address published on the Lodge's letterhead and business cards?

Attention Secretaries: Did you know that the Charity report on CLMS can be updated by event as well as daily or monthly as a "Pending Charitable Report"? Get a head start on completing this vital year end report by posting timely updates to your Lodge Charitable Report.

Lodge Activities are the pulse of your Lodge.

Live Aloha!

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 uses \$1,000 ENF Gratitude Grant

The Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 put a \$1,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to work helping their community. In conjunction with the Lodge's "Spaghetti Night" dinner on June 6, the Lodge ENF Chairman, Don Kammerer, presented \$500 worth of Grocery Outlet gift cards to Inez Whitlow of "Chicks in Crisis" and promised to deliver \$500 worth of baby supplies to her the next day.

Inez Whitlow, the founder and executive director of this Elk Grove based charity was extremely pleased to receive this aid from the Lodge. When Don delivered the baby supplies to Inez the next day, he commented "When I delivered the rest of the baby supplies the next morning, the volunteers were overjoyed. I never knew that diapers came in so many sizes and shapes!"



Don Kammerer and Inez Whitlow

CHEA PR Chairman receives award at Grand Lodge Convention

The Grand Lodge Area Seven "Golden Mike" award was presented to CHEA Public Relations Chairman Andy Costello. The award for "activity performance and effective programs leadership" is given to the outstanding Association PR Chairperson in each of the eight Grand Lodge Areas.

In accepting the award, Andy Costello (Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444) acknowledged the fine work and dedication of the CHEA District and Lodge PR Chairmen who made the award possible.



Grand Lodge PR Chairman Donald Jones presents the "Golden Mike" award to Andy Costello

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 BBQs for vets at new lodge building

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 held a BBQ for veterans from the VA Palo Alto Spinal Cord Injury ward, the Traumatic Brain Injury ward and the Blind Center. This was the first veterans BBQ to be held at the new Lodge building. The weather cooperated and the vets enjoyed eating outside while a member's Jazz band played. The Veterans Service Committee plus the Lodge officers, twenty in all, served the Veterans and their family. They served over one hundred meals.

The Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 observes Memorial Day

The Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 joined the American Legion Post 200 and VFW Post 1508 in observing Memorial Day at the Elsinore Valley Cemetery. Gary Welsh, Lodge Memorial Day and National Service Chairman, organized fellow Elks to take part in the service and joined Larry Ryan, Lodge Scouting Chairman, and his scouts in placing crosses and flags on the graves of deceased veterans. At the conclusion of the services, the Elks joined others at VFW Post 1508, next to the Lodge, for a buffet luncheon.

Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Once again, it is time for the B. P. O. Elks to offer assistance to those high school students who wish to further their education. The Elks National Foundation (ENF) offers the following scholarship and grant programs:

- Most Valuable Student scholarships,
- Legacy Awards, and
- Emergency Educational Grants.

The above three programs are offered at the national level through the ENF. In addition to those three programs, the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) also offers the following two programs:

- Vocational-Technical Scholarship Program, and
- The Students with Disabilities Grant.

The Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship program funds scholarships in varying amounts over a four year period to 500 students who will attend an accredited college or university. Two first place recipients, one male the other female, receive \$60,000 each; two second-place recipients receive \$40,000 each; two third-place recipients receive \$20,000 each; two fourth-place recipients receive \$16,000 each; two fifth-place recipients receive \$12,000 each; four sixth-place recipients receive \$10,000 each and four seventh-place recipients receive \$8,000 each. The 482 runners-up each receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The 2012 MVS scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. Applications will be available on September 1, 2011 at your local Elks Lodge, or they can be downloaded at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

The Legacy Award is a \$4,000 merit-based award (\$1,000 a year for four years) offered to high-school seniors who are children or grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing. Additional information and applications can be downloaded from the above web site.

The Emergency Educational Grants are offered to help the children of deceased or totally disabled Elk members. Emergency Educational Grants range up to \$4,000 for one year. More information can be obtained from the ENF website.

The Vocational Technical Grant is a program offered by CHEA. It is offered for one academic year, with an option to renew for an additional year. The grant amount is \$1,000 per year and can be used only for those programs that terminate in 2 years or less. It is open to applicants of any age who are U. S. citizens and meet the other criteria posted on the CHEA web site (www.chea-elks.org). A high school diploma or equivalent is not required.

The Under Graduate Scholarship for Students with Disabilities is another grant offered by CHEA. As stated in its name, it is for students who are U. S. citizens and who are afflicted by any form of disability as described in the application. More information can be found at www.chea-elks.org.

Through all of these educational grants, more than \$3,000,000 is awarded by the B. P. O. Elks each year to students pursuing a career through higher education. All of this has been made possible through the kindness and contributions of our many Elk members. Keep up the good work.

Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 donates to the community

On July 8, 2011 the Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 made a donation of \$1,000 to the Gardena Sister Association. This donation will help some of our Gardena youth attend Disneyland or Universal Studios with youth from Gardena's Sister City, Ichikawa, Japan. The Japanese youth will be visiting us from July 26th to August 2nd, 2011. They will tour Gardena, eat lunch in the park, visit the Grammy and Japanese American Museums, see Hollywood and do many other things during their time in Gardena.

The Lodge also received a \$1,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. The Gardena Elks gave the \$1,000 Gratitude Grant money to the Gardena Food Pantry to help provide food to the needy in our community.

Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 supports "Relay for Life"

The members of Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 joined together to support their local American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" fundraiser in two significant ways.

Prior to the Relay for Life event, the Lodge hosted the Cancer Survivor BBQ for the American Cancer Society. Chefs Blake Merryman, PER, and Greg Schomaker spent hours grilling a lunch for the survivors, their guests and the Lodge members in attendance. Additional Lodge members volunteered for the afternoon to serve the lunch, to tend the bar, and to help out wherever they were needed. Over 60 cancer survivors and 60 guests were treated to a delicious lunch.

In addition, PER Blake Merryman served as the Relay Team Captain. He signed up Lodge members who took turns walking during the 24 hours of the event, which was held on May 15 and 16. Over 30 Lodge members participated over the 24-hour period. The Elks also did a fine job fundraising for the event - turning in over \$1,200 to the American Cancer Society!



L to R: Blake Merryman, Chuck McCutchan, ER

Vacaville Elks Lodge No. 2638 joins "Relay for Life"

On June 25-26, 2011, several members of the Vacaville Elks Lodge No. 2638 participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" fundraiser. The Lodge is very proud that they were able to raise \$6,100 for the American Cancer Society.

The theme for the Lodge's relay team was "Be Sun-Sational" - with the motto "Sun Lovers: Wear a Hat, Use Sunscreen, Be Sun-Sational." To generate additional revenue from the event, the Lodge sold brightly decorated sun hats, "flower power" pens, cancer awareness bracelets and "Stop Cancer at the Door" engraved wooden door stops. The Lodge also provided mini cupcakes, free birthday cards and magnets for relay participants. For the event's Sunday morning breakfast, the Lodge provided 600 breakfast burritos that were prepared by a team of 12 Lodge members.

In other news, the Lodge provided Easter baskets, Mother's Day gift boxes with handmade roses and Father's Day gifts to seniors participating in the Area for Aging, Adult Day Care Center, Fairfield and Vacaville Senior Center programs. The Lodge also provided spaghetti sauce, rice, beans and pasta to the families who are caring for their senior family members.

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 promotes Elkdom to the community

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 participated in the 2011 Simi Valley Street Fair. The Fair Chairman, Ray Day, asked all visitors who stopped by the booth to make a donation to the Purple Pig and earn a chance to spin the Bingo wheel. Of course, it was a win-win chance for everyone who participated. The donations went to the Major Project and the wheel spinners won a variety of gifts: Elk pens, Elk Frisbees and even a month of free Bingo was offered to the big winners.

This year, the fair had approximately 18,000 visitors. The Simi Valley Elks distributed literature about the B.P.O. Elks and its charities, their upcoming Soccer Shoot, Car Show and Bingo program.



Dennis Wavra, Public Relations and Americanism Chairman, looks on while Ray Day encourages the visitors to keep the wheel spinning.

Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419 donates to the "Challenger Division"

The Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419 donated \$3,500 to help sponsor a soft ball tournament held at Saratoga Park in Montclair, CA. The proceeds went to benefit the Montclair Little League's "Challenger Division."

For those of you not familiar with the Challenger Division, it is for the handicapped kids that wouldn't normally be able to play Little League with the other kids. They get paired up with an able bodied child and for an hour and a half they play baseball like every other kid.

Over \$10,000 was raised that day. David Blakeney, Exalted Ruler, said "Our goal is to raise enough money so that no kid in the Challenger Division will have to pay to play."



L to R: David Blakeney, Steven May, Margie Conteras, Maria Hernandez

Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 donates a Flag to the city

For over 20 years, the Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 has been donating the American Flag that flies high above the City of Yreka. Exalted Ruler Pat Connelly presented a new American Flag to Mayor Rony McNeil, with an audience of about 15 Elks and 20 other citizens looking on. The city's Public Works department lowered the old American Flag, and then the Boy Scout Troop No. 57 and Troop Leader Gary Schumacher supervised the folding of the old Flag and then unfolding and raising of the new flag.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung. Later in the day, the Lodge held a welcome dinner for the Northern District Vice President, Lyle Sauget and PER Chris Sorenson spoke on the meaning of the American Flag to the dinner attendees.

In other news, the Lodge presented two scholarships to worthy high school students. Ben Rangel (Yreka High School) is in the top 100 graduating seniors of the class of 2011. He received the "Ed Miley Scholarship" award from Jim Milne at an award ceremony that was held at the Yreka Community Center. Ben plans to attend Chico State University. The ceremony was made more interesting due to a power failure – causing the entire event to be conducted in the dark! Luckily, flashlights and battery-powered speakers allowed the ceremony to be continued. Everything went much better for the graduating class of Discovery High School. Their outdoor ceremony was very well done and this year's scholarship winner, Megan Young, received the "Schuttpelz Scholarship" award. Megan plans to attend the College of the Siskiyous in the fall. Jim Milne presented the awards in place of ER Pat Connelly.



L to R: Omer Owens (Chaplain), Tim Wilhite, Steve Baker (Leading Knight), Jim Milne (Americanism Chairman), Rebecca Whitehead, Yreka Police Lt. D. Gayche (in the back), Lyle Sauget, Yreka Mayor Rony McNeil (in the back), Pat Connelly, and Chris Sorenson

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 celebrates Flag Day

On July 2, 2011, Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 hosted its annual Flag Day Ceremony. Approximately 85 people attended this event which started at 11:00 a.m. This solemn ceremony honors the history and honor of our Flag. It is mandatory for every Elk Lodge to celebrate Flag Day – and the Petaluma Lodge was proud to do so.

One attendee observed: "This was the first time that I have attended this ceremony and I can honestly say that I had many mixed feelings. As a teacher, the history of our Flag is unparalleled; as an Elk, it brings out the patriotism and love of country, as a mother, whose sons along with many of their friends were in the Armed Forces defending our freedoms, it reminds me that life is precious and liberty sometimes comes with sacrifices. Yet these proud men and women in our Armed Services give continually to serve our country, defend our country and keep our Nation safe."

Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



There are three great days in our life: YESTERDAY, TODAY, and TOMORROW. Upon these days depend or hang our entire history - our past, our present, and our future. These days speak to us of what we have been, what we are today, and what we are going to be tomorrow. The same holds true with our Order in terms of membership.

Yesterday: During 2010-2011, the 175 Lodges in our Association reported a decline of 1,854 members for a percentage loss of 2.1%.

Today: This day is the greatest and the most important one of the three days, because the future depends on today. The quarterly report ending June 30, 2011 indicates that, in the last three months, our membership is on the increase. With 177 Lodges reporting, we show an increase of 967 members for a percentage gain of 1.1%. I am happy to report that 16 districts show a membership gain and only 3 districts show a loss.

Tomorrow: It depends on what we do today. While we cannot foresee the future, nor envision our destiny, we can, however, take charge of our own actions and follow the "Plus One" program as outlined in the "2011-2012 Membership" brochure that is available from the Grand Lodge. This brochure was included in the packet provided to the Exalted Rulers, State Association Presidents and District Deputies at the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix.

One of the suggested programs for attaining the "Plus One" membership goal is to reinstate lost members. We can do this by promoting the 60-day window - which is the Reduced Fee Period. The Reduced Fee Period is defined in Grand Lodge Statute 14.180: "A lodge may, by its 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 the months of February, March, April and May." What a great way to get our lost members to come back and be part of "Elks Live Aloha" and, better yet, at a reduced reinstatement fee of only "one dollar" plus the normal annual dues amount. This is a great step toward the future.

If we are going to have a happy TOMORROW, we must act now and believe in Elkdom in order to save us from YESTERDAY. We must work as a team TODAY, for a better TOMORROW.

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

Elks Live Aloha!

Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 awards scholarships

The Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 presented three \$500 scholarships at the Paso Robles High School Senior Scholarship and Awards ceremonies for 2011. The scholarships were presented to Gustavo Vela, Andrea Vega, and Sara Mason for their outstanding committee involvement and academic achievements. Howard Wood, Exalted Ruler, presented the scholarship awards.

Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 earns kudos

The readers of "Alameda Magazine" selected the Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 as the "Best Civic Organization" in Alameda for 2011. The survey, which is held each Spring, asks readers to vote for their favorite professional services, restaurants, bars, food, service and civic organizations (as well as other categories). The announcement was made in the July/August 2011 issue.

Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 adopts USMC's Echo Company

On July 9, the Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 adopted Echo Company, 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion, 1st Marine Division, stationed at nearby Camp Pendleton. The Marines and their families were welcomed for lunch, games, and entertainment. An opportunity to join the Lodge was offered to those members of Echo Company who were eligible, with their first year's dues being paid for by the Lodge under the provisions of GLS 14.310. While Echo Company is deployed, the Lodge will send gift packages to them and maintain contact with the families who remain behind, offering them support, friendship and a place to gather. Approximately 100 Marines and family members were present along with nearly 50 Lodge members.

In other news, the Lodge recognized Flag Day with a patriotic and moving event. Senior citizens from assisted living facilities, mobile home parks, and retirement communities were invited to attend. In addition the event was advertised in newspapers and flyers. Over 200 guests were welcomed to the Lodge. The San Diego Marine Corps Brass Quintet and five piece horn section entertained with 45 minutes of stirring military and traditional Americana songs. An eight man Marine Honor Guard paraded the eight official flags that have been flown over America from 1775 beginning with the Pine Tree Flag to our present 50-Star Flag. A social hour followed with many of the guests remaining for the Tuesday night spaghetti dinner.



Tom Smith, ER, presents an engraved plaque to Lt. Ted Looney (Echo Company Commander) and Gunnery Sergeant Josh Utto (Echo Company Platoon Sergeant)

Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 celebrates Memorial Day and honors Scout Troop

The Quincy Elks Lodge No. 1884 was joined by members of the Plumas F & AM Lodge No. 60, the VFW Post No. 3825 and members of the Boy Scout Troop No. 151 in placing American Flags at the two Quincy cemeteries. On Memorial Day, the Boy Scouts from Troop No. 130 held a Flag Ceremony and a pancake breakfast at the Lodge. Following the breakfast, the Scouts joined members of the Lodge in attending the 6th Annual Plumas County Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Dame Shirley Park. The services were dedicated to Specialist Jeremiah P. McCleery, U.S. Army, 1st Cavalry Division, who perished on May 5, 2009 in Mosul, Iraq. Later that day, the flags were brought in by the same.

In other news, on Saturday May 28, 2011, Exalted Ruler Dave Saltel with Leading Knight Bill Lemar, and Trustee Al Smith presented the Elk's Eagle Scout award to Scout Jonathon Robbinette at the Fairgrounds. His project was the installation of a new flagpole at the Plumas-Sierra Fairgrounds entrance. The flagpole was dedicated to Bill Hopman, who was a former Scout Leader.

DRUG AWARENESS

By Tim Jaeger, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



I recently finished the Drug Awareness Training at the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix, AZ. WOW - was I impressed with what we have available. The Drug Awareness Program (DAP) is alive and well and is getting a renewed focus from Grand Lodge. There are some very good things that are already completed and more improvements are coming.

Look for more information from your District Chairpersons on a number of programs that your Lodge may already be participating in. Some highlights follow:

Drug Awareness Essay and Poster Contest: The theme is: "I Choose Not to Use." The CHEA deadline for both contest entries is January 10, 2012. The District deadlines will be set by each District Chair.

Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd through the 31st (I know that is 9 days, but they still call it a week). This is a great chance to get involved with your local schools and/or other service groups.

The Enrique Camarena Award nomination form is due to Grand Lodge by November 1, 2011 and the CHEA submission deadline is October 15, 2011. Remember that we do select a CHEA winner annually and two years ago we had a Grand Lodge national finalist from our Association. This is a great way to recognize someone in law enforcement for their efforts. Local and District winners can be honored as well. Nomination forms are posted on the Elks website.

Drug Awareness Literature: The first and most consistent message that we received at training was that what we have historically focused on for success (handing out literature) is not where our focus should be today. The Grand Lodge has entered into a number of partnerships with other groups and they are assisting with online and interactive information that is timelier and in line with the way the youth of today communicate. However, the pamphlets, coloring books and bookmarks, etc. are all still available for order. The order form is posted on the CHEA website. All orders must be sent to me as the CHEA Chairman. If you include an e-mail address, I can have an alert sent to you automatically when your order is processed.

Training for Parents and Grandparents: The most influential persons in a child's life are typically his or her parents. The Elks have developed educational materials for Parents that can assist them in reaching their children and spotting the danger signs of substance abuse earlier.

Here are a couple of links for some additional information: <http://www.chea-elks.org/drugawareness.html> and <http://www.elks.org/dap>.

Both of these websites are regularly updated and contain links to additional resources. It is up to you to make a difference in a child's life today.

Richard Hickey passed away

The Association Office was informed that Richard Hickey, Inland District Leader, passed away on July 18, 2011. A Memorial Service was held on July 31, 2011 at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913.

Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 honors "Wounded Warriors" and receives award

On Wednesday, June 22, the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 served dinner to approximately 65 American heroes at the Wounded Warrior Battalion West, Camp Pendleton. The Lodge was showing them how much we appreciate their service to America, to thank them, to recognize them for all that they've been through and for all that they are still enduring. There was a smile on every face as they enjoyed the meal and desserts. Our thanks go out to all of the veterans who have served our country, and made freedom possible for us!

The Lodge committee ("Hugs from Home - Elks No. 1561") consistently donates products to the Wounded Warriors, sends packages to our troops around the world, and supports the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla, CA. This committee is chaired by Sandee Murphy.

In recognition for the services that her committee provides for our veterans, Sandee was presented with a special award by SSGT Jennifer Kerr. The award reads: "Sandee Murphy a.k.a Mama Mia - with appreciation for all your dedication to our Marines and Sailors - from the Marines and staff of Wounded Warrior Battalion West 2011."

Sandee acknowledged the award, stating, "Without all the wonderful people who helped out with our function it would not have been the success it was! My thanks to all of you for making this possible. I simply represent all of you who so unselfishly give to our troops! This Award should go to all of you, so consider me as passing it on."



L to R: Sandee Murphy receives her award from SSgt. Jennifer Kerr

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 invited a WWII veteran to speak on Flag Day

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 invited retired Master Sergeant C. B. Ash to be their guest speaker for the Lodge's annual Flag Day celebration. Mr. Ash, 86 years old, is a 35-year USMC veteran and a recipient of two Bronze Stars. He was in WWII and the Korean War and planned to speak on his combat experience and discuss the symbolic importance of the raising of the American Flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima. Mr. Ash was in the USMC 4th Division at Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima and the occupation of Japan. He also served 18 months on the line in Korea as a Gunnery Sergeant and Platoon Leader. Other participants in the Flag Day ceremonies were: the American Legion Color Guard, Post 72 and 277; and St. Mary's Catholic Church Deacon Manuel Chavira who gave the invocation.

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*James M. Shanley	Oakland	1919-20
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*Dr. Robert G. Robb	Garden Grove	1978-79
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*Leland J. "Butch" Simas	Santa Maria	1981-82
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*Dr. Eugene P. Weigand, PGELK	Pasadena	1989-90
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William C. "Bill" Ijames, PGELK	Vista	1991-92
Richard E. Owen, PGELK	Santa Maria	1992-93
John A. Parker, PGT	Marysville	1993-94
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Timothy C. Martin, GELK	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
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Doug Larsen	Salinas	2003-04
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Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10
Hugh H. Scanlon	Glendale	2010-11
Thomas S. Brazier	Santa Cruz	Honorary
*Deceased		



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On the Web?

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

San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 recognizes essay contest winner

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 recently presented an award to an Americanism Essay Contest winner. Ruie Treptow, the Lodge's Americanism Chairperson, presented a \$150 savings bond to Mary Falck, an 8th grade student at the Aliso Viejo Middle School. Mary's essay placed second in the Division 2 CHEA Americanism Essay Contest. Mary received her award from Ruie Treptow at the Aliso Viejo Middle School awards ceremony.

Piggy Bank

By Bill Williford, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



This Piggy Bank year is off to a running start, and please don't let up! As reported in the July/August issue of The California-Hawaii Elk magazine, your donations topped the \$3 million mark again last year. In fact, it was a little better than the year before! You know we need to make that a habit, right? It costs \$4.5 million each year to administer the Major Project program so that needy children can walk, talk, see and play. The more we donate as members, the

less has to come out of the reserves and interest that is set aside to run the program.

When our Major Project was started 61 years ago, the cost to administer 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 we support today.

One plank of my platform for this year is the "52 Club." If each member of CHEA would commit to \$1 per week we could easily raise over four million dollars annually. I offer my thanks to PER Josh Hachadourian (San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 3) for being my first Piggy Bank donor - stepping up to do so during the Vice Presidents orientation session at the recent annual CHEA convention.

Another plank is the recurring donation program. You choose a comfortable amount to have automatically deducted from your bank account or charged to your major credit card each month. Find out how to sign up on the CHEA web site (www.chea-elks.org) under the "Donate Now" button on the left side of the home page.

Are you using goodsearch.com (www.goodsearch.com) for your internet searches and for shopping? Goodsearch donates money for each search and purchase - it's an easy way to donate and it demonstrates that multi-tasking works!

Are you saving the "Boxtops for Education" labels from your household product purchases? These coupons are used to purchase equipment for our therapists to use with the children. More information on this program can be found at <http://www.chea-elks.org/BoxTops4Education.pdf>.

Have you gone online and read the articles from parents of our children? Have you checked out the "Where Are They Now" section? These are informative areas to read on the CHEA web site - just click on the "Major Project" link on the left side of the home page.

Please do some or all of these things to help our cause - and, as always, continue to bring in your full piggy banks.

Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 has a distinguished guest for Flag Day

On Tuesday, June 14, 2011, the Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 felt privileged to welcome Brigadier General (retired) Kenneth B. Ross as their guest speaker. The Glendale Boy Scout Troup 218 presented the Flag as General Ross narrated the history. He pointed out the fact that the American Flag has carried the message of freedom and inspired Americans and millions of others around the world. General Ross explained that the 13 horizontal stripes represent the original 13 colonies, while the 50 stars represent the 50 states of the Union. He said that the colors of the Flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white signifies purity and innocence; and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. By displaying the Flag, we show our respect for the Flag and express our gratitude to those individuals who have fought, and continue to fight for our freedom at home and abroad.

Matt Kearn, Lecturing Knight, commented that when a new member is given a flag at their initiation ceremony, it has a special significance and shows the patriotism of the Elks organization.

Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 entered Livermore Rodeo Parade

Shelby Ohlhauser, 6 year old daughter of Trustee Darrin Ohlhauser and Leading Knight Nita Ohlhauser, rode her horse "Weekend" to represent Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 in the Livermore Rodeo Parade on June 11, 2011. Shelby wore red, white and blue with a caption on her back that read "Elks for Vets." The parade theme this year was "Honoring our Veterans." Nita walked along side Shelby and passed out American flags to the spectators as a gift from the Lodge. Shelby proudly took a first place trophy, and made one-on-one visits with local veterans from the Livermore Veterans Hospital who could not make it to the parade. It was a great way to honor our veterans.

In other news, the members serve lunch at the Lodge to the veterans from the Livermore Veterans Hospital on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 at the Lodge. The Lodge also participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event in Livermore. The Lodge's team raised over \$4,000. The team members were: Jacob Reid (PER) and his wife Shara; Darrin Ohlhauser (Trustee) and his wife Nita Ohlhauser (Leading Knight); Andy McCarthy (Chaplain) and her husband, Phil; Cindy Kennedy (Exalted Ruler) and her husband, Tim; Jim Hooks and his wife Rae; Marylyn Elwood, and non-members Keri Swanger and Lori Hansen. The team walked and ran for the entire 24 hours, Go Elks! The entire event generated over \$205,000!



Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 presents Wally Dietrich Scholarships

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 recently held its 30th annual Wally Dietrich Scholarship Awards. These scholarships are presented to intermediate high school athletes who have excelled in their chosen sports. These athletes are selected from schools in the Santa Ana, Tustin and local areas.

The major recipients were Amber Freeman of Mater Dei High School and Colin Weiman of Foothill High School. Each had maintained a 4.0 point grade average in their studies and they were "All League" in their respective softball and baseball leagues. Each received a \$250 award. An additional 150 boys and girls were recognized as the MVP in all sports offered by their schools from the 15 Intermediate Schools in the Santa Ana and Tustin School Districts. Each received a plaque to commemorate their MVP selection.

The Wally Dietrich Scholarship was established in honor of PER Wally Dietrich. He was a noted baseball player at Santa Ana High School. The guest speaker was Dr. James Staunton, the Commissioner of Athletics of the CIF Southern Section. Also attending were Dawn Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, S.A.U.S.D. and Ray Chacon, Coordinator of Student Services at T.U.S.D.

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



“THERE AIN'T NO SILVER BULLET”

We often hear suggestions and ideas about “extraordinary measures” to better publicize Elksdom and the good works associated with the Order (“extraordinary measures” meaning additional to, and going beyond, the ordinary or established scope of something...measures that are uncommon, exceptional, or unusual).

“We're thinking about renting a blimp with flashing lights announcing our latest acts of benevolence.” Or: “We should hire a TV celebrity, like a talking parrot, to sing the praises of our great Order.” Okay, maybe we don't hear those two very often, but we do hear some off-the-wall ideas that leave us wondering why we don't take a closer look at the great tools and techniques for getting publicity that are now available.

Is it a bad idea to be looking for new and better ways to improve something? Of course not, but should we spend our time and efforts searching out extraordinary methods when we could be taking advantage of the “not so extraordinary but quite productive” techniques already available to us and being used by successful Lodges throughout the nation?

Here are three simple questions we can ask ourselves if we are serious about improving our Lodge's image, increasing membership and promoting Lodge activities through good publicity:

1. Does our Lodge have an active, dedicated Public Relations Chairperson?
2. Are we assisting our PR Chairperson in generating articles for the media?
3. Are we using the online newspapers?

If the answer to the first question is “NO”, we can stop right there. We might better spend our time and effort in finding or developing that single person (or persons) in our Lodge who is willing to give some time and effort to the job of PR. He or she is in every Lodge. We just need to find him/her.

How about the second question? Was the answer “no”? Then we are probably waiting for some wonderful and caring reporter to search out some of the good things we are doing and write a glowing feature article about us. We all know the chances of that happening! Publicity is everyone's responsibility. We all need to be PROACTIVE by submitting news, photos and articles to our Lodge Public Relations Chairperson.

Finally, if we are not using the online newspapers, then we are missing the best thing to come along since sliced bread. The internet and its online papers are where it's happening today. Articles are being published within hours of being submitted. The online papers are hungry for just the kind of “people news” we can give them. Go to an online paper. You will find articles from the Lions Club, the VFW, the American Legion, etc. You might ask “WHY NOT THE ELKS”? You might also wonder about the people who are reading those online papers. The answer is they are the young active adults who are ideal candidates for becoming members of our Order. They are the local family men and women who are interested in their community and the people who are their neighbors. They are the best readers we could target in publicizing our Order. There are also residual benefits of being published in the online papers. The hard copy papers often pick up and publish stories that originate in online papers.

It boils down to the fact that we can always look for better ways to accomplish our goals. However, we should remember that searching for that silver bullet can be a waste of precious time if we have not even tried the techniques and used the tools now available to us. It is not surprising that extraordinary new ideas and great techniques often come from people who have already taken advantage of the ordinary means available to them. “It is only when we understand and appreciate the techniques we now have, that we are able to use that knowledge as a platform to search for ways to improve upon those techniques.” If you or your Lodge needs help with your Public Relations program, contact your District Public Relations Chairperson or me for the latest information and assistance.

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 holds “Public Safety Day Field Trip”

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 held its 10th annual Public Safety Day Field Trip. Approximately 1,000 children and adults participated. The children were bussed in from many of the schools in Butte County.

This free event featured booths where the children could learn more about drug awareness, fire safety and public safety careers - such as telecommunications professionals, or being a fireman, a policeman or even a paramedic. There were demonstrations that included a bomb squad robot and an arson dog exercise.

The children had an opportunity to meet the policemen and firemen in a friendly setting. Hopefully, they will be less afraid if they are ever in an emergency situation and are approached by one of these emergency workers.

They also were given the opportunity to learn how to make 9-1-1 calls. The Fire Department had their Fire Safe House set up for the children to learn how to exit their home in case of a fire. The California Highway Patrol brought in their helicopter and there were many other public safety displays by various Public Safety agencies from throughout Butte County.



4th and 5th grade children learn about the dangers of drugs

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 supports “Adopt-A-Child”

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 recently donated \$500 to the Lodi “Adopt-A-Child” Foundation. It began in 1989 to fill an obvious need in the community. While he was Charter President of the Lodi Police Officers' Association, Dennis Lewis formed a small committee to give Christmas to 30 children whom he and other Officers found in need of a little help for Christmas that year.

In the 22 years since its inception, the work of “Adopt-a-Child” has expanded dramatically, providing support to 1,184 children last Christmas. Moreover, in recent years, they have also established a program to provide school clothes, supporting about 200 children last year. Working with a clothing manufacturer, the “Adopt-A-Child” Foundation President, Jerry Glenn, said that they expect to help about 400 children at the beginning of the upcoming school year. In addition, throughout the year, they meet specific needs, such as providing shoes to children who are identified by the local schools.

The Lodge recognizes the value of the Adopt-a-Child Foundation's contributions to the community and has become a regular supporter of their program. The \$500 Elks donation will be used to help fund the Foundation's clothing support program.

Elks National Foundation

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA ENF Chairman



Well folks - there I was sitting in a meeting room at the Convention Center in Phoenix waiting for the first of three Elks National Foundation (ENF) seminars that I planned to attend. The first seminar was "How to Raise Your Recognition Level in Your Community" - sounds interesting right - something we all want to do? They blew me away!

I mentioned the Promise and Gratitude Grants in my last article - these have been in place for a few years and are becoming more popular and well known. Now, these programs are new and improved and applications became available on July 1st. Your Lodge Secretary applies on-line through CLMS.

The Promise Grant is available to the first 500 Lodges that apply and who promise to hold an event for the Youth of their community. By Grand Lodge Convention time, 300 Promise Grants were already snapped up. If you haven't applied yet, please do so. There may still be some Promise Grants available, but, even if they are all taken, the ENF Office always has a waiting list in case a Lodge that was approved doesn't hold their event.

The Gratitude Grant is available to a Lodge when it reaches the Grand Exalted Ruler's per-capita goal of \$4.50 per member. Send your ENF donation money in to the ENF office as soon as possible - you can apply for a Gratitude Grant as soon as your Lodge reaches the \$4.50 per-capita threshold. These Gratitude Grants are worth up to \$2,000 - you can help your community a lot with that kind of financial assistance.

The Impact Grant - check it out on-line for the qualification rules and the application paperwork. Here is where they REALLY got my attention. I don't know about you but I always think of the ELKS as "helping their community" or "giving to their community," with the community defining how we can help them. However, when a Lodge wants to use an Impact Grant, the Lodge takes the lead. It works with the community to define, design and develop the project. Let's refocus the direction of our thoughts. Interact, Engage, and Work with your community to utilize the Impact Grant. Ask City Officials or Service Clubs what they need that you could help with. Make up a task force of your members and the community members that brought that need to your attention to create an event or opportunity to meet that need. Complete and submit your paperwork to the ENF for approval and funding.

Some examples I know or heard about: a grant to a Youth Symphony Orchestra; a grant to combine Food Banks in 3 small communities and get them working together to cover their areas in a more efficient manner; a grant to help Wounded Warriors with therapeutic horseback riding. Are you getting the idea? Working with the members of the community to assess and fill a need would definitely raise your recognition level in the community - and I'll bet that you get a few new members from the experience also.

There is one more Grant that is not very well known - The Lodge Assistance Grant. The ENF will work with your local businesses and with your Lodge to help you get grants from those local businesses for your Lodge to use in your community.

Check on line at www.elks.org/enf to see what else the ENF has going to help your community and your state. Click on "ENF Programs" for a list of their available programs. The Grants are covered under the title "Community Investment."

Each year, the ENF gives money back to CHEA. The amount is determined by the donation that CHEA members gave to the ENF in the prior year. In 2010-2011, CHEA received back \$2.135 for each dollar we gave to the ENF in 2009-2010. That is the best monetary return going these days.

Let's use these ENF resources to help our communities. We must let our business neighbors know that the Elks will partner with them to help our communities.

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 takes veterans to ballgame

On Sunday, June 26, 2011, several members of the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 went to watch the Giants and Indians play baseball in San Francisco. As part of the trip, they invited five veterans from the Veteran's Transition Center in Marina, CA to join them at no cost. The bus ride included refreshments.

Because of the generosity of Elk members who had attended the previous Lodge meeting, the veterans were given approximately sixty dollars each to buy dinner and souvenirs. Along with the veterans, six Alisal High School students and their chaperone enjoyed the trip and watched the Giants win.

In other news, the Lodge provided 341 dictionaries to the third grade classes of the Santa Rita School District in Salinas. This is a great community program! We encourage all Elks Lodges to participate. As encouragement we offer the following letter from third grader, Ana Sharit Santara Rangel. It was difficult to select just one letter from Ms. Buss's class as all of the letters were wonderful to read. All of them thanked us and promised to use the dictionary. One student said "I will use it until I am old"! I don't think Jackie meant "Elks Lodge Old"! However, the students will get several years' use out of their dictionaries.

Here is the letter from Ana: "Thank you for the dictionary. I did what you told us to do. We looked for the words fidelity, charity, and justice. I am really excited because I got a new dictionary. I really like it. I put my name on the first page of the dictionary. I love reading. Reading is fun. I wish you can come back some day. Everybody was using their dictionary. It is the best dictionary for us. Thank you so, so, so much."



The event chairman; Charlie Frost, PER with the veterans, Dan Lightfoot, Tammi and Dean Tyler, Robert Bogess, and Jeremy Agbayani

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 raises funds for dictionaries

During the past 6 years, Ray Pompey, the Lodge Dictionary Program Chairman, and Co-Chairman Jerry Mundell have chaired "Monday Noodle Nights" and a semi-annual Dictionary Fund Raiser event. The purpose of these events is to raise enough revenue to purchase dictionaries for all the third grade elementary school students in the Antelope Valley and outlying area.

Without the participation of our Lodge members, their wives and guests, this program would not be successful. To date, over 22,000 dictionaries have been purchased and personally delivered to all of those third grade students.

The look of joy on their faces was really something when they were told that the dictionary was theirs to keep. Ray's goal for the coming school year is to distribute 6,000 dictionaries.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus \$10,000 Silver Pig Level Donors (as of August 5, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Marilyn M. Facha	6	Mark Chrisco	423	Dr. Roger Terry	1328	Oren Richardson	1613
Carolyn Miller	266	Hildegard Grill	1285	Maxine Elin	1567		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus \$5,000 Bronze Pig Level Donors (as of August 5, 2011)

Donor	Lodge
Donald "Don" Checchi	906

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus \$2,000 Purple Pig Level Donors (as of August 5, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
William "Bill" Darr	3	Dick Hill	1289	Ira Cohen	1740	Bob Brennan	2190
Donald M. Puliz	6	Ken Lewis	1289	Sharon Dearborn	1767	Charles & Carol Jacobs	2248
Pat Gandolfi	168	Edward C. Morris	1289	Karen Pence	1786	George Kinkade	2358
Doti Gore	168	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	George Waters	1786	Linda Deuel	2393
Gary J. Marinelli	168	Jerry Stephens	1289	Edward Johnson	1811	Don Elholm	2419
Chuck Nolan	168	Don Vincent	1289	John Holthaus	1812	Michael R. Maynard	2419
Milton Grau	322	Hildegard Bolinder	1298	Nancy Kulinski	1812	Steve Rice	2419
Jack Geiger	439	Henry J. Monroy, Jr.	1325	Don Sauter	1812	Richard Goldner	2477
Helen Montanye	439	Albert D. Fredrickson	1328	Hazel Claire Jacobsen	1905	Neil Bodine	2484
Richard L. "Dick" Alves	522	Robert Santos	1328	Ron Chaffin	1918	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2484
Alfred J. Mestressat	522	Ed Bisson	1378	Haskell Dean Clark	1918	Francene R. Taylor	2510
Harvey Craig	614	Judy Larence	1378	James S. Mason	1919	Mark Henderson	2577
Elmer Lanini	614	Joyce Taylor	1378	William C. Ijames	1968	Robert Ring	2577
Luther Vaden	614	Jim Farrand	1419	Seymour "Mike" Weiss	1968	Herman DeJong	2591
Ronald T. Mizuno	616	Ken Smith	1419	Debbie Hosted	2011	Larry Hannon	2591
Troy Combs	652	Dr. Ronald Stillman	1420	Joan Hoffman	2020	Mike Parsons	2599
Michael McAlpine	672	James E. Rentschler	1427	Herman Bruce Froelich	2031	Dick Caywood	2626
Jerry Rucker	836	Anthony J. Mauro	1436	Manny Rodriguez	2045	Charles R. White	2697
Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	John M. Behne	1443	James A. Vecchio	2095	Karen Beard	2698
Stan Felipe	1259	Fred H. Hewins	1474	Janyce Otis	2098	Joe D. Coulter	2733
Mary Ann Wood	1282	Sara Wetherbee	1497	John Taylor	2098	Frank D. Platz	2733
Verita S. Brazier	1285	Joe Cenoz	1538	Lawrence L. Stitt	2103	Robert H. Herrera	2801
Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall	1285	Steven Mayne, Sr.	1567	William G. Williford	2103	Kenneth "Ken" Nordstrom	2801
C. Scott Milne, Jr.	1285	Sally Clemmer	1608	Charles Grant	2121	Robert Walker	2801
Sydney L. Tabler	1285	Adela Owensby	1608	Ian Lanouette	2121		
Howard Tsuchiya	1285	Ture Roslund	1712	Robert A. Pollock	2121		
Sterrett Harper	1289	Frank Almazan	1740	E.F. "Gene" Pendergast	2134		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (May 21, 2011 through July 20, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jack W. Enlow	6	Philip Quast	1567	Sylvia Warnes	2091	Lloyd Clough	2801
Carlos Mariscal	614	Sally Clemmer (3)	1608	Patty Trask	2389	Kenneth "Ken" Nordstrom	2801
Sally Emerson	1427	Al Frank	1786	Russell Hamilton, Sr.	2591	Vicki Puterbaugh	2801
George W. Jaquette	1471	David Skelton	1952	Carolyn S. Ksiazky	2697	Robert Walker	2801
Robert Annett	1567	Kathleen Murray	2013	Barbara J. Spezia	2697		
Arthur Gillespie	1567	Tommy Bullard	2031	Bernard A. Timm	2697		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (May 21, 2011 through July 20, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Bill Darr	3	Blanca Martinez	614	Thomas Mathers	901	Wiley Fain	1328
Mengo Darr	3	Mary Jane Rogers	614	John Phillips	901	Al Fredrickson (3)	1328
Ronald Brusato	6	Bruce Wissler	614	Debbie Smith (2)	901	Ralph Garcia	1328
Roy Bushey	6	Wayne Bennett	616	Raymond Volker	901	Gordon Johnson	1328
Kelly Byam	6	Ann Brazier	616	Jeanne Atno	1112	Mick Mistretta	1328
Encore Group	6	Rodney Chang	616	Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Nancy Monreal	1328
Jack Enlow	6	Pearl Miyasaki	616	Richard Carstens (3)	1250	Vern Valenzuela	1328
Ricardo Granados	6	Gladys Oshiro	616	Liz Avila	1259	Lewis Wilson	1328
Clifford Haskell	6	Mary Spencer	616	Mary Ann Wood (5)	1282	Ruth Wilson	1328
Kenneth Horst	6	Leon Karjola	652	Charles King	1285	Alvin Aiken (3)	1378
Michael Johnson	6	Jim Olson	652	Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Jim Taylor	1378
Geraldine King	6	Roy Newman	783	Dean Kiel	1289	Gene Baxter	1419
Jerry Landreth-Brusato	6	John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker	783	Karen Kiel	1289	John Adams	1427
Anton Leneis	6	Kathy Vrablick	783	Ken Lewis	1289	Azusa Emblem Club No. 321	1427
Lawrence Rotharmel	6	Tim Zeka	783	Eileen Moore	1289	Delbert Crandall	1427
Lona Taggart	6	Marlem Mason	794	Dale Scanlon	1289	Gerald Delker	1427
Amy Tanaka	6	Ed & Pat Repic	794	Hugh Scanlon	1289	Duarte Emblem Club No. 71	1427
Flo Gandolfi	168	Brian Yeandle	794	Norman Berry	1298	Sally Emerson	1427
Ray Mish	266	David Zeller	824	Julie Burger	1298	Donna Leiby	1427
Jeremiah Bright	322	Barbara Forney (2)	836	Lonnie Butterfield	1298	John McEntire	1427
Milt Grau	322	Jerry Rucker	836	Howard Caudill	1298	Jackie Orvez	1427
Susan Good	439	Faygie Colton	888	Paul Gorley	1298	Al Parcelli	1427
Peter McMullen	559	Jon Coster	888	Jon Greeson	1298	Pomona Elks Bowlers	1427
Mike Petlow	613	Betty Woodson	888	Rusty Nelson	1298	Jim Rentschler	1427
Robert Spinner	613	Dennis Woodson	888	Steven & Debbie Gravink	1299		
Earl Fiscalini	614	Bryan Jamar	901	Marty Mello	1299		

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (Continued from Page 14)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Joseph Schrettnr	1740	Joe Jordan	2045	Joe Ramos	2591
Michael Rentschler	1427	Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767	Diane Keller	2045	Vern Ungerecht	2616
Nancy Rentschler	1427	George Bailey	1786	Frank Keller	2045	David Minnich	2669
Bob Bagwell	1474	Neoma Bailey	1786	William Shaw	2045	John Bender	2697
Fred Hewins	1474	Al Frank	1786	Dale Wilson	2045	Jolee Burdette	2697
Bryan Feldpouch	1538	Bernice Hiller	1786	Sherri Dunlap	2050	Kenneth Estee	2697
Reg Ginter	1538	Ed Owens	1786	Robert George (5)	2068	Dale King	2697
Dale Flummerfelt	1539	Dick Pence	1786	Jeff Simmons (3)	2068	Carolyn Ksiazek	2697
Greg Koester	1561	Frank Reimann	1786	Sylvia Warnes (13)	2091	Dean Phelps	2697
Sandy Koester	1561	Ron Vickery	1786	Geraldine Endicott	2095	Judy Smith	2697
Arnold Agbayani	1567	Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786	1786	Richard Haugen	2095	Richard Smith	2697
Bob Annett	1567	Willows Elks Ladies Auxiliary (3)	1786	Ed & Beverly Jahr	2095	Barbara Spezia	2697
Bonnie Annett	1567	Joel Wright	1786	Jim Rutherford (2)	2095	Jimmie Spezia	2697
Frank Bonura	1567	Ron Hirzel	1787	Bob Leinkram	2121	Bernard Timm	2697
David Coffman	1567	Black Bear Diner (2)	1811	John Shaffer	2121	Joan Timm	2697
Christopher Crowe	1567	William Hyde	1812	Jolene Smith	2121	Christy Williams (3)	2697
Rosemary Dix	1567	James Payne	1839	Larry Smith	2121	Dick Williams (2)	2697
Tony Giancola	1567	Cyril Barry Barrett	1905	Steve Gollob	2128	Mark Williams	2697
Art Gillespie	1567	Norma Jean Clark	1905	Terrence Hunt (3)	2134	Carl Winget	2697
Ermina Jacobsen	1567	Eugene Mitchell, Jr.	1905	Gene & Leila Pendergast	2134	Sherry Hibdon	2724
Ted Moore	1567	Bob Duitsman	1917	Richard Law	2248	Wayne Klinger	2724
Robert Owen	1567	Clarence Bonn	1919	Kris McKim	2248	Greg Mueller	2724
Benjamin Pappani	1567	James Butler	1919	Gerald Davis	2274	Bryan Anderson	2733
Willis Parrish	1567	May Cambra	1919	Janet Gurley	2274	Joe Coulter	2733
Phillip Quast	1567	Stanley De Foe	1919	Norma Luck	2314	Kathy Rogers	2790
Armand Trumpf	1567	Carlos Lifosjoe	1919	Tom Beaumont (2)	2358	Marti Barraza	2801
Donald Vanni	1567	Jolly Martin	1919	Christine Moyers (2)	2364	Opal Bendikson	2801
Gene Chambers	1608	James S. Mason	1919	Patricia Trask (2)	2389	Ken Bodenhofer	2801
Patsy Chambers	1608	Sharon Mason	1919	Mike McGinnis	2393	Marilyn Clark	2801
Oren's Sparks (2)	1625	Leila "Lee" Myers	1919	Stan Phillips, Sr.	2393	Lloyd Clough	2801
Albert Isaacson	1643	John Sutton	1919	Harvey Boelts	2444	Barbara Conner	2801
Richard Garcia	1691	Lynnie Tabata	1919	Bob Brotherton (3)	2484	Diane Farrens	2801
Dick Henderson	1712	George Weber	1919	Patricia Breault	2504	Robert Farrens	2801
Ed Nelson	1712	David Skelton (3)	1952	Michael Leon	2504	Laurie Gonzalez	2801
Ture Roslund (2)	1712	Tom Lemm	1959	Wallace Lewis	2504	Paul Gonzalez	2801
Darel Walker (4)	1712	Tom Smith	1968	Richard Barcellos	2510	Ken Hauer	2801
Frank Almazan	1740	Daisy Roberts	1980	Paul Kassel	2543	Emil Iwanski	2801
Frank & Janice Almazan	1740	Dwight Roberts	1980	Phil Morrison	2577	Linda Johnson	2801
Ira Cohen (5)	1740	Jack Gordon (5)	1993	Jean Babinski	2591	Betty Loomis	2801
William & Nancy Cook	1740	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Robert Becker, III	2591	Ron Loomis	2801
Dattilo Ristorante Italiano, Inc. (3)	1740	Richard Fisher (2)	2025	James Flatley	2591	Keith Meyer	2801
Cecil Fleming	1740	Steve Marada	2026	Manuel Gomez	2591	Ken Nordstrom (2)	2801
Walt Hampton	1740	Paradise PER Association	2026	Margaret Hamblin	2591	Vicki Puterbaugh	2801
Jack & Cher Lintz	1740	Jay Smith	2026	Russell Hamilton, Sr. (6)	2591	Peter Recatto	2801
Joseph Pawlawski	1740	Tracy Lodge No. 2031	2031	Lesa Hamilton (4)	2591	Angela Stevanus	2801
John Purdy	1740	Tommy Bullard (4)	2031	Larry Hannon	2591	Gail Stevanus	2801
Lee Purdy	1740	Derrol Hammer	2031	Rhett Jiles	2591	Jerry Throckmorton	2801
Vi Roberts	1740	Robert Calsing	2045	Lake Elsinore Elks Ladies (4)	2591	Robert Walker (2)	2801
Terry Rogers	1740	Gilbert Jones	2045	Virginia Mulhern	2591		

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 holds blood drive

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 held a blood drive in July. Forty pints of blood were donated and some would-be donors were turned away due to time constraints. Each donor received ice cream gift certificates.

In other news, Lodge members donated and cooked 500 hot dogs for Brownie Olympics held at Cal Lutheran University.

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honors students

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honored local students with scholarship awards at their recent youth awards night. For outstanding academic achievement, and community service, each student received a \$700 award from the Lodge.

Emelyn Erickson submitted a Most Valuable Student Scholarship application and qualified to receive a scholarship worth \$8,000. The Elks community, their families and friends congratulate them as our future leaders.

Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 donates to "T.L.C."

The Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 held a "Cutest Dog in Elkdom" contest to help raise money for Tender Loving Critters, a non profit animal rescue organization in Banning, California. The winners each received gift certificates from a local pet store.

First place went to "Addie" owned by Sheila Brubaker and Victoria Hatch. Second place went to "Sam Bailey" owned by Dorothy Bailey and third place went to "Sweetpea" owned by John and Lydia Vanderelst.

The Tender Loving Critters animal rescue organization (aka "T.L.C.") provides foster homes for the "critters" until permanent adoptive homes can be found.

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 welcomes home war vets

Recently, 13 members of the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 prepared, BBQ'd and served 201 delicious tri-tip lunches at the Camp San Luis Army National Guard NCO Club. This luncheon welcomed back the 224th Sustainment Brigade from Iraq and was a way to thank all of the soldiers that are stationed at Camp San Luis for their service to our country. The BBQ was a huge success and really appreciated.

Lapsation

By Richard Rueda, CHEA Lapsation Chairman



The first three months are in the books. The lapsation rate for all 19 districts combined is at 13 percent. We have three districts with good percentage rates for the first three months: the North Central (6.2%), Central (8%) and the Bay district (9%) are all reporting under a ten percent lapsation rate.

On the other end of the spectrum, we have one district at 20%, another at 18%, and still another at 16%. The remaining districts are reporting lapsation rates that

range from 10% to 15%.

We still have an issue with some districts retaining delinquent members on their membership rolls for as long as 18 months. There are 100 members that should have been dropped after one year. I will contact those District Chairmen and see what can be done to assist them with this problem. Perhaps some Lodges don't understand the impact that this can have on their operating expenses and need some assistance in addressing the problem.

I do feel that many Lodge Lapsation Chairmen are doing a good job this year. My goal is for all of the Lodges in the Association to be under 10% at the end of six (6) months. I appreciate all the help that the District and Lodge Lapsation Chairmen can give in assisting them to reach this goal.

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donates to young burn victim

Members of the Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740's Golf Club raised \$450 to help a young burn victim. On Sunday, April 17th, 6-year-old Seth Richardson was severely burned while flying a kite in Huntington Beach. Seth fell backwards into a fire pit while running with the kite.

He was airlifted to the University of California, Irvine Medical Center burn unit where he underwent treatment. Seth has since been released from the hospital, but must travel from Hemet to Irvine two days a week for therapy.

Jason Richardson, Seth's father, says that his son is doing well and is anxious to get back to racing BMX bicycles and playing golf with "Grandfathers for Golf."

In other news, members of the Lodge and Auxiliary delivered hand-made Father's Day cards and baseball caps to 85 fathers in four different convalescent homes in Hemet. Many of the residents never receive visitors and their smiles indicated how much they appreciated the gifts. The Lodge treated police and firefighters to a 4th of July hamburger bash. PER Ray Karlin provided the entertainment to approximately 300 attendees.



L to R: Trustee Jerry Reeves presents the check to Jason Richardson

Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 honors veterans

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 recently held a "Red, White & Blue Dinner Dance" to honor several active and retired members of America's military services. Members of the American Legion Escondido Post No. 149, under the direction of Chuck Faupel, kicked off the event by performing an impressive posting of the Colors. Lodge member Vera Colburn sang "America the Beautiful" which was then followed by all joining in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Among the participants were USMC SSgt. Willie Brandon and USMC Sgt. Hogan Wambler and their families. PER Tom Kleindolph (US Army, Retired) from the Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543 joined Joe Biggers (Lt. Col., USMC, Retired), who is the Exalted Ruler of the Poway Elks Lodge. PER Kleindolph is a Vietnam Veteran who survived after being shot down behind enemy lines. ER Biggers was deployed for two tours in the Vietnam War, earning a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. A representative of the "Blue Star Mothers," Sharon Graham, a mother of an Army Captain was also present. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was PER Glen Foss.

Other honored guests included active Marines and their families, the Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 Exalted Ruler Bill Formica, who is an 82nd Airborne WWII veteran. Also honored was Lila Hohrmann, who spent many years baking cookies that she took to hospitalized veterans and the ladies of the Emblem Club, who made many quilts that they lovingly donated to the hospitalized veterans.

In other news, the Lodge honored Eagle Scout Wesley A. Bosse at a Court of Honor. Wesley's Eagle Scout project was to plan and coordinate the construction of the "Martha Stanton Memorial Bench" that is located in Daly Ranch. Wesley is a member of BSA Troop 669, which is sponsored by the Lodge. He is the son of Lodge Esquire David G. Bosse and his wife, Colleen.



Color Guard from the American Legion Escondido Post No. 149

San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 reviews JROTC drill team

On May 19, 2011, San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 participated in the 65th Annual Awards Ceremony and Joint Brigade Review of the San Diego Unified School District's JROTC program. Gary Marinelli, PER, Americanism Chairman, along with Esteemed Leading Knight Glenn Montague, presented a trophy sponsored by the San Diego Lodge for the "Best Drilled Battalion/Company/Group" to Madison High School. This is the 64th year that the Lodge has presented this trophy.

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 joins 4th of July parade

The Mission Viejo - Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 honored our veterans during the Lake Forest, CA Independence Day Parade. The Lodge's parade entry was the largest contingent with 120 participants.

The Elks Lodge contingent was preceded by the Lodge's banner and ten members of the Lodge's Boy Scout Troop No. 603 who carried the American Flag, the MIA-POW Flag and the flags of all of the branches of the United States military. The scouts were followed by Lodge members and their families who handed out American Flags, key chains, mints and other Independence Day memorabilia.

Elk Members from all Saddleback Valley communities were joined in the parade by the Exalted Ruler of the San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068, Hal Book. The marchers were followed by ten vintage vehicles carrying veterans. At the end of the Elks contingent, the Danny Maika Trio performed music from the back of a pick-up truck. The sea of blue shirts worn by Elks parade participants handsomely displayed the BPOE Elk and Elk USA logos.



Back Row, L to R: PDDGER Norm Jones, Bill Bongartz;
Front Row, L to R: Dennis Lumley (Lodge Scouting Chair)
and driver Harvey Ohman

Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 donates to AFD

The Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 recently contributed \$500 to the Atascadero Fire Department to go towards the purchase of a new Disaster Response Vehicle. The new vehicle will help the AFD to respond much more quickly during disaster events. The donation was made before an overflow crowd at the Lodge during the annual Police and Firefighter Officers of the Year recognition dinner. Over 100 free dinners were provided to the guests and their families.



Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 Promotes Drug Awareness

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 participated in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's Annual Fourth of July Parade. This event draws upwards of 10,000 people who come out to celebrate the community and our nation's birth at one of the premier hometown parades in Southern California.

Members and Ladies of the Elks were aboard a boat that was decorated in patriotic colors, and they passed out over 400 drug awareness bracelets with the slogan "Not Now ~ Not Ever" to children along the parade route. After the parade, the participants were invited to the Lodge's annual Fourth of July Barbecue. The Lodge Exalted Ruler, Sherri Dunlap, spoke on the dangers of using drugs.



Elks and Lady Elks: Deven Parmar (Leading Knight), Tracy Bagdon, Connie Pereicich, Scott and Maki Eubanks, Sherri Dunlap, Richard Duarte, Veronica Lutz, Mark Meyer (Inner Guard), Corkey Peterson-Garza, and Sherri Hunt

Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 chorus performs on Memorial Day

The Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Elks Chorus performed at the Paradise Community Memorial Day Service. The event drew an audience of over 400 people who enjoyed the performance and appreciated the talent exhibited by the chorus members.



Standing in the rear (L to R): Bonnie Vaught, Exalted Ruler; Rich Lewis, Loyal Knight and Pat Hall, Leading Knight

Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 celebrates 100 years

The Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 celebrated its 100th anniversary this year, and what a centennial celebration they had! It was a weekend full of activities, including a golf tournament, Flag ceremony and Friday night dinner at the Lodge.

Saturday began at 9:00 a.m. with a super brunch and, to put one and all in a festive mood, jamboree-style games were played until 2:00 p.m. Young and old, members and guests, then retired to their lodgings to prepare for the evening festivities. Lodges from around the Central District of the California Hawaii Elks Association were well represented. Among them were members from the Pittsburg Elks Lodge No. 1474 in the North, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 in the Central Valley and our Mother Elks Lodge, the Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439, from the South.

The members from the visiting Lodges came bearing salutations and congratulations from their respective Lodges. Our Mother Lodge, Fresno, presented a plaque honoring its outstanding offspring for their 100 years of service to the Merced Community. Representatives from the U.S. House of Representatives, the State Senate, the Assembly and the County of Merced were in attendance. Each presented the Lodge with a beautifully framed resolution. The CHEA Historian, Edward "Trill" Torrilhon, received from the San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 3 a 1912 ribbon with a medallion commemorating the dedication of the present Merced Lodge building. Trill had it mounted, framed and hand delivered to the Lodge by Past Exalted Ruler Donald Gumm. PER Gumm then released it to Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable Louis J. "Jim" Grillo for presentation to the current Exalted Ruler, Susan Albertoni.

PGER Grillo also presented a plaque from the Grand Lodge to the Merced Elks Lodge. The plaque commemorates the Merced Lodge's Centennial Anniversary. After an outstanding prime rib dinner, PGER Grillo delivered a most passionate closing statement on the history of Merced Lodge, how it has impacted Elkdom and how it has provided many great memories for him and his family.

On Sunday morning, Merced Lodge members, visiting Elks, and their guests enjoyed a farewell breakfast at Merced's newest creation - a park which can be used by the Lodge and visiting Elk members and their guests. Plans for an RV park are well on their way to realization and Elk members everywhere are invited to stop by and visit one of the most beautiful Lodges in Elkdom.



L to R: PGER Louis J. Grillo and Exalted Ruler Susan Albertoni

La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 receives flag from Iraq veteran

At the conclusion of its annual Flag Day service, members and guests of La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 were surprised as the son of Lodge Tiler Barbara Rutherford presented Geraldine "Geri" Endicot, the wife of Exalted Ruler Robert "Bob" Endicot, with an American flag that had been flown over his unit while it was deployed in Afghanistan.

USMC Corporal Bernard J. "Jake" Olguin had recently returned from his second deployment (his first tour being to Iraq) and was given the flag to present to the Elks Lodge. The flag presentation was a fitting tribute after a very moving Flag Day service.



Marine Cpl. Jake Olguin, Geri Endicot, Barbara Rutherford

Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 installs a new flag pole

The Veterans Committee of the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 installed a new flag pole in front of the Lodge entrance on May 26, 2011. The committee provided the pole to express its appreciation to the Lodge membership for their contributions in support of the Veterans Committee's work. An Honor Guard from one of the local ROTCs participated in presenting the colors. In other news, the Lodge recently entertained 34 veterans from the California Veteran's home in Barstow, serving them a dinner and providing entertainment.

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 awards scholarships

The Santa Clara Lodge No. 2347 presented \$400 scholarships to their six finalists in the ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest. The Lodge was assisted by the School Superintendent and the Santa Clara Mayor, who presented each student with the City Youth Week Proclamation. Santa Clara Emblem Club No. 522 presented a \$400 scholarship to their Student of the Year. Two of these students, Nadia Granke and Pavan Upadhyayula, also received a \$1,000 and an \$800 award, respectively, from the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Two of these students, Sidney Nguyen and Akshay Nathan, also received four-year scholarships of \$1,000 per year from the ENF.

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 celebrates Flag Day

On Sunday, June 12th, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 celebrated Flag Day with a presentation of the history of the American Flag. The Flag Day Ritual is a mandatory event for all Elks Lodges in the nation. The ceremony is performed on a date that is convenient for the Lodge and as close as possible to the actual Flag Day, June 14th.

During the ceremony, several flags that were used in our nation's history are displayed and each officer reads a script that describes the history of that particular flag. In many Lodges, members of the military or the Boy Scouts of America join in the ceremony.

The Lodi Elks Lodge members and guests enjoyed a gin fizz brunch following the ceremony. The brunch event raised \$480 for the Major Project.



L to R: Mike Dugan, Eileen Dugan, Carolyn Greeson, Hal Laney, Dave Binning, Judy Gaskell and Lee Sausser

Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 awards \$15,000 in scholarships

The Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 hosted a Scholarship Awards recognition dinner for 15 high school seniors and their families. The scholarships granted totaled \$15,000. The students introduced themselves, spoke of their academic achievements and announced which college or university they planned to attend.

The scholarship monies were funded by the Lodge's "Larison Scholarship Fund." In the past 16 years, the Lodge's Larison Scholarship Fund has awarded \$282,950 to 251 high school graduates in Napa County public and private high schools. The Napa Lodge is proud to once again grant these scholarship awards to these well deserving students.



L to R: James J. LaBerge, Brian Huynh, Danielle M. Cole, Melia A. Manter, Alyssa E. Amey, Elizabeth A. Cole, Anna J. Zarate, Amuary R. Avalos, Ximena Hurtado, Emily H. Lider, Celia F. Miroglio, Sarah A. Brink, and Lucero J. Jimenez. Not pictured are Tiana M. Lewis, and Alexander L. Durfee

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 honors Butte County 9-1-1 dispatchers

This year the Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 honored the 9-1-1 Safety Dispatchers of Butte County with a dinner and awards program. The event included Police, Fire, and EMS dispatchers. Each of the 8 Dispatch Centers honored a single dispatcher who was nominated by their peers as their organization's Dispatcher of the year.

The chief of each department presented a plaque to each honored dispatcher. The plaque was provided by the Lodge. All of the dispatchers, their families and coworkers were present - except for those that had to work. In order not to leave the working dispatchers hungry on their job, a meal was sent to each of the 8 dispatch centers at the same time as the dinners were served at the Lodge. Each of the honored dispatchers participated in a drawing for a trip to the Atlantis Casino and Hotel in Reno, NV.



Standing (L to R): Michael Staples (Exalted Ruler), Robert Sutton (Enloe Hospital Ambulance service), Greyson Wright (Cal. Fire), Helge Rivas (Butte County Sheriff's Office), Stephanie Rekers (Gridley Police Department), Gabe Martinez (Chico State University Police Department), Kevin Payne (Lodge Chaplain)
Seated (L to R): Deana Barkley (California Highway Patrol), Stacy Kloth (First Responder Ambulance Service), Karen Braun (Paradise Police/Fire Department), and Wendy Gebicke (Chico Police/Fire). Not shown is Marci Monago (Oroville Police Department)

Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 sponsors a "Daisy Troop"

The Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 is, for the first time, sponsoring a Girl Scout "Daisy Troop." The Daisy Troop is for 5 to 7 year-old girls prior to going into a Brownies Troop. The Daisy Troop number is 3193. The unit was officially formed in February, 2011 and started out in the Unit Leader's house before they asked if the Lodge would sponsor them. The Lodge allows the unit to use the building twice a month for their meetings and will help them where ever it can.

In other news, the Lodge was thanked by the City of Los Banos. On June 7th, the Los Banos Police Department had a huge training session for approximately 200 law enforcement officers from departments across the State of California. The Los Banos Police Chief, Gary Brizzee, asked the Lodge if they could feed the attendees. Several Lodge members volunteered and PDDGER Raymond Gomes headed up the project. The next day, Ray got a phone call requesting that he come down to City Hall. There, he received, on behalf of the Los Banos Elks Lodge, a formal "Thank You" from the City. Inner Guard Sandi Rae-Hansen also attended. At the meeting, the State of California Attorney General, Kamala Harris, spoke and offered her congratulations to the Lodge for a "job well done."

Pasadena Elks Lodge No. 672 celebrates “Veterans' Christmas in July”

On July 30, 2011, the Pasadena Elks Lodge No. 672 celebrated its annual “Veterans' Christmas in July” at the Westwood Veterans Administrative Hospital (VAH). Thirteen of its officers, including PERs and other Lodge members, accompanied by a band (“The Cousins”) joined thirteen members of the Bell Police Department's Explorer Program to honor all the hospitalized men and women veterans who are unable to leave the facility.

The Elks supplied cake, juice, coffee and many other items to make the party a great success. The veterans that attended the party were greeted by each Lodge member as they listened to the great nostalgic sounds of “The Cousins.” The Lodge brought gifts for each veteran in attendance.

After the party, the Loge members visited the other hospitalized veterans who were unable to attend the celebration, delivering a gift to each veteran's bedside and provided some bedside entertainment.

Over 100 male and female veterans were entertained and received gifts. A second Christmas celebration is planned for November and will take place at the Pasadena Elks Lodge. This celebration is for the veterans who are able to be bussed from the hospital to the Lodge.

All members and spouses are welcome!

CHEA Mid-Term Conference – Marriott Hotel, Riverside, CA

(www.chea-elks.org/MidTermAgenda.pdf)

Time

Location

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Marriott Hotel Lobby Registration Desk
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails, Dinner and Music	Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Marriott Hotel Lobby Registration Desk
9:30 a.m.	Association President's meeting for VP, DD, PSP & DL	Marriott Hotel, Salon B
9:30 a.m.	CHEMPI Board of Trustees	Marriott Hotel, Orangecrest Room
10:30 a.m.	CHEA Board of Trustees	Marriott Hotel, Orangecrest Room
12:30 p.m.	Current DDGER's Luncheon Meeting with Sponsors	Marriott Hotel, Embassy Room
1:30 p.m.	Exalted Ruler's Conference (VPs, Cmte Chairs, Loyal Knights, Lecturing Knights and Lodge Officers in attendance are to attend)	Riverside Convention Center, Raincross Ballroom
1:30 p.m.	Leading Knights Conference	Riverside Convention Center, North Lewis Hall
1:30 p.m.	Leading Knights & Officers Spouses Conference	Riverside Convention Center, South Lewis Hall
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails, Dinner and Show	Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011

6:45 a.m.	Past Association President's Breakfast	Marriott Hotel, Imperial Room
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration	Marriott Hotel Lobby Registration Desk
8:30 a.m.	Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen Seminar	Riverside Convention Center, North Lewis Hall
8:30 a.m.	Management Seminar Leading Knights, Secretaries, Trustees (DDGERs to attend this session)	Riverside Convention Center, Raincross Ballroom
4:00 p.m.	Elks National Foundation Mass	Riverside Convention Center, Arlington Room
5:30 p.m.	ENF Cocktails (No Host)	Riverside Convention Center, Lewis Hall Foyer
6:30 p.m.	Elks National Foundation Dinner	Riverside Convention Center, Ben H. Lewis Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

6:45 a.m.	District Leaders Continental Breakfast	Marriott Hotel, Regency Ballroom
7:00 a.m.	District Leaders Meeting	Marriott Hotel, Regency Ballroom
8:00 a.m.	Elks Sunday Brunch	Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643