



THE PURPLE PIG GAZETTE

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc.

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From the Piggy Bank Newsletter

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Articles can be provided by PGERs; District Leaders; PDDGERs; DDGER; PSVP; SVP; District Chairmen; Exalted Rulers; Leading Knights; and anyone who has something of Piggy Bank interest. Deadline for the May/June newsletter is **April 22, 2014** and articles can be sent by email to robertfarrens@msn.com. The newsletters come out every other month.

Palm Springs Convention 2014



May 14-17, 2014

Barbara Knox, Convention Chairman
(760) 328-3512

Join the Elks in Palm Springs for the 99th CHEA Convention!

Why YOU should come join us:

- Meet other Elks from other lodges – Make new friends
- Get ideas that work for other lodges that just might work for you
- Renew your spirit at the Exalted Ruler's March – meet the 2014 CHEA Theme Child

Check the CHEA website in March 2014 for the Room Reservation Form and Convention Schedule

Leading Knight's Piggy Bank Challenge

Funds to be raised by new charitable activities begins **March 1st** and continues through **May 15th from new sources only.**

Plaques will be awarded to the TOP LODGE and the TOP DISTRICT whose Leading Knights generate the most money by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday May 15th. Money can be turned in to Gerry Gouveia or Bob Farrens anytime after March 1st, or during the convention by 1:00 p.m. Thursday May 15th at the Piggy Bank Booth



DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2014 CHEA Pres. Homecoming
May 14-17, 2014 CHEA Convention in Palm Springs

Klamath River Fishing Trip



The Klamath River fishing trip is a fund raiser for the Major Project. The fishing trip is hosted by PDDGER Jim Olson, a Major Project Trustee. The trip is for 4 days and 3 nights, includes gourmet meals and beverages. Raffle Tickets are now available at your Lodge. You can obtain additional tickets from Bob Farrens (951) 696-8099 or Gerry Gouveia (925) 876-8486

Thirtieth Annual Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament in Vegas

Thirty years ago several members of the CHEA Southeast District met at the Redlands Elks Lodge to discuss how they could use their hobby, bowling, to raise money for the Major Project. Out of this meeting came the Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament. During the past 29 years the Southeast District Elks Colorado Classic has donated over \$350,000.00 to the Major Project, with the goal of making a \$30,000.00 donation this year; the 30th year.

For many years the Tournament was held in Laughlin Nevada before moving to Las Vegas several years ago. This year, at the South Point Hotel Bowling Center, over 450 bowlers had a great time raising money for the kids.



California-Hawaii Elks President Richard McDonald and First Lady Claudette welcomed the bowlers



It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to put on a successful tournament. Some, but not all, of the volunteers are pictured above. Mike and Laura Rentschler, Toby and Mary Venable, Bob Law, Cecil and Lynn Drysdale, Bryan and Joyce White, John and Donna McEntire, Jim and Kathy Rentschler, Jack Shamburg, Patti Ord, Joanna and Jennifer Rentschler.



A lot of the work goes on behind the scenes - Cecil and Lynn Drysdale tearing raffle tickets

The 2015 Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament will be held February 21st and 22nd at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Elks and friends with a United States Bowling Congress average or current 21-game average are invited to participate. More information is available at:

www.elksbowlingclub.org

or at:

Southeast District Elks Bowling Club,
P.O. 476, Calimesa, CA 92320-0476

Fullerton Elks Lodge 1193 Presents the Purple Pig Races

On Sunday, January 26th, the Fullerton Elks Lodge held their first pig races and everyone who attended had a great time. The pulled pork sandwiches and sides were donated by The Bourbon Street Restaurant. Prizes and gift baskets were donated by Lodge members and friends. The Pigs: Lovely Hula hams, Gwendolyn, Hill Topper Pig, Wendy Pigs Fly, Violet Pig, and Pigaloe Pete, were tastefully customized by members and then sold at an auction. The winners were awarded prizes. The Fullerton Elks raised over \$4,600 for the Major Project during this event.



The Pigs: Lovely Hula hams, Gwendolyn, Hilltopper Pig, Wendy Pigs Fly, Violet Pig, and Pigaloe Pete



ER Walt Edmonds and First Lady Karen, Diane Farrens, Fullerton Piggy Bank Chairman Richard and Karla Green and Bob Farrens Piggy Bank Chairman



The proud Owners of winning Pig Gwendolyn are the Thomson sisters; Maxine, Jennifer, and Linda Lee.



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!

Purple Pig Recurring Donations

Would you like to see the children walk, talk, see, and play?

You can contribute to the Major Project more often without writing a check, buying a stamp and addressing an envelope each time! It's simple by signing up to be a recurring donor! We'll automatically charge a credit card on a recurring basis for a set donation amount. There are no checks to write or envelopes to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows Fresno to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Recurring donors are very important and are special donors who will be recognized in each CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELK MAGAZINE. Keep it simple – become a recurring donor for the Major Project! You can still fill the Pigs and turn them in too!

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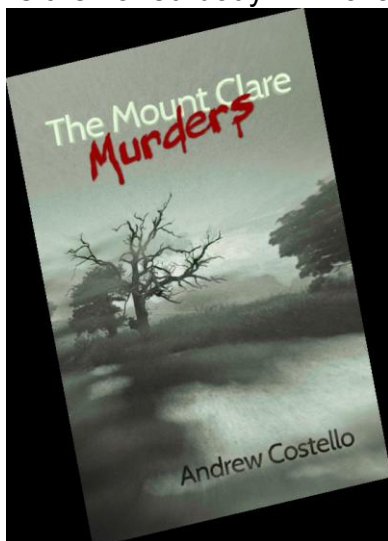
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Buy a Book, Feed the Purple Pig.

Is the naked body in Michael's car a message



that Joyce is his next victim? A killer terrorizes the residents of the usually peaceful Mount Clare neighborhood of Chicago. Young Michael Fletcher can't help feeling a frightening connection to the killer and is certain their

paths will cross. Wife Joyce keeps busy at her job at the bank and is doing her best to carry on despite the killings. Michael, stays hard at work in his Father's business, but still finds time to be out with best friends Hank and Dan. The three men are joined by Michael's troubled younger brother Billy as they plan an exciting but dangerous scuba diving adventure. They will dive in January beneath the ice in a deep Wisconsin quarry. The brutal murders continue. Walk in the night with the killer and explore his mind as you learn of his terrible secret. The police have a suspect in jail. The Christmas Holidays are here and folks can relax. But can they? Is the wrong man in jail? The day of the big ice dive arrives and the four men descend through two feet of quarry ice into a strange world of underwater adventure. Gliding through the liquid space all is peaceful until the game turns deadly. Is one of them the killer? Who will survive? Who will never return to the surface?

All proceeds from sale of the "Mount Clare Murders" go to the CHEA Elks Major Project



*A Coin a Day so they can
Walk, Talk, See and Play!*

Author Donates Proceeds from Book Sales

Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Lodge Elks officer and author Andy Costello presented his first check for \$1000 to Elks Lodge Major Project Chairwoman Diana Wilson. The money was raised through the sale of his new book "The Mount Clare Murders" and is being donated to the Elks Major Project. The Major Project provides funds to support therapists engaged in helping hundreds of children with disabilities throughout California and Hawaii to Walk, Talk, See and Play! When asked if he intends to continue donating book sale proceeds to the fund, Costello said "I've seen firsthand the wonderful work being done for handicapped children by these dedicated therapists, so as long as folks are buying the book I will continue supporting that worthy charity with the proceeds." The 284 page paperback thriller can be purchased online at Amazon.com or Barns & Noble.com or direct from the Mission Viejo Elks Lodge for a special fundraiser price by calling (949) 830-3557. All proceeds from book sales go to the Elks Major Project.



Andy Costello and Diana Wilson

Buy the "Mount Clare Murders" directly from Andy (949)770-5796 or at

aandmac@att.net

\$10.00 Plus \$3.00 S&H

Five Dollars More



California-Hawaii Elks President Dick McDonald has been raising money for the

Major Project this year at his visits to the 19 districts. During his first speech he mentioned that if every California-Hawaii Elk would just give \$5.00 more we would raise an additional \$400,000 this year. Dick held up a \$5.00 bill to show the audience and to his surprise someone took it and started collecting \$5.00 bills from others. The "Five Dollars More" became a part of every speech. To date, Dick has raised more than \$5,000.00 at his visitations

Alameda Lodge presents "Breakfast at Tiffany's" "Each year it is the duty of the First Lady or First Gentlemen to chair "The Ladies Luncheon" with all proceeds going to the State Major Project. Each year a new theme is



chosen and this year it was "Breakfast at Tiffany's". The ladies enjoyed dressing as Miss Hepburn; properly attired with sun glasses and

long gloves and they were serenaded by a Frank Sinatra impersonator. The Alameda former First Ladies and Gentlemen, along with the Lodge Officers and volunteers did an outstanding job of raising over \$15,000.00, with raffle baskets for silent auction and live auction items including a two night stay in San Francisco, two night stay and wine tasting in Napa, a week in a Tahoe Cabin, and a two weeks' stay in a Villa in Italy which was donated by a Lodge member.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association now has a link to the Purple Pig Gazette. The current and past editions are available

Cruise for the Major Project



Join your fellow Elks on this fun vacation down the East Coast from Quebec to Fort Lauderdale in October 2014. Why go on this cruise? Well, for every 8 cabins that sail on the cruise, Princess will give back one full fare that will be donated to the Major Project!

Take a vacation, relax on a wonderful ship, and know you are helping the Major Project. You will also see the fall colors, and the history of this great nation - all at the same time. This cruise will fill up fast, so book your reservations now.

Contact:

Colleen or Val at Cruise Adventures Unlimited @ 925-935-7447 or

<http://www.cruiseadventuresunlimited.com/>

Mention that you are with the Elks.

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

Mission Statement

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families and without discrimination



BPOE AREA 7 Major Project Golf Tournament



Location: Carson City, Nevada

Date: September 19, 20 and 21, 2014 (8 am Tee Time)

Golf: At Dayton Valley Golf Club on Friday and at Eagle Valley West on Saturday

Cost: \$360 per golfer. \$200 per non-golfer.

Hotel accommodations: The Hardman House with overflow accommodations at the Nugget City Center.

Men and ladies and mixed flights

Includes: 3 nights Lodging: Golf on Friday and Saturday including Green Fees and Cart; Awards Banquet with 1 hour open bar on Saturday; Casino coupon book with free play, food credits, keno credits, gift shop discounts and Tournament Hat. Friday Night Dinner at the Carson City Elks Lodge (extra charge).

Official play will be on Friday (Best Ball) and Saturday (Scramble).

Flights will be made up of all male, all female, or mixed flights, and there will be flight for golfers with no handicap.

Practice round will be available on Thursday for \$45 at Eagle Valley West.

Scoring: Scoring will be done based on your handicap or non-handicapped flights. Teams of 4 persons will be determined by handicap. (If you wish to play together, please indicate it at the time you register.) All Score Cards must be turned into the Committee Hospitality Room within one-hour after finishing on each day.

Mulligan: (one front 9 and one back 9) No Mulligan's on hole-in-one contest holes!

Closest to the Pin Contest: on a par three

Hole-in-One Contest: on a par 3 wins \$25,000 car

Chipping Contest: For \$30 per player you can chip to a 4 foot circle from 10 yards away. Get 2 out of 3 balls in the circle and get a ticket for a drawing (Saturday Only)



Deadline for reservations is September 1, 2014. All entries must be postmarked prior to September 1, 2014.

Questions and Applications:

Contact Event Sponsor

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CHEA Vice Chairman Purple Pig

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Annual Klamath River Fishing Trip

**Hosted by
CHEMPI Trustee
Jim Olson, PDDGER**

**September 2014
Winner & Guest
4 days, 3 nights
Gourmet Meals
Beverages
Included**

Proceeds to
CHEA Major Project
Ticket Sales Credited
to Lodge where sold.

**Tickets
\$1.00 each
or
7 for \$5.00**

**Drawing held at the
CHEA Convention
May 17, 2014**

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