



THE PURPLE PIG GAZETTE

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc.

May/June 2015



From the Piggy Bank Newsletter Editor:

CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman, Bob Farrens

Articles can be provided by PGERs; District Leaders; PDDGERS; DDGERS; PSVP; SVP; District Chairmen; Exalted Rulers; Leading Knights; and anyone who has something of Piggy Bank interest.

Articles can be sent by email to g2gopher@hotmail.com.

Gerry Gouveia, our new Piggy Bank Chairman and Editor of the Piggy Bank Gazette, will be adjusting the publishing dates. Please send him your articles as soon as you can.



Notice to 2015-2016 Exalted Rulers

If you are bringing a check to the convention for the Exalted Ruler's March, go directly to the CHEA office to turn in your check and pick up your card. **If you are not bringing a check**, your Exalted Ruler's March card will be provided to you by your Vice President on Saturday morning prior to the "Exalted Ruler's March."

After turning in your checks, stop by the Piggy Bank Booth and check out the new promotional material available. We will have some unique items for sale, raffle baskets and a historical Elks photo available on a special raffle.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 6 - 9, 2015	CHEA Convention San Diego, California
July 5 - 9, 2015	Grand Lodge Convention Indianapolis, IN
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CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC. Mission Statement



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

Raffle Ticket Hint

Many times when you purchase raffle tickets you need to fill out your name and phone number on the ticket. A time saving way to do this - is to use some of the return labels you receive in the mail. Just stick one on and write in your phone number on the ticket, so you can be contacted when you win.



Purple Pig Recurring Donations

by Bob Farrens

New Recurring Donor Pin Available.



If you are already a Recurring Donor you will automatically receive one of the new pins.

Would you like to see the children walk, talk, see, and play, and receive one of the new Recurring Donor Pins?

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

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E-mail: chea@chea-elks.org

Web: www.chea-elks.org and we will provide you with the necessary information.



THEY CAN WALK, TALK THEY CAN WALK, TALK

Clean Out The Jars and Boxes

by Bob Farrens

Over the years we accumulate a lot of Elk pins, as well as jars and boxes full of pins. Yet, there are pin collectors looking for the right pin to complete a set, and there are more than a few Exalted Rulers who gave away all their pins and now would like to find one of their own pins. The CHEA Booth at the State Conference will accept donations of pins. They will make the pins available for a dollar donation for each pin. This is a no cost fundraiser that helps you empty those jars and boxes



Easy Way To Help The Kids

by Bob Farrens

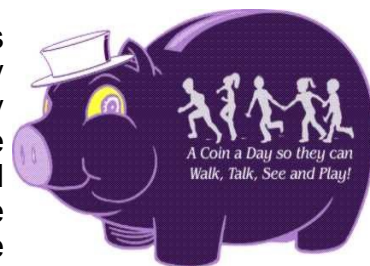
Becky Fahs one of our California-Hawaii Elk's Association Physical Therapists, collects, sorts, and forwards the Box Tops to a collection site. The money that is received from turning in the Box Tops is used by our Therapists to purchase training aids for the children. This saves CHEMPI from having to go out and purchase these items, allowing our donations to stretch even further. This is a great time to send your Box Tops for Education with your Exalted Ruler to turn in at the Piggy Bank Booth at the Convention in May.



Madera Elks Piggy Party

By Eddie Block

The Madera Elks Lodge #1918 recently held its Annual Piggy Bank Dinner. The bingo players donated \$630.00 and the bingo committee matched the donation with an additional \$630.00. Lodge members turned in \$960.00 in their piggy banks for a grand total of \$2,200.00 for the Major Project.



PEOPLE INTO GIVING PARTY

Tuesday April 14, 2015 - Social Hour 5pm - Dinner 6pm

Menu: Pulled Pork - Buns - Beans - Salad - Pie \$7.00

CHEA Major Project Vision Therapist Linda Pinnell will be a Speaker

BRING YOUR PURPLE PIGS!

This will be the last P I G Party before we go to Convention in May



Left to Right: Bob Farrens CHEMPI Piggy Bank Chairman, Linda Pinnell CHEMPI Vision Screener, Linda Jones Lodge Piggy Bank Chairman, and Exalted Ruler Ken Hauer

By Bob Farrens

Temecula Lodge Piggy Bank Chairperson Linda Jones held a "People Into Giving" fundraiser. The party raised over \$2,300.00 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, affectionately known as the "Purple Pig".

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Vision Screener, Linda Pinnell, was the guest speaker and gave an informative talk about her job and the children she works with. Linda Pinnell has been conducting children's vision screening for 39 years.

Linda Pinnell explained that during the screening she assesses visual acuity and the child's external eye health. She also evaluates the ability of the child's two eyes to work together and observes and evaluates the ability of the eye muscles to follow, fixate and maintain ocular vision. The Vision Screening Program is set up to evaluate preschool children.

It is estimated that one child in every twenty between the age of three and five has a vision problem.

With early discovery, amblyopia, often called lazy eye, can be corrected before the damage becomes permanent. Children with poor vision don't know that they can't see correctly. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Vision Screeners conducted 1,737 screenings at preschools last year and screened 43,830 children.

Several hundred of these children were referred on to eye professionals. Last year Linda screened over 1,200 children in the Murrieta/Temecula area. For information on how to set up a children's vision screening, contact the California-Hawaii Elks Association Office In Fresno, California. The phone number is 559-456-2659.

My term as the Piggy Bank Committee Chairman will end at the California-Hawaii Elks Convention in May 2015. This has been a very enjoyable and rewarding time in my life. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many great Elks throughout the states of California and Hawaii, along with helping children with disabilities. Gerry Gouveia will be new Piggy Bank Chairman and Sandy Brown Rotell will become the new Piggy Bank Vice Chairman. Congratulations to both Gerry and Sandy on their new positions! I have been given the opportunity to become Vice Chairman of the Bequest and Living Trust Committee (BLT), and that term will start after the CHEA Convention in May.

Gerry will continue the Piggy Bank Newsletter. Please email him your articles and photographs at g2gopher@hotmail.com

VISTA ELKS LODGE #1968

By Hank Di Tomaso Purple Pig Co-Chairman



Two years ago the Vista Lodge created a new Purple Pig Committee with a new format and the members are thrilled with the results. During the 2014-2015 Elks year the Vista Lodge raised \$22,375.00, the most the Members have ever donated. A blank \$ space was added to the yearly dues billing statement and supportive members donated an extra \$703.00 to the Purple Pig.

The Bingo Committee ran a new Piggy Bank promotion which raised an additional \$711.50 and the new inscribed Purple Pig Flashlight raised even more money. Planning and promotion really played a big part in this year's fund raising success.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for BREVARD

This year the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project received a \$956.00 grant from the Thomas E. and Lois R. McNamara Charitable Fund. This grant is unrestricted with Contribution "Credit" attributed to the Pasadena, California Elks Lodge #672.

The Community Foundation for Brevard serves as a leader, catalyst, and trusted resource for philanthropic individuals and organizations to grow, expand, enhance, and sustain Brevard's quality of life.

Created in 1981, the Community Foundation for Brevard continues to help strengthen communities by connecting generous donors with the causes that matter most to them. We want to thank the Foundation for their grant to help the children to walk, talk, see, and play.

CHEMPI -

California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Patient Caseload: 150
Completed Visits: 4,445
Miles Travelled: 87,685

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Patient Caseload: 98
Completed Visits: 3,227
Miles Travelled: 71,569

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

Patient Caseload: 90
Completed Visits: 3,982
Miles Travelled: 71,734

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING

Screenings: 1,737
Children Screened: 43,830
Nbr Children Referred to Doctor: 2,266
Miles Travelled: 111,729

is affectionately known as
The Purple Pig



← **WOW!**

LODGE DONATION PROCESSING GUIDELINES

Join the 52, Century and Millennium Clubs. Donate \$52 and receive a letter, silver lapel pin and a certificate signed by the Association President and the Exalted Ruler of your Lodge. Donate \$100 and receive a letter, gold lapel pin and an upgraded certificate. Donate \$1,000, or reach an accumulation of \$1,000 (excluding BLT donations and label/holiday card program donations) and receive a letter, special Millennium Club sparkling gold lapel pin and a special Millennium Club certificate. You may donate as many times as you would like and receive multiple certificates and pins. We also have new pins and certificates for the \$2000, \$5,000, \$10,000, 420,000 levels and beyond.

The **Lodges** may accumulate an individual's donations until they have \$52.00 or \$100.00 and then send in the money. **The Fresno CHEMPI office does not accumulate individual donations except for the Millennium Club.**

Lodges and groups do not qualify for the Millennium Club, only individuals.

We encourage all Lodges to send in each month all 52 Club and Century Club donations along with any general Lodge donations. Smaller individual donations may be sent in or accumulated at the Lodge for 52 and Century Clubs. **A check for a matching dollar amount must accompany the donor list.** Smaller individual donations will not be acknowledged unless they are for memorials or other honorary donations; however they will be applied to the person's account to accumulate for the Millennium Club.

So that the CHEMPI office may ensure donations are credited to the proper member, please provide a vertical list of all Century Club donors (preferably in alphabetical order by last name, first name) followed by a similar list of 52 Club donors. If the individual has a common name (i.e. John Smith, Sue Jones, etc.) please list their middle initial as well. Following the 52 Club donors, please list any smaller individual donations for people not on the Century and 52 Club lists.

Some Lodges use a Century Club or a 52 Club form for each donor which is also acceptable.

NEW: *In the past our computer system did not accept member numbers. We will soon be able to use these so please include member numbers on your donation lists, if you are not already doing so. Thank you for your help!*

If an individual is donating more than one Century Club or 52 Club at this time, please put the number of clubs in parenthesis after their name.

If you are including a general Lodge donation in this check, please indicate the dollar amount included.

You do not need to cut a separate check for Century Clubs and 52 Clubs, but may do so, if that is easier for your accounting purposes.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com,

with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

What charities can I choose from?

You can choose from almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

What if my selected charity does not register to participate in the AmazonSmile program or becomes ineligible?

If an organization does not register to participate or becomes ineligible, you will have a chance to select a different organization or we will redistribute donations earned among other organizations receiving donations.

If I represent a charitable organization, how can I learn more about registering my organization for AmazonSmile?

Go to org.amazon.com to learn how to register your organization to receive donations.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Can I receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from my purchases on AmazonSmile?

Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.





B.P.O.E. AREA 7
Major Projects
Golf Tournament

Location: Stockton, California

Date: September 18, 2015 (Tee Times: 8:00 am Men's/1:00 pm Women's Tournament)

September 19, 2015 (Tee Times: 8:00 am Mixed Tournament)

Golf: At Elkhorn Country club Blue: yards 6486, rating 71.6, slope 130
 White: yards 6126, rating 70.2, slope 126
Cost: \$170 per golfer Gold: yards 5779, rating 68.7, slope 122
 Red: yards 4657, rating 67.3, slope 120
 \$60 per non-golfer

Includes: 2 days; Golf on Friday and Saturday with Green Fees, Range Balls, and Cart; Friday Night Dinner at the Stockton Elks Lodge and all course contests, Awards Banquet with \$10 drink tokens on Saturday; and Tournament Hat. (Shot-gun Start)

Tee prize for each golfer plus a chance at a **\$25,000 Car Hole-in-One Contest**

COURSE CONTEST:

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

Closest to the Pin Contest: on a par three

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

Longest Drive Contest: on a par 5

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Golfer _____ Ghin# _____ Non-Golfer _____

Golfer _____ Ghin # _____ Non-Golfer _____

Golfer _____ Ghin # _____ Non-Golfer _____

Golfer _____ Ghin # _____ Non-Golfer _____

Golfers: _____ x \$170 = _____	Mail Checks or Money	Master Card or Visa
	orders to:	Card: _____
Non-golfer: _____ x \$60 = _____	AREA 7 Golf	Credit Card # _____
	645 Charity Way	Expiration: _____
Hotel Recommendations on back.	Modesto, Ca. 95356	CVV: _____

Contact Info:

Phone Number: _____ Lodge _____

Your email address: _____ State _____

LIMITED TO FIRST 144 PAID GOLFERS

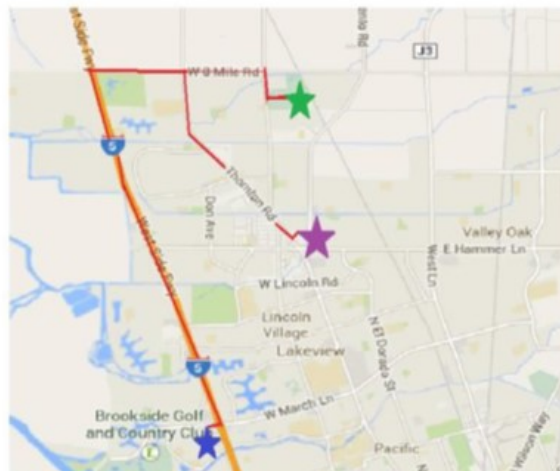
- Official play is on Friday and Saturday.
- Hotel accommodations can be arranged at the La Quinta Inn Stockton
2710 West March Ln., Stockton, CA 95219.
Cost vary from \$69 to \$99 a night. Call for reservations at 1-209-952-7800
- Other Options:
Quality Inn Cost from \$65
2717 W March Ln, Stockton, CA 95219 1-209-477-5576
Extended Stay America Cost from \$71
2844 W March Ln, Stockton, CA 95219 1-209-472-7588
- RV Parking:
Stockton Elks Lodge: Call for reservations 1-209-951-5026
Lodi Elks Lodge: Call for reservations 1-209-369-3291
- **Friday:** Golf at Elkhorn Country Club, 8:00 am Men's tee.
- **Friday:** Golf at Elkhorn Country Club, 1:00 pm Women's tee.
- All score cards should be returned to the Stockton Elks Lodge within one hour after completing play.
8900 Thornton Road Stockton, Ca. 1-209-951-5026
- **Friday Dinner:** Dinner will be at the Stockton Elks Lodge
- **Saturday:** Golf at Elkhorn Country Club, 8 am tee. Mixed TBD.
- All score cards should be returned to the Stockton Elks Lodge within one hour after completing play.
8900 Thornton Road Stockton, Ca. 1-209-951-5026
- **Saturday Dinner:** Awards Banquet at the Stockton Elks Lodge with BBQ Ribs.
- **Sunday:** Departure
- **Golf Dress Code:** Shirts with Collars – No Cut-Offs – Soft Spikes Required – No Exceptions
- **Banquet Dress:** Dressy Casual or Lodge Shirts

Deadline for reservations is September 1, 2015

**All entries must be postmarked prior to
September 1, 2015 to be entered.**

Travel Times:

Hotels to Elkhorn Country Club	12 minutes
8.5 miles	
Elkhorn Country Club to Stockton Elks	5 minutes
2.1 miles	
Stockton Elks Lodge to hotels	9 minutes
4.7 miles	
Lodi Elks Lodge to Stockton Elks Lodge	18 minutes
10.3 miles	
Lodi Elks Lodge to Elkhorn Country Club	17 minutes
9.1 miles	



Questions: Contact event sponsor

Gerry Gouveia, PER
CHEA Vice Chairman Purple Pig
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925-822-3288



Proceeds of the event will be divided and donated to the California-Hawaii, Utah, Arizona and Nevada State Associations dependant on the number of players from that association.
Sign-up today and help your association!



16TH Annual Mesquite ELKS Charity Open Golf Tournament

Dates: June 8TH, 9th & 10th 2015

Location: Mesquite, Nevada
Conestoga Golf Club
Oasis Golf Club – Canyons Course
Shotgun Start at 6:30am both days

Players of all skill levels are invited to participate in the golf tournament

A portion of your entry fee helps fund ELKS State Major Projects within the region

Official play is on **Tuesday & Wednesday**. Practice round available on Monday (extra charge).

HOTELS

Please make your own room reservations directly through the hotel. Please mention **Elk's Golf Tournament** to get the special rates. All rooms must be booked by May 7, 2015.

- **CASABLANCA HOTEL AND CASINO** - Room rate: \$44 plus tax and fees,
Hotel address: 950 West Mesquite Blvd. Website www.casablancaresort.com
Phone 1-877-438-2929. Use code: 1MESECG when booking. RV Park also available.
- **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**: Room rate : Std. king/DbL. queen \$79 + tax Phone: 702-346-2200
Web site www.holidayinn.com- address 1030 W. Pioneer Blvd
- **EUREKA HOTEL AND CASINO**: Room rate: \$65 including tax – reference “Elks Golf” - Web
site: www.eurekamesquite.com - address 275 Mesa Blvd Phone: 702-346-4600
- **HIGHLAND ESTATES HOTEL** – Suite rates: studio starting at \$60 plus tax. Web site
www.highlandestateresort.com address: 555 Highland Drive Phone: 702-888-8383

AGENDA

- **MONDAY– June 8th- “Registration and Parings Party”** at the Mesquite Elks Lodge from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Lodge located at 545 Riverside Rd.
- **TUESDAY – June 9th - Golf** 6:30am at Conestoga Golf Club. **Luncheon** at Mesquite Elks Lodge from 11:30 am to 1 pm. (Cost included in entry fee). **Dinner** at the Mesquite Elks Lodge: 1st seating is 5:30 pm, 2nd seating 7:00pm (Cost included in entry fee). Let us know at registration which seating you would prefer.
- **WEDNESDAY- June 10th - Golf** 6:30am at the Oasis Golf Club, the Canyons Course. **“Awards Luncheon Buffet”** at the Mesquite Elks Lodge starting at 12 noon. (Cost included in entry fee).
- **Entry Fee:** \$170 per player. Don't forget to include \$30.00 for a spouse or non-golfing companion and the \$50 if you choose to sponsor a hole. Fee includes green fees and cart, registration party, tee prizes, gift bags, Tuesday luncheon and dinner and Wednesday luncheon buffet.

Format & Scoring: 2 person teams. All players on the same course each day.

Day 1: Conestoga front nine is a shamble; back nine holes alternate shot. Gross scores will be used to determine the flights for the second day.

The number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

Day 2: The Canyons front nine is a scramble; the back nine is individual lower gross.

Scoring for the second day is low gross for the two person team.

- **Awards:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd place payouts per flight. Plaques presented to flight champions.
- **Mulligans:** \$20 Buy-in good for for one mulligan on the front and one on the back each day.
- **Paint sticks:** \$20 per stick which allows for a “gimmie” putt within the length of the stick once on each nine of each day.
- **DRESS CODE:** Shirts with collars, no denim, no cut-offs, soft spikes only.

ALL SCORE CARDS ARE TO BE TURNED IN AT THE ELKS LODGE WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER FINISHING ON EACH DAY. Exchange cards in your foursome for scoring confirmation.

Any Questions??? Contact Tournament Chairman Dennis Baylor at (845)321-2193 or Mesquite Elks Lodge at (702)345-2811

Email: elksgolf281114@yahoo.com



Mesquite Elks Lodge
16th Annual Charity Open Golf Tournament
Entry Form

June 8-10, 2015

Player 1

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Elks Member: Yes ☐ Lodge # _____ No ☐

Player 2

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Elks Member: Yes ☐ Lodge # _____ No ☐

Team Entry Fee - \$170 per Player

Non-Golfing Companion (Meals) - \$30 ☐

Lodge or Individual Hole Sponsorship - \$50 ☐

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks or money orders payable to: Mesquite Elks Lodge 2811

Mail To: **Mesquite Elks Lodge 2811, 545 Riverside Dr., Mesquite, Nevada 89027**

Contact: Dennis Baylor, Golf Tournament Chairman: (845) 321-2193 or (702) 345-4507

Email: elks golf281114@yahoo.com