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The Twins
Peyton & Jayden
CHEMPI Theme Children for 2015
With Occupational Therapist Judy Linda

President Henke and guests visit CBS 2 News

CHEA President Skip Henke's homecoming visit to the Metropolitan District included an exciting tour of the CBS Studios. President Henke joined other Elks and their guests to watch the local CBS 2 television channel do a live broadcast of their local newsroom in action. Everyone was allowed to stand quietly in the studio in a "Quiet Please Environment" while the live news broadcast took place. This was a great opportunity for all who attended the President's homecoming. The visitation included a great program and dinner - there were no disappointments.



Delano Elks Lodge No. 1761 donates to youth competition

The Delano Elks Lodge No. 1761 donated \$150 to the Robert F. Kennedy High School's first National Cheerleading competition in Anaheim, CA. Pictured are Stu Collins, past Trustee, and Natalie Frago, the Cheerleader advisor/coach.



South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091 hosts breast cancer research fundraiser

In the truest sense of community, the South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091 hosted over 400 people for a recent fundraiser. The Elks, with the aid of local businesses, police and fire departments, helped raise over \$10,000 for breast cancer research. The guests feasted on a buffet dinner, danced to a disc jockey and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. All services were donated and prepared by inspired volunteers (including many Elks) for this very worthy cause.

First Vice President Schultz meets his new team of AVP Designates

First Vice President Donald Schultz met with the 2015-2016 Association Vice President designates at a meeting earlier this year. This session was an opportunity for everyone to become acquainted for the first time and discuss Don's plans for his upcoming year as the Association President. The attendees also heard presentations from PGER Louis "Jim" Grillo and CHEA Executive Director Tim Martin. First VP Schultz presented his new team of AVP's an upbeat and positive outlook as they made their plans for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.



PGER Grillo looks on as First VP Schultz speaks to the AVP designates

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 donated over a ton of food for the needy

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 has been running an ongoing year-round food drive for the Petaluma Salvation Army. In 2014, the Lodge gave over 2,400 lbs of food donations to the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need in the community. That equates to 1,920 meals. The Lodge averages between two to three deliveries of food a month.



L to R: Lodge member David Adams and Captain Mike Johnson, Pastor of the Petaluma Salvation Army Post

President's Message



Greetings and Aloha!

There is an old saying "That all good things must come to an end". That being true, one year in Elkdom always seems to end way too soon.

Karen and I feel like we were in Palm Springs just a few weeks ago, and now we are just a few weeks away from finishing our year at the Convention in San Diego. And what a year it has been! We traveled the length and breadth of California and Hawaii. Along the way we met the "Best People on Earth" – Elks who were working to serve their communities and to support their charities. They were "Feeling the Glow of Elkdom".

During the year we traveled to all nineteen Districts with many of our Vice President "Recruiters," visited many of your Lodges, and met so many Elk members and their guests. We also visited many interesting sites in your communities. We learned a lot and we were very impressed by everything that we saw and by the pride that all of you have for your Lodges and its community relationships.

We can't thank you enough for your hospitality and friendship this year. In San Diego, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary Convention of our Association. Hopefully, as of this writing, we will be celebrating a "plus" membership in our Association. For this accomplishment, we give our "Thanks" to all of the Vice Presidents and Elk members who became "Recruiters" for Elkdom during this past year.

On May 6th through 9th, Karen and I are looking forward to seeing many of you in San Diego to renew old and new friendships. It is difficult to write an article that says everything we would like to say about my year as President of CHEA and Karen's year as First Lady. I can only try by once again saying "Thank You" one and all for everything that you do for Elkdom, which made this an exceptional year for the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

We truly did "Feel the Glow of Elkdom."

Floyd "Skip" Henke, CHEA President

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 donates to the Wounded Warriors Project

Most of you have heard and seen the advertisements for the Wounded Warrior Project, a 501(c)(3) charity. Did you know that the Elks National Foundation donated \$50,000 to the project this year? The Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 decided to participate as well!

For several years, our Lodge has been traveling to Palo Alto, California to cook lunch for veterans in the Spinal Cord Unit in the Veterans Hospital. We went twice this year and will continue the practice. Recently, one of our Elks asked, "Why don't we contribute to the Wounded Warrior Project?"

Russ Taylor put his money where his mouth was and several other members agreed with him. We have now surpassed \$800, and the contributions continue to come in. We recognize that some lodges are already contributing and we encourage all Elks Lodges to institute a program to contribute on an annual basis. Battlefield medicine is allowing more of our soldiers to make it home, creating a greater need for the type of service provided by Wounded Warrior Project.

As Elks we should not miss this opportunity to live up to our promise to veterans!

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walk, talk, see and play."*

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

May 6-9, 2015
CHEA Convention
San Diego

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 sponsors five scout troops

Larry Ryan is the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 Scouting Chairman and reports that the Lodge sponsors two Cub Scout Packs and three Boy Scout Troops. They are as follows: Lake Elsinore Cub Scout Pack 30, Wildomar Cub Scout Pack 332, Lake Elsinore Boy Scout Troop 604, Wildomar Boy Scout Troop 332 and Wildomar Boy Scout Troop 430.

Boy Scout Troop 430 holds monthly car washes at the Lodge and accepts donations for their Scouting activities and fees. The Scouts also help out at Lodge dinners and functions, thereby earning additional funds for their camping trips and other activities. Larry and the Scouts also host a Lodge fundraising Breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, which is open to members and their guests, once again raising funds for the Scout and the Lodge.

In other news, every other month, the Elk Blood Bank Co-Chairpersons, Dorla Ledbetter and Sandra Cemore, manage the Lifestream Blood Bank at the Lodge. The Lifestream Blood Bank van parks at the Lodge, and blood donors are served refreshments in the Lodge's assembly room. About 30 to 40 people donate blood at each session.

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 holds awards banquet for ARC bowlers

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794, in conjunction with Tustin Lanes, supports the ARC State Bowling Program. This 53 year-old program is for mentally and physically challenged adults in District 11 of Orange and San Diego counties.

On Saturday February 7th, 108 ARC bowlers participated in a bowling tournament at the Tustin Lanes in Tustin, CA. Following the tournament, all participants attended an awards banquet at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 to receive the winner's trophies.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge volunteers who assisted in the program stated that all of the participants had a great time and are looking forward to the next scheduled event. Claire Heaney, a Santa Ana Elks Lodge volunteer is the chairperson for the ARC bowling program.

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



The Elks National Foundation has had another successful year. We have exceeded our Association's donation goal for the year, surpassing last year's donations by more than 5%! More Elks have committed to make recurring donations through the Fidelity Club or an employee/employer matching funds program. The result will be increased ENF funding to the California Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, for our Most Valuable Scholarship Recipients, the

Hoop Shoot and Drug Awareness programs and to the Elks' National Veterans Service Program.

The ENF Community Investment Program has increased the value of each ENF Promise Grant to \$2,500.

Every Lodge that had more than 15% of its membership donate to the Elks National Foundation in 2014-2015 will be eligible for a bonus of \$500 when it achieves the Grand Exalted Ruler's per-member giving goal in 2015-2016. This means that their ENF Gratitude Grant will have a value of \$2,500 rather than the standard \$2,000. This is a more compelling reason for your Lodge members to make regular contributions through the Fidelity Club.

Last year, many Lodges in the California-Hawaii Elks Association received grants from the ENF. There are several grants available to qualifying Lodges: Promise Grants, Gratitude Grants, Beacon Grants, and Impact Grants. It is not only your community that benefits from the good works that are funded by these Grants, but many participating Lodges report an increase in membership as the direct result of the publicity generated by the good work we do.

Thank you for supporting the Elks National Foundation. The Elks are known for supporting our veterans and for their many other acts of charity in their communities. Through the ENF our legacy continues.

Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 delivers Valentine's Day goodies to veterans

The National Veterans Service Committee of the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 delivered 35 Valentine Bags filled with everyday essentials to veterans living in various local nursing homes. In the photo are Veterans Service Committee members Robert Erickson, Robert Vanligten, Mary Williams, Drew Evans, Holly Lucero, Bob Marron, Richard Satchell, Charles Hix and Ray Gray.



Elks Care - Elks Share

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 holds Hoop Shoot Competition

The Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 recently participated in the Elks Annual Hoop Shoot Competition. Meghna Nair (12-13 year-old division) is the Local Champion, the Bay District Champion, the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Champion and the Region 7 Champion in her age group. She will represent California/Hawaii/American Samoa/Utah/Arizona/Nevada on April 18 in Springfield, MA in the competition for the National Hoop Shoot Title.

Kamron Oreo (8-9 year-old division) is the Local Champion, the Bay District Champion, and the CHEA Champion in his age group. He was the Region 7 runner-up with an impressive 21 of 25 free throws.

All Elks Hoop Shoot National Champions have their names inscribed in the Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

In other news, the Lodge donated 348 books, 12 jigsaw puzzles and a large bag of current magazines to the Menlo Park VA Hospital. The Lodge has a large collection box in the foyer for the members to donate their new or gently used reading materials for this purpose.

Community service and paying it forward are commitments Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 has made in keeping with the motto "Elks Care, Elks Share."



Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 helps families, elderly and youth

The Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 distributed 60 Thanksgiving baskets with all the fixings to local families in need. At Christmas time, three Lodge members volunteered to shop for 160 gifts for three nursing homes in the area. The gifts were purchased from a wish list from each patient. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus delivered each gift to each patient.

In other news, last February, the Lodge delivered 170 student dictionaries to all the third and fourth grade classes in Mono and Inyo counties. This was an expansion of the Lodge's dictionary program as they were unable to deliver to the third grade students last year.

Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Youth Activities Chair



Hello all,

I am the incoming Chair of the CHEA Youth Activities Committee. My appointment will be effective at the end of the Association Convention on May 9, 2015. This is just in time for the conclusion of the school year for many of our youth.

Here are some ideas for summer activities that your lodge could sponsor for the youth in your community.

Perhaps you could organize a Book Fair where members could donate children's or young adult's books that could be sold for a nominal amount. The proceeds could be used to help fund your youth activities programs for the following school year. Other ideas might include: an arts and crafts day (or week); a book reading afternoon, perhaps a teenager could do the reading; a trip to a swimming pool at a park or the YMCA, or even a museum visit. Maybe you could organize a trip to a senior retirement complex or an assisted living facility where the youth could complete some of their community service hours.

Please remember that while a "nothing to report" is a report (technically), wouldn't it be nicer to have some actual activities to report - activities that involve youth, your members and your community?

An additional note: for any Lodge that would like assistance in getting their Dictionary Program going or improved, the Dictionary Program Chair at my Lodge (Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011) has volunteered his experience, enthusiasm and interest to help as needed. Check out the Chula Vista Dictionary page on Facebook or contact Dave Plotke at diadave1967@yahoo.com. He and his many volunteers have developed a very active and successful program with the schools in our area.

Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 delivers dictionaries

Thanks to a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation, the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 was able to purchase dictionaries for the third-grade students of six Elementary schools. Lodge members Valerie Fagiani (Trustee), Michele Werbeck, PER (Treasurer) and friend Lia Caputo delivered 900 dictionaries to the schools during Dr. Seuss' two-week-long birthday remembrance, which culminated in a "Read Across America" celebration.



PER Michele Werbeck and Principal Daniel Mulia

Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 member supports his local community's blood needs in a big way

On February 5, 2015, George Berrettoni was recognized by the Blood Source organization for achieving an amazing level of commitment and generosity. At a recent Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 blood drive, Chairman Miles Jensen presented thank you gifts from the Blood Source organization to Mr. Berrettoni.

The simple act of regularly donating a pint of blood during his college days for a community acquaintance with leukemia had turned into a lifestyle. Through a combination of donating whole blood and platelets for over 30 years, Mr. Berrettoni has now reached the astonishing equivalent of 521 pints of blood given for the benefit of his neighbors in Woodland and Davis.

After years of rising at 6:30AM every other Friday morning to go to the Davis Blood Source center for platelet donations, Mr. Berrettoni also continues to be a regular donor at the Woodland Elks Lodge blood drive. As a self described, tax preparation professional in the middle of tax season, as well as life long Elks Lodge member, Mr. Berrettoni says it is very satisfying to realize the benefit that the donation of a pint of blood can have in the local community. The Woodland Elks Lodge blood drive, active since 1947, now accepts both whole blood and platelet donations.

On behalf of the hundreds of people who have benefited from his tremendous personal generosity, we are proud to say, "Thank you and well done, George Berrettoni."



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Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA PR Chairman



Congratulations to the newly elected Exalted Rulers and Officers for the 2015-2016 year!

Your Public Relations team, which includes the District and Lodge PR Chairs, has done an outstanding job during the past Elks year. I'm happy to report that there have been a record number of articles published about Elks events across California and Hawaii, and a record number of Lodges faithfully reporting those events throughout the year. Today, more people in

your communities are being exposed to your Lodge's good works than ever before. I thank each and every one of you for the part you have played in those success stories, either actively participating as a team member or in your support of them.

Your Lodge bulletin is just one of the many vehicles that we use to display our pride in the great Order of Elkdom. This year's "Best Bulletin" contest provided some outstanding examples of the fine work being done; not only in our charitable endeavors, but also in publicizing them to our members and to the communities we serve.

CHEA 2014-2015 Best Bulletin Contest Awards (to be presented at the Convention)

Division I (0 – 300 members):

1st Place: Ridgecrest No. 1913 (Inland District); 2nd Place: Novato No. 2655 (Northwest District); 3rd Place: Ukiah No. 1728 (Northwest District)

Division II (301 to 500 members):

1st Place: Fremont No. 2121 (Bay District); 2nd Place: Walnut Creek No. 1811 (Central District); 3rd Place: Thousand Oaks No. 2477 (West Central Coast District)

Division III (501 to 700 members):

1st Place: Santa Clarita No. 2379 (Metropolitan District); 2nd Place: Pittsburg No. 1474 (Metropolitan District)

Division IV (701 to 1,100 members):

1st Place: Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast District); 2nd Place: Lake Elsinore/Wildomar No. 2591 (Southeast District); 3rd Place: Lompoc No. 2274 (West Central Coast District)

Division V (1,101 to 1,500 members):

1st Place: Oceano-Five Cities No. 2504 (West Central Coast District); 2nd Place: Orange No. 1475 (Orange Coast District)

Division VI (1,500 plus members):

1st Place: Santa Maria No. 1538 (West Central Coast District)

The First Place winners in the "Best Single Event Brochure Contest" are: Orange No. 1475, Walnut Creek No. 1811, Moreno Valley No. 2697, Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444, and Santa Maria No. 1538.

First Place winners in the "Community Service and Image Brochure Contest" are: Lake Elsinore/Wildomar No. 2591, Moreno Valley No. 2697, and Santa Maria No. 1538.

Congratulations to all the Lodges that entered the CHEA Public Relations contests. Your award certificates may be picked up by a representative of your Lodge from the Public Relations booth at the CHEA Convention in San Diego. All contest entry binders may also be viewed there and picked up. The complete rules governing all of the CHEA Public Relations contests may be found on the CHEA website: go to www.chea-elks.org, click on "Committees," then click on "Public Relations."

Indio Elks Lodge No. 1643 hosted a "Winter Ball" for community members with disabilities

The Indio Elks Lodge hosted the sixth annual Winter Ball for the young adults of the Riverside County Department of Education's Transition Special Education Program. The program is dedicated to 18-22 year-old post high school adults with special needs. Its mission is to help them prepare for a successful transition into the workplace and independent living.

Twice a year, the Indio Elks Lodge No. 1643 donates the Lodge's facilities so that these young adults may celebrate a memorable evening with music, food and companionship. Once the music kicked in, you knew that nobody was leaving the dance floor for the rest of the night. The energy in the room was so exciting and bright. It was obvious that the students and teachers were having the time of their lives.

Rene Lovern, a new teacher for one of the two classes, explained that both the Elks and the students receive a benefit. Six students volunteer their services two days each week to set tables and assist with the daily chores at the Lodge. The young adults get to practice independent life skills and the Elks Lodge benefits from their volunteerism.

Local events such as these help demonstrate the Elks dedication to building strong social community bonds, while empowering our young adults with disabilities to flourish. The Indio Elks Lodge is extremely proud of their partnership with Riverside County Department of Education's Transition Special Education Program.

Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 promotes the Drug Awareness Program and the Purple Pig

The Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 promoted Drug Awareness and raised money for the Purple Pig in downtown Oxnard. ER John Ragan and Esteemed Leading Knight Paul Salazar joined other officers and members to sell hot dogs from a booth at the second annual Children's Day in downtown Oxnard.

The funds raised from the hot dog sales will go to the Purple Pig. The Children's Day event educates parents and family members about safe and healthy families. There were 148 hot dogs sold at the event, and the money will be sent to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. to be used for therapies for children with disabilities.

Information was also distributed to solicit new members as part of the Lodge's "plus one" campaign, and to promote the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.).



Piggy Bank

By Bob Farrens, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



Just a reminder - the Piggy Bank fundraising year doesn't end March 31st - it ends at the Association Convention in May. The California-Hawaii Elks Association will have an office open at the convention to accept your donations until noon on Friday, May 8th. Please turn in the Leading Knights Challenge Funds directly to Bob Farrens or Gerry Gouveia any time after March 1st or during the convention at the Piggy Bank booth by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 7th.

Saturday, May 9th, is the start of our new fundraising year. This is when we introduce this year's theme child and family. This is when we have the opportunity to see why we donate and to hear from the family how we are helping them.

The Exalted Rulers' March takes place on Saturday morning, May 9th. At that time, the 2015-2016 Exalted Rulers have an opportunity to announce how successful their Lodge's Piggy Bank fundraising efforts were in 2014-2015, when most of them were their Lodge's Leading Knight.

The ER March reminds us that fundraising is more than those little Purple Pigs; it is a yearlong effort by the members of the Lodges working together in the fraternal spirit of the Elks. One easy consistent way to donate year round is to go to the California-Hawaii Elks Association web site (www.chea-elks.org/recurring-donations) and sign up for the recurring donation program. If every Elk in the California-Hawaii Elks Association signed up to donate \$5.00 a month, we would raise over \$5,000,000 a year! If only 10% of our members would sign up to donate, that would be an additional \$500,000 each year.

Thank you for your donations. All of your donations, large or small, help our children to walk, talk, see, and play! Have fun raising funds!

Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504's generosity helps needy children

The Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 gave 88 unaccompanied minors a Christmas this year. The Lodge started with a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation, and our members more than doubled it in cash donations.

Members gave the children gift cards for: a haircut, a movie, Subway, McDonalds and Starbucks, and also gave them knitted hats, socks, cologne, flashlights, cookies and candy. The Lodge also provided close to \$3,000 worth of socks, underwear and coats for the children.

Lodge members also packed 200 snack packs for needy hungry children. The snack packs were delivered to schools and community services where they were distributed to the needy children.



Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 recognizes local Scouts

The Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364, in conjunction with the Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733, celebrated the achievement of local Scouts with a dinner on February 17, 2015.

In all, eighteen Eagle Boy Scouts, three Gold Girl Scouts and eleven Silver Girl Scouts were congratulated for their extraordinary achievements. Since some of the awardees were away at college, not all were able to attend, but our sincere congratulations goes to them as well.

Supervisors Frank Mecham and Debbie Arnold attended, joined by representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Lois Capps, Senator Bill Monning, Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, and the Boards of both Girl and Boy Scouts.



Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 hosts a "Mardi Gras" to benefit the VVA

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 donated \$2,500 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582. The money raised came from the Lodge's first Mardi Gras celebration on February 21st. Most of the 250 attendees were costumed in their finest Mardi Gras style and enjoyed Cajun-style appetizers and king cake cupcakes. One lucky person won \$482 on the lodge's traditional 50/50 raffle, with the Lodge's portion going to the Vietnam Veterans. Jesters and pirates, skeletons and even an alligator enjoyed dancing to New Orleans style rhythm and blues as performed by the local band favorite, "Swamp Daddy". We were so happy to see people in their 20s to 80s enjoying themselves and we look forward to having another Mardi Gras event next year.

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 appreciates Americanism

On February 22, 2015, the Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 held a Patriotic Appreciation Breakfast for community members that correctly display their American Flag 24/7. The officers of the Elks Lodge were able to recognize seventeen people and businesses with a Special Citation and a complimentary breakfast. The next Patriotic Appreciation Day is scheduled for July.

The Boy Scouts also aided in holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the SYV Elks Lodge. There were nine Boy Scouts from Troop 41 (Solvang) and Troop 42 (Buellton) that conducted the ceremony. In all, they helped show appreciation for and retire 27 flags that have been proudly flown in the community.

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEADAP Chair



One of the first events of this new Elk year is the Elks National Youth Week, held May 1-7. Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen asks all local Lodges to plan celebrations and events of interest that will benefit our youth. Our Association Convention will be held May 6-9 in sunny San Diego, so plan to make the entire month of May a celebration of our Youth!

Youth Week/Month offers the opportunity to promote our Drug Awareness Programs. I ask all of our Lodges to consider holding a youth-based event and invite your community members and school officials. Let them know what we, as Elks, have to offer the children of our communities.

Our Drug Awareness Program strives to teach children and their parents about the dangers of illegal drug use, alcohol use, and to prevent the abuse of legalized prescription drugs. The Elks' DAP program is the largest volunteer Drug Awareness Program in the United States. This effort relies on State, District, and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug-free lifestyle for our youth.

A Drug Awareness Program table or an associated event should be included in every youth event that your Lodge or District sponsors. This illustrates your commitment to a drug-free lifestyle, and promotes your pledge to combat drug use by educating, inspiring, and supporting that lifestyle in our communities.

Start planning your Youth Awareness activities now and celebrate the future of our Great Country! As always, please contact me, or Vice-Chairman Brad Smith, PER, if we can help you with your Drug Awareness program. We are honored to serve as this committee's Chair and Vice-Chair again for the 2015-2016 Elk Year!

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 holds awards dinner for Americanism Essay Contest winners

The Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 hosted the Americanism Essay Contest winners of this year's essay theme "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me" and their families to the awards night dinner at the Lodge. All essay winners received a framed certificate of achievement and a check for \$50 for their work.



L to R: (8th graders): Kelli G., Rowan-James T., and Hannah S. The essay winners not pictured were 6th graders Jacob G., Chloe B., Morgan R., and 8th grader Owen F.

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 sends coffee and cookies to the troops overseas

The Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 recently sent Starbucks Coffee and Girl Scout Cookies to our troops overseas. Elks National Foundation Chairman Don Kammerer used a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to purchase Starbucks Coffee and Girl Scout Cookies for the troops.

Allison Villalpando, from Girl Scout Troop No. 3841, was given \$1,000 for the purchase of the Girl Scout Cookies. She added to the collection by selling an additional 37 boxes of cookies at several Elks dinners, which were then donated back to the cause. The total cookie value was \$1,185.

Stephanie Petzold represented the Starbucks Coffee Shop at Elk Grove Blvd. and Waterman Rd. She was given \$1,000 for the purchase of coffee. Special gift cards and additional donations of \$205 by Starbucks employees made the total coffee value \$1,651. The combined value for both the coffee and cookies was \$2,836.

The coffee and cookies were given to the Rolling Hills Blue Star Mothers #27 for shipment to our soldiers in far off lands. Teresa Laine and Turner Jo represented the Blue Star Moms. Turner spoke of the sincere comments that she received from her son upon receiving items from home. Staff Sergeant Jonathan Batchelor, who had received packages from home while in Afghanistan, expressed his thanks and gratitude towards our organization.



L to R: PER Bob Samaniego, Turner Jo, Allison Villalpando, Teresa Laine, SSG Jonathan R. Batchelor, Stephanie Petzold and Don Kammerer

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 helps sponsor a baseball tournament with a \$4,200 donation

On Thursday, February 20th, the largest High School baseball tournament in California kicked off with a steak dinner at the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767. High School baseball coaches from more than 70 High Schools from four Southern California counties were invited.

This is the 34th annual tournament. The Lodge donated over \$4,200 to sponsor the Newport Elks Varsity Baseball Tournament. The four divisions include many of the top teams in the southern section of California Interscholastic Federation. The tournament takes place from March 5 through March 10 at various high schools.

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
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Timothy C. Martin (1996-97)	Clovis	Roy R. Newman (2005-06)	Marysville	Richard L. McDonald (2013-2014)	Pittsburg
Sim Nathan (1997-98)	Redding	James S. Mason (2006-07)	Gardena		
Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga		

Susanville Elks Lodge No. 1487 raises \$40,000 for ill child's medical expenses

A local family, whose child was diagnosed with a very rare liver condition, contacted the Susanville Elks Lodge No. 1487 to request financial assistance with their son's medical expenses.

Tristen S. was 4 years old when he was diagnosed with a very rare liver condition. Now, at sixteen years of age, most of his entire life has been consumed by activities related to his extreme medical needs. Only one in every 25,000 children has this liver condition. Tristen's family received a call a few weeks prior to the Lodge's fundraiser that a liver was available for his transplant. The surgery was successful, he is now healing, and the family continues to request prayers for his recovery.

On February 7th, the Lodge held a fundraiser for Tristen. A large number of community members joined in the fundraising effort. At least twenty Elks came to help cook and serve the meal. A local DJ offered his services for local Public Service Announcements. "Team Tristen" t-shirts and insulated cup holders were created for sale.

These efforts paid off with somewhere around \$40,000 being raised to help Tristen's family with his ongoing travel and medical related expenses. The Susanville Elks Lodge donated \$1,230 to the fundraiser.

This shows what a loving and caring community our Elks enjoy here in Northern California.



From top left: Jason Moss, Tristen's Dad
Front row: ER Connie Stovall, Tristen S., Georganna Boring (Treasurer), and Tristen's Mom

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 honors law enforcement

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night on Tuesday March 11, 2015. Following a dinner cooked and served by lodge members and volunteers from the local YMCA, the officers from each division are given awards for their outstanding service throughout 2014.

The officers recognized were Officer Brandon Browning of the El Segundo Police Department, Deputy Bryan White of the LA Sheriff's Department in Marina Del Rey, Officer II Mary Becerra from LAPD LAX Field Services, Officer Sean Foley LAX Police Department, Officer Gerardo Garcia of the CHP West LA, and Officer II Peter Abskharon of the LAPD Pacific Area.

Retired CHP Officer Richard Magyar sang the opening National Anthem and the closing song God Bless America. A donation was also made to the Youth and Government Program at the Westchester YMCA for volunteering.

In exciting news, the Lodge hosted a Wine, Swine and Dine event to raise money for the Major Project. Lodge members were treated to a Hawaiian Luau and a blind wine tasting event and raised \$2,396 for our purple pig.

And in other news, Westchester Elks distributed nearly 1,900 dictionaries to the greater Los Angeles School District.



L to R: Officer Peter Abskharon, Deputy Bryan White, Officer Gerardo Garcia, Officer Mary Becerra, Officer Brandon Browning, Officer Marcio Matsumoto, Officer Sean Foley, Dan Baccelliere (PER, AVP SCCD), Fred Sutton (Office of Mike Bonin, Councilmember for the 11th District on the LA City Council)

Membership

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership/Lapsation Chairman

Membership Development

There are actions that Lodges may do right now to realize net membership gains in 2015-2016. First, start with a solid Membership Management Team involving Lodge Activities, Public Relations, Membership Development (including Second Step), and Membership Retention. Have the team adopt the Best Practice of Membership Recruitment and Retention Power Points found on the CHEA website. The Membership Recruitment and Retention Power Points outline month-by-month benchmarks for the Membership Management Team.

The Exalted Ruler should appoint an Officer as the Coordinator of the Membership Management Team. The Exalted Ruler, the Lodge Secretary, and the Coordinating Officer should have key roles in working with the Membership Management Team. A minimum of four members should make up the team, which should meet monthly, to carry out the ongoing responsibilities of promoting membership within the Lodge.

To reinforce proven successful approaches to membership gain, CHEA will feature six Membership Workshops throughout the California-Hawaii Elks Association. These Membership Workshops include valuable handouts, the CHEA Membership Recruitment and Retention Power Points, and interactive discussions about Membership issues, unique to a Lodge or common with other Lodges.

Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 honored by local Marine Corps Detachment

Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 received a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts supporting local Veterans at their February 24, 2015 meeting. Marine Corps Detachment No. 936 Commandant Robert Ballesteros, center, presented the certificate to Lodge Officers. "This is sincere, heartfelt gratitude for all you do for our Veterans," he stated.

The Lodge helps organize the USO Dinner Dance, holds a free dinner for all area veterans on Veterans Day, holds Bingo fundraisers for veteran organizations, and undertakes other activities for the benefit of local veterans.



L to R: PDDGER/Board of Trustees Chairman John Knitter, Bingo Chairman Frank Borg, Ballesteros, Lecturing Knight Ernie Ladd, Organist Lindsay Rynda, Loyal Knight Christine Winte, and Trustee Courtney Winte

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 supports the USO facility at John Wayne Airport

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 continues its support of the "Bob Hope USO Facility" at the John Wayne Airport with a donation of \$500 during a recent fundraiser at the Radisson Hotel. This year marks the 74th anniversary of the USO.

Most veterans remember the time that they attended a USO show or stopped by a USO while traveling. The USO continues to provide an invaluable service to the US military, and the money raised by this event will provide much needed support for those veterans and family members who are traveling through the John Wayne Airport. The Bob Hope USO Orange County provides an airport lounge for Active Duty Military, Reservists and their families as they transit through the airport. In recognition of a career spent serving our country, military retirees are also welcomed. Our service men and women are making remarkable personal sacrifices for our country around the world.

The fundraising event was held at the Radisson Hotel. The American Legion Auxiliary, Newport Harbor Unit 291, the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, hosted the event. A dinner and "Silent Auction" went to support the Bob Hope USO, which opened at the John Wayne Airport. The success of this event was made possible by the thoughtful and generous contributions from people and organizations. By supporting this event, the Orange Elks Lodge helped make a difference in the lives of our servicemen and women. The Lodge's \$500 donation will help fund this invaluable service to our military, active, reserve, guard, and retired service members and their families.

The Orange Elks became a Bob Hope USO 2015 Stars of Hope Founder. The Star is red, white and blue and it indicates to all the USO guests that the Orange Elks honor their sacrifice and service, and, "As long as there is a Vet, the Orange Elks will never forget!"



L to R: Brian and Kathy Panning (Lodge members), Paul Bartek, Ruth Gerry (Orange Elks), Bob Kurkjian (USO Executive Director), Pat Fowler, Walt McBride and Scott McKee (also Orange Elks members). Scott is a Department Service Officer for the American Legion California

National Veterans Service

By Robert G. Burns, CHEA National Veterans Service Chair

Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, is a very special day that is set aside for us to honor those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Of course, we continue to honor those Veterans who are still with us, and those who continue to serve our Nation in its present conflicts, thereby helping us to be safer here at home.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, and it is always held on the 4th Monday in May each year. Please fly the American Flag on this day, and, if you are attending a ceremony or visiting a gravesite, please wear your Elks pin or jacket etc., to let everyone know that you are proud to be an Elk.

Since my term as your Veterans Service Chairman ends at the 2015 CHEA Convention in San Diego, I would like to thank all our members in California and Hawaii for everything that you do for our Veterans and for those who are still serving.

We have eighteen VA Hospitals and/or Clinics in California and Hawaii, and eighteen VA Representatives and Deputies who are doing an outstanding job. They are to be commended for their dedication to helping our Veterans.

I thank the District Veterans Service Chairmen for working with the Lodges in their Districts and providing them the help and assistance where needed to support our Veterans.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the CHEA Veterans Service Chairman for these last three years. To all the Veterans in this great Order, "I salute each and every one of you and thank you for your service to your Country and to Elkindom."

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 sponsors a local Hoop Shoot contest

The local 43rd annual National Hoop Shoot contest was held on Saturday January 17, 2015 at the Cuesta Community College gymnasium. The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 sponsored this year's contest. 1,812 shooters participated in the preliminary rounds at schools in the San Luis Coastal Unified School District. Fifty-three finalists participated in this year's "shoot out." The number of baskets made out of 25 attempts determined the winners. All 53 participants received a Hoop Shoot T-shirt. The Lodge provided the T-shirts and the winners' trophies.

The winners in the boy's category were: Owen W. (8-9 yrs.) with a score of 17/25, Jacob Z. (10-11 yrs.) with a score of 19/25, and Michael B. (12-13 yrs.) with a score of 23/25. The winners in the girl's category were: Magic W. (8-9 yrs.) with a score of 11/25, Kayla B. (10-11 yrs.) with a score of 13/25, and Kendal L. (12-13 yrs.) with a score of 10/25.

Four of these children successfully competed at the West Central Coast District Hoop Shoot competition in Santa Barbara on January 25th. They were: 1st place Michael B. (22/25), 3rd place Jacob Z. (10/40), 1st place Magic W. (10/25), and Kendal L. (10/25). Michael B. (22/25) Boys 12-13 and Magic W. (10/25). Girls 8-9 competed at the State and Regional competitions on February 7th in Paramount. The National finals will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts in April 2015.

Events such as this are made possible through the generous assistance of Elks volunteers. Assisting with this year's shoot were: PER Ananda Watkins, PER Mark Boaz, Randy Arseneau, Don Austin, Vivian Boaz who was our photographer and distributed Drug Awareness Kits with the assistance of Bea Casperson, Frank Egan, John Iribarren, Wendy Pierce, Orion Watkins and our long time leader Dick Pierce. Another Elks volunteer, Eva Boaz, the daughter of PER Mark and Vivian Boaz, also assisted.

Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 hosted needy kids

On March 7, 2015, the Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 sponsored a "Picnic in the Park" event for over 110 families with children afflicted by Down Syndrome. The event was held in conjunction with the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County. It was held at the Elks Park in Garden Grove.

All the attendees enjoyed a sumptuous box lunch that was provided by Chef Pedro, who has been the Lodge's chef for many years. Punch, chips and ice cream were also provided, much to the delight of the children and parents.

Elk Clowns Jim and Connie Perkins joined Joanne Galvin who entertained the children with face painting and balloon animals. The kids had a chance to learn and show their dancing skills to the music provided by DJ Howard Wingo, the Garden Grove Elks Club Manager. The program also included a visit by Corporal Sean Salazar of the Garden Grove Police Department. Officer Salazar arrived in his police cruiser with its lights and siren going, bringing joy to the children. The kids also had an opportunity to sit in the cruiser and have their photo taken with Officer Salazar.

A special thanks to: Elks Chairman Jack Whitwam and the Elks volunteers who arrived early to set up the venue and the games, then continued to spread happiness by mingling with the families until the end of the event, and to the Garden Grove Elks Lodge for hosting this annual event.



Lodge member Phillip, a down syndrome affected young man, and PDDGER David Skelton on the right

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 awards \$11,000 in scholarships

On Tuesday March 3, 2015, the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 held their annual Scholarship Awards ceremony honoring students from High Schools in the Irvine, Santa Ana and Tustin High School Districts. The Scholarship Awards amounted to a total of \$11,000. Funding for these awards comes from the Lodge's scholarship fundraising events, the Lodge's weekly "Bingo" sessions, and direct gifts from the members to the scholarship fund. Many of these winners have been selected to participate in District, State and National Forums where additional awards are given. The Santa Ana Elks Lodge 794 has awarded scholarships for over fifty years and encourages students from the named districts to apply. All they have to do is contact their school counselor or contact the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 for more information.

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 starts a school assistance program

On March 7, 2015, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 started a new Local School Assistance Program. The Lodge donated \$280 worth of school supplies and fifteen garbage grabbers to the fourth grade class at Charles Mack Elementary School. Previously, the Lodge had asked Ms. Tara Graham-Adversalo, a 4th grade teacher at the school, for a "wish list" of items that the Lodge could provide as part of the school assistance program.

Although her list included items like pencils, pens, markers and paper, the last item was quite surprising. She asked for fifteen garbage grabbers. Apparently, there was simply too much trash on the school grounds, and the janitors couldn't keep up with the workload.

We met in the auditorium with the teachers and over a hundred students on the day that we made our delivery. The students were well behaved and showed their appreciation to us with their handmade banners and applause. That response made our effort worthwhile!

We have long been aware that many of the teachers in the area do not always have all the resources they need to take care of their students. Many teachers purchase extra supplies out of their own pocket. Tara's last report was, "Thanks for the great stuff today. The kids were out feverishly picking up trash all day."



L to R: Bob Samaniego, Linda Fuentes, Ralph Daniels and students

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 motorcycle riding group's charity event

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959's Motorcycle Riding Group teamed up with another riding group, American Thunder of Orange County, for a charity fundraising ride. Twenty-three bikes and passengers visited four other Elks Lodges in Orange County for the benefit of the Purple Pig (the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.) charity fund. The four Lodges that we visited were Fullerton (No. 1993), Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley (No. 2444), Newport Harbor (No. 1767) and Westminster (No. 2346). The charity run finished at the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge where a BBQ was held. The run raised \$300 towards the Piggy Bank fund that is used to sponsor special charity projects. The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge donated over \$30,000 in 2014 to the Major Project, and the Elks Orange Coast District donated over \$200,000 in the same period.

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 honors students and teachers

The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 honored six students and three teachers during a recent awards ceremony. 150 members and guests attended the awards ceremony and dinner at the Lodge. Eighty students from eight local schools participated in the Lodge's Americanism Essay Contest. All of the winning essays came from the St. Raphael School. The essay contest winners and three teachers received Certificates of Recognition from the Lodge.

Six students from St. Raphael School in Santa Barbara were the winners of the Lodge's Americanism Essay Contest: Alana B., Jessica F., Olivia S., Jacob K., Kalissa F., and Reade V.

Ms. Susan Schiferl and Mrs. Jodi Waples tied for the "Teacher of the Year" award, and Principal Michelle Limb (St. Raphael School) received the "Principal of the Year" award.



Front row (L to R): Alana B., Jessica F., Olivia S.
Middle row (L to R): Ms. Susan Schiferl, Jacob K., Kalissa F., Reade V., Mrs. Jodi Waples, Principal Michelle Limb
Back row (L to R): Ed Martin, Exalted Ruler, and Msgr. Jon Majarucon (Pastor)

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 members cash in their chips

On February 28th, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held their 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Event. This event raised \$300 in funding for the Lodge's Scholarship Committee to award to deserving youth in our community. ER Charlene Johnson was the event Chairman organizing the volunteer Elks who created a very successful and fun-filled event. Lodge members exchanged their chips at the end of the evening for gifts that were donated by members of the Lodge and several local businesses. Pauline Meyer, Marion Tindle and Sondra Simmons prepared plenty of good food that kept the attendees' energy levels up for their games of chance. The volunteer bartender, Ben Scholl, did a great job in keeping everyone happy with the adult libations. DJ Dallas Knapp entertained the crowd throughout the evening, as the members danced, ate and played casino games.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$20,000) Gold Pig Level Donors (February 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015)

Donor	Lodge
Maxine Elin	1567

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$10,000) Silver Pig Level Donors (February 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015)

Donor	Lodge
James and Liz Avila	1259

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors February 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Terry Horne	423	James English	1259	Irwin "Irv" H. Martin	1471

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors February 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Marilyn M. Facha	6	Stan Felipe	1259	Ruth Reeves	1811	Beverly C. Burns	2484
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Norman VanBeek	1259	Diane Wrobel	1811	Louis Dulay, Sr.	2484
Elisa B. Mariscal	614	Cathleen Fifield	1420	Richard Green	1993	Lance Erickson	2733
Rodney A. Chang	616	James E. Hoffman	1471	Dominic J. Trapasso	1993		
Albert A. Ludmanyi	643	Phil Moore	1475	Diana Peel	2103		
Michael McAlpine	672	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Coleen H. Howard	2230		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors February 1, 2015 - March 31, 2015

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
South Coast District PER Association		Pat Day	1259	Jerry Reeves	1740	Mike & Dona Spratt (2)	1993
Southeast District PER Alumni Assoc. (2)		Stephanie Day	1259	Darleen Underwood (5)	1740	Steve Vartanian	1993
William Roache	3	James English (4)	1259	Mary Wright	1740	Robert West	1993
Carol Armstrong	6	Stan Felipe (5)	1259	Mike Wright	1740	Donald Wopschall	1993
Marilyn Facha	6	Moana Sawyer	1259	Beverly Purdum	1767	Bob Ziebell	1993
Paul Buckley (2)	322	Norm VanBeek	1259	Henry Madron	1786	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
2014-2015 Chico Elks Officers	423	Ray Williams	1259	Dick Pence	1786	John Jewart	2026
Bill Bateman	423	Debbie Wilson	1259	George Waters	1786	Jay Smith	2026
Justus Borchers	423	Dan Cole (2)	1289	Ed Kucera	1811	Marlene Reeves (2)	2031
Charlie Carroll	423	Michael Gardner	1289	Troy Powell	1811	Frank Simas	2031
Chico Elks Ladies	423	Barney Bradford	1342	Ruth Reeves	1811	Dave Bakke	2046
Chico Elks Wine Group	423	Jerry "Gene" Day	1342	George Knapp	1812	Judy Foley	2046
Michael Doran	423	Dale Huckaby	1342	Gregory Taylor	1812	Pat Fusco (3)	2046
Dave Fleming (5)	423	Narwhals Mating	1342	Dave Saltel	1884	Joyce Henry	2046
Dona Garrison (2)	423	Family of Howard McDonell	1342	Donald Cooper	1900	Marisa Abraham	2091
Terry Horne (4)	423	Howard McDonell	1342	Jan Bennett	1913	Matt Anderson	2091
Dick & Laura Hughes	423	Porterville Emblem Club No. 82	1342	Skip Bennett	1913	Gail Dekreon	2091
Don Lee	423	Ken Saylor (4)	1342	Fred Whitnack	1913	Steven Hawthorne	2091
Bob Vanella	423	Tom Tucker	1342	Randall Eldridge	1952	Janice McConnell	2091
Brad Winding	423	Robert Uphoff	1342	Larry Methvin	1952	Martin Novello	2091
Alisal High Health Ed. Class	614	Virginia Brown	1378	Greg Neneman	1959	Andy Reid	2091
Tom Lavagnino	614	Grady Sain	1378	Richard Tanguy	1959	Eileen Tating	2091
Elisa Mariscal (2)	614	Joyce Taylor	1378	Yreka Elkettes	1980	Karen Viera (5)	2091
Frank Olivarria (2)	614	William Woodall	1378	Robert Cassetta	1991	Joann Haugen	2095
Barry Wilson	614	John D. Adams	1427	Gary Larson (3)	1991	Jerry Attebery	2103
Loretta Baptist	616	Frank Furtado	1474	Lyle Personette	1991	Jay Erhart	2103
Richard Byrd	616	Alice Harwood	1474	Smart Circle International LLC	1991	Candy Galassi	2103
Rodney Chang	616	Phil Moore	1475	Arnie Appleman	1993	Julie Hubbs (2)	2103
Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers	616	Gene Denney	1539	Dan Casey	1993	Roger Hultman	2103
Honolulu Bridge Club	616	Gary Rowe	1539	Suanne Casey	1993	Dori Jensen	2103
Jacob Kaleikini, Jr.	616	Ron Ebell (2)	1561	Bernie Couch	1993	Jimmie Johnson	2103
Patrick Keliini	616	Greg Koester	1561	Jan Crook	1993	Barbara Kutscher (2)	2103
Bert Kobayashi, Jr.	616	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm (2)	1561	Rick Darwicki	1993	Frank Levings	2103
Kenn Kojima	616	Bruce Weers (2)	1561	Thelma Darwicki	1993	Bob Lowe	2103
Lorraine Manayan	616	Leland & Shirley Dahlin	1587	Paul Dudley	1993	Rita Lowe	2103
Roy Stocks	616	Jake Parsons	1587	Esther's Taco House (2)	1993	Tim Mahoney	2103
Thomas Woodrow	616	Karann Hanson-Wilks	1643	Judy Givens	1993	Ray McCreary	2103
John Brown	643	Ronald Hinman	1643	Mark Givens	1993	Dan Oakley	2103
Cliff Wadley (2)	643	Sheila Bourke Reed	1643	Jack Gordon (2)	1993	Byron Parker	2103
Charles Rowe (2)	672	R.F. Schow	1643	Richard Green (3)	1993	Paul Pennington	2103
Mike Hobbs	794	Roy Kleger	1691	Robert Hendra	1993	Don Ruthrauff	2103
Malcolm Macaulay(2)	824	Rudy Pelzman	1691	Irene Imhof	1993	Ed Schlesinger	2103
Ian Mackenzie	824	Dick Robart	1691	Paul Keller	1993	Jim Sekelsky	2103
Don Mungai	824	Richard Sutherland	1691	Alan Kelley	1993	Michael Smith	2103
Dean Seaquist (3)	1015	Wil Thomas	1691	Dave Lawhorn	1993	Robert Woodward	2103
Hope Vasquez (2)	1015	Larry Yungblut	1691	Michael Mathers	1993	Ana Camunez	2117
Edwin Ball	1112	Ira Cohen (5)	1740	Martin McAllister	1993	Hamilton Courtney (3)	2117
Jack D. Jones	1112	Macon Dooms	1740	Brian McNamara	1993	Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem	
Dave Norris	1240	Woody Dooms	1740	Jerry Norton	1993	Club No. 413	2117
Corey Pelletier	1240	Don Foreman	1740	Alex Nunez	1993	Susan Reed (3)	2117
Gene Pimentel	1240	Homer Gray	1740	Marie Nunez	1993	Polly Stonich	2117
Richard Carstens (2)	1250	Tom Joy	1740	Robert Sherard	1993		
James & Liz Avila (4)	1259	Steve Nichols	1740	Gene Shumski	1993		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Daryl Charles Black	2121	Kirk Watkins	2248	Robert Yoast	2389	Darlene Keeter	2484
Paul Campana	2121	Neil Esarka	2314	Donald Boucher	2432	Mack Swinford	2484
Philip Heinemann (2)	2121	Alexina Leichtner	2314	Linda Boucher	2432	Jean Walker	2484
Cathy Ledbetter (2)	2121	Arnold DeWitt	2346	Steve Hagen	2432	Larry Kirk	2599
Lester Mensinger	2121	James Harris	2346	Robert Vieira	2432	Ronald Pianfetti	2638
Susan Peters (2)	2121	Crystal Orr	2346	Nancy Allen (2)	2444	Hesperia Ladies of the Elks	2646
Pat Polehla	2121	Diane McQuillen	2347	Harold Allen (2)	2444	Edward Arsiga	2669
John Shaffer	2121	Laurie Ashley	2358	Diane Carter	2444	Albert Cabatingan	2669
J.R. Thomas	2121	Leroy Bostick	2358	Mike Klinger	2444	Un Cha Celeen (3)	2669
Thelma Thomas	2121	Martha Evans	2358	Derek Randles	2444	Josephine Kalauli	2669
Mark Wright	2121	Tom Haberland (2)	2358	Pati Harrod	2477	Malcolm Newell	2669
Charles Eaton	2190	Cheri Keller (2)	2358	Jim Moye	2477	Ohana	2669
Frank Farquharson	2190	Jerry Oreskovich	2358	Kathy Moye	2477	Dot Penn	2669
Charles Braden	2248	Ed Snodgrass	2358	Pam Price	2477	Arthur Phelps	2669
Michael Dreiling	2248	Pat Terrell	2358	Ken Anderson	2484	Patricia Seawright	2669
Rosie Dreiling	2248	Darlene Wolowiec	2358	Robert Brotherton	2484	Miyoko Yamada	2669
Harrison "Bud" Fountain	2248	Cheryl Wright	2358	Kenny Cobb (3)	2484	Annie Despol	2724
William Green	2248	Dan Wright	2358	Lou Dulay, Sr. (2)	2484	Chris Despol	2724
Don Ireton	2248	David Samuel	2364	Bonnie Friddle	2484	John Ott	2724
Dick Law	2248	Robert Crim (3)	2389	Eileen Gray	2484	Dale Webb	2724
Brian Lentsch	2248	Glenda Grogan (3)	2389	Pete Hall	2484	Kay Bruns	2733
Brian Peck	2248	David Ollis	2389	Jay Jiter	2484		

Montebello Elks Lodge No. 2051 honors veterans

On Sunday, January 11, 2015, the Montebello Elks Lodge No. 2051 and "Gunny's Griddle" sponsored a free brunch to honor our veterans and their families with the "Vets feeding the Vets" program. Our committee volunteers served 88 veterans. Along with the meal, there were raffles, awards, and plenty of information for the veterans.

In a special presentation, a Certificate of Appreciation awarded to SFC Albert Baltierra to recognize his fourteen years of honorable service that included nine years active duty (three combat deployments) and five years of reserves.

The brunch guests were entertained with two hours live band music. The Mayor of Montebello, Jack Hadjinian, and staff members from the office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez attended.



The City of Victorville honors First Vice President Schultz

On February 3rd, 2015, the City of Victorville honored First Vice President Donald D. Schultz with a City Proclamation. While it is too lengthy to quote here in its entirety, it does recognize the Order of Elks, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877, mentioning the goals and commitments of these organizations and some of the accomplishments of the Victorville Elks Lodge in the community. It recognizes some of Don's accomplishments as an Elk, and congratulates him for his upcoming election as President of our Association.

Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 awards \$9,000 in scholarships

The Paradise Elks Lodge awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to local students on February 25, 2015. Mason C. and Elizabeth E. also received another \$800 from the California Hawaii Elks Association.



L to R: Andrea L. (\$1,000), Autumn W. (\$1,500), Mason C. (\$2,000), Austin H. (\$1,500), Elizabeth E. (\$2,000) and James C. (\$1,000)

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 entertains veterans and members

Lodge members from the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 hosted their monthly Bingo Night at the Palo Alto Veteran's Administration Hospital in Palo Alto. Volunteers started the evening celebrating birthdays and attendees enjoyed an evening of games and prizes. Additional volunteers met individually with veterans that were confined to bed and played board games.

In other news, lodge volunteers brought in dinner to the Fisher House, which is a residential boarding home for families while their loved ones are seeking treatment at the Veteran's Hospital.

We also just recently held our "Old Timer's Night," hosting 65 members for dinner and giving out raffle prizes for attendees.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Joseph Tato	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Christine Nelson	2011
David Podger	3	Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Michael Silva	1811	David Plotke	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Robert Ostini	1251	Kevin Wroble	1811	John Hardman	2031
Donal Frigerio	168	Mark Porter	1251	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Flo Gandolfi	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Kathleen Kuttler	168	James Ferris	1378	Lance Slimmer	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Karen Lakey	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Richard Tanguy	1959	J. Martin Borden	2230
Gary Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Jim Byerrum	1993	Terry Gicking	2477
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Ben Ortega	1996	Steve L. Smith	2477
Glenn Montague	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Laurie Ayala	2011	Beverly Burns	2484
Chuck Nolan	168	Colin Smith	1475	Martin Barros	2011	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Hugh Van Doren	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Paul Kassel	2543
Nadine Steel	218	Steve McGehee	1538	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Jerome Paul	672	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Hector Cazares	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Mike Fredrickson	2697
Jerry Hansen	901	Ray Prettyman	1767	Debbie Hosted	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Donald Checchi	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Roy Jenness	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
John Eitel	1108	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Ashley Munoz	2011		
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Chuck Jackson	1811	Rebecca Munoz	2011		

New pin to be issued to Recurring Donors

A new pin will be issued to all existing recurring donors after May 15th, 2015. New recurring donors will receive their pin after their first donation is received. These pins will be sent to the Lodges for presentation to the donor at a Lodge meeting or event.



Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591's clippers don't do haircuts?

The Elks Ladies, an Elks Auxiliary at the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591, formed a club called "The Clippendales." The Clippendales' mission is to collect manufacturers coupons and send them to a U.S. Air Force Base in Okinawa for redemption by servicemen and women when purchasing the products at the base commissary and other stores.

The club meets the second Monday of each month to clip and assemble coupons for delivery to Okinawa. Lodge members and other folks also collect coupons for the club. From May 2014 through January 2015, they collected \$1,673 in food coupons and another \$13,187 in non-food item coupons, for a total value of \$14,860 for our servicemen and women to use.

San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 hosted a dinner for veterans

The San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 recently hosted dinner for hospitalized veterans from the Loma Linda VA hospital. The veterans enjoyed a non-hospital meal and a friendly welcome. The Lodge hosts veterans on a continuing monthly basis on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 members visited vets at the Yountville Veterans Home

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 members visited with veterans housed in the Lincoln Wing of the Yountville Veterans Home, and served a barbecue steak dinner to about 60 residents. The veterans were served their meals on the outside patio, enjoying the unseasonably warm weather. Elk Members enjoyed the opportunity to thank the veterans for their service and also presented books, magazines and playing cards to them.

In other news, the Lodge awarded \$500 Lodge scholarships to six graduating seniors from Roseville and Rocklin High School Districts. The six students and their families were invited to a Lodge dinner at which scholarship awards were presented. Assemblywoman Beth Gaines issued special certificates to each of the scholarship recipients recognizing their academic achievements. Kelly Doyle, Assemblywoman Gaines representative, presented the certificates. The scholarship recipients were: Justin W., Ellery W., Annina H., Sarah C., Kyle C. and Brad P.

In more news, the Lodge conducted its annual Piggy Bank Night. Elk members and their guests enjoyed a "Burn-Your-Own-Steak." In appreciation for their contributions, 52 Club and Century Club donors were provided complimentary dinners from the Lodge.



Exalted Ruler Gary Platz sharing the afternoon with veterans

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 recognizes HBPD Officer

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 recognized the accomplishments of Sgt. Oscar Garcia by presenting him with the California-Hawaii Elks Association Enrique Camarena Award during its annual Awards night. The award, named in honor of a fallen DEA agent, is given to that officer who contributes significantly to drug awareness and enforcement.

HBPD police Chief Robert Handy accepted the award on behalf of Sgt. Garcia who was unable to attend. The Lodge Drug Awareness Chair, Venus Collins, read Sgt. Garcia's professional resume.



L to R: Andrew Eisenberger (District Representative for Congressman Dana Rohrabacher), Lt. John Cottrial HBPD, Capt. William Stuart HBPD, Chief Robert Handy HBPD, ER Greg Neneman, First Lady Leslie Neneman, and Drug Awareness Chair Venus Collins

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honors Americanism Essay Contest winners

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recognized the winners of their Americanism Essay contest recently. The topic for this year's contest was: "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me." The essays were 250 words or less. The Americanism program within the Elks organization strives to help promote Patriotism in our communities and to teach and encourage it in our young people.

The students writing the first place essay received a \$50 gift card from Barnes & Noble; second place received a \$35 gift card, and third place received a \$25 gift card.

Division I Winners (5th and 6th Grades): 1st Place: Kendra N. (5th grade, St. Jeanne's de Lestonnac), 2nd Place: Fiona H. (6th grade, Van Avery Prep School); 3rd Place: Oliver R. (6th grade, Van Avery Prep School).

Division II Winners (7th and 8th Grades): 1st Place: Olivia C. (8th grade, Van Avery Prep School); 2nd Place: Abby R. (8th grade, Calvary Schools Murrieta), 3rd Place: Grace G. (8th grade, Van Avery Prep School).

Mike Fredrickson, Southeast District Elks Americanism Chairman, announced that two of our Lodge Division I students were winners at the District level. Our two District winners, Oliver R. (6th grade, Van Avery Prep School) and Kendra N. (5th grade, St. Jeanne's de Lestonnac School), will see their essays going on to the State level for additional judging. Both students received a \$25 gift card from the Southeast District.

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 helps honor fallen California servicemen and women

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812's Veterans Service Committee co-chairmen, Colleen and Brian Jones, were asked to act as hosts/docents for the "Remembering Our Fallen" display while it was on display in the Alpine community center.

This photo exhibit honors 710 Californians killed in the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each fallen serviceman or woman is shown in a photo of them in uniform, and there is another photo of their surviving family members. This exhibit is a poignant reminder of how young most of these service people were.

Four branches of our military services and the California National Guard are represented in the display. The California exhibit is the fourteenth to be finished. It is touring the state and will be permanently displayed in Washington, DC. Each of the 50 states and U.S. territories are working to complete their displays by Memorial Day, 2016.

All Elks, their families, and friends are encouraged to visit their state's "Remembering Our Fallen" memorial exhibit when it is displayed in their area.



San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 recognizes Americanism Essay Contest winners

Sixteen students from the fifth through eighth grades at local Elementary and Middle Schools were feted with cash awards and Certificates of Appreciation at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge on March 9, 2015. The Elks Lodge received 234 Americanism Essay Contest entries on this year's essay theme "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me."

Elk member judges for the contest were Al Amaral, Jeff Dalley and Patrick Munroe. 85 essay contestants, their parents, teachers and Lodge members attended the annual awards ceremony. The Elk volunteers at the event included Master of Ceremonies PER Frank Rowan, Lodge Chaplain Joe Logan, Treasurer Jackie Mansfield, Robyn Logan, Gloria McGary, Lea Hyatt, photographer Dean Sullivan and Chairman Gloria Smith.

Six winning essays were sent to the District Americanism Chairman for judging. Three of our Lodge's contestant's essays were selected for the California and Hawaii level of judging. This contest is made possible by the Elks National Foundation to promote Americanism in our Youth.

Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 uses two ENF Grants in their community

The Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 held its second "Mt. Olympus Challenge" in March. This program is a twelve-week long course that is presented by Lodge members to the students at the Kermit Koontz Education Center in Fresno. These students were expelled from their prior schools and are considered to be "at-risk" students. Mr. Joe Flores is the on-site classroom teacher, and Fresno Elks members PER Susan Good and PDDGER Jack Geiger are the volunteer course coordinators. A \$10,000 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Impact Grant funds the "Mt. Olympus Challenge" program.

The course teaches the virtue of "Charity" to these students, this virtue being associated with the position of Esteemed Leading Knight within our Order. Each student developed a proposal for a charitable activity. Mr. Jesus L.'s proposal was judged to be the best of those submitted, and he is the "2015 Mt. Olympus Challenge" winner. The 1st Runner-up was Mr. Freddy C., and the 2nd Runner-up was Mr. Genaro M.

All of the student participants will now help Mr. L. plan and implement his first fundraiser for charity. His proposed charity will provide transportation to students with an incarcerated parent like he has, not only so that they can visit their parent more often, but also, more importantly, so they can get to really know them. Mr. L.'s parent is in prison for life.

In other news, the Lodge held its 3rd Annual Children's Drug Awareness Day in February. It was held for at-risk students from a rural elementary school in Fresno County (Westside Elementary) in conjunction with our Fresno Elks Lodge-sponsored Girl Scout Troop 889. The event featured activity booths, face painting, games, musical entertainment, a luncheon, completion of the Elks drug awareness quiz, a presentation by a member of the Fresno Police Department and a canine demonstration with policemen from the Parlier and Huron police departments and, of course, a visit from Elroy the Elk. A \$2,000 ENF Promise Grant funded the event.

The ENF's Community Investments Program offers five Grants to qualifying Lodges: Beacon Grant, Promise Grant, Gratitude Grant, Impact Grant and the Lodge Assistance Grant totaling \$8,680,000. For more information, visit www.elks.org/ENF/community/.



L to R: Lt. Anthony T. Martinez (Fresno PD), PER Susan Good, Elroy the Elk (Alice Lyke), PDDGER Jack Geiger, and Loyal Knight Aurora Hills

Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 distributes dictionaries

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, ER Christie Williams and Trustee Chair Judy Smith met with the Bear Valley Elementary School Principal, Scott Walker, to distribute dictionaries to third graders at the Bear Valley Elementary School in Moreno Valley.

Smith read stories to several third grade classes and all 115 third grade students received a free dictionary. The third graders received Elks Coloring Books that promote a drug-free lifestyle. The coloring books contained exemplary pictures from poster contests for elementary school students held earlier in the year.

Finally, Moreno Valley Elks contributed cupcakes for Bear Valley Elementary School's Special Event that included visits from local firefighters, police officers and other Moreno Valley service personnel.

The Lodge continued delivering dictionaries to third grade students in the following schools: Ramona Elementary, Edgemont Elementary, Serrano Elementary, Sunnymead Elementary and Hendrick Ranch Elementary. Approximately 630 paperbacks were delivered to third graders in the Moreno Valley Unified School District. The Elks dictionary Program is just one of many youth programs supported by the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge.



ER Christie Williams with Bear Valley Elementary Principal, Scott Walker

A note from the Editor

You may have noticed the major change in the appearance of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Magazine's "masthead" (the "Elk" logo and its associated copy) commencing with the January 2015 issue. The CHEA Office suggested that the cover of the magazine needed "a new look" as we moved into the New Year, and I readily agreed with their suggestion.

Mr. Ted Olsen, PER, is a member of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 in the Metropolitan District. He has worked in the publishing field for many years, and specializes in developing the associated graphics that are a requirement for success in that industry. He has done several brochures for the Association, most notably the Theme Child brochures that you see in your Lodges and at the annual Conventions.

When you see Ted, please thank him for his masthead design and for creating the covers for all of the issues of the magazine in 2015. I certainly thank him and appreciate his contributions to the appearance of our flagship publication.

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

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 feeds wounded warriors

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 donated \$1,500 to help fund a lunch at Camp Pendleton. Seventeen Lodge members went to Camp Pendleton to serve lunch to 250 Wounded Warriors and their families. Peter Lent of the Firehouse BBQ and his crew prepared the meal. The lunch included chicken, pulled pork, tri-tip, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw, rolls, bread, cookies and drinks. Pete's crew started cooking the night before. Each meal was served with a heartfelt, "Thank you for your service!" to the veteran.

This is the second time that the Orange Elks have done this event. One encouraging sign of the event is the smaller number of injured soldiers at the event. These are primarily those servicemen and women who incurred a service-related injury or illness on or after 9/11.

Today, we all agreed that of the many things we have done with the Elks over the years, this was one of the most rewarding. "As long as there is a vet, the Orange Elks will never forget!"



L to R: Jennifer Biafore, Joe Diaz, Rosie Cash, Brian Fitzpatrick and Walter Schewbk

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge No. 2591 member becomes an ENF Founder

Dale Pilcher, of the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591, donated \$1,000 to The Elks National Foundation. The Leading Knight and ENF Chair, Ginny Mulhern, presented an "ENF Founders Circle Certificate" to Dale at a recent Lodge meeting.



L to R: ER Jim Bustamante, Ginny Mulhern, and Dale Pilcher

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 feeds crowds, raises \$1,190 for CHEMPI and ENF

On January 10th, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held their annual Crab Feed to benefit their Major Project, which helps children with disabilities. This was a successful event thanks to John Rochon, Leading Knight and chairman of this event. Everyone had a great time while enjoying a good meal. With the help of many volunteers and business and member donations of raffle gifts, the Lodge was able to raise \$1,040 for this worthwhile cause. Boy Scout Troop No. 199 and Venture Troop No. 199 served over 100 people at this event. The scouts did a great job serving the meals. With the tips they received, the Scout and Venture troop planned to pay for their outings and some equipment for those outings.

On March 13th, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held a fund raising Corned Beef Dinner event for the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Charlene Johnson, Exalted Ruler, and Bob Owen, ENF chair-person, co-chaired this fun-filled event. The food was delicious, thanks to cooks Pauline Meyer, Marion Tindle, Nancy Sanguinetti and Sondra Simmons. All members who participated in this event enjoyed themselves. Over \$150 was raised for the ENF.



Crab feed cooks (L-R): Marion Tindle, Bob Thomason, Andy Sandeen, Frank Ferrero, Fred Hicks, John Rochon, Sue Sandeen and Janet Thomason

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 receives a "Thank You" from a USN sailor



For the last several months, the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 has displayed a "Veteran's Care Package" box for members to donate various items for military men and women and veterans. It was quite exciting to know that Gavin Ellowitz, the son of Lodge Trustee Jon Ellowitz, and some of his crew members, had actually received some of the care package items. He sent his 'Thanks' in the

following letter:

"To the fine Elks of Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767,

The Gentlemen Engineers of the USS COLE (DDG-67), berthing 2, thank you for the fine, filling nibbles and much needed consumables. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity during this arduous time away from home, friends, and family. I'm looking forward to making a homecoming trip to the Lodge in March to say hello and thanks in person. Until then, thanks again from all of us for your thoughts.

Very respectfully,

GSE3 (SW) Gavin Ellowitz, USN"

Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 raises \$3K for the Piggy Bank

On January 24, the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 held its annual Purple Pig Roast/BBQ Fundraiser. The Lodge was able to raise over \$3,000 for California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. (CHEMPI), also known as the "Purple Pig" or the "Major Project."

CHEMPI supports children with disabilities. The Major Project slogan is, "A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play." The event was very successful and everyone had a very enjoyable time. Attendees enjoyed good food and participated raucously in the "Purple Pig Races."

Members of the Burroughs High School football team assisted during the fundraiser by serving the food and washing the dishes. The Lodge donated \$357 to the "Boosters" to help support the school's athletic program.



ER Bill Brickey thanks the football players and presents a check for their school's athletic program

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 donates \$1,000 to CHEMPI

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 recently donated \$1,000 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). Leeanne Cadwallader, a Major Project Pediatric Vision Screener, graciously accepted the donation from Exalted Ruler Marilyn Bartow and Esteemed Leading Knight Wayne Wilson.



L to R: ER Marilyn Bartow, Leeanne Cadwallader and Wayne Wilson

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 raises \$4,961 for charity



The "Little Black Dress" was the theme of this year's 40th annual Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444's Ladies Club Fashion Show.

Fashion vendors, along with the Elks Ladies' Charity Sewing Group filled the Lodge annex room, providing a varied shopping experience for all those in attendance. Ladies Club President, Mary Ann Alvarez and event Chairman Janet Griffin welcomed the sold-out crowd and thanked them for supporting the charity fundraiser.

Prior to the show, past and current Lodge Officers Richard Williams, Jim Humphrey, Mike Holohan, Pat Martino, Derek Randles, Camacho Alvarez, Dave McLeod, Greg Morgan and Mike Long, dapper in their

tuxedos, served refreshments, while the kitchen crew, headed by Elks Dennis Boelts and assisted by Ed Griffin, Kevin Lindley and Mike Fenton, prepared a lunch of Barbecue Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls and Dessert. In the photograph, Lodge Trustee Basia Bills models an outfit.

Members of the CSUF "Lambda Theta Alpha" Sorority served lunch to 180 ladies. The Ladies Club made a donation to the Sorority. This year's event raised \$4,961 for Elks Charities.