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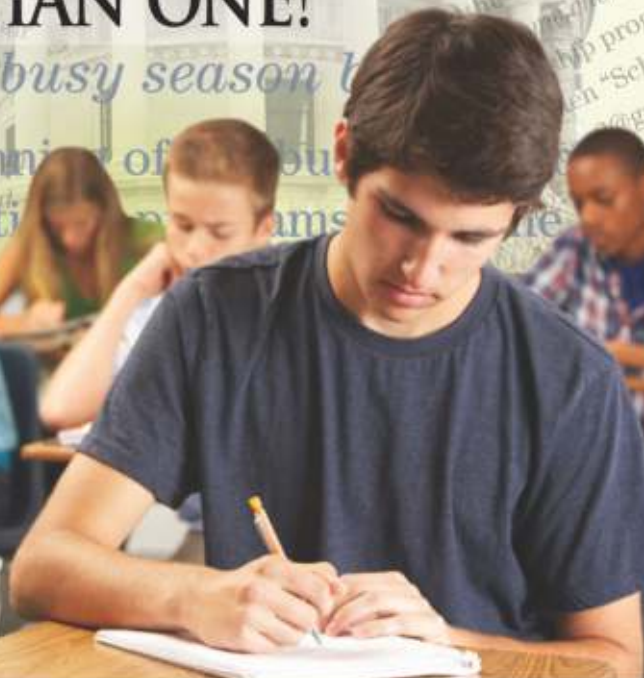
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Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 member receives CHEA award

PER Sam Brown, a member of the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 was unable to receive a special award from the California-Hawaii Elks Association during the CHEA Convention in May 2014. Mr. Brown is the Veterans Committee Chairman for the Lodge and he is a past CHEA Veterans Service Committee Chairman.

During the CHEA Inland District Vice President's official District visitation, AVP Warren Guest presented the award to Sam Brown. Sam, who is a U.S. Army veteran, also received a beautiful wristwatch in recognition of his Army service. Sam Brown serves his community at the Ridgecrest Annual Veteran's Stand-down, the Barstow Veteran's Home, and is instrumental, with his wife Trudy, in sending supplies to our active duty military members who are serving around the world.



L to R: Warren Guest, Inland District VP, and PER Sam Brown

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492's camping club cleans up on the beach

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492's "Happy Wanderers" camping club brought eleven RV rigs to the beach at Point Mugu State Park for some old-fashioned "dirt camping" and assisted the park staff by doing some much needed beach cleanup.

Wagon master Frank Padilla, Jr. made all the arrangements with the State Park personnel, and established an itinerary of fun and cleaning. We arrived right after the July 4th holiday weekend, so the clean up crew had quite a job waiting for it. We collected approximately ten 50-gallon bags of trash. The Camping Club is discussing the possibility of "adopting" this beach for future camping and cleanup activities.



L to R: Moe Nadeau and Bob Fuller

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 constructs a school shed

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 received an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant that they used to purchase a pre-fabricated garden utility structure. The Lodge members laid the foundation, then assembled and painted the structure on the grounds of the Cypress School (Autism and Behavioral Services) in Petaluma. It will be used for storing the equipment used in maintaining the students' vegetable garden.

A big "Thank You" goes to John Dowden (ENF Chairperson) and Carl Bellovich (Lecturing Knight) for spearheading this project. Many thanks as well go to Elk members Larry Wagner, Wayne Wilson, Drew Keeler, Ted O'Shea, Don Broadbent, David Lindberg and Marilyn and Fred Bartow for providing the expertise and labor in putting the shed together.



San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 "Ladies of Elks" donate items

The San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168's "Ladies of Elks" presented handmade bandanas and hats to Linda Hicks, a Volunteer at the San Diego Cancer Society's Discovery Shop. Ginger Nolan, the Ladies of Elks Chairperson, made the presentation to Linda Hicks.

Linda works with patients during their chemotherapy treatments and recovery by providing wigs, hairpieces and head coverings. The Ladies of Elks provided 45 bandanas and hats at their recent meeting.



Ginger Nolan and Linda Hicks

President's Message



Greetings and Aloha! I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer, enjoyed a "Happy 4th of July" and celebrated the birth of our nation. Shortly after the holiday many of us headed for New Orleans (Nawlins), LA to attend the 150th Annual Grand Lodge Convention of our Order. 8,344 members, guests and vendors attended the Convention this year. That was over 1,000 more than last year's Convention in Reno, NV. I guess the draw of the

'Big Easy' outweighed the downside of NOLA's high humidity and rain. It was a great Convention where many interesting and informative workshops were available for the members to attend. We heard speeches from the Hoop Shoot and Scholarship winners and great reports from the Chairmen of our major programs. I was personally impressed that our newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler, John D. Amen, selected Membership and Retention as his primary programs for this year. As you are aware, these are also my primary programs for the year. We can no longer allow our new members to become disinterested in Elkdom and slide out the back door. We must step up our Lodge Activities to provide reasons for these new members to remain and "Feel the Glow of Elkdom." Our efforts to contact our delinquent members must become more personal – and not just be a delinquent billing notice from the Lodge Secretary. The delinquent members are "Our Friends" and we should not appear to just be "Bill Collectors." They need that personal contact. Soon, Karen and I will be visiting in your respective districts and we hope to see "Old Friends" and "Meet New Friends" along our journey this coming year. We are both proud to be representing the California-Hawaii Elks Association during our travels this year and we look forward to "Feeling the Glow of Elkdom" with all of you.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Floyd "Skip" Henke, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association

Area 7 Golf Tournament Update

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Purple Pig Vice Chairman

I'm sad to announce that the Area 7 Golf Tournament (page 17 of the May/June 2014 issue) that was scheduled to take place on September 18-21, 2014 in Carson City, NV, has been postponed until some time next year. Player reservations were coming in too slowly for us to continue holding two hotels, two golf courses and a banquet facility for the event.

To those who signed up – "Thank You" – and a refund will be coming shortly. For those who were planning on signing up, do not wait – as soon as you hear about the new, improved tournament, please get your reservations in early. Thank you for your interest, and we will see you next year.

Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 helps local groups with ENF Grant

The Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 received a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). The Lodge used this grant to assist three local community organizations: Visiting Hospital Veterans, Tuolumne Trails and Vietnam Veterans. The Lodge ENF Chairman, David Utech, made the awards presentations during a recent Lodge dinner. In addition, three members of the Lodge were recognized for their support of the Elks National Foundation: Skip Hoy, Wil Reich and Jake Parsons each donated \$1,000 or more to the ENF.

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President's

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September 5-7, 2014
Inland District

September 12-14, 2014
Bay District

September 18-21, 2014
Hawaii District

September 26-28, 2014
South Coast District

October 3-5, 2014
East Central District

October 10-12, 2014
*California Elks Camper Rally
46th Year – Hemet*

October 17-19, 2014
North District

October 24-26, 2014
*Arizona Elks Association
Mid-Year Meeting*

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 sponsors a mature driving course

The California Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900, held a mature "Age Well...Drive Smart" program at the Elks Lodge. This program is a cooperative effort between the CHP, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the older driver community.

The class was free and open to the public, but was specifically geared to mature drivers over the age of 65. The class provided tips on how to be a more prepared traveler and what to look for in order to drive safer. It also provided a website to help increase your memory and attentive skills. The Lodge provided coffee and water for the attendees. Many Elks also showed up for the class, which was conducted by Officer James Smith and Senior Volunteer Glen Pitts.

At the end of the session every participant was presented a certificate of completion, which could potentially be used to reduce his or her auto insurance premiums. One website that can sharpen your brain is "lumosity.com" for whoever is interested.

Membership

By James D. Warrick, CHEA Membership Chair

Membership is the lifeblood of Elkdome. To keep the juices of our Order flowing, members need to ask their friends and relatives to join. The Elks feature great philanthropic and social activities at a nominal cost, so why not ask a friend to join? One way to sponsor new members is to take a business approach and have a personal plan for recruitment. Perhaps your goal includes earning a GER pin by sponsoring three members in a year. To achieve your goal, develop a list of prospective members and carry a membership application for potential candidates. Make it a point to invite your friends and family members to a Lodge function.

Look and see the names of sponsors on your Lodge's Membership Progress Chart. Is your name there? Membership development is fundamental to any organization. Retaining members by involvement is as important as introducing them to Elks. Does your Lodge have a Second Step Program? Is there a membership team which contacts lapsed members? To what extent does your Lodge implement a Second Step Program? Check out the CHEA website (www.chea-elks.org) for step-by-step plans to retain and recruit members.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 helps a homeless family transition to their own home

In June, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 sponsored another family to transition from the Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter into their own home. The Lodge, and several individual Lodge members, provided the single mother, Jennifer, and her two teenage sons with small appliances, a kitchen table and chairs, new beds, bedding, pots and pans, cleaning and hygiene supplies, dinnerware, glasses, a TV and many other items required to set up a household.

Jennifer was in the foster care system as a child, and was thrilled with the items provided to her family as they set up their home (the first one of her own she has ever had).

This is the third year of providing this service for foster youth, families and veterans under the Fremont Elks Lodge's Community Special Project using charity funds designated for this purpose.



Back Row (L to R): Dave Loya, Trina Murphy, PER Sheila Spangler, and Zackery
Front Row (L to R): Joan White, Community Special Project Chair, Jennifer and Aaron

Trona Elks Lodge No. 1975 uses a Gratitude Grant to take school kids on a shopping spree

The Trona Elks Lodge No. 1975 received an ENF Gratitude Grant in June of 2014. When we applied, we made it clear that we wanted to use the Grant to take a select group of 2nd grade to 10th grade students on a shopping trip to buy school clothes and school supplies.

On July 22, four Lodge members took seven students to the local Wal-Mart in Ridgecrest, California. Each student was allowed to shop for up to \$200 worth of clothes and school supplies. The students were so excited and filled with gratitude for this opportunity. There was just as much satisfaction on the faces of the Elk members who assisted the students during their shopping trip.

It is important to recognize Shawn McCurdy, a Wal-Mart Manager, who helped get approval for a 10% discount towards each student's purchase, and Anna Muniz Castillo, who organized our visit. A special thanks goes to the following Lodge members: Sari Fleishauer (ER), Christina Celaya (Secretary), Ruth Soto (Inner Guard), Sandra Sprouse (Trustee), and, finally, to our Elk helper, Sierra Fleishauer (the ER's Daughter), for taking these kids shopping to start their 2014-15 school year off right. The remainder of the Gratitude Grant will be utilized for an upcoming Trona Elks Lodge sponsored Drug Awareness Program in September.



Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 luau raises \$1,500 for the Purple Pig

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 luau raised \$1,500 for the Major Project. Following an "Island" themed dinner, the members and guests were treated to a program of Polynesian dancing. Some members, including several Lodge and District officers, joined in the dancing. Who says you can't roast a pig to benefit a (Purple) Pig?



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge raises \$253 for the Purple Pig by enjoying 50's music

On Flag Day, the "County Line Trio" performed a "Tribute to the Kingston Trio" at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811. Bud, Todd, and Dean sang the songs of the 50's in a two-hour show. One hundred Elks and guests in attendance enjoyed their vocals at this great event.

The Lodge room was decorated in Red, White, and Blue and every table in the house had flags. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a great meal of steak or salmon was served for all to enjoy. Exalted Ruler Nick Fleming gave a short talk on the benefits of being an Elk, and, in the process, recruited several prospective members.

A total of \$253.00 was donated to the Purple Pig, and everyone received a small pig to take home after the show. This is the fourth show that the Walnut Creek Lodge has put on, with entertainers like Elvis, Johnny Cash and the Rat Pack. Each event has filled the house with song and laughter from all who attended.



Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959's chili cook-off funds Christmas charitable events

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 held its 9th Annual Car Show and Chili Cook-off on Saturday May 31st at the Lodge. In this well attended event numerous prizes were awarded, with the "Best of the Show" award going to Tish Crawford, who won a \$500 first place prize for her chili.

This is a major fundraiser event for the Lodge, with much of the proceeds going to its Christmas Basket program. Each Christmas season, the Lodge distributes numerous baskets of food to families of deployed troops, economically distressed families, and donates cash cards to homeless high school students. The Lodge greatly appreciates the support of the community in this endeavor.



Huntington Beach Elks Lodge 1959 Exalted Ruler awards first prize in the Lodge's Annual Chili Cook-Off to Tish Crawford

Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 recognizes firefighters and sends packages to veterans

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 hosted a BBQ to say "Thank You" to some first responders in their community. They had 21 firefighters who showed up promptly at 11:00 and wanted to help them set up. The Elks explained that they were trying to honor the first responders' service to our community. As promised, all first responders got free hotdogs and hamburgers to go with the salads that were prepared by the Kern River Valley Ladies of the Elks. Theo Zook, Chairperson of the event, pointed out that the vast majority of the local firefighters have their hands full with fires in our valley, or we might have been able to thank even more of them.

In other news, the members of the Kern River Valley Elks have been donating grooming items, food and magazines to our overseas servicemen and women. The Lodge Veterans Service Chairman, Dean Ott, has sent over 200 "care packages" to soldiers overseas. Now, the Elks teamed up with the Masonic Lodge No. 827 of Kernville to provide clothing and needed personal items such as food, hygienic supplies, snacks and reading materials to assist the homeless veterans in Southern California. The Veterans Administration will distribute these items.



Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591's ENF Promise Grant used for youth

The Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 obtained an Elks National Foundation "Promise Grant" that it used to host a "Country Faire" for special needs youth at the Lodge. The Lodge Scholarship Chairperson, Patty Quick, organized the event, which took place on June 7th.

Students in grades K-8 from schools in Lake Elsinore and Wildomar attended this event. Thirty lodge volunteers, with the help of the Elsinore Valley Future Farmers of America, the Elsinore Valley 4-H Club, the Perris Panthers 4-H Clubs, and the Youth Queens of Lake Elsinore and Wildomar treated the children to face painting, paper plate animal faces, egg/spoon races, hula hoop contests, bean bag toss, etc. They were also involved in gardening projects with soil, seeds and buckets donated by Wildomar Ace Hardware and Louie's Nursery. The Queens made cotton candy and bracelets for the children. They also enjoyed a petting zoo.

DeJong's Dairy donated punch and the children were treated to hot dogs, chips and cookies. The children enjoyed the Faire and Patty stated that this event would definitely be repeated in the future; adding that this event is what Elksdom is all about - giving back to community in which it resides!

Scholarship

By Jan Bennett, CHEA Scholarship Chair



Scholarships – Our busy season begins!

The month of September marks the beginning of our busiest season for Elks Scholarships. A summary of our national programs is on the Elks Grand Lodge website (www.elks.org/enf/scholars). There you will find applications and information on three great Elks National Foundation scholarship programs and a great scholarship Resource Center:

- **Most Valuable Student Scholarships** are open to high school seniors who are American citizens. These scholarships are based on academics, leadership and financial need. Applicants do not need to be related to Elk members. The four-year scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. There are 500 awards totaling \$2,400,000 available nationwide. The deadline for submission is December 5, 2014.
- **Legacy Awards** are merit-based scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing. These scholarships are \$1,000 per year for four years. The applications are online and you can find them at the above link.
- **Emergency Educational Grants** are one-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.
- **Scholar Resource Center** is a collection of references to free online databases to find other scholarships available for students.

On the California-Hawaii Elks Association website (www.chea-elks.org) are links to two more scholarship programs. Click on "Youth Activities," then "Scholarships" to find:

- **Vocational Grants (Occupational or Technical Training)** - This program is being revised to increase the amount of the awards and to make it easier to apply and qualify. Check back in October for the revised information and application procedures! Grants up to \$2,000 are awarded in California and Hawaii. These grants will assist adults to become gainfully employed in their chosen vocational career with two years or less of study.
- **Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities** - Since 1981 the Elks have provided financial assistance to students with severe disabilities wishing to further their education.

Promoting these programs is a good way to let other people know about Elkdom and its many youth and community-oriented programs. These scholarship funds don't come from your individual Lodge's budget, so they are a good way to stretch your Lodge's resources.

If you have trouble finding information or applications for any of the above programs, please contact Jan Bennett, CHEA Scholarship Chair (email at skipnjan2@gmail.com, or by telephone at 760-382-4488), or David Coleman, CHEA Scholarship Vice-Chair (email at per2492@gmail.com, or by telephone at 805-231-5570).

Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314's Gratitude Grant helps special education

The Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314 used their ENF Gratitude Grant to help the special education kids at Yucca Mesa Elementary Summer School. The class for the severely handicapped children was able to add hands-on projects to their schedule as well as daily cooking classes. Projects included making their own cooking aprons, designing their own tie-dyes and other daily art projects that taught them about our local desert wildlife. The students learned how to make pancakes, bake brownies, and make their own breakfast burritos. The activities all focused on developing their independent life skills. The Yucca Valley Elks paid for all of the materials used in these programs.

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Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697's mysterious money

On June 28, 2014, the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 presented a Murder Mystery Western Theater Dinner show to raise money for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Over \$1,300 was made on the dinners alone!

Over 90 Elks and other community members were in attendance to enjoy the dinner and the show. Dinner included "finger lickin' fried chicken," "tombstone potatoes," "rio grande gravy," "silver bullet green beans," "Doc Holliday's hot buns," "Betsy's churned butter" and "cowboy sweets." The cast included over sixteen amateur players including the director, Sally Brown. The theme of the play involved poker players living in Deadwood, or visiting Deadwood, for a Poker Tournament. Each player had multiple motives for murdering Mitch Maverick (played by Joel Molcan, Inner Guard) who was cheating at poker. The audience had to decide "who done it!" Each table agreed on a murderer and the winning table was awarded a prize. There were twists and turns and funny business throughout the show and the audience was kept in suspense. Audience laughter kept the show lively and entertaining as various players ad-libbed their parts. There was never a dull moment! The Moreno Valley Elks Lodge plans to present a sequel to this Murder Mystery Western Theater Dinner show. Everyone had a great time, and the Major Project charity profited as well.

The Lodge plans an additional fund raising event in July. A "Miss Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Contest" will feature men competing in female attire. Decorated Purple Piggy Banks will be judged as well, with their contents going towards the Major Project.



"Mitch Maverick" (played by Joe Molcan, Elk member) being removed from the "crime scene" by Gambler "Clay Coldwell" (played by Rick Jensen, Elk member) and Outlaw "Jesse Wales" (played by Freddie Alvidrez, Elk member)

The "Purple Pig Gazette"

A note from the Editor

I just wanted to commend Robert Farrens, the editor of "The Purple Pig Gazette", for an outstanding "e-zine" (electronic magazine) that he publishes online for the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

His seventh issue (July/August) was released early in July. It was emailed to Lodge Secretaries, Piggy Bank Chairmen and Lodge Public Relations Chairmen. If you have not seen this fantastic Purple Pig document, please go to the CHEA web site (www.chea-elks.org), click on "Purple Pig" then "Purple Pig Gazette." It is chock full of useful information regarding the Purple Pig fund raising efforts around the Association.

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA National Foundation Chairman



Do you remember the Grand Exalted Ruler's Challenge? Grand Exalted Ruler Pickering drew the winning ticket on the final day of our Association State Convention in May 2014. There were two winners, first the Bottle of BLANTON'S KENTUCKY SINGLE BARREL BOURBON WHISKEY was won by Elk member Bobby Wyatt from El Centro Lodge No. 1325, and the second winner was the Elks National Foundation with the generous donation of \$5,825.00

from the members of the California Hawaii Elks Association.

Each member that purchased a Blanton's raffle ticket was credited with that donation in his or her ENF account records. If you did not have an ENF account number as a regular donor, you have one now, and you will continue to receive credit for your generosity as you make future donations to the Elks National Foundation.

I attended our National Convention, which was held on July 13-17, 2014 in New Orleans, LA. There was a very informative report on the activity of the Elks National Foundation, with detailed information about its Scholarship, Veterans and Hoop Shoot Programs.

If you were not aware, the Scholarship Program was retooled to provide additional funding to the scholarship recipients and to the individuals receiving benefits. 500 Most Valuable Student Scholarships are now awarded, with 480 students receiving \$4,000 each. The top twenty students are guaranteed \$20,000 over four years. The third place male and female recipients receive \$30,000, the second place male and female recipients receive \$40,000, and first place male and female recipients receive \$50,000 each over four years.

The top twenty students compete against each other for these awards. The competition is not based on a scholastic level alone. Financial need plays a significant part, along with their public service activities, their plans for the future, and a positive interview that displays their leadership, self-confidence and their enthusiastic life skills. The first place scholarship winners were at the convention and told us about their experiences and plans for tomorrow.

Your donations to the Elks National Foundation make all of this possible. Keep in mind that the Elks are noted for their patriotism and charity. Our work for Veterans and the Youth of America would be a difficult task without the generosity of our members and financial power of the Foundation. Thank you for all that you do.

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 hosts hospitalized veterans for a dinner

For the second time this year, the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 invited veterans from the Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Medical Center in Loma Linda to a dinner at the Lodge. Aaron Hunt, a Lead Recreational Director, brought seven veterans, one in a wheelchair, to the Lodge.

Nick Nemiccola (Lodge Veterans Service Chairman) welcomed them in to the Lodge to be seated at tables, which were decorated by Lodge member Dixie Branscombe. Jim Bustamante, Exalted Ruler, also welcomed them. Everyone joined in to a Salute to the Flag, followed by a special prayer recited by Betty Kill, the Lodge Chaplain. Ginny Mulhern, Lodge Leading Knight, covered the event with photos. Also present was Jim Winget of Hemet Lodge No. 1740 who is the Southern District National Services Chairman.

Dinner was prepared by Sol, the Lodge chef, with a menu of roasted pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, Sal's special bread and cake for dessert. Coffee and iced tea was served.

Prior to the close of dinner, the veterans left with a check of \$100 for their veteran's services. The Lodge will continue to support our hospitalized veterans.

Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 awards scholarships

Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2014 Elks Larison Scholarship Fund "ELSF" Awards in recognition of the hard work and achievements of many of the outstanding graduating students of Napa County public and private High Schools. An awards dinner was held May 28th at the Lodge in honor of these students and their families, at which time the students were introduced and invited to speak about their college plans, aspirations, and future goals.

The ELSF Trustees approved an award of \$14,000 on behalf of the Lodge to 21 Napa County students for the year 2014. Each student will receive from \$500 to \$1,000 to help further his or her education. These deserving students graduated from seven different high schools in the county: Vintage, Valley Oak, Calistoga, Napa, Justin-Sienna, St. Helena, and Kolbe Academy. In the fall, they will be attending colleges and universities throughout the country.

Since 1996, based upon graduating student applicants selected by the Scholarship Committee, the Elks Larison Scholarship Fund will have awarded a cumulative \$324,950 to 307 graduating students of Napa County public and private High Schools. Four students were not present for the group photograph (Isabella Bradford, Richard Cardoza, Teal Bullick, and Abigail Flores).



First row: Elizabeth Aguilar, Franchesca Vasquez, Lourdes Gomez, Adrianna Ramos, Frances Arend, and Madeline Duckhorn

Second Row: Dustin Lewis, Ethan Herndon, Samuel Dearden, Sean Carlo Uribe, Ricardo Vivanco, and Jessica Douma

Third row: David Wiley, Joseph Panchesson, Rieson Blumer, Jeremy Raven, and Jennifer Guffy

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 joins the AmVets in a Flag Day celebration

On Thursday, June 12, the Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 acknowledged and performed a flag dedication ceremony in honor of Flag Day. PDDGER Charlie Carroll presided over the ceremony, which included the presentation of the flags by our current and past Lodge Officers. Charlie explained the history of our Nation's Flags, beginning with the Pine Tree Flag and concluding with our current 50 stars, red, white and blue National Flag. Also in attendance was guest speaker and veteran, Larry Wahl, who shared a reading of "Old Glory." At the closing of the program, the AmVets performed a flag folding demonstration. This included the meaning of the thirteen folds, which created the "cocked hat." They then placed three spent rifle shells representing duty, honor and country in the final fold of the flag. The three shells symbolized each volley of the 21-gun salute. The ceremony was held during our weekly Queen of Hearts dinner.

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chair



Having just returned from the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans, I am infused with excitement and passion for the Elks Drug Awareness Programs! We are truly the Best People on Earth. At the Convention this year, the State Drug Awareness Chairs came up with a new slogan for the Drug Awareness Program (DAP) "Dedicated and Passionate." It describes many of our Elk members, but especially those members and friends who promote

and share the program with our schools and communities. It takes a team to make our program a success. Thank you for being part of the Team!

I will be putting out a detailed description of our programs to your District Chairs, so please contact them for more details and information. The Elks, teaming up with Marvel Entertainment, are announcing a new comic book this year "Never Alone." It not only addresses drug use and peer pressure, but also issues associated with bullying. And if you remember, our theme this year is "Refuse to Use... You're Never Alone."

The Drug Quiz show is another program that will be introduced this year. If you attended Grand Lodge, you were treated to a "sneak peek" of the show. What a wonderful and fun way to assist our young people in learning the dangers of drug and alcohol use, and obtaining resources for making important life decisions.

The Elks Kids Zone website is a fantastic resource for children. The website is updated with current information every few weeks. It is now also available on Facebook and Twitter. The website has been viewed in over 84 different countries!

The Drug Awareness program is the future of our Youth and the promise of our Order. Accept the challenge and join us - the Dedicated and Passionate members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 honors four Eagle Scouts

The Ventura County California Boy Scout Council held an Annual Recognition Dinner for Scouts who attained the rank of Eagle Scout during the past year. Four members of the Thousand Oaks Elk Lodge No. 2477 honored and sponsored four new Eagle Scouts. County wide, 208 Scouts were advanced to the highest rank in Scouting in the past year. Lodge members Bill Miller, Bill Sternberg and Greg Metzgsus are recipients of the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Elks in Scouting. Lodge member Billy Sternberg became an Eagle Scout in 1976.



Back row (L to R): PDDGER Greg Metzgsus, Bill Miller, PER Bill Sternberg, and Billy Sternberg
Front row (L to R): Eagle Scouts Brandon Boyd, Cameron Tenn, Charles Coughlin and Collin Chamberlain

Veterans Leather Program

*By Robert M. Hennings, Director
Elks National Veterans Service Commission*

(Editor's note: The following message is excerpted and edited from a longer article by Mr. Hennings that will appear in the September issue of the Grand Lodge Newsletter).

HUNTERS – THANK YOU !!!

The ENVSC Veterans Leather Program began in July 1948 in Philadelphia, when the Elks of California donated one thousand hides to be used by hospitalized Veterans. At the time, this donation was valued at \$25,000.

Last year, hunters from nineteen states donated 16,830 hides to our Veterans Leather Program. These hides were sent to tanneries, which turn them into finished leather. The tanned leather is used for a number of leather products benefitting our veterans, such as crafting leather, craft kits, and gloves for wheelchair bound veterans. These are distributed to VA hospitals, veteran nursing homes, and to other veterans under treatment to be used as part of their occupational and therapeutic programs. The program benefits veterans of all eras, including those from Iraq and Afghanistan, making their lives a little bit better.

Last year, 9,302 square feet of tanned hides was sent to hospitals as crafting leather. Another 33,360 square feet was turned into kits that were given to hospitalized veterans at no cost to the Elks or the veterans themselves. We distributed 3,103 pairs of fingerless gloves to veterans in wheelchairs, again at no cost to our veterans. The total estimated value of these leather products last year was over \$412,000.

Although our Leather Program has expanded greatly since it first began, we always need more leather products due to so many wounded warriors returning home who are in need of help. I therefore encourage all of you to spread the word and get hunters to participate. With your help, we can increase the number of states participating and increase the number of hides collected, thereby benefitting even more veterans.

You can learn more about the Veterans Leather Program, including how to prepare and preserve hides for shipping, from our website at <http://www.elks.org/vets/leather.cfm>.

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 awards scholarships

The Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 recently attended the Portola High School Senior Awards Night. Two representatives from the Lodge were pleased to award \$500 scholarships to three very deserving High School Seniors.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Linda Knudson, Katlyn Bates, Amy Waller, Veronica Kovich, and PDDGER Bob Vieira (Scholarship Chairman)

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

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Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga		

West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 sponsors a \$40,000 Most Valuable Student Scholarship winner

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 was recently invited to the River City High School's annual scholarship awards ceremony. The Lodge's Scholarship Committee Chairman, PER Neil White, presented a \$40,000 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" Second Place Award to Sufia Mehmood, a graduating senior at the school.

Prior to receiving this national MVS scholarship award, Ms. Mehmood had received a \$700 scholarship from the West Sacramento Elks Lodge and the North Central District, and a \$2,500 scholarship grant from the California-Hawaii Elks Association. As one of the top 20 finalists in the nation for the Most Valuable Student scholarship competition, Ms. Mehmood was invited to an all expenses paid trip to Chicago to compete for the national awards. After writing her final essay, Sufia was chosen as one of the top 6 academic achievers (three male and three female) in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks family.

The Officers and Members of West Sacramento Elks Lodge and their affiliates congratulate Sufia and wish her much success while attending Harvard University. It is quite conceivable that today's Elks scholars will be tomorrow's leaders.



L to R: Kevin Benson (Exalted Ruler), Sufia Mehmood, Bill Parsons (North Central District Scholarship Chairman from the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577) and PER Neil White (Lodge Scholarship Chairman)

Lake Almanor Elks Lodge No. 2626 awards scholarships

On May 27, 2014 the Lake Almanor Elks Lodge No. 2626 held a student awards dinner at the Lodge. A total of \$6,000 in scholarships was awarded to several local High School Seniors in Plumas County.

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 hosted a community event for students with disabilities

On May 22, 2014, the El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 hosted the Grossmont Union High School District's (GUHSD) First Annual Community Partners and Students Event. The event brought together employers and agencies that have partnered with the school district to support students with their employment and/or higher educational opportunities through the "WorkAbility1" (WA1) and "Transition Partnership Project" (TPP). The students in these programs have one or more physical or developmental disabilities.

The presenters at the event shared their success stories about student employment through a multimedia presentation about students and employers in the work place. Following the multimedia presentation, three students (Alan Franco, Calvin Fry, and Robert Brietweiser) shared their work experiences.

The featured speakers were: Exalted Ruler Anthony (Tony) Zambelli, Michelle Davis, Superior Court of California, Sherry Snyder GUHSD WA1 Coordinator, and Maripat Nevins GUHSD TPP Coordinator.

The businesses that were represented included: Berry's Athletic Supply, Boomers, Cal Western, Children's Choice, Combo Aluminum, Costco/Santee, Cottonwood Electric Carts, Department of Rehabilitation, East County SELPA/San Diego, El Cajon Elks Lodge, GameStop, Grocery Outlet Bargain Market, Lexington Elementary, Marriott, Marshall's/El Cajon/San Diego, Papa John's, RCP Block & Brick, San Diego Humane Society, US Joiner, Superior Court San Diego, Superior Court El Cajon, Superior Court, Juvenile Division, San Diego, Cuyamaca Water Conservation Garden and Walgreens/Santee.

The GUHSD attendees included: Jim Kelly, Governing Board Members; Ralf Swenson, Superintendent; Director of Public Relations, Director and Assistant Directors of Special Education; and a host of classified and certificated staff members.

The El Cajon Lodge began supporting students with disabilities in GUHSD by hosting their fall dance and their prom during the term of PER Sterling Slagel.

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 receives an award

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 was honored by the Hospice of the Foothills in its Circle of Care award ceremony on May 8th, 2014. Their new inaugural award is called the "Dame Saunders Award," named after the founder of the modern hospice movement. It was presented to the Lodge for its outstanding support of Hospice of the Foothills. Receiving the award were Frank Herwatt, Exalted Ruler, and Kim West, House Committee Chairman. Kim stated "It makes me want to jump up, run out the door and start doing more fundraising for Hospice."

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 honors our Flag on Flag Day

Members of the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 and several veterans honored our Flag for Flag Day on Tuesday June 10th. There was a brief history of our flag given, and then Boy Scouts from Troop 762 of El Segundo, California presented several flags showing the evolution of the American Flag, including the Pine flag, the Snake flag, the Continental Colors, the "Betsy Ross" flag, the Star Spangled Banner flag and our present Flag. Following the presentation, a Flag retirement ceremony was held.



Joseph "Doc" Sachen (U.S. Army), Dan Baccelliere (South Central Coast District Vice President; U.S. Navy), Boy Scout Troop 762, Craig Bromberger (Exalted Ruler), Richard Magyar (U.S. Army), Dale Thompson (U.S. Army), Dave Turnbull (U.S. Navy), John Nasby (U.S. Air Force), Sam Mock (U.S. Army)

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 hosts a BBQ for Grizzly Academy youth

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 hosted a BBQ on June 15, 2014 for the 194 Cadets and their Platoon Leaders at the Grizzly Academy. The mission of this National Guard Youth Challenge Program, which is located at Camp San Luis Obispo, is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth who are 16 to 18 years of age. The barbeque was cooked and served by eighteen Lodge volunteers. A Certificate of Achievement was presented to each of the cadets. This event was partially funded by a Grant from the Elks National Foundation.



Presenting awards are the Exalted Ruler Debbie Irish, Esquire Chris Barber, Leading Knight Bobby Moon and Chaplain Deborah White of the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322

San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 donates to Family Assistance Ministries

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 contributed their Gratitude Grant funds to Family Assistance Ministries, a local organization within their community. FAM offers a comprehensive array of services to the local community in San Clemente, including a food bank that provides food that has been collected from local grocery stores.

The San Clemente Elks decided it most appropriate to invest in this already established Ministry by donating their \$2,000 Gratitude Grant towards the much needed replacement and/or maintenance of the vehicles they use for collection and distribution of the food they provide for the needy.



L to R: Melody Ryan (Lecturing Knight), Mary Gray Perdue (Executive Director of FAM), Jeffrey Ryan (Tiler), Beverly Paquette (Chaplain), Ruie Treptow (ENF Committee Chair/Trustee), Antoine Price (ER), Hal Book (Secretary), Shawn LaPole (Esquire), and Carl Patton (Treasurer)

Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 sponsors a Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2014. The ceremony was held at the Hesperia VFW Post 2924 and was conducted by our chartered Cub Scout Pack 152 with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 725. Many of the attendees were from the Hesperia Elks, the VFW and the AMVET's Post 2007; one attendee was a survivor of Pearl Harbor and three separate sinking ships. Many talked about our freedoms and what our flag meant to them. It was a beautiful morning of some sadness, a great deal of pride and lots of smiles!



Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 golf tournament nets \$23K for charity

The Desert Hot Springs Elks Lodge No. 2639 ("Little Lodge That Could") does it again. On Saturday April 26th, the DHS Elks Lodge held its 20th Annual Golf Tournament at the Mission Lakes Country Club. Registration, breakfast and dinner were held at the Lodge, which is located about five minutes away from the golf course.

The tournament fundraiser netted over \$23,000 – amazing considering that most entry fees were less than \$100 per person and included breakfast and dinner. The all-day smoked entrée was a choice of tri-tip or pork, followed by a live auction, with nearly 50 items provided by many community and valley merchants.

The participation in the tournament was lower than in previous years, but, thanks to the support of many local and valley community businesses and individuals, we were able to raise over \$23,000. Those funds will be used for local youth organizations and charities. Many of the merchants sponsored a tee and/or a Marine, and the donations for our six "hole-in-one prizes" included a car, two \$5,000 checks, a Sony TV, a set of golf woods and a \$500 visa gift card.

Many local youth groups received \$500 to \$1,000 checks from the Lodge as approved at the Lodge meeting on May 8th, 2014. They include ROTC, DHSHS Baseball, Little League Baseball, DHS Eagles, DHSHS Golf, AYSO Soccer, DHSHS Band, Wounded Warriors, Airport Marines, Food Now, House of Hope and Roy's Homeless Shelter. Additional funds will go to support California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and the Elks National Foundation.



Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 raises \$1,250 for the ENF

The Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 held an Elks National Foundation fundraiser on Friday, June 6, 2014. And what a success that night was with over 80 members and guests in attendance! But of course, when Jeanne Ontiveros is head chef, we all know the entrée will be great. A great big "thank you" to her and Sandy Marquedt for the "blood, sweat, and tears" working in the kitchen preparing and serving taco salad. Barbara Magierski, as usual, did a great job selling raffle tickets, which added \$130.00 to our pot and Pat Sisco was at the door tending to the finances. Because of all of you, plus the generous donations by Pat Deto, Cheryl Lander, Karen Leonard, Gregg Shriner, Linda Fletcher-Rothwell, Penny Hubbard, Stu Sampson and others, we will be able to donate \$1,250.00 to the Elks National Foundation. A very special thanks to Bill Shaddle for his special donation! I join our veterans, our youth, our scholars and the many others who benefit from ENF in saying "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts. This is definitely the "umbrella of Elkdom," which I might add, also donates to the CHEA Major Project! Thank you to all once again for attending our event and for all your generous donations!

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 participates in the annual rodeo

Every year, for as long as we can remember, the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 has participated with a food booth at the Salinas California Rodeo. The Salinas Lodge was founded in 1901 and the Salinas Rodeo is about 10 years younger! We grew up together!

In addition to the food booth, a significant number of Salinas Lodge members volunteer at all levels of the Rodeo organization, which generates over \$350,000 for local charities. 2014 was another great year for the Rodeo and the Elks Lodge! We are proud to be part of the community and the rodeo!

This is the major fundraiser for our non-profit organization. Our booth volunteers cook and sell a variety of sandwiches and soft drinks to the rodeo visitors and participants. Professional bull riding opens the show on Wednesday evening and events continue through Sunday. We also provide free food to anyone in a military uniform as well as any Honor Guard performing in the daily parades. This year, the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 Honor Guard led the opening parade on two days. Their performances reminded the local spectators that Salinas has an active Elks Lodge! This year we were blessed with too many volunteers to mention. Over two-dozen volunteers from the Lodge, led by ER Charlie Frost and Bud Clough, our master BBQ chef, helped during the event.



Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 honors First Responders

On April 5th, 2014, the Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 held its annual "First Responder Appreciation" dinner. Over 180 Elks, honorees and guests were in attendance. All of the honorees were awarded a joint resolution from State Senator Jim Nielsen and Assembly member Ken Cooley, a Certificate from County Supervisor Susan Peters, and a plaque from the Carmichael Lodge.

The ten honorees were: Officer Andrew Welsh (North Sacramento CHP); Officer Wesley Herman (Citrus Heights Police Department); Special Agent Brian Jones (FBI); Deputy Paul "Scotte" Pfeifer (Sacramento Sheriff's Department); Captain Kevin Wegener (Metro Fire); Sacramento Red Cross Capitol Region Chapter, Emergency Services; Sacramento Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, Law Enforcement Chaplains; Jerry Skou (Sacramento Metro C.E.R.T.); Special Agent Supervisor Bill Olson (DOJ); and VP Michael Van Camp (D.A.R.T.).

On May 31st, the Carmichael Lodge used a \$2,000 Beacon grant to hold a Health & Safety Fair on their grounds for pre-school through 8th grade children. Over 100 children attended. Many were fingerprinted, outfitted with new bike helmets, and ate healthy snacks while participating in numerous fitness activities.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 holds a “Hula for Charity”

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Ladies Club Luau fundraiser was a fun night for everyone. Elk members and guests, in bright Hawaiian dress, arrived to find the Lodge ballroom beautifully decorated with island ceiling fans, table centerpieces of brightly decorated parasols, colorful lei's and seashells, all creating the feeling of a true Hawaiian experience.

Marc Ner, of the Da Lu'au Hawaiian Grill in Irvine, graciously donated the food for the charity event. The Manea Dancers, from Torrance, performed for the sold-out gathering. The entertainment troop of beautifully costumed Hawaiian dancers transported the guests to the tropical islands of Hawaii with their expressive songs and dances. "The Street Corner Symphony Band" played their upbeat melodies to top off the evening, while the guests danced, laughed and truly enjoyed the fun.

The Elks Ladies Club President, Mary Ann Alvarez, chaired the event with the help of Ladies Club and Elk members. The event was the club's second annual Luau and raised over \$1,500 for the Purple Pig.



Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 donates 100 backpacks to kids

The Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 hosted over 200 family members at their 10th Annual “Kids Carnival”. Over 100 backpacks, loaded with school supplies, were given to school age kids participating in the fun activities. Eyes lit up (along with cheers) at the arrival of Smokey Bear with his fire truck and firefighters.



L to R: Rylynn Baker, Smokey Bear, Cheri Keller (Youth Activities Chair), Landon Coker and Delaney Baker

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosts a community event

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosted a “Down Syndrome Association of Orange County Family Fun Day” for all ages! The Lodge held their annual Family Fun Day for the developmentally disabled having Down syndrome. The event, held in the Elks Park directly behind the Lodge, was the ideal venue for this day of fun. Even the weather cooperated with lower than normal temperatures.

The fun day included activities for the kids such as ladder ball, T-ball, slides, dancing to their own DJ, clowns doing face painting, food, drinks and the “Summer Santas.” About 150 participants took advantage of the fun along with their parents and/or guardians. The 50 or so Garden Grove Elks and the members of DSAOC in attendance who staged the event also had a great time while helping the kids.

The guests were treated to “Pizza by Pedro” in the early afternoon. It was probably the best pizza anyone ever tasted from the Lodge's kitchen and head chef. For those who couldn't or wouldn't eat pizza, there were taquitos, fruit and veggie trays and, of course soft drinks, for all.

Lodge members Karen Lewin and Jack Whitwam, the DSAOC President Kellie Perez and Administrative Assistant Ali Fowler organized the event.



Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 donates to “Relay for Life”

On June 4th, Carolyn Greeson, the Exalted Ruler of the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900, presented a \$200 check to Linda Long, Cancer Survivor and Co-Chairperson of the Relay for Life. She is also the daughter of a Lodge Trustee, Glen Robinson, and she will soon become a member herself. This fundraising program of the American Cancer Society helps further research for a cure. Linda and Joy Rivera, both co-chairs of this event, “walked for a cure” at Lodi's Grape Bowl on June 7th and 8th.

Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 helps veterans create their home

On June 20th, the members of the Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103's Veterans Service Committee donated various household items valued at over \$1,000. These items will be used to help male and female veterans move into an apartment after they complete a program that will help them transition back into civilian life after their military service.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$10,000) Silver Pig Level Donors (May 17, 2014 - July 31, 2014)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
James S. Mason	1919

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Copper Pig Level Donors May 17, 2014 - July 31, 2014)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Charles "Chuck" Nolan	168
Robert Walker	2801

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors May 17, 2014 - July 31, 2014)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Hugh VanDoren	168	Michael Rentschler	1427	Candice Gibson	1712	Floyd "Skip" & Karen Henke	2379
Dennis DeSanti	643	Kathleen A. Linsley	1474	Bert Liebersbach	1905	Robert "Bob" Vieira	2432
Gene Baxter	1419	Wayne Weller	1567	Mark Urban	1991	Jimmie V. Spezia	2697

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors May 17, 2014 - July 31, 2014)

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Josh Hachadourian	3	Jackie Phillips	1285	Louis S. Pandol	1761	Lee & Rosie Northcutt	2095
Stan & Arlene Feher	439	Greg Brittner	1289	Ed Owens	1786	Robert Yoast	2389
Ray Santos	614	Albert D. Fredrickson	1328	Michael Angelo Silva	1811	Coleen Morris	2477
Pete Day	652	Richard Bushman	1419	Eugene L. Mitchell, Jr.	1905	Robert Brotherton	2484
Michael McAlpine	672	Ken Smith	1419	James B. Wilson	1919	Jim Flatley	2591
Pat Kleinert	824	Gerald Delker	1427	Karen Lewin	1952	Larry Hannon	2591
John Branton	836	Geoffrey Holland	1436	Mark Urban	1991	Dean R. Phelps	2697
Jerry Rucker	836	Myrl & Sharron Wallace	1538	Kathleen Murray	2013	Christy Williams	2697
Tim Jaeger	901	Wayne Weller	1567	Lorrene "Lory" Calsing	2045	Frank D. Platz	2733
Bruce Sharrow	901	Hollis Green	1613	Marjorie "Margie" Kane	2045	Tom Jensen	2801
Robert Ostini	1251	Cher Lintz	1740	Geraldine Endicott	2095		

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Art's Eagles (2)		Karl Philipovitch	824	Robyn Sembenini & Joe Tato	1108	Don Thompson	1289
Bill & Mengo Darr	3	Ginger Abad	836	Richard Carstens (2)	1250	Robert Beaird	1298
Josh Hachadourian (3)	3	Beth Alexander	836	Robert Ostini	1251	Norman Berry	1298
Flo Gandolfi	168	Frank Almazan	836	Dave Noland	1259	Norman Blackwell	1298
Charles "Chuck" Nolan	168	John Branton	836	Marsha Andrae (2)	1282	Wayne Foltz	1298
Jack Geiger	439	Katherine Brauer	836	Ken Arnold	1282	Jason Glick	1298
Geronimo Silverstein	522	Ed Callihan	836	Charles Darr	1282	Paul Gorley	1298
Sylvia Becker	583	Kathy Callihan	836	Bruce Jorgensen	1282	Lori Harding	1298
Ed Martin	613	Robert Cones	836	Wally Morrow	1282	Richard Humphrey	1298
Louise Sagady-Shaieb	613	Everette Cranford	836	Bruce Porter	1282	Steve Lawrence	1298
614 Dinner Crew	614	Patricia Floyd	836	Sam Ryno	1282	Rusty Nelson	1298
Don & Sheri Cline	614	Kenneth Gunn	836	John Thompson	1282	William Pine	1298
Earl Fiscalini (2)	614	Earl Hively	836	Mike Wagner	1282	Vincent Porcaro (2)	1298
Ross Jensen	614	Elizabeth McFadyen	836	Allan Walker	1282	Thomas Sigler	1298
Pete Ligon	614	Paul Ohlms	836	Jackie Phillips	1285	Robert Tompkins	1298
George Sallay	614	Barbara Riddering	836	Rick Adams	1289	Michael Wiebe	1298
Ray Santos	614	Richard Rios	836	Rick Barnes (2)	1289	Al Fredrickson (2)	1328
Bill Scruggs	614	Jerry Rucker	836	Karl Berger	1289	Ralph Garcia	1328
James Wilder	614	San Bernardino "Elk of the Year" Assoc.	836	Greg Brittner (3)	1289	Gordon Johnson	1328
Wayne Bennett	616	San Bernardino Emblem Club No. 178	836	Joe Callian	1289	Pat Macy	1328
Anna Christian	616	Stag-Ring 836 Elks RV Club	836	Dan Cole (5)	1289	Mick Mistretta	1328
Noel Christian	616	Jon Coster	888	Don Colyar	1289	Robert Santos	1328
Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers	616	Patricia Devine	888	Paul Coulter	1289	Joe Slim	1328
Ruth Farmer	616	Anthony Fiori	888	Charles Follett	1289	Vern Valenzuela	1328
Robert Gardiner	616	Larry Hancock	888	Ed Foster	1289	Walter Veljacic	1328
Lillian Hanson	616	Patrick Riley	888	Dick Hill (3)	1289	Ken & Louise Saylor	1342
Mollie Hirayama	616	John Barella	901	Linn Hoadley	1289	Virginia Brown	1378
Honolulu 616 Performers	616	Jim Cavellini	901	Dave Kakita (2)	1289	Robin Baith	1419
Roderick King	616	John Greenwood	901	Margaret Kanov	1289	Eugene "Gene" Baxter (3)	1419
Janet Lui (2)	616	Tim & Sandy Jaeger	901	Al Kepler	1289	Gerald Bogaczyk	1419
George Yanai	616	Bruno Lombardi	901	Saro Koumashian	1289	Richard "Dick" Bushman (3)	1419
Dennis DeSanti	643	Karen Perieff	901	Bob Lee	1289	Robert Camu (5)	1419
Joan Marin	643	John Phillips	901	Jerry Matosec	1289	Kenneth Carnes, Sr.	1419
Riverside Elks Golf Association	643	Bruce Sharrow	901	Chuck Navarro	1289	Robert "Bob" Casaletti (2)	1419
Bonnie Wadley (3)	643	Debbie Smith	901	John Nelson	1289	Robert Cook	1419
Cliff Wadley	643	Raymond Volker	901	P.J. Pati	1289	Charles Heald	1419
Jim Olson	652	Burton Lucich (2)	966	C.W. Pyros	1289	Lorraine Hildebrand	1419
Aron Andersen (2)	672	Gary Major (2)	966	Jose Robles	1289	Larry Irwin	1419
Clara Miller (4)	672	Raymond Soto	966	William Schad	1289	Robert Kellogg	1419
John "Jack" & Jo Parker	783	Dale Stucker	966	Buzz Sease	1289	Betty Linker	1419
Art Echternacht	794	Janice Gatewood	1015	Jerry Stephens	1289	Don Logan	1419
Edward Repic	794	Lynn Glick	1015	Dan Svetich	1289		
Clinton "Clint" Herr (2)	824	Sim Nathan	1073	Gerhal Taylor	1289		

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Charles Matthes	1419	Gary Squier (2)	1712	Terri Merjano (4)	1991	Alan Hardie	2477
Larry Morris (2)	1419	Bob Burke	1728	Bradley Strutner	1991	Gregg Miraglia	2477
William Oyola	1419	Norm Gordon (3)	1728	Corwin Brown	1993	Coleen Morris	2477
Joseph Palmisano	1419	Dean Cochran	1740	Suanne Casey	1993	Pam Price	2477
Betty Schwartz	1419	Dorothy Cole	1740	Jack Gordon (2)	1993	Cheryl Templeton	2477
Ken Smith	1419	Nancy Cook	1740	Michael Mathers	1993	Robert "Bobby" Williams	2477
Bob Sorrells	1419	Hazel Dotson	1740	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Robert Brotherton	2484
Robert Sorrells	1419	Hemet Elks Golf Club	1740	Stanley Meyer	2011	Harold Byrd	2504
Michael "Mike" Tharp (3)	1419	Cher Lintz	1740	Karen Emery	2013	Janet & Dennis Rasmussen	2543
Frances Abraham	1427	Jack Lintz	1740	Thomas Hopfer	2013	Dianna Morrison	2577
John Adams	1427	Jerry Reeves	1740	Kathleen Murray (2)	2013	Robert Becker III	2591
Duarte PER Association	1427	Linda Reeves	1740	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Bert Bienvenu	2591
Delbert Crandall	1427	Joe Schrettner	1740	Stacy Thomas	2013	Jim Bustamante	2591
Gerald Delker	1427	Joan Watts	1740	John Hatch	2026	Stephanie Bustamante	2591
Sally Emerson	1427	David & Melody Leonard	1767	Jan Keller	2026	Rosemary Cain	2591
Donna Leiby	1427	Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767	Steve & Kristin Marada	2026	Peter Cracchiolo	2591
James Little	1427	Newport Harbor Honey Dooz	1767	Patrick Akes	2045	Lou DePasquale	2591
Mark Lozano	1427	Steve Bailey	1786	Lynn Area	2045	Ron Douglas	2591
Christopher McEntire	1427	George Corbin	1786	Alida Brant (2)	2045	Jim Flatley	2591
John McEntire, Jr.	1427	Al Frank	1786	Lory Calsing (2)	2045	Helene Fowler	2591
Al Pacelli	1427	Bernice Hiller	1786	Robert Calsing	2045	Patricia Garcia	2591
James Rentschler	1427	Lloyd James	1786	Ralph Hambrick	2045	Larry Hannon	2591
Michael Rentschler	1427	Shirley Lewis	1786	Janice Kane	2045	Virginia Mulhern	2591
Randy Smith	1427	Ed Owens	1786	Margie Kane	2045	Joyce Olson	2591
George Van Hove	1427	Frank Rieman	1786	Tim Kane	2045	Larry Ryan	2591
Shirley Becker (5)	1430	Jean Bruechle	1787	Frank Keller	2045	Laurence Williams	2591
Paul Chounet	1430	Linda Hirzel	1787	Jim May, Sr.	2045	Vern Ungerecht	2616
Ventura Elks Emblem Club (5)	1430	Blythe Summer Golfers (8)	1799	William Shaw	2045	Phil Daighton (2)	2640
Dan Kurilchuk	1430	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Warren Guest (7)	2059	Robert Bonson	2646
Kathy Pendergest	1430	Ed Kucera	1811	Antoine Price	2068	Robert Hanevik	2646
Michael Pendergest	1430	Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811	1811	John Junier	2091	Sadie Velci	2646
Grace Vega	1430	James Payne	1839	Marites Junier	2091	Tracy Moorhead	2669
Jwanita Alexander	1436	Donald Cooper	1900	Geraldine Endicott	2095	Patricia Seawright	2669
Geoffrey Holland	1436	William Adair	1905	Lee & Rosie Northcutt	2095	Leticia Alvidrez	2697
Clyde Homan	1436	Brian Avery	1905	American Legion Post 377	2098	Steve & Mary Brunkhorst	2697
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436	Don Bush	1905	Santos & Veronica Chavez	2098	Rick Jensen (2)	2697
John & Kath-leen Behne	1443	Norma Jean Clark	1905	Roberta Scheu	2098	Ross Nakatani (4)	2697
Ann Morey	1471	Norbert "Bert" Liebersbach (9)	1905	Helena Scherrer (2)	2103	Dean Phelps	2697
John Walther	1471	Eugene Mitchell (2)	1905	James Sekelsky	2103	Steve Rinks	2697
Wayne Tilley	1474	Marge Pecore	1905	Timothy Kennedy	2117	Dick Smith (2)	2697
Larry Rogers (5)	1487	Robert Pelton	1905	Trill Torrilhon	2117	Patricia Smith	2697
Bob Alvarez (2)	1538	Richard & Bonnie Ross	1905	John Blaul	2128	Barbara Spezia	2697
Karen Feldpouch	1538	Ben Verde	1905	Gerald Burch	2128	Jimmie Spezia	2697
Myrl & Sharron Wallace	1538	Paul Williamson	1905	Don Dilbeck	2128	Beth Troxel	2697
Robert Medellin	1539	Robert Duitsman	1917	James McCloskey	2128	Gerald Troxel	2697
Arnold Agbayani	1567	C. Michael Melton	1917	Frank Paetow	2128	Christy Williams (5)	2697
Mike Ahlmann	1567	Noe Saenz	1917	Al Tagami	2128	Dick Williams	2697
Bob Annett	1567	James Butler	1919	Terrence Hunt (3)	2134	Birney Carter	2698
Norman Bracco	1567	Nellie Fesuk	1919	James Childers	2190	Leah Gergal	2698
Rosemary Dix	1567	Stephen Fesuk	1919	Randall Lewis	2190	Aileen Gratton (3)	2698
Jerry Everman	1567	Darlyn Fowler	1919	Peter Marshall	2190	Jim Leezy	2698
Dwight Foresse	1567	Carlette Gonzales	1919	David Swoger	2190	Sharon Leezy	2698
John Giancola	1567	Roger Greenham	1919	Lawrence DePaul	2243	Troy Montgomery	2698
Arthur Gillespie	1567	Paul Groff	1919	Cindy McKim	2248	Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698	2698
Harvey Hammer	1567	Dennis Igarashi	1919	Kris McKim	2248	Santee-Lakeside Social Quarters	2698
Richard Mackie	1567	Bettie Jamora (2)	1919	Brian Peck	2248	Lee Adelsbach	2724
Steve Mayne	1567	Richard Kaya	1919	Dan's Jewelers	2314	Anne Despol	2724
Wayne Miles	1567	James S. Mason	1919	Elton & Karen Howard	2314	Chris Despol	2724
Albino Moretti, Jr.	1567	Sharon L. Mason	1919	Christine Rehberg	2333	Ron Knoernschild	2724
Robert Peet	1567	Leila Myers	1919	Jimmy Hancock	2347	Ernie Rindfleisch	2724
Philip Quast	1567	Wayne Nagao	1919	Henry Donatoni & Sandra Baird	2364	Harold Schulze	2724
Carl Reinhardt	1567	Allan Peace	1919	Thomas Hannah	2364	Ray Berry	2733
Steven Schrepfer	1567	Jacqueline Sargent	1919	Barbara Hofer	2364	Larry Bryant	2733
Dorie Sugay	1567	Claud Smith	1919	Ed Austin	2379	Doug Cunningham	2733
David Vanni, Sr.	1567	Lynnie Tabata	1919	Skip & Karen Henke	2379	Darin Geissinger	2733
Donald Vanni	1567	Shirley Treuden	1919	Stephen Arbelbide	2389	Doug Johnson	2733
Mike Walker	1567	Jim Wilson	1919	Larry Cook	2389	Bruce McGrath	2733
Wayne Weller	1567	Karen Lewin	1952	Darlene Vastine	2389	Todd Osborne	2733
Wayne & Maureen Weller	1567	David & Janice Skelton	1952	Mike Wood (2)	2389	Frank Platz (5)	2733
East Lounge Bartenders & Regulars	1587	Theresa "Terry" Woodard	1952	Robert Yoast (2)	2389	William Scruggs	2733
K.C. Anderson (2)	1608	Tammy Butler	1959	Yucaipa Elks Golf Club	2389	Robert Strickland	2733
David Simon	1608	Venus Collins	1959	Mike McGinnis	2393	Valerie Fagiani	2790
Crescent City Emblem Club No. 175	1689	Valarie Lemm	1959	Glenn Schierhold	2393	Van Nuys/Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790	2790
Ed Clark	1689	John Nielsen	1959	Joan Warloe	2393	Howard Adkins	2801
Ken Sullens	1689	Bill & Tas Whitmore	1959	Bob Vieira	2432	Theresa Bianco (2)	2801
Everett Young	1689	Danny Williams	1959	James Carson (2)	2444	Ken Bodenhofer	2801
John Collens	1712	Sherry Wilson	1959	Andy Costello	2444	Dr. Jim Borree	2801
Walter Cullop	1712	Daisy Roberts	1980	Barbara King	2444	Lloyd Clough	2801
Candice Gibson (3)	1712	Dwight Roberts	1980	Leslie Stipek	2444	Barbara Conner	2801
Paul McKinney	1712	Joan Tindal	1980	Gene Yamauchi	2444	Diane Farrens (2)	2801
Danny Minter	1712	Robert Cassetta (3)	1991	El Konejo Kampers	2477	Robert Farrens (2)	2801
Joseph Paulson	1712	Amy Giugliano	1991	Stephen Finnerty	2477		
Jack Robertson	1712	Frank Giugliano	1991	Barbara Gibbs	2477		

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Laurel Frey	2801	Marsha Haygood	2801	Carlton Lunn	2801	Robert Walker (2)	2801
Kathy Gellinck	2801	Cynthia Higl	2801	Keith Meyer, Sr.	2801	Susan Wilkinson	2801
Laurie Gonzalez	2801	Jane Holzmman	2801	Chuck Ragel	2801	Lois Zimmerman (2)	2801
Paul Gonzalez	2801	Emil Iwansky	2801	Pete Recatto	2801		
Ken Hauer	2801	Linda Iwansky	2801	Robert Steinau	2801		
Mary Kay Hauer	2801	Tom Jensen (2)	2801	Angela Stevanus	2801		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Donald Checchi	906	Michael Silva	1811	David Plotke	2011
David Podger	3	Frank Frazier	906	Kevin Wroble	1811	James Thacker	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Joseph Tato	1108	Drew Evans	1877	Cynthia "Cindy" Wise	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Ostini	1251	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Flo Gandolfi	168	James Ferris	1378	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Karen Lake	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Richard Tanguy	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Gary Marinelli	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Laurie Ayala	2011	Steve L. Smith	2477
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Philip Moore	1475	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Glenn Montague	168	Colin Smith	1475	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Paul Kassel	2543
Chuck Nolan	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Hector Cazares	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Hugh Van Doren	168	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Nadine Steel	218	Ray Prettyman	1767	Debbie Hosted	2011	Neal D. Wagerle	2591
Jerome Paul	672	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Ashley Munoz	2011	Sonny Pineda	2599
Lisa Fleury	759	Chuck Jackson	1811	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Jerry Hansen	901	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Christine Nelson	2011	Lance Erickson	2733

Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 uses a Gratitude Grant to help purchase a K-9

The Vallejo Elks Lodge No. 559 donated a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to the Vallejo Police Department to help purchase a police dog. Two K-9 units are being retired soon, and, when PER's Edmund Malone and Chuck Wood, Sr. learned of this, they applied for and received the grant that was recently donated to the department.



L to R: PER Edmund Malone, ER Mike Smith, and Vallejo Police Officer and Lodge member Peppino Messina. K-9 Jaeger carefully guards a replica of the check

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 celebrates Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Weekend is such a precious time for the members of the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 as we pay respect to our deceased veterans. It is the time for us to honor those men and women who have fought for us and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Saturday was "Decoration Day," and 42 Lodge members and twelve members of the Lodge's Boys and Girls Scout Troops made sure that "Old Glory Flags" were placed on every veteran's grave to pay our respects.

On Monday, Memorial Day, we gathered to pay tribute to the fallen veterans and their families. More than 50 Elks joined community members at the Tri-City Memorial and Fairhaven Memorial Day Ceremonies. Members of the VFW, the American Legion, the Orange High School ROTC and more than a dozen Scouts participated in the ceremonies.

Over 1,000 guests attended the events that included a 21-gun salute, a reenactment of Civil War cannons being shot off, and a fly-over by vintage planes and songs sung by the Chamber Choir. The program theme was the "100th Anniversary of World War I, Honoring Veteran's Sacrifices, Then and Now".



L to R: Scouts Paul Scherz, Tom No, Logan Smith, John Scott Mangrich, Noah Smith, Hunter Smith (in Angel shirt) and Brandie Smith

President Henke visits the Orange Coast District

The California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) President, Skip Henke, and First Lady Karen visited the Orange Coast District (OCD) as they began their year of visitations to the nineteen districts in California and Hawaii.

The OCD Association Vice President Dave Coffin and his wife Rose, of the La Habra Elks Lodge No. 2095, hosted the President's visit and entertained the couple with visits to the OCD Lodges. The honored guests also visited the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana and the La Habra Corn Festival Parade. The highlight of the visit was a gala banquet held at the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993.

In his banquet address, President Skip thanked the members of the OCD Lodges for the wonderful weekend of activities. He said he could "Feel the Glow of Elkdom" throughout his visit, and complimented his hosts by saying that, "The bar was now set pretty high" for his upcoming visits to the remaining Districts in California and Hawaii.

President Skip spoke of the new 2014-2015 Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen's emphasis points for the year. To no one's surprise, gaining new members was at the top of that list. He also talked about member retention saying, "We need to involve our new members in our charitable works sooner to keep them active." He added, "Besides advertising the good works of our Order in the media, our Lodges should provide younger entertainment to attract younger family men and women to membership, and then encourage those new members to become involved."

Five Past CHEA Presidents and thirteen current CHEA Vice Presidents (aka "Skip's Recruiters") were in attendance at the banquet. Also present at the sold out event were the ten Exalted Rulers of the Orange Coast District, many of their Lodge Officers and a number of CHEA Officers.



President Henke (center) with his VPs ("Skip's Recruiters")

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 and the "Young Marine Cobras" perform Flag Retirement

On Jun 7, 2014, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 held its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony. Over 1,200 American Flags were retired in a proper military manner. American Legion Post 233, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine League and the Young Marine Cobras supported this event. The Lodge sponsors the Young Marine Cobras. They arrived early, did their calisthenics, and then started preparing the American Flags for proper retirement.

The guest speakers included former Mayor Sofia Sherman, Consumes Service District President Michelle Orrock, and PDDGER Angelo Sannino.

San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 will rise from the ashes like the mythical Phoenix

Following the arson fire at their 50-year old facility, the San Pedro Elks Lodge has completed its initial clean up and is now engaged in the architectural redesign and initial rebuilding stages. ER/PER Jose Chavez, Trustee Chairman Michael Bennison, and the House Committee have been meeting weekly to continue making progress and maintain key lodge activities. The lodge provided a record number of volunteers for the Memorial Day VA Hospital BBQ in West Los Angeles and attended the visitation of the South Central District Association Vice President, Dolores Sanchez, the SCD's first lady Vice-President.

"This is in no way the end of the San Pedro Elks Lodge," ER Jose Chavez told the membership earlier this month. "Elkdom is not a building, swimming pool or tennis courts. It is not the pool tables, shuffle board or gym. Elkdom is about helping those less fortunate than ourselves." Chavez continued, "This will be a defining moment in our Lodge's history. The Officer Corps of this Lodge is dedicated to continue the fight and make sure we rebuild bigger and better."

ER Chavez was deeply moved by the standing ovation of the CHEA convention attendees during the Exalted Ruler's March, and thanks all of our brothers and sisters throughout CHEA for their outpouring of support.



San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 members at the Los Angeles VA Hospital BBQ

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 promotes Scouting skills

On June 2nd through the 4th, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 donated the use of their lodge grounds to several Boy Scout Troops for their "Trail to First Class" Scouting training program. The program is conducted by younger Boy Scouts, and uses the skills and knowledge of older Scouts to teach life learning skills to newer Scouts who have just "bridged" from Cub Scouts into the Boy Scout ranks. John Boger, of Scout Troop 291, heads the program. Scout Leaders Gabriela McKeown (Scout Troop 199), and Charlene and Chris Lee (both from Troop 291) assist him.

The program introduces the newer Scouts to: Flag Presentation, First Aid (includes choking, signs of heart attack, CPR, etc.), how to build their own First Aid hurry cases (band aids, mouth guards, hand sanitizers, antiseptic, basic first aid essentials), how to whip and fuse rope, knot tying skills, the usage of the axe and saw, knife safety, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, food pyramid, uniform inspections, map and compass, physical fitness, fire safety, how to build a fire and put it out and a great deal more.

The Elks are pleased to donate their lodge grounds and facilities for this type of program, which enhances the lives of our youth.

Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 honors scholarship recipients

On May 24, 2014, the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 honored the Lodge's six Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners at a scholarship awards recipient recognition dinner. The dinner was followed by a ceremony honoring Zarabeth-Iza Sandoval and Leobardo D. Oropeza (both from Heritage High School), Eunice E. and Joyce J. Shin (both from Moreno Valley High School), and Tyler J. Castleman and Adan Chavez, Jr. (both from John W. North High School).

The students received award recognition certificates, a \$100 scholarship award from the Lodge and a memento to remember the evening. Each student read their application essay and told the audience about their college plans for the 2014-15 school year. All plan to attend well-known universities with a variety of amazing subject majors and minors. Thirty-six members, students and guests were in attendance in the audience. The audience was reminded that these special students needed an A+ in Test Scores, Academic Achievement, Employment, Community Service, Honors and Awards, Leadership and Extracurricular Activities to be a Lodge Scholarship Winner. Adan Chavez, Jr. also received an extra \$800 when his application was selected by the Southeast District to move up to California-Hawaii Elks Association level of competition. The Lodge is proud to honor Moreno Valley's finest scholars!

The audience was reminded that, since 1931, the Elks National Foundation's MVS scholarship program has helped thousands of students who needed financial assistance to fulfill their dreams of attending college. MVS scholars are outstanding students who are at or near the top of their class, active in their schools and communities, and recognized as leaders by their peers.



Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 donates to "Fishes and Loaves"

The Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 presented a check in the amount of \$1,700 to Fishes and Loaves of St. Benedict's church. Fishes and Loaves is an outreach ministry that provides emergency food for needy families in San Benito County.

The Hollister Elks Lodge applied for and received a Gratitude grant from the Elks National Foundation. Fishes and Loaves will purchase food for their program using a portion of the \$2,000 Gratitude Grant. The Lodge also purchased grocery bags for food deliveries and distributed containers for the collection sites that Fishes and Loaves has distributed around the community.

The Hollister Elks Lodge takes great pride in partnering with outstanding organizations, such as Fishes and Loaves, and looks forward to working with them in the future.

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosts 11th annual Orange County Veterans Fair

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosted about 300 veterans of all conflicts since WWII for a Veterans Fair. The purpose of the Fair is to aid those veterans who may be searching for help with health, vocational and daily living problems, as well as to recognize and thank the many OC veterans who have served or those who remain serving our country.

Many different organizations participated in this event such as the California National Guard, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Garden Grove Police Department, the EDD, the VA Long Beach, the Red Cross and too many others to be able to name them all.



Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 member honored by the American Cancer Society

A Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 member, 87 year-old Flo Donoghue, received the "Top Individual Fundraiser of the Year" award from the American Cancer Society (ACS) of Hemet during a regular meeting of the lodge on July 10, 2014. ACS Area Lead Volunteer, Christy Raway, presented the award to Flo. "Over the past eight years, Flo has walked an average of six miles a year, raising over \$32,000 for the American Cancer Society," Raway stated. "This is the largest individual contribution the Hemet branch has ever received."

Have you ever thought about visiting our Associate Lodges on the islands of Agana, Guam, Marianas Islands and Manila, Philippines. Here's their email and phone:

Agana, Guam, Marianas Islands No. 1281
(671) 472-6355

Manila, Philippines No. 761
011 (632) 811-3213
elkslodge.mla761@gmail.com

Hawaii District Elks celebrate Flag Day on board the USS Missouri (BB-63)

The Hawaii District Elks Lodges joined together to celebrate, for the 15th consecutive year, their annual Flag Day ceremony onboard the USS MISSOURI (BB-63) at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor on a Saturday afternoon on June 14th, 2014.

The Commander United States Pacific Fleet Brass Quintet provided lively patriotic music for all to enjoy. Kaiser High School student Anuhea Cameron sang "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". Troop 180 Boy Scouts, sponsored by Pearl City Elks Lodge No. 2669, presented an array of historic flags in a ceremony conducted by the Past Exalted Rulers and Officers of the five Hawaii Elks District Lodges.

The dignitaries in attendance included the Hawaii State Senator and gubernatorial candidate David Ige. Guest speaker, Captain Jerry Hofwolt USN (Retired), the President of the Pacific Submarine Memorial Association and Executive Director of the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum, delivered a rousing and emotional speech about patriotism and the American Flag.



L to R: Hawaii District Elks PR Chair PDDGER John Brown, Rear Admiral Rick Williams Commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Hawaii State Senator and Hawaii gubernatorial candidate David Ige, Rear Admiral John Aquilino Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Training and Readiness, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, University of Hawaii board of regents Stan Yuen, Executive Director USS Bowfin Museum Captain Jerry Hofwolt USN (Ret) and CHEA PSP Wayne Howard

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 sponsors a USO party

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 honored the veterans of Chico by having a USO party. The event was very successful, with 180 veterans and guests present. The event was modeled after the USO parties that were held during the 40's and 50's. There was lots of music and dancing. We had three very attractive "cigarette girls" that sold tickets instead of cigarettes. The event could not have happened without the help of the Committee. Thanks go to the Chico Elks Lodge for supporting the event, the Committee who set up and organized the event, The Oakmont Retirement Residence and to the veterans who attended.

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

Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 receives a donation from a hometown hero

Northland Communications is a Cable TV, Internet and Telephone Service Provider in Northern California. Northland sponsored a contest called "Hometown Heroes," where the public could cast votes for their "Hero". The winner would be awarded \$500 for the charity of his choice and another \$250 to keep. Dan Dorsey, the Lecturing Knight of the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge was the winner and he donated his entire \$750 award to the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 and to its Elks Charities.

Dan is a retired Captain from Cal-Fire. He was nominated for this honor for his work in starting "Home Guard" - a group of organized volunteers who assist soldiers and their families while their National Guard Unit is deployed to Afghanistan. Dan continues to assist with the "Home Guard", local Boy and Girl Scouts Troops, veterans groups, and is the Kitchen Manager at the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge. Congratulations Dan! Job well done!



L to R: Dan Dorsey (Lecturing Knight) and his wife, Sue, with Silvina Parkin and Vince Reinig of Northland Communications

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 has a membership booth at car show

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 participated recently in the El Cajon Promenade Car Show. Members from the Lodge set up and manned an information booth to distribute information regarding the Lodge's activities in the community and to provide information to prospective members.

In other news, the Lodge has a small alcove set aside to honor our fallen servicemen and women. Tom Kilpela created a memorial in their honor consisting of "Battlefield Marker" statue that joins "The Vacant Chair" display. The statue replicates the boots, rifle, and helmet that so poignantly signify a fallen soldier.



Steve and Angela Roberts

Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 lays a wreath at the Veterans Memorial



L to R: Mayor Tim Flynn and ER Cory Gray, Memorial Day 2014

Fourteen Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 members and guests scheduled a wreath laying at the Oxnard Veterans Memorial at Plaza Park, downtown Oxnard, CA on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. We invited the Mayor of Oxnard, the Honorable Tim Flynn, to join us for the ceremony.

The wreath laying coincided with the placement of flags at the park by the Downtown Neighborhood Association. The Lodge assisted in putting up the flags and contributed \$35 for the purchase of additional material for ground stakes to mount the flags and donated these to the Association.

The wreath laying ceremony followed after all flags were put up around the park.

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 joins a parade and honors an Eagle Scout

The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 participated in the annual City of Roseville's 4th of July parade. Their entry showcased two 1930 vintage cars and was followed by a barbecue for members at the Lodge.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Gary Platz, Kara McKim, and Lodge members Cindy McKim, Bill Joe Eads, Rosie Eads, Katie Wernli and Kris McKim

In other news, the Lodge hosted a dinner in honor of a new Eagle Scout, Joe Hine, from the Iron Horse District of the Golden Empire Council of Boy Scouts of America. More than 50 scouts, family members and Scouting officials attended the ceremony and dinner. For his project, Joe led a team of 34 volunteers to build three picnic tables and benches and paint a storage facility for the Lodge. PER Kris McKim presented Eagle Scout Joe Hine with a certificate, a US Flag and an Eagle Scout belt buckle.

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 uses Promise Grant for backpack purchase

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 obtained a \$2,000 Promise Grant from the Elks National Foundation to purchase 60 fully loaded backpacks for all seven elementary schools in San Jacinto, CA. Forty-four of the backpacks were distributed to five of the schools, and the other sixteen were presented during two different assemblies at Park Hill Elementary and one assembly at San Jacinto Elementary.

Eight students were chosen by each of the two schools based on their good behavior and need. Darlene Vastine, the grant writer for this program, delivered the first three backpacks and PER Bill Cook delivered five backpacks at two separate assemblies at Park Hill Elementary on Wednesday, June 4th. Exalted Ruler Don Foreman delivered eight backpacks to students at San Jacinto Elementary on Friday, June 6th.

The San Jacinto Elementary School has received the highest Academic Percent Index (API) growth in all of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Its Principal, Dr. Spencer Holton, is the Principal of the Year for the San Jacinto School District.



Fifth grade students from the San Jacinto Elementary School with Principal Dr. Spencer Holton and Exalted Ruler Don Foreman