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Honoring and Remembering our brave Veterans

THE WILLINGNESS WITH WHICH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO
SERVE IN ANY WAR, NO MATTER HOW JUSTIFIED, SHALL BE DIRECTLY
PROPORTIONAL AS TO HOW THEY PERCEIVE THE VETERANS OF EARLIER
WARS WERE TREATED AND APPRECIATED BY THEIR COUNTRY.

GEORGE WASHINGTON



Duty
Service
Honor



*So long as there are Veterans,
the Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks will never forget them*

Fremont Lodge No. 2121 brings music and movies to seniors

The Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 used a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to purchase 39 CD player/radios and over 100 CDs and DVDs for the residents of Hillside Senior Care Center in Fremont. In addition, the Lodge also supplied hygiene supplies and books.

Several Lodge members delivered the items to the center on July 24th, and had the opportunity to meet many of the residents who benefitted from the donation. The residents, who previously had no CD players or radios, were very pleased that they could now listen to their favorite radio stations or choose from a vast selection of CDs. All residents will benefit from the many movies, which range over several decades of the film industry.

Community service and "paying it forward" are commitments that the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 has made to our community.



L to R: Cathy Seymour, PER Sheila Spangler, Joan White, Trina Murphy and Laurie Higgins

Palmdale Lodge No. 2027 and scouts celebrate Flag Day

At their Flag Day Ceremony, the Palmdale Elks Lodge No. 2027 invited Scout Troop 444 and Cub Pack 692 to attend and be part of the Ritual. During the ceremony, while the "History of the Flag" was being read, each flag was carried and presented by a scout.

Chief Ramón Hernandez (USN Retired) delivered the patriotic address. The ceremony was well attended by Elks and Guests and afterward all were invited to participate in a BBQ at the Lodge.



Scouts with Scoutmaster Jon Carrino and Exalted Ruler Wes Snow

Red Bluff Lodge No. 1250 enjoys a visit from the CHEA Major Project 2013 Theme Child

A fundraiser spaghetti dinner for the CHEA Major Project was held on July 20th at the Red Bluff Elks Lodge No. 1250. As a result, after the dinner, raffle and auction were concluded, over \$2,000 was raised for the Purple Pig!

The North District CHEA VP Jan Keller and the CHEMPI 2013 Theme Child, Andrew Bowring, his mother Erin, and Leading Knight Pat Craig were present for the dinner. The Lodge members were delighted to have a chance to meet Andrew!



L to R: Jan Keller, Andrew Bowring, Erin Bowring and Pat Craig

Paradise Lodge No. 2026 gives to their community

On July 9th, the Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026's Community Activities Committee presented their 2013 Community Monetary Awards to several community organizations.

\$1,350 was distributed to the following groups: The Place, Gold Nugget Museum, Upper Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, Family Resource Center, Paradise Senior Center, and the Boys & Girls Club of Paradise.



Standing (L to R): Karen Hass (The Place), John Jewart (Gold Nugget Museum), Rich Lewis (ER), Bob Schofield (Upper Ridge Volunteer Fire Company)
Sitting (L to R): Jay Smith (PER, Committee member), George Siler (Family Resource Center), Nancy Eaton (Paradise Senior Center), Hobbie Compos (Boys & Girls Club of Paradise) and Vikki Isham (Community Activities Committee Chair)

President's Message



Hello and Aloha!

Claudette and I have begun our travels around this great Association of ours. We just returned from our Grand Lodge Convention in Reno in mid-July. What a great turn out from California and Hawaii! Everywhere we looked in the convention center we saw blue coats. I want to thank all of you—your enthusiastic participation made Claudette and I so proud to represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association!

In April, we attended the Nevada Elks Association Convention in Carson City. It was a fun time! While the Nevada Elks Association is much smaller than CHEA, they are just as dedicated to Elkdom as we are.

Then, of course, we had our annual CHEA Convention in Anaheim in May. What a great turn out! Again Claudette and I want to thank everyone involved. After the Convention, we went to the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. What a great job they do and have been doing for the past 70 years, raising money for their local charities. Our next stop was to the Metropolitan District where we visited five lodges. It's great to see the good things that all of the lodges are doing in their communities to "Pass Elkdom On."

When we left the Metropolitan District, we went to Mesquite, NV, for their annual Mesquite golf tournament. A little hot, but a good time. We raised over \$800 for the Major Project because of the participation by Elk members from lodges in California.

Now that the Grand Lodge Convention is over, we are back on the road spreading the word of Elkdom and what we, as Elks, are all about. We look forward to meeting all of you when we come to your District to find out what you are doing in your lodges and communities. Our visitation schedule is on page 4 of this issue.

In the previous lodge year, we raised just over three million dollars for our Major Project. In order to reach that goal again, I'm asking each of you to donate just five dollars more – that's right - just five dollars more than you gave last year. If every Elk in California and Hawaii does that, we will be able to continue to help all of the children that need us. I know we can do this - "BUT IT'S ALL UP TO YOU."

You won't receive your next issue of the magazine until after the Christmas Holidays, so Claudette and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a most enjoyable fall season and a most blessed Christmas and Holiday season and God Bless All.

"ELKDOM, PASS IT ON"

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Richard L. McDonald, President

California-Hawaii Elks Association

Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577 retires flags

On June 15, 2013 the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Lodge. The American Legion Post No. 233, the Elk Grove V.F.W., the Marine League and the Young Marine Cobras participated in the event. Over 450 Flags were retired that day. The special guests included CSD President Michelle Orrock and PDDGER Angelo Sannino who were the keynote speakers. The Young Cobras performed the posting of Colors and maintained a proper military manner during the entire operation. The Elk Grove Elks sponsors the Young Cobras. The event had a Bagpipe Player, a bugler who played Taps, and the Lodge's Honor Guard who performed a three-volley rifle salute. The Elks Honor Guard includes: PER Bob Samaniego, PER Bill Parsons, PER Mike Sabo, Inner Guard Bill Taylor, Esquire Ralph Daniels and Inner Guard Ken Cotes.

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- ✓ Physical Therapy
- ✓ 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

September 6-8, 2013

Inland District

September 13-15, 2013

Bay District

September 19-22, 2013

Hawaii District

October 4-6, 2013

East Central District

October 11-13, 2013

*California Elks Camper Rally
45th year - Hemet*

October 18-20, 2013

North District

Oct. 25-27, 2013

*Arizona Elks Association
Mid-Year Meeting*

November 1-2, 2013

*California-Hawaii Elks Association
Mid-Term Conference - Modesto*

November 8-10, 2013

South Coast District

November 15-17, 2013

West Central District

November 22-24, 2013

San Gabriel Valley District

December 6-8, 2013

North Central District

December 13, 2013

Roses for the Living Luncheon

December 31, 2013

*New Year's Celebration
Pasadena*

January 1-2, 2014

*New Year's Celebration
Pasadena*

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San Francisco Lodge No. 3 visited by 2008 MVS Scholarship winner

On Friday, June 21, 2013 San Francisco Lodge No. 3 was pleased to welcome Catherine (Katie) Kent during our Association Vice President visitation and dinner. Katie won the Most Valuable Student scholarship from the ENF in 2008 and went on to graduate from University of Michigan in 2012.

Now working at Greenstart in San Francisco, Katie wanted a chance to re-connect with the Elks and share her appreciation of how receiving scholarships changed her course in life. Katie spoke briefly about how in today's reality, children growing up without funding for college are faced with a choice: get a degree in something that will allow them to earn money quickly after college so they can pay off huge student loan debts, or follow their dreams knowing they will start out their lives and careers with heavy student loans and debt.

Katie was able to have a different choice because of scholarships like those the Elks provide - she was able to follow her dreams without the fear of looming student loan debts. Katie is passionate about green design - helping small start-ups build sustainable, green and eco-friendly practices. Her speech revealed that she is very passionate about climate change and that she is doing her part to make our world a better place. This is a young lady who will make a difference - but imagine if she'd been forced to consider a career based solely on the income she would earn to pay for her education!

As a person who loves architectural design, Katie also greatly enjoyed the tour of the historic San Francisco Elks Lodge. And, while our 1925 building may not be the "greenest," it has some fun features we all enjoy!

In other news, with the help of Girl Scout troop 49900, Boy Scout troop 343 and the SF Sea Scouts, Lodge No. 3 performed the Flag Ceremony at the Ft. Miley VA Hospital in San Francisco. The ceremony was followed by a BBQ cooked and served by the Lodge officers and volunteers. Over 150 veterans and hospital staff were served!



L to R: Tina Shakour (First Lady), Nasir Shakour (Exalted Ruler), Katie Kent, Roy Stout (CHEA VP), Diane Pryor-Stout (PER, Alameda Lodge No. 1015)

Ed Lima passes away

The Association Office has been notified that Ed Lima, PDDGER 2002-2004, former chairman of the CHEA Board of Trustees 2012-2013 and member of the CHEA Board of Trustees 2010-2012, passed away Thursday evening July 18, 2013. A Memorial Service and reception was held on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at the West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996. Condolences may be sent to Ed's daughters at: The Ed Lima Family, 3637 Calmgrove Ave., Covina, CA 91724-3404. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's name to: California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224.

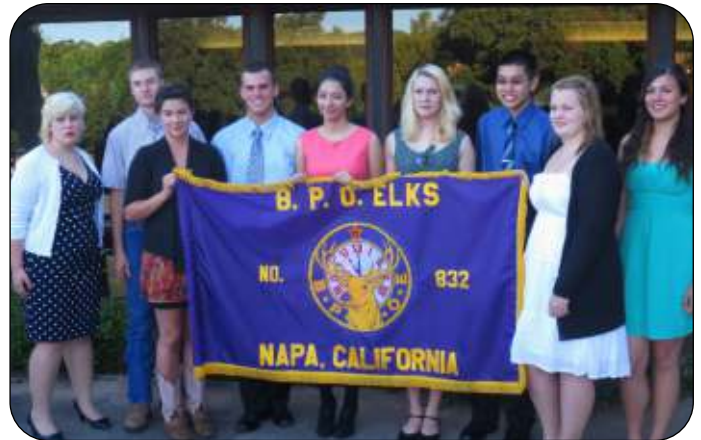
Napa Lodge No. 832 awards "Larison Scholarships"

The Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 Elks Larison Scholarship Fund (ELSF) Scholarships. An awards dinner was held May 29th to honor each of these Napa students and their families at which time the students spoke about their college plans and aspirations.

The ELSF Trustees approved an award of \$14,000 for the year 2013. Each of the 20 students received from \$500 to \$1,000 to help further their education. The students graduated from Napa County High Schools: American Canyon, Calistoga, Napa, New Tech, St. Helena, Valley Oak and Vintage. In the fall, they will be attending colleges and universities throughout the country.

Since 1996, based upon graduating student applicants selected by the ELSF Scholarship Committee, the Fund will have awarded \$310,950 to 286 graduating students of Napa County public and private High Schools.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Flag Day Ceremony with participation by our sponsored Boy Scout Troop 832. Ten scouts participated in the program, each retiring two flags. Many Elk members, families, and friends were in attendance. At the conclusion of the ceremony, refreshments were served. Adhering to proper protocol, the ashes will be buried in an area not disturbed by hikers during a backpacking trip in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



L to R: Mariah Sanchez, Tyler Blackwood, Deanna May, Dominic Good, Cynthia Hernandez, Juliette Humer, David Ho, Katie Brady, Shannon Swiney. Not pictured are: Ashley Blair, Wendy Garcia, Esther Hessong, Olivia Macler, Mary Mann, Paige McGlothorn, Linda Phorth, Paige Preston, Sofia Silva, Anna Sukhova, Xitally Vazquez

Arcadia Lodge No. 2025 donates to the Elks Disaster Relief Program

The Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 donated \$1,000 to the Elks Disaster Relief Program to help out the victims of the recent F-5 tornado in Oklahoma.

In other news, on Memorial Day weekend, the lodge participated in the "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families: Past, Present and Future" event hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. Our goal was to reintroduce our lodge to our surrounding communities by highlighting the charitable work that we do for our Nations Veterans, youth and local communities. The event was well attended and we received many positive responses and inquiries about the Elks and our lodge.

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



I was able to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno this year, and what a fact-finding experience it was. The Elks National Foundation plays such a prominent part at the Convention because of its financial support to so many Elk projects. It is no wonder that the "Great Heart of Elkdom Swells and Throbs."

As a reminder, the ENF increased College Scholarships this year, designating \$2.44 million for 500 four-year scholarships and will now feature 20 top awards of at

least \$20,000 each. \$1 million has been designated to fund 250 four-year \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission was granted \$1.144 million; \$692,000 will go to the Hoop Shoot, and \$682,000 goes to the Drug Awareness Program.

Thirty percent of the annual ENF distribution is designated to support State Grants. The CHEA Major Project (aka the "Piggy Bank") receives money from this fund.

This year, thirty two percent, or \$8.5 million, is dedicated to the Community Investment Program (CIP). CIP benefits both the local lodge and the local community. By applying for one of the five grants (Gratitude, Beacon, Promise, Impact and Freedom) your lodge receives a threefold benefit: it will have money to spend on local charities, the Elks get credit for community goodwill projects, and, due to community exposure, more people are interested in membership.

What the Elks National Foundation provides is only possible due to the generosity of the membership. To all of you who contribute, I express the simple but meaningful words, "THANK YOU!" Last year CHEA lodges contributed just under \$9.00 per capita for a record year. We would like to do just a little bit more this year as the needs continue to increase.

Sadly as it may seem, it is not a majority of members who contribute to the philanthropy of the ELKS. It is a minority of members whose contributions make the great heart of Elkdom swell and throb.

As a member of the majority, consider joining the Fidelity Club. You can contribute as little as \$5.00 per month through an automatic charge to your credit card or debit card. Your ENF Chairman can help sign you up.

Sonora Lodge No. 1587 celebrated Flag Day

The Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 held their Annual Flag Day Ceremony June 14, 2013 at the Sonora Elks Lodge with the help and support of the Sonora Emblem Club, Scout Troop No. 570 and a 4H member. This year's celebration was larger than those in previous years with about 80 people in attendance.

In addition to the normal Elks Flag Day Ritual Ceremony, a Flag folding demonstration took place as the significance of each fold was described to the audience. All in attendance sang, "God Bless the USA", by Lee Greenwood. Hot dogs and other great old American favorite dishes were served following the ceremony.

Lodge member Stan Killian and his wife Maxine, an Emblem Club member, had family members visiting from Arkansas and Eureka. Four generations of the Killian Family were present!

A "Special Thanks" to everyone who made this year's celebration one of the best ever: Kirk Wallace (Americanism Chair), Bill Butler (Americanism Co-Chair), and Dominic De Fabio. Emblem Club: Dalaine Heagle (Americanism), Sona Dixon, Barbara Spardo, Patti Potter, Virginia Sauls, Susan Gipe, Laurel Utecht, and Jerrie La Fuente (Organist). Boy Scouts: Ron Leedy (Unit Commissioner for the Sierra Valley District), Troop No. 570: Bobby Johnson (Sr. Patrol), Garret, TJ, Ian S., and Dallas. Cub Scouts: Brodie. 4H: K. K. Johnson. Thanks to each of you.

Hawaii District performs Flag Day ceremony on the USS Missouri

The Hawaii District Elks Lodges (Hilo No. 759, Honolulu No. 616, Kailua No. 2230, Kona No. 2616 and Pearl City No. 2669) joined together to hold its 14th annual Flag Day Ceremony on board the USS Missouri. Over 150+ attendees relived moments in American history listening to the narration of the evolution of the American Flag. PERs from these five lodges read passages from the Flag Day ritual as the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 180 (sponsored by the Pearl City Lodge) presented the American Flags from each time period. Anuhea Cameron (Kaiser High School) sang the National Anthem and other patriotic songs. Captain Jeffrey James, USN (Commander Joint Base Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) was the guest speaker. Americanism Essay winners Deborah Beatty and Jacqueline Millard read their essays before the audience and the Hawaii District's Most Valuable Student Scholarship winner, Michael Kikukawa, addressed the audience.



L to R: Captain Brian Osgood, USN (Commanding Officer of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard), Chuck Minnich (Hawaii District DDGER, Pearl City Lodge), Captain Jeffrey James, John Brown (PDDGER and District PR Chair, Kona Lodge), Stanford Yuen, P. E. Special Assistant Intergovernmental Affairs from the Office of Admiral Ponds, Commander, Navy Region, Hawaii).

Ridgecrest Lodge No. 1913 retires 845 flags

The Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 held their Flag Day Ritual Ceremony with the support of some of our local active duty military from the Naval Air Warfare Station (NAWS) China Lake. These young men and women came to carry and share the history of the Flag of our Country. Our local Boy Scout Troop cremated more than 845 local flags (including MIA flags) following the ceremony.

Participating from the NAWS were: PR2 Britton Balusek, AE1 John Fraley, IS2 Kristie Crespo, PR2 Michael Guthrie, AE2 Joshua Buckeye, ATAN Clara Ambrosio, AMAN Mason Moran, ISSN Kristen Gurley, and IT1 John Donahue. The guest speaker was Lt. Derrick Horne, NAWS Command Chaplain, who highlighted the history of the American Flag, and our patriotism.



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Become a Benefactor for the
BLT Commitment Trust.

Drug Awareness

By Ed Repic, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



We all speak of Drug Awareness as some kind of sickness that can be controlled by various medicines and exercise. Wouldn't it be great if this were true! When we talk about the drug awareness program (DAP), we are not talking about how to cure those who are already addicted to one or more of the many different kinds of drugs that are now easily available. The DAP's primary goal is to step in early and show our kids the dark side of drug use before they even try it.

This is an admirable and worthwhile goal but how do we accomplish it?

Today, kids are inundated by TV, radio, magazines and newspapers that carry stories about the different types of drugs that are available and being used by their peers. There is constant pressure from their peer groups and there is a high likelihood that your child will be exposed to drugs and alcohol. According to statistics from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, there is a good chance that your child will try drugs. Thirteen year-old children are experimenting with drugs that are as powerful as cocaine. They might tell themselves they will only try a drug once, but many children find themselves under continual peer pressure to continue to experiment with drugs and "join the party."

Most children don't start using drugs expecting to develop a substance abuse problem. Most see their drug use as a casual way to have fun. Yet, there are negative effects that result from this use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs. The biggest consequence to casual drug use is that it may develop into a true addiction. Very few addicts recognize when they have crossed the line from casual use to addiction.

We have joined with President Obama's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to obtain and distribute the latest information on drug abuse and the programs for limiting/stopping the use of illicit drugs by our children. I will see that this information, suggestions and any other useful material will be sent to our District Chairmen for distribution to their lodges, local schools, and other organizations. By working together, let's get the word out to our kids:

BE SMART, DON'T START

Richmond Lodge No. 1251's PDDGER donates his beard to charity

The Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 recently held their annual "Sox to Vets" Enchilada Dinner night and not only collected socks for hospitalized veterans, but also raised money for both the Elks National Foundation and the Major Project. PDDGER Robert Ostini, Vice Chairman of the Major Project Board of Trustees, had been growing a beard for several months. On March 23rd, he announced that for each \$2.00 donation to CHEMPI, he would wear his beard for one more day, and for each \$2.00 donation to the ENF, he would wear the beard for one less day. Well, the fund raising fun began! The day of reckoning for the beard shaving event was eventually set for June 10, 2013.

On that date, additional donations were collected, and it was determined that the beard would have to go. Unfortunately, there are no publishable photos of the actual beard shearing, which was done by several of the First Ladies of the Bay District: Amy Giugliano (Redwood City), Lynne Lathbury (Alameda), and Tess Junier (So. San Francisco), assisted by San Francisco Esquire Jula Isola, that formed a "barber shop quartet" who clipped, lathered and shaved the (somewhat gray) whiskers off.

Donations for the ENF (\$343) and for CHEMPI (\$337) made the whole event a resounding success. In addition, over 100 pairs of new socks were donated. Some will be given to local veterans programs and the Blue Star Moms will ship the rest to active duty veterans.

Tracy Lodge No. 2031 active with Boy Scouts

On July 14, 2013, Christian Andrews became the 42nd Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop No. 525, which is sponsored by the Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031. Christian chose a project that would benefit a small school for severely autistic children in Tracy. The project entailed the construction of two six-foot long, three-foot wide mobile planter boxes, as well as a school bench/table combination. He also refurbished the existing bench and delivered it to the school, so the students could repaint it as a class project. The Boy Scout Troop No. 525 held its Court of Honor at the lodge. There were several awards given to the 35 Scouts in attendance, including three Eagle Scout awards. The other two Eagle Scouts who were honored were Cody Miller and Jake Hunter.

The lodge held its annual Flag Day ceremony at the Tracy Lodge, with help from Boy Scout Troop No. 525 and Cub Scout Pack No. 525. The Scouts presented historical American flags as the history of each flag was narrated, starting with the "Pine Tree" flag and ending with our current 50-star flag. The Scouts raised a new flag on the lodge's flagpole after the ceremony.



Back (L to R): Kyle Sillisman, Chris Costa, Tim Costa
Middle (L to R): Xander Mably, Ryan Sillisman, Jimmy Skelton, Ryan Melhalf, Adam Murillo, Ben Riley
Front: Ben Houser

Carmichael Lodge No. 2103 BBQs for Yountville veterans

On June 15th, 2013 members of the Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 and the Carmichael Emblem Club No. 355 held their 5th annual B.B.Q. for 50 veterans of section F at the Yountville Veterans Home of California. We provided hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings.

Moreno Valley Lodge No. 2697 raised money for the American Heart Association

Members of the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 spent several months preparing for a community event that featured a car show and benefit dinner. The classic car show, nine vendors and several information booths were housed in the lodge parking lot and the benefit dinner was held in the banquet room of the lodge. Approximately twenty classic cars were on display. This event attracted a large number of local residents and 109 dinner tickets were pre-sold with more being sold at the door. A DJ from the lodge played music, announced raffle winners, introduced dignitaries like Bernie, the local 66er baseball team mascot, and Moreno Valley Mayor Tom Owings. At the benefit dinner, \$3,500 was awarded to the American Heart Association. The dinner and dance kept Elks and community members at the lodge until the "wee hours of the morning!"

A drug awareness booth was part of the above event. Two days prior, Deputy District Attorney Jay Kiel, Deputy Schmidt and Sergeant Holmes came to the lodge to provide information on synthetic drugs and the problems these drugs bring to the community. They discussed "Bath Salts" (synthetic cocaine) and "Spice" (synthetic marijuana) – both of which are known by a huge variety of different names. These dangerous drugs are sold at smoke shops and some liquor stores. The side effects last 3-4 hours and include psychosis and suicidal actions. The long-term effects are not known. Lodge members attending this workshop were able to obtain enough information and literature to share with community members at the car show event. The B.P.O.E. Drug Awareness Program (DAP) literature was also distributed at the event. The lodge plans to get involved with a Task Force (being organized by Mayor Owings) to address this community drug problem.



Community members admiring their favorite car, a yellow Dodge charger 392 Hemi, Mopar 360: Tangee Campbell, Trina Washington, Toneya Ransom, and Latanya Sweatt

Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801 honors police and fire

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 held its annual Police and Fire Recognition Banquet to honor Public Safety personnel from around Southwest Riverside County. Lodge members and the honorees' families, friends and co-workers were in attendance.

Officer Jon Wade (Temecula PD), Officer Craig Johnson (CHP Temecula), Margarita Gerbig (CHP Rainbow Inspection Facility) and Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Godino (Murrieta FD) were honored.

Nevada City Lodge No. 518 celebrates Flag Day with American Legion

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 celebrated Flag Day with the American Legion Post's All Services Honor Guard. The Lodge presented the Post with a voucher for \$1,144.34 to purchase six new all-season tires for their local Honor Guard bus (not pictured). The vehicle transports the Honor Guard to various memorials and funerals for deceased Veterans.

In other news, the lodge hosted a benefit spaghetti feed and silent auction fundraiser for 21-year old Daniel Robertson, a local boy, who was injured in a motorcycle accident. The community raised over \$40,000 for "Dan the Man" to help set Dan up for independent living. Over 400 people attended a spaghetti feed fundraiser in support of Daniel and his family.



L to R: Steve Woolsey (Veterans Committee Chairman), Dennis Fruzza, Berne Bachli, Pete Vasalakos (Lodge Member), Steve Hoss and Al Angulo (Exalted Ruler)

Simi Valley Lodge No. 2492 is busy in their community

The Veterans Education and Training Services held their Annual Golf Tournament. The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 provided the facilities and lunch following the scramble. All proceeds went to the VETS (Veterans Education and Training Services) of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and Duty Stations all over the world. There were 150 golfers and 150 tri-tip sandwiches.

The lodge hosted a breakfast for the Challenger League of Simi Valley and their parents. There were approximately 100 in the banquet room at the lodge. The Elks not only donated the use of their facility, but also prepared and donated the breakfast. After breakfast, Leading Knight Robert Jonson and members of the Emblem Club escorted the team to the baseball field for a game with local firefighters.

The lodge presented scholarships to local High School Seniors. The recipients of \$500 scholarships are: D'Von Henry (Apollo High School), Ankita Devareddy (Simi Valley High School), Jessica Frantzides (Santa Susana High School), and Larissa Lee (Royal High School). The recipient of the Most Valuable Student Scholarship was Nicholas Tucker (Moorpark High School). He will receive \$1,000 per year for the next four years.

In other news, the lodge donated bowling trophies to the Special Olympics in the amount of \$500 for 25 teams and 96 bowlers at the awards pizza and coke party. The Simi Valley Emblem Club provided the pizza and cokes for all. And, the Lodge Americanism Chairman, Dennis Wavra, delivered "Elks Heritage Corner Kits" to the Lincoln Elementary Principal, Mrs. Colenbine, and to the Valley View Middle School Principal, Miss Welb for display in their teachers' classrooms.

Vallejo Lodge No. 559 uses Gratitude Grant

The Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 used an ENF Gratitude Grant to provide funds and equipment to three City of Vallejo organizations. Loyal Knight Monica Shepard, a Program Director for Solano County Community Services, proposed that the funds be used for programs at: (1) Vallejo Together, a collaboration of individuals and organizations that define concerns and suggest answers to combat city issues, (2) the local Food Rescue, a group that locates, collects and distributes excess food products grown locally, and (3) the Vallejo High School After School Softball program.

PER Chuck Wood wrote the ENF Gratitude Grant application on behalf of the lodge. Several representatives from two of the groups receiving the benefits of the Gratitude Grant were on hand to receive their share of the award from ER Don Waterbury, Leading Knight Monica Wood and PER Chuck Wood: Maria Guevara (founder of Vallejo Together), Cathi Hill (Vallejo High School Junior Varsity Softball Coach), Calitha Chantex (softball team member) and Paulina Ponce (softball team member).



L to R: ER Don Waterbury, Monica Shepard, Maria Guevara, Cathi Hill, Calitha Chantex, Paulina Ponce, PER Chuck Wood

Hemet Lodge No. 1740 honors police and fire personnel

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 held a "Hamburger Bash" at the Lodge to honor local Police, Fire and Military personnel on July 4th. 180 members and guests attended. The first responders were given their meals for free and also received a standing ovation by the members as they entered and exited the Lodge. The menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, assorted salads and desserts, which were donated by the Lodge members. The hamburger bash is an annual event at the lodge.



L to R: Firefighters Greg Wilson, Peter Minton, David Lindberg, Chris Baker, Kurt Havlick and Mike Spaulding

Woodland Lodge No. 1299 celebrates 100 years

The Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 recently celebrated its 100th birthday! Tom Gravink, PDDGER, presents Rod Battaglia, the 2013-2014 Exalted Ruler, with the California Senate Resolution commending the Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 for 100 years of continuous service to the local community and the surrounding communities.

Previously, on March 16th, the Lodge held a celebration dinner with California-Hawaii Elks Association President, Art Echternacht, and his wife, Shirley, in attendance. California State Assemblywoman Marika Yamato presented the California State Assembly Resolution to the 2012-2013 ER, Steve Gravink.

The Lodge began in 1913 with 47 members. It now has 450 members dedicated to the Elks virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Approximately 200 Elks and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by members from Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove and Placerville Lodges. We are very grateful for their help in completing a very successful evening of celebration.



L to R: Rod Battaglia, Tom Gravink

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444 hosts summer sock hop

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444's annual summer sock hop had 233 registered Special Guests and their caretakers served by 22 volunteers. The event started with a causal summer lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and lemonade. Like a hot rod on a summer day, the event shifted into high gear when the musical group High Hopes started their performance. High Hopes is a 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.

Sandy Jacobs, a regular Elk volunteer and her spouse, Elk of the Year Jack Jacobs, said, "The Special Guests Sock Hop is one of the most rewarding events hosted by the Elks Lodge. Most of the guests are repeat attendees who look forward to meeting old friends. Those old friends include many of the Elks Lodge volunteers."

The annual event is one of two parties held by the Elks Lodge for the developmentally challenged men and women in our communities. The second event is the very popular Elks Lodge Christmas Party.

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Donald D. Dapelo (1979-80)	Coalinga	Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga
Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
Robert J. Mc Lain (1984-85)	Pasadena	John G. Holt (2000-01)	Burbank	Lee Karjola (2009-2010)	Eureka
Richard L. "Dick" Alves (1986-87)	San Jose	John M. Carvalho, Sr. (2001-02)	Sacramento	Hugh H. Scanlon (2010-2011)	Glendale
Richard E. Owen (1992-93)	Santa Maria	H. Eugene Chambers (2002-03)	Needles	Thomas S. Brazier (Honorary)	Santa Cruz
John A. "Jack" Parker (1993-94)	Marysville	Doug Larsen (2003-04)	Salinas	Wayne Howard (2011-2012)	Honolulu
Anthony J. Mauro (1995-96)	Hollister	Lee Northcutt (2004-05)	La Habra	Art Echternacht (2012-2013)	Santa Ana
Timothy C. Martin (1996-97)	Clovis	Roy R. Newman (2005-06)	Marysville		
Sim Nathan (1997-98)	Redding	James S. Mason (2006-07)	Gardena		

Sunnyvale Lodge No. 2128 hosts autistic children for a "Family day at the Ranch"

The Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 hosted 17 families with autistic children for a "Family Day at the Ranch." The event was a joint effort with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, the Sunnyvale School District, and "Dream Power Horsemanship." The event activities included games, face painting, crafts, ponies and a donkey. The activities allow the children to exercise their social skills and stretch their boundaries in a fun and relaxed environment with their families. Lodge members helped with the activities and served a hot dog lunch to all participants.

In other news, the lodge hosted a dinner for four students who had been selected to receive the lodge's awards for the Elks National Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships. The recipients were: Kathleen Mieu (Monte Vista High School), Tristan Ford (Homestead High School), Jacquelyn Caginia (St. Francis High School), and Alaina Peckary (who is home schooled). Tristan, Kathleen and Alaina were advanced to the CHEA level of competition.

In an interesting twist to an otherwise ubiquitous annual officer installation ceremony, the lodge used an Internet technology called "Skype" (a PC-based video conferencing application) during the installation of its 2013-2014 officers. While an installation is not an event that normally receives press in the magazine, this one was very unique. The lodge's former Secretary, D. Robert ("Bob") Bemis, PER, who was hospitalized at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital was able to participate as the Grand Lodge Treasurer from his room. By using this face-to-face video conferencing technology, Bob was able to witness the entire ceremony. This experiment was seen as an opportunity to explore alternative ways to connect members who are unable to attend lodge events and give them a sense of involvement.



Newport Harbor Lodge No. 1767 raises money for the ENF

The Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club, Lodge No. 1767, hosted their annual Chili Cook-Off fundraising event on Sunday, June 2, 2013. There were 17 chili entries, assorted homemade salads, baked beans, fresh fruits, and lots of tasty desserts. For those who didn't like chili, grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken were served. Three judges determined the winner of the "best tasting chili" to be none other than Exalted Ruler Curtis Moore. Live music, dancing and line dancing lessons rounded out the day to make it a well-attended and very successful event. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Another ENF fundraising event was a first-time-ever event for the lodge, and oh what an afternoon it was! The "Nauti Gals" and the "Honey Doo'z" sponsored the "The Red, Wine & Blues Wine Tasting Fundraiser." Each attendee received an engraved wine glass, then enjoyed wine tasting, good food, music, dancing and a fun-filled afternoon. Five vendors offered an array of special wines and shared their knowledge of wines with the tasters. Guests helped themselves to delectable cheeses, crackers and chilled fruit trays. Arrays of hot-from-the-oven pizzas were served throughout the afternoon to give sustenance to the attendees who tripped the light fantastic to the music of the "3rd Degree Blues Band." The proceeds from the event will be shared among the Nauti Gals, Honey Doo'z, lodge building fund, and the Elks National Foundation (ENF). It was really nice seeing the Nauti Gals and Honey Doo'z come together to create such a nice afternoon event. The combined efforts and hard work of these two groups made this fundraiser a huge success and one to be repeated!

In other news, the lodge celebrated Flag Day on June 15th. Dana Rohrabacher, U.S. Representative for California's 48th Congressional District, the Costa Mesa Girl Scouts and the Sea Scouts Troop 1767 joined several members of the lodge to help celebrate this patriotic event. Representative Rohrabacher presented an American Flag to the lodge that had previously been flown over the U. S. Capital Building.

Glendale Lodge No. 1289 member recognized by President McDonald

CHEA President Dick McDonald made his official visit to the Metropolitan District in June. President McDonald has created "The Special Recognition Award." In each District, an Elk member who exemplifies the principles and standards of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is awarded this special certificate during the President's visitation. Jack Wright was selected as the recipient of the award for the Metropolitan District during President McDonald's official visitation at the Canoga Park Lodge. In May, Jack and his committee honored 21 outstanding high school seniors and awarded in excess of \$34,000 scholarships. A large percentage of these students will advance to the State and National finals.

Membership/Lapsation

By Lance Erickson, CHEA Membership/Lapsation Chairman



As we continue our Elk Year, and since the Grand Lodge Convention has ended, it is now time to concentrate on our membership and lapsation objectives. As of the last CLMS report, we have increased our membership by 1.7% or 1,424 new members – but our Membership Growth goal remains at a 10% or more increase. The delinquency rate has been reduced to 12.7% or 10,905 delinquent members – but our Delinquency Rate goal remains at 2% or less.

What can we do to gain members and reduce our delinquent members? It all starts at the local lodge level with the formation of a strong membership team. An online Membership Team Management Manual can be downloaded from www.chea-elks.org (click on “Committees”, then click on “Membership/Lapsation”, then click the link next to “Membership Manual”). The District Membership Chairmen stand ready to work with and help their local lodges in their respective districts.

One such program is the +1 Program. This program was developed to guide lodges in developing and implementing lodge-based plans that result in at least a “Plus One” membership gain. And don't forget the Second Step program, a tried and true way of getting new members involved in the lodge. There is a link to this program at the “Membership/Lapsation” committee site mentioned above.

Did you know that if you recruit 3 new members and/or reinstated members into your lodge you will qualify for a Grand Exalted Ruler Membership award pin? Then go on to recruit a total of 11 new members to qualify for a desk clock. The Membership Incentive Program is designed to reward members who propose new or reinstated members. Your Secretary or Lodge Membership Chairman should have the information needed for the rewards.

We must strive diligently and pursue a vigorous campaign to recruit new members, reinstate dropped members and retain our current members. Make this year the year your lodge forms a Member Management Team and meets our goals in membership and membership retention.

San Diego Lodge No. 168 holds Youth Night

On Thursday May 9th, the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 hosted their annual Youth Night Awards Ceremony. Students were honored for participation in the Elks Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contests, Americanism Essay Contest, and Most Valuable Student Scholarship Awards.

All the students and their families, teachers and school principals were in attendance. A special appearance by Elroy the Elk was the highlight of the evening!



Sacramento Lodge No. 6 hosts “Senior Day”

The Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 recently hosted a “Senior Day.” The Fourth of July isn't just about fireworks for Sacramento No. 6. After participating in the Fourth of July Pocket Parade, the Lodge Officers hosted a “Senior Day.”

The funding from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant enabled the lodge to add to the scheduled Senior Day. Giving away over 200 “goodie bags” filled with thermometers, pill boxes, sugar free candies, fans, t-shirts and health information, the officers served refreshments, visited, laughed, and provided entertainment and much needed health information to the seniors.

The Lodge Esquire, Adrian Bansch, was so moved by the outpouring of emotion from the seniors, he is now visiting different senior facilities on a weekly basis. ER Debbie Eto and Leading Knight Tom Brunette were pleased to see that so many seniors are still Elk members, and many carry their current membership cards everywhere they go! It goes to prove that “once an Elk, always an Elk.”



Esquire Adrian Bansch and a senior display a t-shirt

Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge No. 1328 raises money for charity

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 held its first ever “dual event”. Inside the lodge was a BBQ dinner dance and outside the lodge was a carnival for families and children. There were games like ring toss, darts, beanbags and the popular fish bowls. A food booth with hot dogs and nachos was provided for those needing a small dinner. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Daisy Scouts all helped out in the booths along with Elks and friends. Over \$1,500 was raised for the Charity Fund from this event.

Escondido Lodge No. 1687 holds Court of Honor

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 held a Court of Honor for four new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 649. Cub Scout pack No. 659 was also present. The new Eagle Scouts are: Zachary Cypher, Sean Keeley, Brayden Riley, and Adam Shapiro. The Escondido Mayor, Sam Abed, spoke and offered his congratulations to these young men. A live golden eagle shared the stage with the participants.

Scholarship

By Greg Metzgas, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Our upcoming Most Valuable Student Contest is ramping up and there will be some significant changes this year in the application process. Unfortunately, the Elks National Foundation has only notified us that there will be changes and not what they will be. At this time, all I can tell you is to check the Scholarship pages on both our CHEA site and the Elks.org site frequently as we have been promised the changes will be posted before the end of August.

Last year we had about 92% participation in our Most Valuable Student Contest by our California-Hawaii lodges. Was your lodge one of the 8% that didn't participate? We are shooting for 100% participation. Please keep in mind that this program is a way for your lodge to award money to students in your area at zero cost to your lodge.

Many of us have had to pay for a college education for our children, our grandchildren or ourselves. Monetary help with a scholarship from the Elks not only helps the student financially, but also makes a good impression on the community, which, in turn, helps us recruit members. Students and their parents want these scholarships, and the only way that they will find out about them is for your lodge to make them aware that the scholarship applications are available.

As we all gear up for the Most Valuable Student Contest this year, please don't forget about our Vocational Grant. Applications for this grant are accepted all year round. See our web site <http://www.chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships/> for information on both scholarships.

San Mateo Lodge No. 1112 receives a donation

The San Mateo Elks Lodge No. 1112 received a \$1,000 donation from its "In House Bowlers" bowling league at the conclusion of their season in June. The season ended with a great awards dinner that was attended by 158 bowlers and guests.

The Champion Team of Wednesday 7:30 WILDCARD TEAM was Doug Robertson, Allan Leader, David Broderick, Kendall Miller, and John Swan. 2nd Place Team of Thursday was Steve Panelli, Ted Larson, Pete Mori, Mark Bendick, Koichi Furuta - not present. 3rd Place Team of Tuesday was Lewis Rabin, Len Stabb, Allan Leader, Erick Hatek and Ralph Froehlich - not present. 4th Place Teams of Monday was Randy Witte, Scott Sylvia, Bill Swain, Walt McElroy and Darin Schurba - not present. Team of Wednesday 4:30 was Fred Varni, David Rivera, Joe Koman, Jeff Kawahara - not present. Trophies were given to the following bowlers: Dave Villaroman, 709 High Series Scratch; Scott Stoeckle, 276 High Game Scratch; Jeff Pounder, 794 High Handicap Series; Joe Voltattorni, 307 High Handicap Game; Dave Villaroman, High Average 183; and Most Improved Bowler Steve Panelli with 15 Pins.

Los Banos Lodge No. 2510 helps a member in distress

In May, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 held a pasta drive-through fundraiser for a brother member who had been beset with heavy medical expenses following a stroke. With all the food being donated, along with other cash donations, they were able to present a check for \$6,800 to the very surprised member who had no idea that this fundraiser had taken place. This is truly a demonstration of the Elks meme: "Elks Care - Elks Share."

Oceanside Lodge No. 1561 sends monthly care packages to the front

The Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 has a program that they call "Hugs from Home." Sandee Murphy is the chairman of this program. Additional details and more letters from the front can be found online at: www.elks.org/lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=1561&ID=13847.

In the attached photograph, Major Scott R. Frazier (USAF, 430th EECSS, Kandahar Afghanistan) holds an Elks soccer ball that was part of a recent shipment to his unit in Afghanistan. The "Hugs from Home" program sends care packages every month, and is active in supporting our veterans, Wounded Warriors and active military. Thank you veterans for your service!

Scott sent the following note to the lodge: "Sandee, I received the package today! WOW! Thank you so very much for all the great items. My squadron-mates have already helped themselves to the goodies! I guess I have to share, ha-ha. Again, thank you to all those who made the baggies filled with yummy treats. I have included a picture of me holding the ball you sent from the Elks Lodge No. 1561. Scott."



Moreno Valley Lodge No. 2697 participates in community Memorial Day ceremony

The Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 has participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Riverside National Cemetery since 1985 when the lodge first received its Charter. As a Charter member, Joel Molcan, Veteran, Inner Guard, Veterans Service Coordinator and Elk of the Year, Joel has attended all services on Memorial Day at the Riverside National Cemetery.

As always, Joel rode with the approximately 7,000 motorcycle riders who took part in the annual West Coast Thunder Ride to the cemetery. Joel presented the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge wreath, which has been displayed yearly at the Memorial Day Service. The West Coast Thunder Riders raise money for veterans' causes. This year, speakers at the Riverside National Cemetery Memorial Day Service honored the 160,000 men and women who are buried at the cemetery.

In the distance, the huge crowd could see thousands of tiny flags planted at veterans' graves, all put there by volunteers including Elk members from nearby lodges. Joel attends services for fallen soldiers every Wednesday at the Riverside National Cemetery. He supports all local veterans' activities and is currently hoping to find a veteran for the lodge to adopt.

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 remembers our veterans

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 visits the Long Beach Veterans Hospital several times a year. In July, however, the visit is called "Christmas in July". This year, the Orange Lodge members were joined by members from the Newport Harbor Lodge No. 1767 and Garden Grove Lodge No. 1952. Twenty-seven members from Orange helped entertain thirty-one veterans. This special program shows our appreciation to these veterans for their part in keeping our country safe. "As long as there is a hospitalized veteran, the Elks will never forget them." The lodges provided punch, chips, cookies, toiletry gifts, t-shirts, socks, blankets, magazines and books. The veterans played bingo for over \$100 in prize money. When the game was over, any veteran that didn't "bingo" was given money. Thank you for your service. God Bless you and God Bless America.

In other news, on Memorial Day, the lodge placed U. S. Flags on the gravesites of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and those who served that have been called to their final muster. Nineteen Orange Elks Lodge members and seven members of the lodge-sponsored Boy Scout troop were among the volunteers who helped place over seven hundred flags on gravesites. Also on Memorial Day, a program "Lest We Forget" (a dedication to the restoration of the Civil War Monument, the 150th Anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg and the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) was held.



L to R: Scouts Mathew Miller, John Scott Mangjrich, and Daniel Miller

Santa Ana Lodge No. 794 awards scholarships

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 recently held its 32nd annual "Wally Dietrich Scholarship" and MVP Awards Banquet on June 5, 2013 to honor 140 eighth-grade boys and girls from fifteen intermediate schools and nine high schools in the Santa Ana and Tustin Unified School Districts.

Rob Richardson, VP of the Santa Ana Unified Board of Education, gave an outstanding presentation on the letter-by-letter break down of the word "athlete" to demonstrate how that noun relates to a student's education.

Plaques were presented to the eighth-grade boys and girls who were selected by their coaches and teammates. The two high schools students, Nikki Udria and Jeremy Martinez, from Mater Dei High School each received a \$500 scholarship and a marble pen set.

A special "Thank you" to ER Mark Viana, Leading Knight Linda Fernandez and Lodge Secretary Chris Young for their involvement, and to our Bingo volunteers and players for making this one of our most successful events of the year.

Ridgecrest Lodge No. 1913 donates to KidSpree

In the attached photograph, Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 Exalted Ruler Ken Dalpiaz presents a check for \$300 to Altrusa, Inc. members Dale Lane and Teri Switzer. This donation will help Altrusa, Inc. fund their annual "KidSpree" program. This donation is one of many that are funded through the lodge's "Bingo Charities Program."

"KidSpree" will give four children an opportunity to go shopping in the local Wal-Mart and K-Mart stores on November 9th, 2013. This is a shopping spree where an Altrusa representative and/or volunteer chaperones a child in the store to shop for clothes.

Many times, thankful parents tell us that this was the first new clothing that their child had received other than hand-me-downs. Thanks to donations like ours from many generous community members and organizations, more than 100 school-aged children will receive warm clothing this fall in the Ridgecrest area.



L to R: Dale Lane, Ken Dalpiaz, and Teri Switzer

President McDonald visits the Orange Coast District

California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) President Richard McDonald and his wife Claudette were honored at a gala banquet hosted by the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444. ER Jason Spence welcomed 150 officers and members from across the Orange Coast District. Eleven of the nineteen CHEA Vice Presidents attended. PDDGER Norm Jones was the banquet emcee.

District VP Harvey Boelts, and his wife Betty, escorted the McDonalds during their four-day visit. In addition to touring the ten District Lodges, they enjoyed a performance of the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach.

President McDonald commended the District for its contribution of over \$450,000 towards the CHEA Major Project. McDonald also revealed that the newly released Elks' National Annual Charitable Summary Report indicated a 21 percent increase from the previous year, with 1,972 Lodges reporting over \$422,000,000 in charitable donations of time, mileage, donations and gifts in kind, eclipsing the previous year by over \$73,000,000.

McDonald praised the Orange Coast District Lodges for their participation in the numerous Elks charities. In summing up the many charitable activities of the Orange Coast District Lodges, he said that although many of these good works occur daily without notice or fanfare, the citizens of the Orange County communities have become more aware of these activities, as reflected in the increasing numbers of young family men and women that have become members of the Elks.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors (May 18, 2013 - July 31, 2013)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Dennis Linsley	1474	Cherylle Waters	1786	William "Bill" & Shirley O'Hearn	1952

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors (May 18, 2013 - July 31, 2013)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
William "Bill" & Mingo Darr	3	James E. Hoffman	1471	John Holthaus	1812	Terrence L. Hunt	2134
Floyd Bolton	614	Richard Enea	1474	Skip & Jan Bennett	1913	Rose Marie "Rosie" Dreiling	2248
Daniel & Betty Walker	794	Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474	James D. Butler	1919	Don Dauro	2492
Kenneth Gunn	836	Wayne A. Tilley	1474	John Boertje	1952	John & Colette Brown	2616
Paul Ohlms	836	Sandra Koester	1561	Winfred Cobb	1952	Barry Johnson	2704
Lynn Glick	1015	Candice Gibson	1712	Joan D. Mitchell	1959	Doug Cunningham	2733
Karl Berger	1289	Darel Walker	1712	Mark Urban	1991	Robert & Diane Farrens	2801
Wally Colburn	1289	Frank Almazan	1740	Michael Mathers	1993		
Ruth Wilson	1328	Dean Cochran	1740	E. Irene Brunson	2013		
Carl Russell	1420	George Waters	1786	Gil & Mary Peters	2121		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors (May 18, 2013 - July 31, 2013)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Southeast District Leading Knights		Aaon Andersen	672	Karl Berger	1289	Rudy Quesada	1474
Bill & Mingo Darr	3	Miles & Janice Nakatsu	759	Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Bill Schilz	1474
Josh Hachadourian	3	John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker	783	Greg Brittner (2)	1289	Leonard Thomas	1474
Fred Nagle III (2)	3	Marlen Mason	794	Joe Callian	1289	Wayne A. Tilley (7)	1474
Nasir Shakour	3	Edward Repic	794	Wally Colburn	1289	Oren's Sparks	1487
Tina Shakour	3	Les & Nancy Yeffa (2)	824	Don Colyar (2)	1289	Myrl & Sharron Wallace	1538
Ronald Brusato (2)	6	Beth Alexander	836	Ron Dyrness	1289	Greg Koester (2)	1561
Jack Enlow	6	John Branton	836	Curt Grieder	1289	Sandy Koester (2)	1561
Jim Franco	6	Linda Brickner	836	Dennis Hayes	1289	Arnold Agbayani	1567
Cynthia Gentry	6	Joyce Cones	836	Dick Hill	1289	Brenda Bernal	1567
Richard Gilmore	6	Robert Cones	836	Linn Hoadley (2)	1289	Michael Bernal	1567
Ricardo Granados	6	Gene Cranford	836	David Kakita (2)	1289	Frank Bonura	1567
Kenneth Horst	6	Gary Eisenbeisz	836	Margaret Kanov	1289	Norman Bracco	1567
Janelle Lathrop	6	Kenneth Gunn	836	Al Kepler	1289	Ray Delgado	1567
Thomas Rotharmel	6	Earl Hively	836	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Art Gillespie	1567
Donald Steed	6	Eva Mino	836	Ken Lewis	1289	K.A. Mike Gilroy	1567
Amy Tanaka	6	Paul Ohlms	836	Dennis Malone	1289	Harvey Hammer	1567
Florence Gandolfi	168	Barbara Riddering	836	Ed Morris	1289	Ted Moore	1567
Chuck Nolan	168	Richard Rios	836	Joe Myers	1289	Albino Moretti, Jr.	1567
Joanne Hillman (2)	518	Jerry Rucker	836	Mark Ringelberg (2)	1289	Benjamin Pappani	1567
Margaret Dow (5)	522	San Bernardino Emblem Club No. 178	836	Jerry Stephens	1289	Philip Quast	1567
Geronimo Silverstien	522	Jerry Vanadestine	836	Dan Svetich	1289	Roy Riccetti	1567
Dennis DeSanti	583	Faygie Colton	888	Norman Berry	1298	Steven Schrepfer	1567
Ann Macy	583	John Greenwood	901	Norman Blackwell	1298	Diana Smith	1567
Redlands Rovers RV Club (2)	583	Gail Grenfell	901	Julie Burger	1298	James A. Smith	1567
Paul & Bev Rigano	583	James Hastings	901	Paul Gorley (2)	1298	Bill Sutterfield	1567
David & Cladie Williford	583	Tim & Sandy Jaeger	901	Jeremy Hancock	1298	Mike Wallace	1567
Denny & Angel Young	583	Bruce Sharrow	901	Richard Humphrey	1298	Wayne Weller (2)	1567
James Smitley	613	William Talios	901	Rusty Nelson	1298	Keith Timmons	1625
Dennis Barrett	614	Raymond Volker	901	Larry Owsley	1298	Wayne Russell	1643
Joe Bernardasci	614	Kathy Checchi	906	Tim Ballinger (2)	1328	Gwynneth Watson	1643
Ellie Bolton	614	Dale Ogden (2)	966	Al Fredrickson (3)	1328	Crescent City Emblem Club No. 175	1689
Floyd Bolton	614	Morris Warschaw	966	Ralph Garcia	1328	Sophia Hooper	1689
Alex Camany	614	Bingo Buddies	1015	Gordon Johnson	1328	Auburn Elks RV Club	1691
Harry Ligon	614	Lynn Glick	1015	Mick Mistretta	1328	Sharon Bettencourt	1691
Mary Jane Rogers	614	Helen Marceovich	1015	Robert Santos	1328	Reginald Murray	1691
Robert "Bob" Arkus	616	Chris dos Remedios	1015	Larry Moore	1378	Nordyne Nann	1691
Sandra Barzilay (3)	616	Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Gene Baxter	1419	Jim Peters	1691
Wayne Bennett	616	Ken Hauser	1108	Kenneth Carnes, Sr.	1419	Richard San Miguel	1691
Michael Bickson	616	Robyn Sembenini	1108	Robert Casaletti	1419	Glenna Smith	1691
Jennifer Camacho (4)	616	Donald Gumm (2)	1240	Charles Heald	1419	Jim Buell (4)	1712
Richard Goodman	616	Richard "Doc" Carstens (2)	1250	Joe Palmisano	1419	Candice Gibson (7)	1712
Delorese Gregoire	616	Sharon Stone	1250	Michael Tharp (2)	1419	Deni Morgan	1712
Troy Pennington	616	Anna Carmagnola (2)	1251	Carl Russell (2)	1420	Placerville Emblem Club No. 287	1712
George Yanai	616	June McClure	1251	Jody Mentzer	1427	Darel Walker	1712
Teru Yasuda	616	Bob Ostini	1251	George Van Hove	1427	Richard Schwartz	1728
Richard Barr	643	Ed Percy	1251	Anthony Mauro	1436	Frank Almazan	1740
C.R. "Jim" Beem	643	Ken Arnold	1282	George Tombe III	1436	Janice Almazan	1740
Georgianne Beers (2)	643	Lorri Kangas	1282	John & Kath-leen Behne	1443	Dean Cochran	1740
Peggy Brauner	643	Wally Morrow	1282	Clarence Anderson	1471	Dottie Cochran	1740
Steve Buttress	643	Kenneth Pierson	1282	Mary Crum	1471	Nancy Cook (2)	1740
Martha Hall (2)	643	Sylvia Reinitz	1282	James Hoffman (4)	1471	William Cook	1740
Paula Kaufhold	643	Jim & Renee Ridenour	1282	Denis Lose	1471	Macon Doods	1740
Terrill Kokot	643	Sam Ryno	1282	Ann Morey	1471	Hazel Dotson	1740
James Lenon III	643	John Thompson	1282	Paul & Charo Switalski	1471	Cecil Fleming	1740
Gerald Troxel	643	Michael Wagner	1282	West Central Dist. Pony Express Riders	1471	Cher Lintz	1740
Bonnie Wadley (2)	643	Allan Walker	1282	Tom Hendricks	1474	Jack Lintz	1740
Cliff Wadley (2)	643	Jackie Phillips	1285	David Massey	1474	William Lowe	1740
James Olson (2)	652	Rick Adams	1289	Dick & Claudette McDonald (2)	1474		

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Joe Schrettnr, Jr.	1740	Beverly Woulfe (2)	1948	John Barclay	2091	Gary Lynch	2492
Jack & Sandra Fettig (3)	1767	Winfred Cobb	1952	Michael Caruso	2091	Tony Markarian	2492
George Corbin	1786	James Faulkner	1952	John & Marites Junier	2091	Sam Martinez	2492
Bernice Hiller	1786	Jose Justiniano	1952	John & Tess Junier (3)	2091	Sander Moss	2492
Orual Hoenike	1786	Karen Lewin	1952	Marites Junier (2)	2091	Bob Perrault	2492
Shirley Lewis	1786	Bill & Shirley O'Hearn	1952	Ralph Olcese	2091	Pam Richardson	2492
Richard Pence	1786	Rick Ross	1952	Andy Reid	2091	Kari Sears	2492
Manuel "Jr" Silva	1786	Edward Shozda	1952	John "Jack" Stangel (2)	2091	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492
Cherylle Waters (4)	1786	David Skelton	1952	Karen Viera	2091	Tom Zawislak	2492
George Waters (2)	1786	Robert Underwood	1952	John & Sylvia Warnes (2)	2091	Wayne Bernard	2504
Willows Elks Auxiliary (2)	1786	Shirley Davis	1959	Teddy Henderson	2095	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Dale Dorman	1799	Tom Lemm	1959	Jeffie Moffet	2103	John & Colette Brown (7)	2616
Jay Hefflin	1799	Joan Mitchell (5)	1959	Ian & Wanda Lanouette	2121	Vern Ungerecht	2616
Blythe Golf Scramblers (2)	1799	William Whitmore	1959	Gil Peters	2121	Robert Hanevik	2646
Pat Hoban	1804	Sherry Wilson	1959	Jolene Smith	2121	William "Bill" Brown	2669
John Holthaus (3)	1812	Gary Marlow	1980	Larry Smith	2121	David Minnich	2669
Harry Flood	1877	Richard Nelson	1980	Terrence Hunt (3)	2134	Moreno Valley Lodge No. 2697 (5)	2697
Vicki Zellner (2)	1877	Daisy Roberts	1980	Opal Baar	2142	Jolee Burdette	2697
Eileen Dugan (2)	1900	Dwight Roberts	1980	Noor Chowdry, Sr. (7)	2190	Mike Fredrickson	2697
Robert & Betty Arnds	1905	Yreka Elkettes	1980	Carol Shoemaker	2248	Dean Phelps	2697
James Cassell	1905	Walter & Karen Edmonds	1993	Donald Palmer	2274	Judy Smith	2697
Charles Cyr	1905	Kassidy Miller	1993	Timothy Staffel	2274	Richard Smith	2697
Douglas Enroth	1905	Kathryn McDonald	1993	Leonard Todd	2274	Barbara Spezia	2697
Lorana Enroth	1905	Michael Mathers	1993	Donald Allen	2314	Jimmie Spezia (2)	2697
Charles Pettit	1905	Michael Spratt	1993	Bob & Nancy Simendich	2314	Joan Timm	2697
Richard & Bonnie Ross	1905	John White, Sr.	1993	Karol Goudelock	2333	Craig Welch	2697
Michael J. Siano III (2)	1905	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Alex Komlofske	2333	Christy Williams	2697
Dominic Spallone	1905	Becky & Ashley Munoz	2011	James Mower	2333	Dick Williams	2697
Don & Carolyn Spargur	1905	Irene Brunson	2013	Grant Tuttle (2)	2333	Barry Johnson	2704
Ben Verde	1905	Karen Emery	2013	Walter Zarella	2333	Walter Newmann	2704
Bill Brickley	1913	Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Pat Deto	2347	Ed Roark	2704
Bob Duitsman (2)	1917	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Santa Clara No. 2347 PER Association	2347	Arda Sundstrom	2704
C. Michael Melton (3)	1917	Stacy Thomas	2013	Joan Nadel	2358	Harley Hartman	2724
Noe Saenz	1917	Phyllis Tudor (2)	2013	Barbara Hofer	2364	Gregory Mueller	2724
James Butler	1919	Richard Fisher	2025	Floyd Henke	2379	Helen Bryant	2733
May Cambra	1919	John Jewart	2026	Mercy Medellin	2379	Doug Cunningham	2733
Carlette Gonzales	1919	Jan Keller (2)	2026	Patricia Trask	2389	Dennis Johnson	2733
Roger Greenham	1919	Steve & Kristin Marada	2026	Naomi Bickford	2444	Kathy Rogers	2790
Paul Groff	1919	Jay G. Smith	2026	Richard Goldner	2477	Van Nuys-Reseda Ritual Team	2790
Eric Hayashi	1919	Gerry & Sharon Saunders	2031	Darryl Kopacz	2477	Marti Barraza	2801
Bettie Jamora	1919	Lorrene Calsing	2045	Steven Barnhart	2492	Karen Caruso	2801
Richard Kaya	1919	Robert Calsing	2045	Dennis Brookins	2492	Barbara Conner	2801
James Lynch	1919	Susan Dana	2045	David Coleman	2492	Teresa DeSanti	2801
Alonda "Lonnie" Martinez	1919	Janice Kane	2045	Don Dauro	2492	Diane Farrens	2801
James S. Mason	1919	Marjorie Kane	2045	Jose Diaz	2492	Robert Farrens	2801
Sharon Mason	1919	Tim Kane	2045	Ellis Dyer	2492	Linda Jones (2)	2801
Lee "Leila" Myers	1919	Diane Keller	2045	Happy Wanderers	2492	Steve Jones	2801
John Nicholson	1919	Frank Keller (2)	2045	Gary Hoobler	2492	Peter Recatto	2801
Shirley Treuden	1919	Maureen Nerio	2045	Fred James	2492	Bob Walker	2801
James Wilson (2)	1919	Dave Bakke	2046	Catherine Kelly	2492	Susan Wilkinson	2801
Nancy Brennan (2)	1948	Judy Foley	2046	Ed Lucas	2492		

Lake Elsinore Lodge No. 2591 honors first responders

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 honored First Responders at a dinner event. Each honoree received a plaque, a Certificate of Appreciation, and much praise during the event. Lodge volunteers, under the Chairmanship of Michael Cain, Leading Knight, decorated the lodge and prepared the dinner. Members of Lake Elsinore's 4-H Club and the Boy Scouts from Wildomar Troop No. 433 served the dinner. Lake Elsinore Mayor Robert Magee and Wildomar Mayor Timothy Walker attended. They were joined by Lt. Daniel Anne of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Steve Beech, the Cal Fire Battalion Chief of the Riverside County Fire Department.

After dinner, Leading Knight presented a plaque to Lt. Daniel Anne, who represented the Police Departments of Lake Elsinore and Wildomar as they contract services from his department. Officers from both cities were also present. He also presented a plaque to Battalion Chief Steve Beech for Fire Department personnel who were also present. Several fire stations also received plaques. In addition, Steve Beech received the necessary codes that will enable him to use the lodge's reserve parking lot and its facilities as an assembly point for community emergencies.

Kern River Valley Lodge No. 2358 donates to search and rescue unit

A First Responders BBQ held by the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 generated a \$400 donation for the Kern Valley's Search and Rescue unit. The KVS&R is an all-volunteer organization under the authority of the Kern County Sheriff's Department. They depend on the general public, service organizations and businesses for their funding. The donation will be used to build a vehicle garage for the storage and maintenance of the donated search and rescue vehicles.

Kailua Lodge No. 2230 sponsors music in the schools

The Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230, with the help of Beacon and Gratitude Grants from the Elks National Foundation, sponsored "Music In The Schools" at the Kahuku School Summer Fun. What an incredible morning sharing jazz with the kids at Kahuku Summer Fun.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
David Podger	3	Frank Frazier	906	Kevin Wroble	1811	William G. Williford	2103
Marilyn Hooton	6	Joseph Tato	1108	Drew Evans	1877	Janice L. Brown	2117
Pat Gandolfi	168	James Ferris	1378	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Terry Gicking	2477
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	Steve L. Smith	2477
Karen Lake	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Laurie Ayala	2011	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Gary Marinelli	168	Amanda Smith	1475	Martin Barros	2011	Paul Kassel	2543
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Glenn Montague	168	Philip Moore	1475	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Chuck Nolan	168	Colin Smith	1475	Debbie Hosted	2011	Neal D. Wagerle	2591
Hugh Van Doren	168	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Ashley Munoz	2011	Sonny Pineda	2599
Jerome Paul	672	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Lisa Fleury	759	Nick Fleming	1811	David Plotke	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Miles Nakatsu	759	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Cynthia "Cindy" Wise	2011		
Jerry Hansen	901	Chuck Jackson	1811	Christine Nelson	2011		
Donald Checchi	906	Michael Silva	1811	Hector Cazares	2011		

Bakersfield Lodge No. 266's First Lady honors veterans with a mural

The First Lady of the Bakersfield Elks Lodge No. 266, Patti Doolittle, is quite an artist! She created a mural for the lodge that is breathtaking in size at 14 feet long by 44 inches high. It is on the wall in the lodge's clubroom.

Patti wanted the lodge members and guests to enjoy the mural as it honors America's servicemen and women who have served our country in conflicts from World War II through the Afghanistan War.



Patti Doolittle with her mural

Redwood City Lodge No. 1991 joins 4th of July parade

The Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 promoted Americanism at the 75th July 4th Parade and Festival in Redwood City. The lodge increased patriotism in our community and among our members by paying tribute to our military and to the Spirit of Freedom by participating in this annual event.

Over 25,000 people along the parade route heard our messages about "Elks Charity in the Community". We proudly included veterans and children on our "float," while making announcements as we travelled along the parade route. Our messages included the following: we have served free meals to more than 10,000 veterans; our lodge members have been a true volunteer force on the S.F. Peninsula since 1955, and that our goal is to help our city to not just be a place to live, but to be a real community of people who care! Elks Care! Elks Share!

Alameda Lodge No. 1015 donates to Blue Star Moms

The Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 donated \$500 to newly chartered Blue Star Mothers Chapter in Alameda, Piedmont and Oakland for their package program. This donation will allow them to send 50 packages to troops in Afghanistan.

Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011 hosts NLPOA luncheon

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 opened its facility, once again, to the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA) of San Diego County for their annual Mother's Day Brunch. Our catering chef and his staff created a feast of great foods and treats for all. The NLPOA supports our community each year by inviting mothers with their families from the surrounding area to this special event. In attendance were the NLPOA President, Victor Gonzalez (Elk member), Bonnie Dumanis, District Attorney San Diego County, CA, and our own ER, Ashley Munoz. The National Latino Peace Officers Association is the largest Latino law enforcement association in the United States.

The mission of this organization is to build bridges between law enforcement and their communities while working to reduce neighborhood tensions through awareness programs and role model programs. Their philosophy regarding youth and education has reinforced the importance of contributions that our cultural diversity has provided to our great nation.

Each November, they do a Thanksgiving dinner in support of abused children along with their many other special activities during the year, such as "Shop with a Cop," providing scholarships, golf tournaments to "Keep Kids out of the Rough," Christmas Dinner with Santa, and Toys for Tots. We are pleased to be of service to this very special organization.

Palo Alto Lodge No. 1471 helps vets and students

The BBQ crew and Veterans Committee from the Palo Alto Lodge No. 1471 started off the BBQ season Serving up 150 meals to Vets and Family members on May 19th at the Veterans Hospital Spinal injury unit at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto. The Lodge BBQ crew treats the veterans with a tasty grilled dinner each month either at the hospital or in the lodge picnic area. Elks and Elk family members served the meals. The meals were delivered by Elk volunteers directly to the rooms of patients who were unable to make it to the garden area where the BBQ was held. The lodge also hosts a monthly Bingo Night in the Spinal Cord Injury ward at the VA for patients and their families.

In other news, the lodge recognized its four 2012-2013 MVS winners with an awards ceremony and reception on May 24, 2013. The winners, their families, a counselor and officers of the lodge attended the ceremony. The lodge was proud to award these outstanding young students \$6,000. The scholarship recipients were: Christine Li, Katherine Woods, Juliana Morales-Lui and Ryan Roberts.



Tim McDonnell, Tony Silvia and Mitch Johnson flipping burgers

Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011 recognized by two cities

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 was recognized during Youth Week (May 1st through 7th) by both the City of Chula Vista and National City. During both City Council Meetings, proclamations were given to the Chula Vista Lodge for its outstanding accomplishments demonstrating a partnership with the youth in our community to help them understand that their hopes and aspirations could be attained. It is through that expression of a sincere willingness to help prepare our youth for their future, that the Honorable Mayor Cheryl Cox (Chula Vista) and the Honorable Mayor Ron Morrison (National City) presented the proclamations to the Lodge.

Visit the BLOG on the NEW AND IMPROVED California-Hawaii Elks Association website. Awarded 5 stars by the Grand Lodge BPOE. It's a site to see! Go to www.chea-elks.org

Garden Grove Lodge No. 1952 recognizes scholars

Six outstanding students from local high schools were rewarded by the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 and the Elks statewide for their exemplary achievement as students at the regular Elks meeting Thursday evening. The six students' parents, siblings and school counselors were present for the dinner and awards event.

Exalted Ruler Bill O'Hearn and the lodge Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Karen Lewin, presented the awards in front of a large audience assembled in the lodge. The three female recipients were: Kathy Tran (Los Amigos High School, \$1,000), Nicole Martinez (Bolsa Grande High School, \$500), and Katherine Vo (Bolsa Grande High School, \$250). Kathy and Nicole plan to attend U.C. Berkeley, while Katherine plans to attend U.C. Irvine. The male recipients were: Freddi Tran (Los Amigos High School, \$1,000 per year for four years), Brian Bui (Pacifica High School, \$500), and Kevin Le (La Quinta High School, \$250). Freddi plans on attending UCLA and study medicine. Brian plans to attend UC Berkeley, while Kevin plans to attend UC Irvine.



Front (L to R): Katherine Vo, Nicole Martinez, and Kathy Tran
Center (L to R): Kevin Le, Brian Bui, and Freddi Tran
Rear (L to R): Karen Lewin and ER Bill O'Hearn

Hemet Lodge No. 1740 gives quilts to military families

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 presented five red, white and blue quilts to members of the military and their families at a Flag Day Ceremony at the Lodge on June 16th. Since 2009, Elk and Auxiliary members have been making and presenting quilts to honor the men and women who serve their country in the military. To date, the group has given out 47 quilts. In the beginning, the group wanted to honor those members of the military serving or returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, but have since extended the presentations to members who have served from WWII to the present day conflicts. The sewing group found out early on that the names of military members are confidential, so they have had to rely on word-of-mouth to find the recipients of the quilts. Each quilt is given with a thank you label from the Hemet Elks with the recipients' names, branch of service and date of presentation.

In other news, the lodge Scholarship Chairman, Jeannie Lowe, gave out six \$500 scholarships to local high school students. The recipients were: MacKenzie Hawkins (Hemet HS), Amy LeClair (Hemet HS), Daniel Martinez (San Jacinto HS), Xavier Putnum (San Jacinto HS), Vanessa Quinones Zarza (San Jacinto HS), and Bernadette Kenna (San Jacinto HS).

Piggy Bank

By Bob Farrens, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



Our Piggy Bank year is off to a great start. Through June of 2013, our Lodges have sent \$10,000 more to Fresno than at the same time last year. Keep up the great work and we can top the \$3 million mark again this year.

When you go online, I encourage you stop by the CHEA web site (www.chea-elks.org). There is a tremendous amount of information available on the CHEA web site that explains the 52 Club, Century Club, Millennium Club, and the Bequests and Living Trust. The web site also has messages from the parents of the children that we are helping. Many of us never see the good we are doing when we contribute to the Piggy Bank, but reading the messages let us see the results.

On the CHEA web site you can also download a "Form 11", which is a "Lodge Request for Professional Staff Participation" to schedule a Vision Screener or Therapist for a visit to your Lodge. If you have not had a Screener or Therapist visit your Lodge recently, I encourage you to arrange a visit soon. Be sure to publicize the visit to your members and encourage them to bring their friends, so they can see what we do for our communities.

We also participate with the "Box Tops for Education." The Box Tops are found on many of the products we use on a daily basis, including Cheerios, Wheaties, many Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Nature Valley, and Ziploc products. A complete listing of the products and the address where to send the Box Tops is located at www.chea-elks.org/BoxTops4Education.pdf. The Box Tops are used to purchase equipment for our therapists to use with the children.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444 recognizes Korean War vets

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 volunteers served at a Korean War military veterans recognition luncheon. The Korean War Veteran's Recognition Committee honored Korean War Veterans at a luncheon held at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center. The committee was comprised of representatives from the City of Mission Viejo, the Palmea Veteran's Club, V.F.W. Post No. 6024, the American Legion Saddleback Valley Post No. 862 and lodge members Shari Scott and Gwen Williams. These committee organizations funded the recognition luncheon. The lodge donated \$500 for the event.

Over 300 Korean War Veterans and their guests were served lunch by nineteen Elk volunteers. The guest speakers, introduced by Mission Viejo Mayor Rhonda Reardon, were: retired Colonel Greg Rath (USMC) and Consul Shin Whoan Park of the Korean Consulate General, Los Angeles. Elk Ray Mallen played the bugle for the appreciative veterans and their guests. After the luncheon, the veterans were invited to adjourn to the park stage for a tribute to the Korean Era veterans and all current active military members by the Laguna Swing Band.



L to R: Veterans Committee Chairman Andy Dumont and Marine 1st Lt. Tom Evans

Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 Clown Club brings smiles to the "Relay for Life"

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538's Clown Club brought smiles to the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" participants. Two clowns, "Jokey" and "Pismo" brought their smiles to the kids and gave them some lovely support. Lodge member John Hall (aka "Jokey the clown"), also a cancer survivor, says, "If we can, as fun, friendly, and loving clowns, get people to laugh and forget about their problems for five or ten minutes we've done our job! And that's what makes us happy."

In other news, on Thursday, May 30th, the Unocal Event Center arena was filled with 6,500 children and about 400 volunteers. This was the kick-off event for the annual Santa Maria Rodeo. After everyone joined in singing the National Anthem, all witnessed a skydiver bail out at 3,000 feet with an enormous American Flag flapping in the breeze below his feet. He landed in the arena as a number of Elks caught the flag before it touched the ground. The rodeo featured mutton-busting, barrel racing, calf roping, motorcycle antics and pony tricks. Each child in attendance received a bottle of water and a small U. S. Flag. The lodge "Kiddle Hoppers" (clowns) kept the kids happy as they boarded their buses to return home. Tina Tonscia organized the event at no cost to the lodge. Each volunteer received a BBQ beef sandwich, chips and a soda. It was a fantastic way to get the rodeo weekend started. In addition, the lodge held a Dare Program on Friday, June 7th. Seven hundred children and 65 adults participated in the program. Seven children read their essays on "Why I do not do drugs" and each received a medal, plaque and a salute. Also, the lodge also participated in the Memorial Day celebrations at the Elks Unocal Event Center on May 27th.



Kern River Valley Lodge No. 2358 hosts a Kid's Carnival

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge hosted a Kid's Carnival. This year's theme was "Back-To-School" and the goal was to provide a backpack to all school aged children, twelve and under, who attended the Carnival. Joe Ciriello of Golden State Surplus supported the Elks by supplying the backpacks at his cost.

Over 200 children enjoyed the carnival atmosphere. There was face painting, a Bounce House, a Photo Booth and lots of carnival games. According to Youth Activities Chairperson, Cheri Keller, the participation by the community was outstanding! Fifty-nine backpacks were handed out at the carnival and backpack vouchers were given to 53 more children.

Prizes included school supplies as well as the usual carnival goodies. Food was provided at a very reasonable cost to all who came. Proceeds from the Carnival will support other youth activities in the community.

Honolulu Lodge No. 616 donates AED to softball league

The Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Makua Alii Softball League, in response to their ever on-going efforts of community service. This device is to be placed in a strategic location in case of an emergency during the Makule Senior Softball League State Tournament on August 6-8, 2013. This year's tournament will consist of 54 to 60 teams from all over Hawaii, bringing about 900 Makule softball players together. In attendance for the presentation were the Hawaii State Governor Neil Abercrombie and Hawaii State Senator Brickwood Galuteria.



L to R: Leading Knight Augie Rey Fernandez, Makule Senior Softball League President Les Medeiros, Neil Abercrombie, Brickwood Galuteria

Arcadia Lodge No. 2025 donates to the Elks Disaster Relief Program

The Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 donated \$1,000 to the Elks Disaster Relief Program to help out the victims of the recent F-5 tornado in Oklahoma.

In other news, on Memorial Day weekend, the lodge participated in the "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families: Past, Present and Future" event hosted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. Our goal was to reintroduce our lodge to our surrounding communities by highlighting the charitable work that we do for our Nations Veterans, youth and local communities. The event was well attended and we received many positive responses and inquiries about the Elks and our lodge.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444 joins community celebration

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 joined a group of significant community organizations invited to have a large booth at the Mission Viejo Anniversaries celebration. Mission Viejo celebrated 50 years as a community and 25 years as an incorporated city. The Elks volunteers conducted spin-the-wheel and bathroom tissue toss games for the kids who earned prizes. The books, CDs, toy stuffed animals and other small prizes were donated by Bongo Inc. of Lake Forest. The eighteen Elks also handed out American flags and Elks anti-drug literature.

Westchester Lodge No. 2050 participates in Fourth of July parade and hosts State Police

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 participated in the City of Westchester's annual Fourth of July parade, which is hosted by the Los Angeles Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce. Lodge members and the Ladies of the Elks were on board a boat that was festively decorated in patriotic colors. They passed out Drug Awareness bracelets to the children along the parade route. The parade draws up to 10,000 people each year.

Also, on Saturday July 20th, the lodge sponsored the California State Police at their local law enforcement barbecue. State Police Officers and their families enjoyed a lunch and Officer Roy Walker was awarded a Lifetime Achievement plaque and medal from Lodge member Richard Magyar, who is also a retired officer.



Lodi Lodge No. 1900 helps Scouts and local children

The Lodi Lodge Elks Lodge No. 1900 donated their grounds to several Boy Scout troops for the purpose of their "Trails to First Class" program. This program has older Boy Scouts teach newer Scouts, who have just "bridged" from Cub Scouts, life learning skills, giving everyone the sense of purpose and knowledge. The Elks are pleased to donate their facilities for this type of program, which enhances the lives of our youth.

In other news, the lodge held various fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds for community charities. Adopt A Child is one such deserving organization that assists with children's back to school clothes and gifts during the holidays. Ed O'Neill (Past Exalted Ruler and ENF chairman) recently presenting a \$1,000 check to Jerry Glenn, CEO of Adopt A Child. Thanks to last year's donation from the lodge, they were able to add over \$400 in back to school clothes and close to \$500 in holiday gifts for needy children.



Paso Robles Lodge No. 2364 hosts a dinner for Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts

Brownie troop members, their families, and their sister Junior Girl Troop were recently treated to a spaghetti dinner that was prepared and served by the Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364. In all, about 50 people attended the dinner.

A bridging ceremony was held where the Brownies moved upward to a troop of Junior Girl Scouts. These 11 new Junior Girl Scouts come from 6 different schools in San Luis Obispo, and have been sponsored for the past two years by the Paso Robles Elks. Thank you Elks!



Eight Northwest District Lodges celebrate Flag Day at Yountville Veterans Home

On June 8th, the Annual Flag Day celebration was held at the Yountville Veterans' Home. Northwest District Lodges participating were: Lakeport No. 2704, Napa No. 832, Novato No. 2655, Petaluma No. 901, San Rafael No. 1108, Ukiah No. 1728, Vacaville No. 2638, and Vallejo No. 559. Among the District Dignitaries in attendance were the then-current DDGER, SVP, DDGER-Designate, and Junior PSVP. PER George "Bus" Langdon, from the Napa Lodge was the overall coordinator for this event. PER Mark Giosso, from the San Rafael Lodge coordinated the food service. The San Rafael Lodge purchased the majority of the food, with watermelons personally donated by Mark Giosso, macaroni salad by the Napa Lodge, and beans by the Ukiah Lodge.

The role for the Petaluma Lodge this year was to emcee and arrange and organize the event program. Performing this task was PDDGER Richard Simmons. An estimated 60 Elks and guests attended, in addition to the Veterans from the Yountville Home. Approximately 370 meals were served that day.

This day we honored all those who have served this country - past, present and future. It is because of all of these men and women that we can say, "We are safe; we are free." To all of these men and women, we say that we will not forget the sacrifices that you have made. God Bless You All and God Bless the United States of America!



Temecula Valley Lodge No. 2801 joins ROTC and Legion for Flag Day

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 held their Flag Day Ceremony at the Lodge on June 14, 2013. Members of the Temecula Valley High School Junior ROTC and members of the American Legion Post No. 852 joined the lodge members in celebrating Flag Day. Ken Hedrick, Retired Navy Chief, was the vocalist and provided patriotic songs during the ceremony.

The Temecula Valley High School Jr. ROTC proudly displayed the various American flags throughout United States history. Ken Lepore, a Wounded Warriors member and retired US Army Master Sergeant with two purple hearts, narrated. Howard Adkins served as the coach and chairman of the Flag Day Ceremony. Military personnel from Camp Pendleton were invited to the ceremony and were treated to a dinner after the ceremony along with those participating in the ceremony.



Back Row (L to R): Nathan Moriel, Jacob Ward, Lance Pritt, Michael Bouie, Giovanni Algeri, Ariel Rodriguez, Cathleen Runde, Patrick O'Donnell, Danne Avila and Alec Riat
Front Row (L to R): Ken Lepore, Paul Gonzalez, Chief Ken Hedrick (USN, Ret), Bob Farrens, Skip Wilkinson, Howard Cunningham, Steve Jones, Howard Adkins and Diane Farrens