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## ELKS ON THE FRONT LINES AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

Value your health.  
Make smart choices

BE DRUG FREE  


Drugs are BAD!  
smoking causes Cancer

ALCOHOL IS A DRUG

LIVE HAPPY  
LIVE HEALTHY

Drug FREE IS COOL!

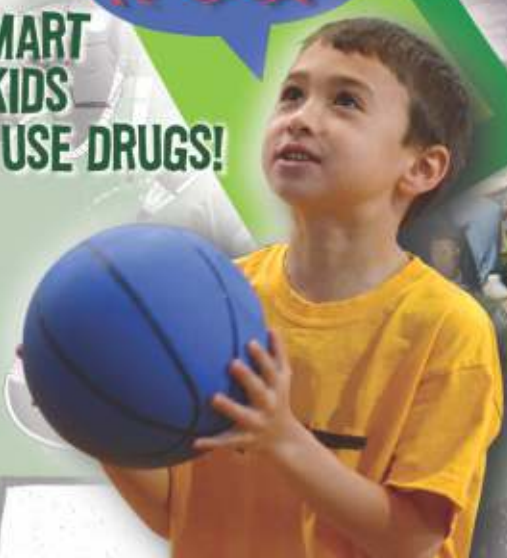
drugs and alcohol destroy lives  
DON'T HAVE TIME FOR DRUGS

LIVE LIFE DRUG FREE

"The choice 4 me is drug free."

BE A WINNER!  
BE CONFIDENT  
MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS  
NO TO DRUGS!

SMART KIDS DON'T USE DRUGS!



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### New CHEA Major Project Display

Those of you who attended the California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention in San Diego last May would have seen the new Major Project display in the lobby area outside of the convention meeting hall. This new display replaces an older exhibit which had been used for 15 years.

The new display graphics were designed by Ted Olsen from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379. Ted donated his time and it took him about two months to complete the graphic design. An award was presented to Ted at the Convention.

Pro Exhibits, located in Sunnyvale, CA, was the manufacturer of the display. Tim located this company which made the exhibit after obtaining the approval of the Boards of Trustees.

The new display will be used at the annual CHEA Conventions and Grand Lodge Conventions. We received a "Five-Star" award for this display at the Grand Lodge session in Austin, TX in July, 2012.

The new display can be set up by two people in about an hour. It is much easier to set up and its storage containers are about 1/2 the size of those used for the old display. The old display was, at the time it was purchased, easier and better than the one before it, but it took at least two hours to set up.



### Pasadena Elks Lodge No. 672 donates to PHS aquatic team

Pasadena Elks Lodge No. 672 PER Ken Jury visited the Aquatic Team at Pasadena High School to see the new lane markers they were able to install in their pool with a \$1,000 donation that the Lodge provided. PER Jury is shown below with the coach and team members by the pool.

In other news, several Lodge officers and members of the Bell Police Explorer Scouts visited the Pediatric Ward at Huntington Memorial Hospital and gave Easter presents to the children. This visit followed the Lodge's Children's Easter Party. The visiting officers present were Exalted Ruler Thomas Lang, Loyal Knight Leopold Borodovsky and Chaplain Robert Treitler. Also along for the visit were Joanne Treitler, and Peggy Lee Hartwell.



### Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 participated in the city's Memorial Day celebration

Over 50 members and spouses of Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 were among the nearly 600 people attending this year's City of Alameda's Memorial Day celebration which was held at Veteran's Park. During the event, Exalted Ruler Greg Carlson led the procession of members as part of the wreath laying ceremony. The Lodge's Veterans Service Committee co-chairs, Rich Ghera, PER, and Nick Pereira, organize this event each year. Gene Maurice, a 36-year lodge member, ended the program by playing taps on his bugle.



Exalted Ruler Greg Carlson (foreground with a red tie) and other Lodge members

### Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046 co-sponsors vets "Super Bingo"

On Monday, July 16, Veterans from the Cabrillo Villages in Long Beach, CA enjoyed an evening of fun, prizes and surprises at a "Super Bingo" sponsored by Orange Coast District Elks from Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046, Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952, Westminster Elks Lodge No. 2346, Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 and Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959. Fifty-four veterans filled the room to capacity. They enjoyed dinner and refreshments, and then played bingo for prizes that they gladly took home. The prizes, all donated by Elk Lodge members, included TVs, coffee makers, toasters, a CD player, a microwave, clothing and many other items. Seventeen Elks were in attendance helping the vets with their bingo cards, calling bingo, serving pizza and refreshments, and distributing the raffle prizes.

The Cabrillo Villages in Long Beach, CA, is a residential community established to break the cycle of homelessness. The Villages at Cabrillo is a home for more than 1,000 residents, including veterans and families, and features a collaboration of some fifteen nonprofit and government agencies that collectively provide residents with safe, affordable housing and access to the skills, tools, and services needed to establish self-sufficiency. The former abandoned military housing site was transformed into a vibrant supportive housing community in 1997. As steward of the campus since its inception, Century Villages at Cabrillo is the community development organization that owns, develops, and manages this unique 26 acre campus. (Source of information for the Cabrillo Village is available online at [centuryvillages.org](http://centuryvillages.org)).

# President's Message



Hello and Aloha to all the members and guests of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Since my last article, Shirley and I have been very busy to say the least. We traveled to Mesquite, NV, for their annual golf tournament. Since most of the tournament participants came from our Association, we received \$1,365 in proceeds from the event for the benefit of our Major Project.

Following our visit to Mesquite, we were the guests of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538, and attended their annual Santa Maria Rodeo. This event raises thousands of dollars for their local community charities each year. From there, we went to the Metropolitan District for their Luncheon Club meeting and to attend my first official Presidential Visitation, joining Vice President Mark Flint and his wife, Leslie, who were our hosts. What a great couple and fantastic representatives of the Metropolitan District! In each and every place we visited, we were overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality of the members.

After the Metropolitan District visit, we took a road trip with my Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Lemm and his wife, Valarie, to Austin, TX, for the Grand Lodge Convention. The convention attendees passed several resolutions, some of which you may or may not agree with. But, the fact remains that they were passed by a majority vote, so we must embrace these changes and work to adopt them. I am sure that it will make our Lodges and Association stronger as we work together.

Following the Grand Lodge Convention, we were invited to the Hanford Elks Lodge No. 1259 to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. What a great weekend! We offer our thanks to the event chairman, Quinton McElyea, PDDGER, Dino Uribe and Dee, Association Vice President, and Earl and Stella Conro, our escorts, and all of the members of the Hanford Lodge. I consider Hanford Lodge one of the treasures of Elkdom and certainly so in the East Central District.

During all of our travels, I have spread the word about our Association programs, with a special emphasis on the Major Project, Membership and Retention and Lodge Activities. I think all of the members of our California-Hawaii Elks Association understand the importance of these programs and many more. As your President, I have asked each member to bring back one lapsed member into their Lodge and to bring in one new member this year. If this could be done, it would make a tremendous difference in our Lodges and for all of our Association's programs.

Shirley and I are looking forward to greeting each of you, sharing our pins, and learning how your Lodge is promoting the programs of the Association. We are leaving soon for the Northeast District and hope to see many of you there. Have a great fall season and we hope to meet each and every one of you during our travels. Thank You and God Bless All!

“REACHING NEW HEIGHTS by SOARING with ELKDOM”

Fraternally,  
Art Echternacht, President

**Did you know** that the Elks Lodges on the islands of Agana, Guam, Marianas Islands and Manila, Philippines are our Associate Lodges? Plan to visit them sometime! Here's their email and phone:

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- ✓ Disabled Student Scholarships
- ✓ The Eye Care Fund
- ✓ Bequests and Living Trusts
- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

*Give to your Major Project.  
 "A coin a day so they can  
 walk, talk, see and play."*

## President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

**Sept. 7-9, 2012**

*Inland District*

**Sept. 14-16, 2012**

*Bay District*

**Sept. 20-23, 2012**

*Hawaii District*

**Oct. 1-5, 2012**

*CHEMPI Professional Institute  
 (Bass Lake)*

**Oct. 5-7, 2012**

*East Central District*

**Oct. 12-14, 2012**

*44th California Elks Camper Rally  
 (Hemet)*

**Oct. 19-21, 2012**

*North District*

**Oct. 26-28, 2012**

*Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year  
 Meeting*

**Nov. 2-3, 2012**

*CHEA Mid-Term Conference  
 (Woodland/Sacramento)*

**Nov. 9-11, 2012**

*South Coast District*

**Nov. 16-18, 2012**

*West Central District*

**Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2012**

*San Gabriel Valley District*

**Dec. 7-9, 2012**

*North Central District*

**Dec. 14, 2012**

*Roses for the Living Luncheon*

**Dec. 31, 2012**

*New Year's Celebration  
 (Pasadena)*

**Jan. 1, 2013**

*New Year's Celebration  
 (Pasadena)*

**Americanism**

By Jerry Landreth-Brusato, CHEA Americanism Chairman



**WHAT DOES THE NATIONAL ANTHEM MEAN TO ME?**

This thought-provoking question was announced at the Elks National Convention in Austin, TX, as the theme for the 2012-2013 Americanism Essay Contest. "The Star Spangled Banner" was written during the War of 1812. In 1889, the U.S. Navy adopted the tune for all Flag raising ceremonies. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson decreed that the song should be

performed at military and national events. After Ripley's "Believe it or Not" published in 1929 that America had no National Anthem, it wasn't until 1931 that President Herbert Hoover signed it into law that "The Star Spangled Banner" became our National Anthem - 116 years after Francis Scott Key wrote it.

Youth in 5th/6th grades and 7th/8th grades will be asked to compete in the Americanism contest, writing essays that reflect this topic. How they respond will give us an indication of the level of Patriotism in our schools. This is one of the reasons why the contest is so important. As Elks, we need to ascertain that Americanism, another word for Patriotism, is not losing ground with our youth. Indicators of this have already occurred as some high school students flew the American Flag upside down and raised the Mexican Flag above it. Some youth do not honor our Flag or our National Anthem, by failing to remove their hats, or by not standing quietly.

It is our responsibility as good Americans and good Elks to not only teach respect for our Flag and National Anthem, but also to encourage our friends, family and neighbors to show their pride as Americans. After 9/11, yellow ribbons and flags could be seen flying in every neighborhood. As time has passed, so has the demonstration of "our love of Country." It is no longer enough to just feel this love and pride; it has now become essential that our Patriotism once again be highly visible. All Elks Lodges should fly an illuminated Flag, 24/7. Every Elk should have a Flag to display at their home, and not just on special Holidays. Sign the petition to stop the desecration of our Flag. Sing our National Anthem loudly and proudly at Lodge, community and sporting events. Honor Patriots' Day.

Print "THANK YOU" cards to be handed out whenever you encounter a person in the military or a Veteran. This is a new project for Americanism. The templates are available to all Elks on the CHEA Website under Committees – Americanism. Let us flood California and Hawaii with these cards, as a symbol of gratitude from our Order to these American Heroes. Wear American Flag Lapel Pins. Take some time to ponder the essay theme "What does the National Anthem mean to me?" In so doing, you will replenish the "flame" of Freedom within you and prevent complacency from sneaking in.

"One nation under God" is a portion of our Pledge. We must be sure we do not let those that would destroy this perfect Union of God and Country to succeed. As we all work to reach new heights in Americanism – this can be achieved by practicing our CHEA President Art Echternacht's motto: "Reaching New Heights by Soaring with Elkdom."

**Fontana Elks Lodge No. 2013 donates to Ronald McDonald House**

The Fontana Elks Lodge No. 2013 donated 75 pounds of pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. The Lodge is also preparing to send 3 care packages to our deployed servicemen and women.

In other news, at their last Lodge meeting, members heard a presentation from 12-year old Mandy Purdy who had taken a trip to Washington, DC. The Lodge had proudly assisted Mandy financially for her trip, as her great-grandfather, Noel Ricauda, was one of the Lodge's first Exalted Rulers.

**Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 forms an Antlers youth group**

In April, the Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 formed an Antlers youth group in their Lodge. These youth have already been quite busy with an Easter Egg hunt in April for the Lodge and community children, serving at the 100 year anniversary of the McHenry Mansion in Modesto, creating a family softball challenge between the Antlers and Lodge members, and professionally and honorably serving as wait staff and servers for Association Vice President, Donald Gumm's visit to the Lodge.

We hope that this proud display in your magazine will encourage other Lodges to form Antlers youth groups to engage our youth in the community in our charitable works. The Modesto Elks Lodge continues to support the Grand Lodge Youth Activities programs in our Lodge, community and within our CHEA family.



Back row (L to R): Kristina Bratton, Antlers President, William Marcum, Dr. Donald Gumm, Dru Coronado, Rylie Coronado  
Front row (L to R): Joel Lima, Travis Oxley, Monica Atilano

**Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 cooks dogs**

Hot dogs, that is. Three Lodge members, Jim Mullin, Dwight Williams and Bill Miller were assisted by Scouts volunteers from the Girl Scouts of America at the annual Thousand Oaks "Brownlympics" event which was held at the California Lutheran University on Saturday, May 19th.

The "boys" cooked nearly 400 hot dogs and the girls wrapped and delivered them to the many Brownie Troops or sold them to the walk-up parent customers. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 furnishes hot dogs for both the Thousand Oaks GSA Service Unit Brownlympics and the Coastal Service Unit's Brownlympics (which includes Newbury Park) that was held on the previous Saturday at the beautiful Rio Mesa High School facility in Oxnard.

A few hundred girls and a like number of parents participated at each site again this year in these always colorful and exciting events. The "Wrapper" girls were great, keeping up a steady chatter and really pushing the output of the cookers. When we had finished BBQ-ing the last dog, the girls gathered under a nearby large oak tree for their lunch and several yelled out that these were the best hot dogs they ever tasted. A dad also came up to ask what brand we were cooking and when asked why, he said his 6 year old son wouldn't eat hot dogs at home, but had devoured two of them that morning! We'll credit the fresh air and physical activity for the added good taste.

## Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 honors WWII veteran

During the installation of officers last March, the Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 surprised former Sergeant Floyd F. Milne, an 89 year old WWII veteran, who was attending the ceremony to watch the installation of the incoming Exalted Ruler, Jim Milne. US Army Reserve Colonel Jon E. Lopey (Retired), the current Siskiyou County Sheriff, arrived at the event in his full military uniform. When he was invited to speak to the audience, he caught the WWII veteran completely off guard. While surrounded by his family (his son, two grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren) and other friends, Floyd Milne received a Bronze Star Medal from Col. Lopey, who said, "It is an honor being with you today to present the Bronze Star Medal to former Sergeant Floyd F. Milne, 362nd infantry, 91st Division. The Bronze Star Medal is only awarded to Soldiers for heroism or meritorious service in direct combat against an armed enemy of the United States." Col. Lopey recounted the highlights of Floyd's service in the US Army from 1942 to the end of the war and closed the narration by saying, "Sergeant Milne is not only a home town hero; he is one of the few World War II heroes still left to honor and respect. On behalf of the United States Army, which I am proud to represent, I am honored to award you the Bronze Star Medal for your courage, strength, patriotism, selfless service and honorable performance as an infantryman and hero."

In other news, the Lodge had a very successful Law Enforcement Night with over 150 people in attendance. The awards dinner was sponsored by the Yreka Elks and presented by the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Lopey presided over the event. Outgoing ER Pat Connelly assisted in passing out awards, while State Assemblyman Jim Nielsen handed out California State Recognition Awards for the Law Enforcement personnel during the event. Erin Ryan, from State Senator Doug LaMalfa's office, was also in attendance. Also during the event, the Explorer Scouts received a donation from the Lodge for their Police Explorers program.



Floyd Milne receives his Bronze Star from Col. Lopey

## The 2012 Mid-Term Conference agenda is online

The 2012 Mid-Term Conference agenda is online. It is an eight page Adobe Acrobat document. To access the agenda, go to the CHEA web site at [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org). Place your mouse pointer over the word "Meetings" (which is found under the main title of the page), left-click on the drop-down menu item "Mid-Term Conference," then left-click on the "Download Sacramento 2012 Mid-Term Agenda Today."

## South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091 helps baseball dreams come true

Thirteen boys on the San Francisco Peninsula Soldiers youth baseball team had a dream to go to Cooperstown Dreams Park in New York to play with the best and compete with 104 other teams from the United States and Canada. They would stay in barracks at the park and have the opportunity to meet other boys from around the nation who shared the same dream.

To prepare for their trip, the boys' parents raised some of the money to cover the expenses for the coaches, umpires and team members to make the trip. The cost included airfare, two sets of uniforms (for the boys), trading pins and lodging.

The parents held pot luck dinners, drawings and silent auctions. But most of the money came from sponsors, such as the South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091. The Lodge had qualified for an ENF "Gratitude Grant," and decided to use \$500 from that award to help the boys realize their dream. Our Lodge's name was listed with their other sponsors on a banner that the boys carried into the ball park as they marched in during the opening ceremony. At the end of games each boy received a ring from Cooperstown Dreams Park. The memories and experiences these boys are left with are priceless.



## Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 holds chili cook-off

The scent of chili filled the air around the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 as vendors began cooking up their original and spicy blend of "red." The Lodge held their 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show in their parking lot. While the chili vendors were firing up their pots of chili, cars were entering the lot and were guided into their assigned spaces. A crowd estimated at 1,100 plus enjoyed chili, classic cars, crafts, vendor booths and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the Huntington Beach Lodge's Christmas Basket Program – serving our local military and families in need.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Memorial Day Bar-B-Q for 300 plus veterans of the Cabrillo Veterans Village. Hamburgers, baked beans and all the trimmings were served by 41 Lodge volunteers. As an added attraction, Katie Wayland "Miss Orange County California" served dessert and posed for pictures.

**Drug Awareness**

*By Tim Jaeger, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman*



I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as your Association Drug Awareness Chairman for the past two years. Every year, each Association's Drug Awareness Chairman is asked to attend a two day training session immediately before the Grand Lodge Convention convenes, and to staff the Drug Awareness Booth for one day during the GL Convention. That training session is truly amazing! It is inspiring to see and hear about all of the good that our Order does in this great country.

The training is very interactive and involves listening to a variety of speakers from sources as diverse as the Drug Enforcement Agency, Milton Creagh and Marvel Comics. There are panel discussion sessions which the Association Chairmen lead themselves. My wife, Sandy, stopped by for a part of one session, and, after an hour, she asked if she could stay for the rest of the session. Then she returned the next day to attend another session.

I share the information on training with you for two reasons:

- You should never be intimidated or uncomfortable asking for help or information on the Drug Awareness Program. I have now been through four training days, each over eight hours long, and have only scratched the surface regarding what is available within the program.
- I want you to consider taking your local Lodge Drug Awareness program one step further this year than last. The Lodge and your community will be better for your efforts.

What can you do to take your program up a notch? That is really up to you, as I have found that there is no playbook that works for every community. We have a variety of tools that can help you improve your community. Note that your Drug Awareness Program is not designed to be a drug and alcohol counseling program. Rather, it is a source of material and support for the agencies and individuals who are likely more qualified to deliver the drug awareness message. If you can find other like-minded groups to partner with, such as your local police force, the DEA, your local educators, or other civic groups, then reach out to them and ask where you can be of help.

For years, many of us have used the Elks Drug Awareness Program literature as the basis for our program. The literature is good and is being continually updated in cooperation with the DEA. Unfortunately, it is a rather rare occurrence when a child picks up a piece of Drug Awareness literature and has a life changing experience from that one event. The literature also contains some great information and internet links for parents and grandparents who may need to know more about the new world that faces today's youth.

As the literature evolves, you will notice more URL's listed on the back of each piece. The Elks are also moving into the digital age in an ever increasing manner. The comic book is being updated and a version is available online. We are launching a new website called [www.elkskidzone.com](http://www.elkskidzone.com). It will feature Elroy the Elk not just talking about Drug and Alcohol abuse, but also about self-esteem, work ethics and bullying. I saw the pre-launch information about this site, and it promises to truly have the potential to make a difference in kids' lives. Elroy has even been slimmed down and now looks more like a super hero.

I confirmed that the new theme for the Poster and Essay contests is: "The choice 4 me is drug- free!" The deadline for submitting District winners to me is mid-January again. Check with your Lodge and District DAP Chairpersons for their respective deadlines. This is a great program to work into Red Ribbon week in October.

To learn more about the variety of programs that are supported by the Drug Awareness Program, visit either the CHEA or B.P.O. Elks websites. Both sites have good information and are great resources. The URLs are: <http://www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/drug-awareness> and <http://www.elks.org/dap>.

Remember the DAP is not an annual event, but rather a continual opportunity to improve your community and your Lodge. If you can make a difference in the life of even one child in your community, we have succeeded.

**Alturas Elks Lodge No. 1756 donates to Senior Center**

The Alturas Elks Lodge No. 1756 recently donated \$500 to the Modoc County Senior Center. The Lodge's ENF Chairman, Danny Parker, presented the check to Marie Smith. The funding for the donation is part of a Gratitude Grant that the Lodge received from the Elks National Foundation. Parker thanks all of the Elks who continue to donate to the ENF.



Marie Smith and Danny Parker

**Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 celebrates Flag Day and raises money for CHEMPI**

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held their Flag Day Ceremony on June 10th. Mike Dugan, Exalted Ruler, told of the historical relevance of each flag as the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 316 paraded the flags in front of the audience. Afterwards, there was a continental breakfast for the Boy Scouts to enjoy.

Later that morning, a Gin Fizz Charity brunch was held for Elk member participants and their guests. The event raised \$815 towards the Major Project, which helps children with disabilities. John Rochon was the chairman of that event, assisted by Lodge volunteers. Some local businesses donated prizes.



L to R: Mike Dugan (Exalted Ruler), Mary Avante (Scouting Chairman), Austin Terrell, Ethan Myers, Mick Isola, Kaleb Roberson and Eric Myers (Scout Master of Troop 316)

## Piggy Bank

By Bill Williford, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



This Piggy Bank year is off to a good start with funds on account in Fresno slightly above last year's number as of June 30th. Our Piggy Bank donations missed the \$3 million mark last year, but the BLT and other "legacy" funds grew. We need to make that a habit. It costs \$4.5 million each year to administer our program so that needy children can walk, talk, see and play. The more we donate as individual members the less we have to take out of the reserve fund and interest that is set aside

to run the program.

When the Major Project started 62 years ago, the cost to administer it was \$78,991.37. At that time there were two mobile therapy units in Eureka. Today, we support 24 therapists and 10 pre-school vision screeners in California and Hawaii.

I was just informed that a Past President of the Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643's Emblem Club passed away recently and left over \$75,600 to the Piggy Bank. It is not good to lose our members, but I sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember us in this way.

One plank of my platform continues to be the 52 Club. If each member of CHEA would commit to a \$1 per week donation, we could easily raise over \$4 million dollars annually. It was rewarding to see that the top per-capita Lodges achieved that goal last year.

Another plank is the recurring donation program. Choose a comfortable amount for you to have automatically deducted from a bank account or charged to a major credit card each month. Find out how to sign up for these recurring donation programs at [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org).

Are you using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for your internet searches and online shopping? The "Goodsearch" web site donates money to a charity (that you choose) for each search or purchase that you make through their site. It's an easy way to donate—see how multitasking works!

Are you saving the "Boxtops for Education" labels from your household product purchases? These can be turned into equipment for our therapists to use with the children.

Have you gone online and read the letters from the parents of our children or checked out the "Where Are They Now" section? Our site ([www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)) has been updated and you really should check it out.

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

## Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 celebrates Flag Day with Girl Scouts

The Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 and Girl Scout Troop No. 476 conducted a public Flag Day Ceremony on Saturday, June 16th. In addition to performing the Elks Flag Day Ceremony, the Elks and Girl Scouts also performed a flag retirement ceremony and provided a free family-friendly hot dog BBQ. The Flag Day Ceremony and flag retirement is an annual public event that is held by the Atascadero Elks Lodge.

## Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 honors Eagle Scouts

The Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday evening, June 10th. During the ceremony, two young men were presented with Elks Appreciation plaques and American Flags for achieving the Boy Scouts highest rank, and were also recognized for their achievement by the Santa Barbara Boy Scout Council. The new Eagle Scouts are Robert Park and Chandler Nash. The Lodge provided refreshments for the Scouts and their families after the ceremony.

## Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 Antlers donate \$500 to the Major Project

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 instituted the Antlers program last year. The program has proven to be a success as the Antlers members continue to thrive while helping the Lodge when needed. In addition to the Antlers, the Lodge also created the "Tag Alongs" for the kids under 12 who still want to be able to participate in helping the Lodge in its various activities. They meet and work closely with the Antlers Program. In the photo, the Antler officers present a \$500 check to the Lodge for the Major Project.

In other news, the Lodge awarded \$3,500 in scholarships following a dinner with the scholarship recipients, their families and school counselors. Six high school seniors were chosen to receive Most Valuable Student (MVS) awards by the Lodge Scholarship Committee from among 27 applicants (8 boys and 19 girls) from eight high schools. The female winners were: Monica-Thanh Tran (Westminster - \$1,000), Julia Chou (Loara - \$500) and Jennifer Le (Rancho Alamitos - \$250). The male winners were: Johnny Pham (La Quinta - \$1000), Brian Vo (La Quinta - \$500) and Daniel Huynh (La Quinta - \$250). Julia Chou received an additional \$200 from the Orange District. Daniel Huynh and Monica-Thanh Tran each received an additional \$800 from CHEA. All six of the students have chosen California colleges: four for University of California at Irvine, one for University of California at Santa Barbara, and one for University of California at Los Angeles.



L to R: Antlers members Rick Ross, Travis Brown and C. J. Smith with ER Ryan Brown and Jack Whitwam, Antlers Chairman

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 raises money for ENF

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 had an ENF Booth at the Lodge on Memorial Day. Lodge members Debbie White, Ken Egan and Debbie Irish assisted Chairman Gloria Smith in selling patriotic jewelry and promoting the \$100 Pledge for Elks National Foundation. Four members pledged \$100 and altogether the event generated \$284 for ENF. It was a good day.

In other news, Flag Day was celebrated poolside at the Lodge on June 10th. About 150 members and guests attended the event. PER Richard Jess performed the "Star Spangled Banner" to open the ceremony. Exalted Ruler Ananda Watkins was assisted by Leading Knight Gloria Smith, Loyal Knight Debbie White, Lecturing Knight Bobby Moon, Esquire Patrice Niles and Chaplain Theresa Lara. Each officer gave a tribute and ER Watkins narrated the history of the American Flag as Boy Scout Troop No. 322 displayed the sequence of historical American Flags. Thanks to Jeff Dalley and Gary Kibbe, Scout Leaders, and the Scouts who made this special ceremony meaningful.



**Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 Scouting Chairman receives the Marvin M. Lewis award**

The Marvin M. Lewis Award was established by the Boy Scouts of America in 1998 to acknowledge the Elks' contributions to Scouting and the development of America's youth. The Grand Lodge invites all Lodges to nominate one candidate for this award. The candidates must be recommended by their Lodge as well as their local Scouting Council. Only four nominated Elks are selected nationally to receive the award. The recipients receive a medal, a framed certificate, a lapel pin and a square knot.

Larry Ryan, Lodge Scouting Chairman for the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 earned this award with the recommendation of his Lodge's administration and the local Scouting Council to the Grand Lodge. Larry is also the Scouting Chairman for the Southeast District. Larry attended the recent Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX, with his family and received the Marvin M. Lewis award on July 2.

In other news, members of the Lodge joined members of American Legion Post 200, Wildomar and VFW Post 1508, Wildomar in observing Memorial Day at the Elsinore Valley Cemetery in Lake Elsinore. Members of Boy Scout Troop 430 and other Scouts from troops that the Lodge sponsors placed flags on the graves of departed veterans. There was a 21 gun salute, Civil War cannons and patriotic music. There were skydivers and a missing man formation flyover. After the ceremony, participants partook of a buffet at the VFW Post next door.



L to R: Jim Herrell, Exalted Ruler, and Larry Ryan

**La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 Leading Knight has a hirsute project**

The La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 Leading Knight, Ken Petri, is undertaking a hairy project. He has been letting his hair grow with the goal of cutting it and donating to a charity, Locks of Love. According to Petri, his goal is to have his hair cut and sent to the public non-profit organization in May of 2013. He estimates that it should be ten to twelve inches in length by then.

Locks of Love provides hairpieces to financially disabled children under the age of twenty-one in the United States and Canada, who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss due to chemotherapy or other reasons. Its mission is to return a sense of self confidence and normalcy to children suffering from hair loss by utilizing donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. The children receive hair prostheses free of charge or on a sliding scale, based on financial need.

**Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419's parade entry is a winner**

The Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1419 participated in the City of Ontario's Fourth of July Parade. The Lodge was delighted to learn that its float was selected for the "Sweepstakes Trophy" by the parade officials.

This honor was greatly appreciated by all the workers who designed and decorated the float. It was an opportunity for them to have some fun while promoting the B.P.O. Elks to the community members who lined the street to view the parade.



Lodge members look on proudly from the float - the "Sweepstakes" trophy is visible behind the banner.

**Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 awards scholarships**

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held a Scholarship Awards luncheon for seven scholarship recipients and their families on July 7th. The Lodge members awarded a total of \$10,600 in scholarships to the students. Lee Taylor and Eileen Dugan organized the event for these fine students. The lunch was prepared by Julie and Jon Traxler. Norm Gaskill made the spaghetti sauce. Our scholarship committee members are: Chairman Lee Taylor, Suzanne Henderson, Judy Gaskell, Steve Brackney, Marilyn Hughes and Marvin Taylor (deceased). They did a great job in selecting our winners.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$1,000 to the Lodi "Adopt a Child" organization which helps underprivileged children purchase new shoes and clothing for school. They also provide gifts to these children during the holidays, fulfilling many children's dreams. The Lodge also donated \$1,000 to the Lodi Boys and Girls Club. The Boys and Girls Club does so much for the betterment of our youth by teaching them positive fundamental behaviors.



L to R: Lee Taylor, Greg Herzfeldt, Ethan Sprague, Elizabeth Long, Nuel Henderson, PDDGER, Andrew Watts, Mike Dugan, Exalted Ruler, and Lucas Salisbury. Not pictured are: Natalie Mall and Brittany Cunningham.

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*Frank M. Linnell	Newport Harbor	1958-59	Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
*Charles T. Reynolds	Vallejo	1959-60	Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
*Guy A. Daniels	Redlands	1960-61	Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10
*Paul T. Wemple	Susanville	1961-63	Hugh H. Scanlon	Glendale	2010-11
*Vern R. Huck	Los Angeles	1963-64	Thomas S. Brazier	Santa Cruz	Honorary
*Henry J. Budde	San Francisco	1964-65	Wayne Howard	Honolulu	2011-12
*Edgar Dale	Vallejo	Honorary	*Deceased		

### Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 and students give to veterans

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 worked together with students at the Nobel Middle School in Northridge to make a very memorable Easter for 40 veterans in the nursing home at the Sepulveda VA Hospital. Mrs. Nelson's 7th grade class filled baskets full of hygiene products for each veteran. The students also wrote very sincere notes that were given to each veteran along with the gift basket.



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**Membership**

*By Lance Erickson, CHEA Membership Chairman*



As we continue our Elk Year and since the Grand Lodge Convention has concluded, it is now time to concentrate on our membership. As of the last CLMS report, we increased our membership by 1.7% or 1,468 new members. Our goal remains at 10%. Delinquents have been reduced to 11.7% or a total of 11,645 members. Our goal remains at no more than 2%.

What can we do to gain members and reduce our delinquents? It all starts at the local Lodge level with the formation of a strong membership team. (A Membership Team Management Manual can be downloaded at [www.chea-elks.org/committees/#membership](http://www.chea-elks.org/committees/#membership)). You have flexibility in designing your Membership team. You can select who should be on your team and determine how many members should make up your team. The Manual assists your team in setting up an action plan that uses the tools that are available to achieve our goals.

One such program is the “+1 Program.” This program was developed to guide Lodges in the development and implementation of Lodge based plans that result in at least a +1 membership gain.

Did you know that if you recruit 3 new members and/or reinstate lapsed members into your Lodge, you qualify for a Grand Exalted Ruler Membership award pin? The Membership Incentive Program is designed to reward members who propose new or reinstated members. The Lodge Secretary or Lodge Membership Chairman should have the information needed to apply for these rewards.

We must strive diligently in the pursuit of a vigorous campaign to recruit new members, reinstate dropped members and retain our current members. Make this year the year that we turned our membership around!

**Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donates to local food pantry**

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donated 150 bags of groceries to the Hemet Community Pantry in the previous six months. Due to the present economy and meager available government assistance, the Lodge has seen an increase in requests for help from individuals and local organizations. In addition to donating food items, the Lodge also contributes financially to the pantry. A large container is available in the Lodge to collect non-perishable donations from members and visitors. The pantry is an independent non-profit agency, which has served men, women and children in the valley since 1965. Their primary mission is to provide enough food to those in need for 3 meals per day for 3 days per family member. When the funds are available, they will also offer utility and rental assistance.

Once again, Lodge member Flo Donaghue received an award from the Relay for Life Chairwoman, Christi Raway, for her contributions to the Relay for Life Cancer Fund (see page 2 of the September/October 2011 issue). Flo has walked five miles each of the last six years to raise money from members of the Hemet Elks Lodge, the Colonial Country Club, where she lives, her family, friends and some people she doesn't even know. Altogether, Flo received contributions from about 300 people for the Cancer Fund. Her cumulative 6-year fund raising total is now \$26,700! Flo, now 85 years old, plans to walk again next year.

In other news, the Lodge's Ladies Auxiliary Past President, Lee Purdy, presented a check in the amount of \$979.96 to ER Bill Cook for the Lodge's General Fund at a meeting of the Lodge in June. The Auxiliary's fund raising efforts generated \$900 at a patio sale and \$279.96 at the Lodge's weekly bingo games. The Lodge uses all money earned at Bingo for their charities.

**San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 awards \$45,000 in scholarships**

On Friday July 20, 2012, the San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 held a dinner and awards ceremony honoring Gabriela Pollack, the 2012 recipient of the \$25,000 William L. Frye Scholarship. Gabriela will attend UCLA, majoring in Engineering. Along with this incredible young lady, a \$10,000 scholarship was awarded to Madeline Lewis, who will be attending Indiana University, majoring in Geology and another \$10,000 scholarship was awarded to Joseph Briones, who will attend Westmont College, majoring in Kinesiology and Music. During the evening, many of the past scholarship winners in attendance spoke about what they have been doing in college and how the scholarship has allowed them to pursue a dream that may not have otherwise been possible.

The Lodge expresses its sincere gratitude to past member William L. Frye and his daughter Dorothy Hamil, for entrusting a legacy of over \$725,000 to the San Fernando Elks Lodge. Since the inception of the William L. Frye Scholarship in 2001, the San Fernando Lodge has presented over \$500,000 in scholarships. With the stewardship shown by the Scholarship Committee, the gift has grown in size to more than \$755,000 which will enable our Lodge to continue to show that Elks Care - Elks Share.

William Lee Frye was born in 1892. His family came to the San Fernando Valley in 1900. William married Jenny Grant in 1916. The Frye home was a ranch in Calabasas until 1926, when they moved to Canoga Park to raise their daughter Dorothy. William joined the San Fernando Elks Lodge in 1929. Originally a truck driver, William became the manager of the H. G. Zorn Bean Warehouse in Zelzah, which today we know as Northridge. During those years, the West San Fernando Valley had acres of lima beans instead of subdivisions. Failing health and a foot injury forced William to retire in 1946. From 1929 to the late 1940's William was an active member of the San Fernando Elks Lodge. He passed away on September 13, 1952, survived by his wife Jenny and his daughter Dorothy.



L to R: Scholarship Committee members with two Scholarship recipients: George Herczak, Robert and Sherilynn Paul, Madeline Lewis, Gabriela Pollack, Patrick Ilejay, and Bob Medellin. Not shown: Joseph Briones

**Former CHEA Public Relations Committee Chair Andy Costello wins award**

At the recent Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX, it was announced that Andy Costello, the 2011-2012 CHEA Public Relations Chair, was a co-winner of the 2011-2012 “William 'Bill' Hansch Award.” This award was presented to Andy and Russell Sens of the Florida State Elks Association.

The award is given to the State Association Public Relations Chairman with the highest quality and most effective Public Relations program in the Nation, coupling the quality of his/her participation in the Grand Lodge Public Relations initiatives, State Association innovative approaches, and “Elksellence” in activity reporting. The award is named for Bill Hansch, a former chairman of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee.

### Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 awards "Larison Scholarships"

The Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 hosted a Scholarship Awards Recognition Dinner for fifteen high school scholarship recipients and their families. The scholarships grants totaled \$15,000. The students introduced themselves, spoke of their academic achievements and announced the college/university they planned to attend.

The scholarship monies were funded by the Lodge's "Elks Larison Scholarship Fund." Throughout the past seventeen years the ELSF has awarded \$297,950 to 266 graduating students of Napa County public and private high schools. Napa Lodge is proud to again grant scholarships to these well deserving graduating seniors.



Front row (L to R): Valentina Sainato, Mackenzie Russell, Anna Arend, Kylee Ferro, Erin Lilly, Gianna Trzesniewski  
Middle Row (L to R): Evelyn Vega, Emily Gouveia, Nathan Bergfelt, Jonah Boe  
Back Row (L to R): Ian McCaffrey, Joshua Thornton.  
Not pictured: Karun Dhillon, Kimberly Guffy, Samantha Gafvert

### Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 honors educators

In June, the Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 held its 34th annual Educators Night. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all and was followed by the event program. PER Mike Leonard was the Master of Ceremonies.

Over 200 educators and guests were present to honor 20 of their peers at the Lodge. They were honored for their extraordinary dedication to educating children of all ages. Each honoree received a certificate for their accomplishments. They also received a certificate of acknowledgement for their contributions to education from the California State Legislature, signed by State Senator Noreen Evans and Assemblyman Michael Allen.

Each school decorated its table with an educational theme. Exalted Ruler Edmund Malone, Jr., a 54-year member of the Lodge, was assisted by other members in judging the table decorations and in selecting a winner. The table decorations are judged in honor of the memory of a former teacher, Kathy Scapaci, whose life had ended tragically. The winning table was decorated by Vallejo Charter School.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Flag Day program with a large attendance of members and guests. The Lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop 64 and Venture Crew 222 presented the flags. The featured speaker was Lodge member and Vallejo City Vice Mayor Erin Hannigan. The Scouts also retired 360 worn and tattered American Flags. The largest of the flags required six Scouts to properly retire.

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

On Thursday, July 19th, the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 welcomed 11 year old Ismeydi Salas and her family to their Lodge as July's Special Child. Ismeydi is a very shy and bright 11-year-old girl who was born with an extraordinarily rare condition called athrygryposis, which has resulted in her being a quadriplegic.

This condition causes the permanent shortening of muscles and joints producing distortions and deformities. This is a very painful and a very disabling condition. When her bones grow, her muscles, tendons, ligaments and veins do not stretch or grow. She had a surgery where the doctors had to shorten the femur bones in both her legs due to this condition. Unfortunately, as she grows, this problem will continue. In addition, she was born with both of her feet clubbed. She had eight surgeries to repair them. In addition, her hips were dislocated which makes it impossible for her to carry her own weight. She is in a special wheelchair that she controls with her head movement. Ismeydi can really get around.

One of Ismeydi's favorite things to do is go to the Dachshund Weiner dog races once a month with her Weiner dog, Cupcake. Ismeydi is enjoying her summer vacation. She is going into 6th grade in September and she requested a laptop computer to help her with her schoolwork. Jerry Norton, Fullerton Elks sponsor member, presented Ismeydi and her father, Carlos, with a laptop computer, a remote controlled car for her brother, Alex, and flowers for her mother, Kenia. They also received a pin from Exalted Ruler, Phil Marquez, a Special Child Pin, and a commemorative plaque.



L to R: Jerry Norton, Co-Chair Nyada Cline, ER Phil Marquez, Ismeydi Salas, Kenia Salas, Alex Salas, Carlos Salas, and Co-Chair Irene Imhof

### Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 has an Aussie visitor

It happened during the Memorial Day services on May 28, 2012 at the West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery. There was a large audience of veterans, families, fellow Elks, and members of the general public. Members from the Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 were participating in the ceremonies.

A tall young man wearing a black suit and looking out of place in the tropical climate arrived in a taxi and stood solemnly in the crowd. He had a row of ribbons on his suit – which, upon closer inspection, were different than those worn by US veterans. When asked who he was, he replied, "My name is Kevin and I am from Perth, West Australia. I am in Hawaii on business, and read about your ceremony in the newspaper. I fought alongside the Americans in Afghanistan. I came here today to be with my mates."

## Elks National Foundation

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA ENF Chair



The Elk year is marching right along, our Association and Grand Lodge Conventions are finished and we are headed at full speed to our Mid-Term Conference on November 2nd and 3rd. I'm surprised to realize that August is already here.

I want to encourage you, as members of our Order, to look around your communities, at your neighbors, your schools, your community organizations and to your friends and their activities. See if you can find people or organizations where our Elks Nurturing Families through the Elks National Foundation can reach out to touch, assist and help them. The ENF has "free money" available to Lodges through their Community Investment Program. Some grants are available by submitting an application; one is available once the Lodge has met the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of a per-capita donation of \$4.50 per member.

Some Lodges use the grant money to help provide food baskets for the needy or goodies for veterans. Others use the money to help provide the venue and food for disabled athletes to have dinner and a dance, or to add more dictionaries to their 3rd grade distribution – the possible uses are varied and probably endless.

As members, you are all in a unique position to see a need and go to your Lodge Officers and share that information with them. Check with your friends in other fraternal or civic organizations and see what they are doing - you might be able to co-sponsor something with them.

Also remember that our \$4.50 (or more) per-capita donation helps to make these things possible. Every year, the ENF returns to our Association more than we donated in the prior year for us to use in our programs here in California and Hawaii. It supports our Drug Awareness program, our Hoop Shoot program, our Veterans, our Scholarships and of course the program that is most dear to our hearts - our Major Project. Be generous when you are asked at your Lodge to donate to ENF. Consider becoming a Recurring Monthly Donor – easy to set up on line at [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf), or mail a donation to the Elks National Foundation in Chicago. Every penny provides tremendous dividends to the families in our communities and to us.

Last year, members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association generously increased their giving from the previous year – I am asking that you dig deep again and donate \$1 more than you did last year. Certainly \$5's, \$10's and higher are always gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

## Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 joins Relay for Life walk-a-thon

Members of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" walk-a-thon. Cheryl McDonald, wife of PER Norm McDonald, is the chairperson of the Lodge's "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" contingent who joined 2,000 other entrants for the 25-hour event. Between that day and many cake sales, they donated \$13,700. They also donated \$10,000 to the Mission of Hope in Santa Maria.

## Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 co-sponsors blood drive

The Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 is a co-sponsor of a quarterly community blood drive. The El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce joined with the Lodge to hold the June blood drive at the Lodge facility last June. The second quarter blood drive was the most successful one to date – 46 units of whole blood were collected.

## Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 honors new Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop No. 669, sponsored by the Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687, recently held Courts of Honor for several new Eagle Scouts. Sean Connell and Jonathan Hart joined the Scouts together as Tiger Cubs in 2001 when they were in the first grade. They were two of eight Cub Scouts that crossed over as Boy Scouts into Troop 669. Of the eight, seven have become Eagle Scouts, while one moved away. It not only shows what an inspiring group of young men these scouts are, but it also shows what great leadership and mentoring that the boys received through their Scouting careers.

Sean's Eagle Scout project was a footbridge over a creek in Felicita Park that provides access to other areas of the park for the disabled, hikers and bikers. Jonathan's project was the installation of 40 special computer system connectors and associated cables at a local Charter Middle School.

Another Eagle Scout who was recognized by the Lodge is Casey Lasho. Casey's project was built in the kindergarten area of the L. R. Green Elementary School in Escondido. All of the new Eagle Scouts received a plaque and certificate from the Lodge.



Sean Connell and Jonathan Hart with ER Marsha Franklin

## Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 holds scholarship and sports awards banquet

The 31st annual Wally Dietrich Scholarship Award and Tustin Intermediate School Sports Awards Banquet, was held on June 6, 2012 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794. "Wally Dietrich, PER, was a fine man," Larry Arason "Coach" recalls. Wally was named All CIF Baseball Second Baseman, one of the highest awards in California athletics in 1943-1944. He was the inspiration for the Wally Dietrich Scholarship given to the top two seniors in the Santa Ana/Tustin Unified School Districts. The guest speaker of the evening was Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics CIF-Southern Section.

Selene Pola (Segerstrom High School) was the recipient of the Elks Lodge's Award for Outstanding Female Student/Athlete 2012. Selene will go on to pitch for Long Beach State in the fall. James Kaprielian (Beckman High School) was the recipient of the Elks Lodge's Award for Outstanding Male Student/Athlete 2012. He will be attending UCLA in the fall. James was recently drafted by the Seattle Mariners and will be playing collegiate baseball in Wenatchee, WA for the AppleSox.

Larry Arason, our Youth Sports Chairman, awarded 150 Santa Ana/Tustin School District 8th grade students with an MVP Award. Top athletes who participated in football, baseball, volleyball, track and field were recognized. Along with parents, coaches and faculty, the evening was a big success. Thanks, Coach, for all of your hard work in recognizing the fine young student athletes in our district.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$264 to the VA hospital in Long Beach. The veterans committee raised this money by raffling off a handmade American flag quilt which was donated by a veteran's widow, a friend of one of the committee members.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$20,000) Gold Pig Level Donors (May 19, 2012 - July 31, 2012)

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John Collens III	1712

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Antje Shelton	616	Alan Ward	1689	Lance Erickson	2733	Robert Farrrens	2801
Shannan M. Scanlon	1289	Donald Schafer	2121	Diane Farrrens	2801	Paul Gonzalez	2801
W. Clyde Vaughn	1643						

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James Wilder	614	Donna Leiby	1427	James S. Mason	1919	James L. "Jim" Vandenberg	2492
Tom Quigley	652	Maxine Elin	1567	Daisy Roberts	1980	Virginia "Ginny" Mulhern	2591
Bonnie S. Hasselfeld	966	Oren Richardson	1613	Joann Haugen	2095	Tom Warren	2639
Bob Svedeen	1073	Barbara Conner	1740	Stephen "Steve" Arbelbide	2389	Robert Nagle	2733
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Jeff Cobb	1786	Glenda Dutched	2389	Keith Meyer, Sr.	2801
Lewis J. Wilson	1328	Bonnie Givens	1905	Judy Paxton	2393		
Joyce Taylor	1378	Charles "Mike" Melton	1917	Richard Goldner	2477		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors (May 19, 2012 - July 31, 2012)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Richard Engelhardt (2)	3	Edward Repic	794	Robert Hollis-Brau (2)	1427	Frank Diano	1712
Nasir Shakour	3	Richard Wroble	794	Steve Kayahara	1427	Danny Minter	1712
Richard Ambriz	6	Eric Aasen	824	Fred Krinke	1427	Lee Morris	1712
Arlene Bennett	6	Thomas Brazier	824	Donna Leiby (2)	1427	Joseph Paulson	1712
Kelly Byam	6	Faygie Colton (2)	888	Gideon Leiby	1427	Marie Linda Bolstad	1728
Jack Enlow	6	Donald Nattress	888	John & Donna McEntire, Jr.	1427	Frank Almazan	1740
Marilyn Facha	6	Patrick Riley	888	Jody Mentzer	1427	Janice Almazan (2)	1740
Clifford Haskell	6	Betty Woodson	888	Jacqueline Orovecz	1427	Dean Cochran	1740
Kenneth Horst	6	Dennis Woodson	888	Ruth Purbaugh	1427	Dorothy Cochran	1740
James Houpt	6	Alameda Lodge No. 1015	1015	James E. Rentschler	1427	Barbara Conner (2)	1740
Michael Johnson	6	Bob Svedeen (6)	1073	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Nancy Cook (2)	1740
Douglas W. Kelly	6	Donald Gumm (8)	1240	Kathleen Rentschler	1427	William Cook	1740
Paul Lee	6	Richard "Doc" Carstens (2)	1250	Laura Rentschler	1427	Theresa De Santi (2)	1740
Marietta Petersen (2)	6	Scott Dudley	1250	Mike Rentschler	1427	Hazel Dotson	1740
Paul Scammon	6	Frank Gutierrez	1250	Randy Smith	1427	Donald Hubble (3)	1740
Amy Tanaka	6	Lafe Kincaid	1250	George Van Hove	1427	Cher Lintz (3)	1740
Flo Gandolfi	168	Robert Ostini	1251	Mary Courtney	1430	William Lowe	1740
Pat Gandolfi	168	Earl Conro	1259	David Gedman	1436	John & Kelly Oler	1740
Gary Marinelli	168	Stan Felipe (2)	1259	Clyde Homen	1436	Joseph Pawlawski	1740
Chuck Nolan	168	Chuck Darr	1282	Bill Sproul (3)	1436	John Purdy	1740
San Diego Elks Lady Golfers	168	Wally Morrow	1282	Clarence Anderson	1471	John Purdy (2)	1740
Debbie Monelo	522	Bruce Porter	1282	Lorain Brookman	1471	Carl Reeves	1740
Wayne Westover, Jr.	559	Sam Ryno	1282	Robert W. Fleck	1471	Linda Reeves	1740
Paul Rigano	583	Mike Wagner	1282	Martha Miller (2)	1471	Joseph Schrettner, Jr.	1740
Eleanor Bolton	614	Allan Walker	1282	Richard & Claudette McDonald (2)	1474	Eugene Terres	1740
Floyd Bolton	614	Venita Brazier	1285	Frank Sellers	1475	Eugene & Barbara Terres	1740
Alex Camany	614	Laura Helgeson	1285	Greg Koester	1561	Jack & Sandra Fettig (2)	1767
Earl Fiscalini	614	Robert Bowers	1289	Sandra Koester	1561	Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767
George Sallay	614	Greg Brittner (2)	1289	Carole May	1561	Naomi Bailey	1786
James Wilder	614	Paul Coulter	1289	Arnold Agbayani	1567	Alan Barceloux	1786
Camacho & Aikane (4)	616	Todd Erickson	1289	Mike Ahlmann	1567	James Callahan	1786
Michael Bickson	616	Warren Ferrell	1289	Frank Bonura	1567	Al Frank	1786
Wanita Caldwell	616	Dean Kiel	1289	Art Gillespie	1567	Bernice Hiller	1786
Rodney Chang	616	Karen Kiel	1289	Harvey Hammer	1567	Bruce McLeod	1786
Norbert Enos (2)	616	Saro Koumashian	1289	Ted Moore	1567	Ed Owens	1786
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Melvin Hardy	616	Dennis Malone	1289	Steven Schrepfer	1567	Frank Reiman	1786
Mary Houtsma	616	Thoralf Sandaker	1289	Jim & Diana Smith (2)	1567	Ron Vickery	1786
Sumner Howard	616	Dale Scanlon	1289	Donald Vanni	1567	Sandy Nordell	1799
Wayne Howard	616	Hugh Scanlon	1289	Wayne Weller	1567	John Holthaus (2)	1812
John Isabelo	616	Al Fredrickson (2)	1328	Barbara Earle	1608	P.E. Dusty Ward	1812
Mark Moore, Jr.	616	Lance Higa	1328	Mark Lemke	1608	Bill Brotherton	1839
Norma Olson	616	Gordon Johnson	1328	Chuck Merritt	1608	Harry Evans	1877
Michael O'Shea (2)	616	Mick Mistretta	1328	Randy Williams	1608	Fred Elg	1905
Henry Pikini (2)	616	Lewis Wilson	1328	Oren Richardson (7)	1613	Barbara Knox	1905
Antje Shelton	616	Ruth Wilson	1328	Dino Uribe	1613	Estelle Layton	1905
John Southworth	616	Alvin Aiken (3)	1378	Sandy Brown	1625	George Layton	1905
Teru Yasuda	616	Joyce Taylor	1378	Clyde Vaughn	1643	Bruce Tappeiner	1905
Martha Hall	643	Frances Abraham (2)	1427	Ken Sullens	1689	Ben Verde (2)	1905
Jim Olson	652	John Adams	1427	Alan Ward (5)	1689	C. Michael Melton	1917
Aron Andersen	672	Allan Cook	1427	Jack Dubois	1691	James Butler	1919
Don Stocker	672	Delbert Crandall	1427	Laurine Johnson	1691	May Cambra	1919
John A. & Josephine Parker	783	Gerald Delker	1427	Dave Provan	1691	Carllette Gonzales	1919
Elvin Milbrat	794	Sally Emerson	1427	Val Provan	1691		
Gary Myers	794	Ralph Garcia, Sr. (2)	1427	Ray Uebner	1691		

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Edgar Herring	1919	Larry Nohavec	2045	Harvey & Betty Boelts	2444	Sadie Velci	2646
Richard Kaya	1919	Ronnie Young	2045	Richard Goldner	2477	Dale Willett	2646
Barbara J. Kennedy	1919	Sylvia Thoma	2050	Oren's Sparks (2)	2477	William R. Brown	2669
Carlos Lifosjoe	1919	Jeffrey Simmons	2068	James Wallace	2477	David Minnich	2669
James Lynch	1919	Theron Collier	2095	Dennis Brookins	2492	John Karl Bender	2697
James Martin	1919	Joann Haugen	2095	Ernie Buttner	2492	Jolee Burdette	2697
James S. Mason	1919	Ed Jahr	2095	Don Dauro	2492	Robert Fuller	2697
Sharon L. Mason (2)	1919	Lee Northcutt	2095	Jose Diaz	2492	Phillis Harris	2697
Lee "Leila" Myers	1919	James Vecchio	2095	Ellis Dyer	2492	Dean Phelps	2697
Dora Sanchez	1919	Shirley Fuchs	2103	Joe Herzer	2492	Judy Smith	2697
Lenora "Lynn" Tabata	1919	Deborah Davidson	2121	Gary Hoobler	2492	Richard Smith	2697
Rodney Tanaka	1919	Frank Graziani	2128	Fred James	2492	Jimmie Spezia	2697
Kenneth Taylor	1919	Jim McCloskey	2128	Catherine Kelly	2492	Chris Despol	2724
Nancy Brennan (2)	1948	Charlene Rebholz	2128	Gary Lynch	2492	Elizabeth Anne Despol	2724
Beverly Woulfe (2)	1948	Gene & Leila Pendergast	2134	Tony Markarian	2492	Larry Bryant	2733
James Faulkner	1952	Vince & Virginia Chavez	2142	Sander Moss	2492	Douglas Cunningham	2733
Bill O'Hearn	1952	James Childers	2190	Pam Richardson	2492	Lance Erickson	2733
Tom Lemm	1959	Peter Marshall	2190	Kari Sears	2492	Robert Nagle	2733
Thomas & Valarie Lemm	1959	Lompoc Ladies Auxiliary	2274	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492	Frank D. Platz (5)	2733
Mike Seeley	1959	Gary Schoen	2274	Tom Zawislak	2492	Gary Odegard	2790
Jared Williamson	1959	Mark Healy	2333	Dan Danco	2529	Lloyd Plymate	2790
Daisy Roberts	1980	Santa Clara #2347 PER Association	2347	Timothy Grund	2529	Kathy Rogers	2790
Dwight Roberts	1980	Chris Perera	2358	Robert Becker	2591	Bryan Barefield	2801
David Stetzel	1980	Joanne Thomas	2358	Dixie Branscome	2591	Marti Barraza	2801
Robert Cassetta	1991	Frank Franscioni	2364	Jim Flatley	2591	Opal Bendikson	2801
Richard Green	1993	Joan Franscioni	2364	Russell Hamilton	2591	Kenneth Bodenhoefer	2801
Gary Holmes	1996	Roseann Dalton	2379	Larry Hannon	2591	Lloyd Clough	2801
Irene Brunson	2013	Jay Larkins	2379	Mary Ann Hannon	2591	Diane Farrens (7)	2801
Dennis DeSanti	2013	Stephen Arbelbide	2389	Virginia Mulhern	2591	Robert Farrens (5)	2801
Karen Emery	2013	Roy Carrozza	2389	Laurence Williams	2591	Laurel Frey	2801
Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Larry Cook (2)	2389	Mary Williams	2591	Laurie Gonzalez (2)	2801
Bonnie Thomas	2013	Danny Dotson (5)	2389	Alyssa & Sonny Glaum	2599	Paul Gonzalez (2)	2801
Michelle Strawberry Cahill	2020	Cecil Drysdale	2389	John & Colette Brown	2616	Cynthia Higl	2801
John Jewart	2026	Glenda Dutched	2389	Vern Ungerecht	2616	Emil Iwanski	2801
Steve Marada	2026	Marilyn Gower	2389	Daniel Gowan	2638	Linda Iwanski	2801
Beverly Bloch	2045	Dean Herigstad	2389	Sandra Gowan (2)	2638	Betty Loomis	2801
Lory Calsing	2045	Roy Lovejoy	2389	Isabel Lavalle	2638	Ron Loomis	2801
Robert Calsing	2045	Robert Trask	2389	Dolores Munoz	2638	Keith Meyer, Sr.	2801
Yolanda Carrillo	2045	Yucaipa Elks PER Association	2389	Bob Eliasson	2639	David Mitchell	2801
Joseph Jordan (2)	2045	Tom Ziech	2389	Mike Kovich	2639	Kenneth Nordstrom	2801
Janice Kane	2045	Dennis Kelly	2393	Peanut & Jerry Oyler	2639	Jay Taylor	2801
Marjorie Kane	2045	Mike McGinnis	2393	Dorothy Warren	2639	James Thomas	2801
Diane Keller	2045	Judith Paxton (2)	2393	Tom Warren	2639	Robert Walker	2801
Frank Keller	2045	Stan Phillips, Sr.	2393	Robert Hanevik	2646		
Kenneth L. Moore	2045	Patricia Trask (4)	2393	Barbara Moore	2646		
Joyce Nohavec	2045	Joan Warloe	2393	Jimmy Still	2646		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

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Marilyn Hooton	6	James Ferris	1378	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Cynthia Wise	2011
Pat Gandolfi	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Laurie Ayala	2011	William Williford	2103
Chuck Nolan	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Martin Barros	2011	Terry Gicking	2477
Hugh Van Doren	168	Amanda Smith	1475	Debbie Hosted	2011	Neal D. Wagerle	2591
Jerry Hansen	901	Ed Johnson	1811	Ashley Munoz	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Donald Checchi	906	Drew Evans	1877	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Lance Erickson	2733

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## Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 honors retiring Marine

USMC Sgt. Major Stanley E. Buczkowski (Retired), a member of the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561, recently presented retiring USMC Sgt. Maj. Mark O'Laughlin with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lodge. O'Laughlin is a member of Camp Pendleton's "Wounded Warrior West." Sandee Murphy, representing the Lodge's "Hugs from Home" group, also commended O'Laughlin for his outstanding service to our country. He will be greatly missed for his assistance in all matters pertaining to the Wounded Warriors organization.



## Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 helps a family move into their new home

On June 28th, 2012, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121's Activities Committee donated a "house warming" basket to a formerly homeless family at Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter (run by Abode Services) in Fremont, CA. The family was delighted to receive the basket of household items, which included bedding, towels and cleaning supplies. The family is transitioning from life in the community emergency shelter and moving into an apartment. Exalted Ruler Rich Spickler and Community Projects Chairperson Joan White presented the basket to the family on behalf of Fremont Lodge 2121.

It is the goal of the Lodge's Activities Committee to become more directly involved in the local community. As part of that goal, and in accordance with the committee changes outlined by Grand Lodge, the Activities Committee chose Abode Services as their Special Project for the year. The committee plans to help more families who are transitioning from the homeless shelter into their own apartments.

The Lodge received an extremely nice letter of thanks from Abode Services Executive Director Louis Chicoine, who wrote, in part, "This donation is just the most recent example of the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121's generosity toward families in need here in the community. For well over a decade, the Lodge members have given both monetary and in-kind donations to Abode Services, making a real difference in the lives of people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. We are very grateful to have the Elks as a community partner, and for the members' thoughtfulness and commitment to service."



## Stockton Elks Lodge awards \$3,000 in scholarships

The Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 awarded six scholarships to local high school seniors for the 2011-2012 school year. Each student received \$500 from the Lodge. The scholarship awards were given during the Lodge's Mothers Day ceremonies. The scholarship recipients were: Jamie Wong, Michael Kay, Ashlyn Conlin, Ryan Rigato, Lina Nguyen and Louis Pham.

In other news, David Cornish won second place in the Central District's Americanism Essay Contest and Sydney Spurgeon, won third place in the California-Hawaii Elks Association judging. Sydney is the first one in our Lodge to do so. The award winning essays were on "Why I pledged Allegiance to our Flag."

## Hawaii District Elks Lodges participate in Flag Day Program on board the USS Missouri

Members of the five Hawaii District Lodges performed the annual Flag Day Program on board the USS Missouri. In addition to honoring our National Emblem, Pacific National Monument historian Daniel Martinez was the guest speaker; the United States Pacific Fleet Brass Quartet under the direction of Musician First Class Laura Ringnald performed our National Anthem and patriotic songs; Boy Scout Troop 180 sponsored by Pearl City Elks Lodge No. 2616 presented the historic Flags of our country; Elks essay contest winner Keoni Dilay read his essay and "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship winner Travis Lefrandt was in attendance. Over 200 people attended the annual Flag Day Program held on the historic site. Afterwards, all those that attended the Flag Day Program were invited to the Pearl City Elks Lodge No. 2669 for food and refreshments.



L to R: Hilo Leading Knight Lisa Fleury, Hilo Lecturing Knight Taryll Moore, Hilo ER Robert Shimamoto, Hilo Esquire Nathan Sukanuma, Hawaii SVP Miles Nakatsu, Kona PERs Allen and Barbara Nance and PDDGER John Brown from Kona Elks Lodge.

## Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 honors Eagle Scouts, wins float trophy

On June 3rd, Boy Scout Troop No. 214, sponsored by the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697, held their second Court of Honor for the 2012-13 year at the Lodge. The new Eagle Scouts are Michael Kurt Ezra Bender and Nicholas Ryan Browers. Michael Bender conducted the Lodge's Hoop Shoot competition as his Eagle Scout Project. The Lodge's Hoop Shoot notebook, which was entered in the CHEA Single Best Event Brochure contest, won first place. Nicholas Browers built a display case for Indian Artifacts as his Eagle Scout Project. The display case, with the artifacts, is in a museum in Lake Perris, CA. The Lodge members are proud of Michael and Nicholas and continue to be proud sponsors of Troop No. 214.

In other news, the Lodge entered a float into the Moreno Valley Fourth of July Parade. Several members did all the float preparation. The Leading Knight, Willie Harris, provided the Hummer and several other members decorated it. The Esquire, Craig Welch, drove the "float", and Loyal Knight, Cindy Minnich, tossed candy to the crowd. It was such a positive experience – meeting other parade participants and just being part of such a fun and patriotic community event! As a result of ALL this hard work, the Lodge's "float" won a trophy – Most Humorous! Trophies were awarded at the beginning of a Moreno Valley City Council meeting.

In other news, the Lodge held a chili cook-off to generate revenue for the Lodge's Dictionary Project and other charities. The entries were judged by members of the fire and sheriff's departments. In return for their judging skills, the judges received a complimentary dinner and plaques for their departments. Fawn Phelps, a Lodge member, donated beanie babies for the firefighters and deputies to give to children needing comfort.



**Scholarship**

*By Greg Metzgas, CHEA Scholarship Chairman*



The Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Contest applications will be available in early September. The eligibility requirements are very simple:

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Each Lodge should look at this contest as an opportunity to award financial assistance to students in their area with absolutely no financial impact on the Lodge itself since CHEA and ENF write the checks. There will be \$288,000 awarded by CHEA to 400 students in California-Hawaii. This is a one-time award. In addition, about 70 California-Hawaii students will advance to the National Contest where \$2,296,000 will be awarded over 4 years to 500 students.

Some Lodges are of the opinion that there are no schools in their area producing students with a chance of winning because of grade point average or financial need. Please keep in mind that the district judging determines who will be awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their district. Those winners will be awarded \$700, \$400 or \$200 respectively. That is 6 awards (1 boy, 1 girl each level) per district based on their district judging before the applications are sent to Fresno. In addition, some Lodges make scholarship awards to students from their own Lodge budget based on the judging within their Lodge. This is an excellent way of recognizing High School Seniors on a local Lodge level.

There is a lot more information on the ENF website at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>.

Please stop by the Scholarship Booth at the Mid Term Conference. Jan Bennett (Scholarship Vice Chairperson) and I would enjoy exchanging ideas concerning our Scholarship Program.

**Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 honors veterans in the Independence Day Parade**

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 honored veterans during its third year of participation in the Lake Forest, CA, Independence Day Parade with over eighty parade participants. The Lodge's delegation was led by the Elks Lodge banner and ten members of the Lodge's Boy Scout Troop 603 carrying the American Flag, MIA-POW Flag and five other flags. The Scouts were followed by Elk members and their families who handed out American flags, Elks Lodge key chains, American Flag mints, and American Flags plus other Independence Day memorabilia. The marchers were followed by six convertible vehicles and a World War II Jeep that carried military veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In the Jeep were brothers Jim and Wade Kemers. Jim, 95 years old, was in Patton's Army and his 84-year old brother was a Navy flyer in Korea and a team member of the famous Blue Angels. Other military veterans in the parade included: Maria Jacobs, Jim Humphrey (PER), Tom Banning, Dennis Lumley, Bill James (PER), Jim Spray and Norm Jones (PDDGER).

In other news, the Lodge held its annual "Summer Sock Hop" for developmentally challenged men and women on July 14th at the Lodge. The day was filled with fun, food, music and dancing. Entertainment was again provided by the High Hopes musical ensemble from Hope University in Santa Ana. The talented musical group, made up entirely of developmentally challenged men and women, is world renowned and has performed on national TV. Twenty-two lodge volunteers ensured that the 110 special guests enjoyed the event. Sandy Jacobs, a regular Elk volunteer every year said of the event, "I wouldn't miss it. Besides the singing and dancing, there's always a lot of hugging that goes on. It's wonderful to see how much they enjoy themselves." Sandy added, "I'm not sure who has more fun - our guests or the Elks who are helping." Most of the guests are repeat attendees who look forward to meeting up with old friends at the party. Those old friends include many of the Elks Lodge volunteers.

In more news, the Ladies Auxiliary held their 4th annual charity auction. The Live Auction and White Elephant Sale raised \$1,500 for the Lodge charities. The Auctioneer, Marge Schreck, spouse of Past Exalted Ruler Tom Schreck, noted the value of imported items and kept the bidding vigorous. Some of the items which were not sold were later donated to the Ladera Ranch "Laura's House for Abused Women."

**Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 installs a memorial to "Absent Members"**

The members of Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 recently completed the installation of an Elks Memorial honoring 75 "Absent Members." This project was conceived and managed by long time member Chris Cormier. After being contacted that the cast iron elk statue was available, Chris seized the opportunity to purchase it by making a motion to do so on the floor of the Lodge. Following the unanimous approval of this motion, Elk members were given the opportunity to contribute \$100 to have an absent member's name of their choice placed on the memorial.

In less than 90 days, with the help of six other Elks, two footings were poured, a marble monument was ordered and delivered, a fence complete with "B.P.O.E" lettering was set in place, lighting and irrigation were installed, flowers planted and a 20 foot flag pole was erected. A "B.P.O.E." flag is flown at half-staff on the flag pole. The memorial is located on the Lodge grounds in front of the building facing Santa Clara St. - a very busy thoroughfare in Alameda. The Lodge has received numerous comments about the beauty and significance of this memorial from many other Elks in the Bay District.



## Elks lodge assists in therapy of a local boy



The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. is assisting in providing occupational therapy for a local Hollister boy, Emilio, the son of Gilbert and Allison Garcia. Emilio's grandfather, Robert Postigo, has been a local Elks Lodge member for many years.

Emilio was born on April 27, 2010 with moderate hypotonia and developmental delay. He was in the neonatal intensive care unit in Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for 21 days. The diagnosis of hypotonia means low muscle tone, not to be confused with muscle strength. Low muscle tone can cause delay in gross motor function, such as sitting up, crawling and walking. It also has effects on fine motor skills, such as picking up objects, chewing, etc.

Emilio's parents had a very difficult time finding a pediatric physical therapist and one that accepted their insurance. Thankfully, they found Jennifer Housain, PT, from Morgan Hill. Last year they took Emilio twice a week to Morgan Hill and paid for this service out of pocket. Then they were referred to a company called Coastal Kids and currently Emilio is receiving PT from Nan Farrell in the comfort of his home and they do accept their insurance.

Emilio was also in need of occupational therapy for his fine motor skills and was referred to the Elks Lodge for this service. Pam Flagg is the Major Project therapist who is providing Emilio with this service. It is also provided to Emilio in his home where he feels much more comfortable and at no charge to the family. Pam assists Emilio weekly in feeding techniques and other fine motor exercises.

Emilio's parents wrote, "We are so thankful to have the services that the Elks provide. We saw the newsletters from the Elks Association but it is great to actually have our son receive services from a local organization which his grandpa has been a member of for many years. Pam comes into our home so we do not have to drive to her. Thank you so much. We appreciate the service more than words can say. Emilio is making great progress!!!"

## Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 helps students and recognizes law enforcement personnel

The Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 distributed 340 dictionaries to nine third grade classes from Lone Pine to Coleville in Inyo and Mono counties. The dictionaries were purchased with funds raised from a bowl-a-thon. In June, the Lodge participated in the Community Scholarship awards ceremony at the Bishop High School auditorium. The Lodge awarded five \$500 scholarships to the following students: Bishop High School recipients Ashley Weatherford, Norma Ruvalcaba and Ashley Chinzi; High Desert Academy student Shayna Allison and Lone Pine High School student Gabriel Galindo. The funds for the scholarships were raised from the Lodge's weekly bingo games.

On May 23rd, the Lodge held its Law Enforcement night. It served 85 steak dinners to representatives from the Bishop Police Department, Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Mammoth Police Department and others.

The Lodge has been active in the community in a variety of other ways. For example, on June 3rd, the Lodge hosted 22 veterans from the Long Beach, CA, "Project Healing Waters" to a hamburger cook out at the Elks Park. The Elks Park was also the site for the Lodge's 75th Anniversary celebration. The community was invited to the event. There were children's games with prizes, a horseshoe tournament and other activities. A dinner was served and followed by karaoke singing and dancing. The Lodge held its 2nd annual "Cruise-In" car show. The public was invited to attend and participate in choosing their favorite entrants. Owners of street rods and antique cars were invited. Prizes were awarded and the car show concluded with a tri-tip dinner, karaoke and dancing.

## Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 provides Wheels for Veterans

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 purchased two new batteries for an electric scooter that had been donated to the Lodge's Veterans Program. The scooter is in excellent condition – almost like new. The scooter was subsequently donated by the Lodge to the California Disabled American Veterans, who will use it as a loaner so that several veterans will benefit from its use. Bonnie and Brian James donated the scooter to the Lodge. Mr. Kenneth Wingett, a Past State Commander for the California DAV, received the keys to the scooter from ER Randy Logan. Mr. Wingett was very grateful to the Lodge for this donation. Lodge member Tony Estes helped transport the scooter to its new home.

In other news, the Lodge partnered with the Salvation Army to host a bike rally. The rally had two levels of participation – a 100 mile and 50 mile ride. Over 100 bikers participated. The Salvation Army provided their "Rescue Canteens" an opportunity to hone their emergency skills by allowing them to be the coordinators of the rest stops, sag wagon, and communications between cyclists and the destination. The Elks provided a barbecue pit and cooks for the event.

The Lodge also participated in the Sonoma County Veterans Resource and Job Fair that was held in Santa Rosa. The Lodge received a Certificate of Appreciation for their sponsorship in this event. As the first of its kind in Sonoma County, the event attracted 400 job seekers and dozens of employers and resource and support organizations. The Elks, as one of four executive sponsors with a goal of "getting veterans back to work," also had a booth at the event to show support, share resources and share the Elks experience.



ER Randy Logan giving the scooter keys to Kenneth Wingett

## San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 receives flag flown over Kabul military base

While home on leave recently, a San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 member, Sgt. First Class Jon M. Waterhouse, Jr., presented an American Flag and Citation to Exalted Ruler Richard Rios.

The citation states, "This flag was flown over the International Security Assistance Forces Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan in honor of San Bernardino Lodge #836. The flag was raised and lowered by Jon and verified by the Commander and Command Sergeant Major of ISAF. In honor of your unrelenting support of Veterans of all Services, and the patriotism and Americanism displayed in all of your practices."

It is signed by David H. Petraeus, General, US Army Commander, and Marvin L. Hill, Command Sergeant Major, US Army, Command Senior Enlisted Leader.

## Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 renovates community sign

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 was honored at Westchester's annual Fourth of July Parade for their \$1,980 contribution to the renovation of the Westchester community sign. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl unveiled the new sign and gave the Lodge representatives a Certificate of Appreciation. Loyal Knight Craig Bromberger accepted the award on behalf of the Lodge.

The sign was originally built as an art project for the Westchester High School graduating class of 1979. The contributions were made possible by Lodge members Chris Poveromo and Jose Marrero, Jr., and also from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant. The Lodge was not only a participant, but also a proud sponsor of the annual parade which is hosted by the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce.



## Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 retires worn flags

The Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 21. Following the Lodge's Flag Day ceremony, the Troop retired over 30 worn American Flags.

A lunch was served by the Scouts and the Lady Elks after the Flag Day ceremony and prior to the flag retirement. During the lunch, the Lodge recognized the many veterans who were present for the event. Also in attendance, and with a special recognition, were several Blue Star Mothers.



Boy Scout Troop No. 21 retires an American Flag

## Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 celebrates with the WCD and CHEA

The Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 celebrated with the West Central District and the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Thomas S. Brazier was installed as the 2012-2013 Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX in July. GER Brazier has been a member of the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge since 1989. His full biography can be found on page 8 of the March, 2012 issue of "The Elks Magazine." Copies of his biography and an official portrait have been mailed to your Lodge Secretary.

On Monday, July 2nd, PGER Moore and PGER Grillo escorted GER-elect Tom Brazier to the stage after his nomination and election for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. CHEA members and guests led the rally as hundreds of conventioners marched around the convention hall tossing souvenirs to the audience. Tom gave a very inspiring acceptance speech and introduced the theme for his year as Grand Exalted Ruler: "Elks – A Beacon of Hope."

The Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions were devoted to other convention activities, including a vote on eighteen resolutions which were presented for consideration by the voting members of Grand Lodge. On Thursday, July 5th, PGER James L. Nicholson installed the new Grand Lodge Officers. PGER Grillo assisted PGER Nicholson to place the jewels of office on GER Brazier's shoulders. GER Tom Brazier then installed the 236 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler designates that were in attendance.



## Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 serves lunch to vision impaired veterans

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 recently responded to a request from the Long Beach VA Hospital to serve a lunch to their blind and vision impaired veterans. The Blind Rehab Center had contacted Frank Sellers, Orange Coast District Veterans Chairman, to ask if he knew of any organization that would be willing to put on a luncheon for 60-80 Blind and Visually Impaired Veterans from West LA as part of an open house for the new Blind Rehab Center at Long Beach VAMC. Frank contacted Stephanie and Brian Fitzpatrick, the Lodge's Veterans Committee Chairmen, to coordinate the lunch. Thirteen members from the Lodge served hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, drinks and ice cream. Over one hundred lunches were served.

### Northeast District welcomes CHEA President Art Echternacht and First Lady Shirley

The Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 was the host Lodge for the District's official visit by CHEA President Art and First Lady Shirley Echternacht. They visited the Old Empire Mine in Grass Valley and were treated to lunch at Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538. The visit also included a docent led tour of the old courthouse and jail and a walking tour of Old Town Auburn. The visit concluded with a banquet honoring Art and Shirley.



L to R: Val Provan (Northeast District VP's wife), Shirley Echternacht, Art Echternacht, Dave Provan (Northeast District VP)

### Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 raises \$4,500 for the Purple Pig

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recently held their annual fundraiser to support the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project. In addition to the Temecula Valley Elks and guests in attendance, there were members from twelve other Lodges in the Southeast District who enjoyed a dinner and auction to raise money. Association Vice President Diane Farrens and her husband, Bob, were present to kick off the annual fundraising event. This year, more than \$4,500 was raised during the evening. The symbol for the Major Project is the purple Piggy Bank. All year, Elk members fill these banks with their change and donate the money to the Major Project. Seventeen attendees are members of the Century Club (\$100 donation) or Fifty-Two Club (\$52 donation).



Back Row (L to R): Bob Walker, Lloyd Clough, Spike Lunn  
Middle Row (L to R): Paul Gonzalez, Bob Farrens, Ken Nordstrom, Mike Caruso, Karen Caruso, Barbara Conner, Steve Jones  
Front Row (L to R): Laurie Gonzalez, Diane Farrens, Marti Barraza, Linda Jones, Judy Hernandez, Laural Frey, Jim Thomas

### Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 co-sponsors "Christmas in July" for veterans

Three Lodges of the Orange Coast District visited the veterans at the Long Beach VA Hospital to give them a "Christmas in July." The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 joined the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 and La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095 for this event. Several other Lodges from the Orange District went to the veterans housing units at "The Villages at Cabrillo House" to implement the "Christmas in July" program at that venue. "Christmas in July" is a special program that our Lodges do to show our appreciation to the veterans for their part in keeping our country safe.

The Orange Lodge gave each veteran a "Christmas Present." The gift included socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, razors, deodorant, lotion, raisins and a card that said, "Thank you for your service. So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Lodges furnished coffee, punch and cookies and donated money for the bingo games that were played.



Back row, L to R: Frank Torres (Santa Ana), Barbara Berger (Orange), Von Balsey (La Habra) and Stephanie Fitzpatrick (Orange)  
Veterans: Jeff Lamphere and Richard Arnold