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**CHEA President
Donald D. Schultz
with First Lady Shirley**

Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 community involvement reaches vets, lawmen and parade watchers

The Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 hosted the "Living Waters Veterans" fishing group from Long Beach, CA. The group came up to Bishop for a three-day fishing trip. On one of the evenings, the Lodge prepared a hamburger dinner for the 18 veterans, a few wives and their fishing trip leaders—a group that totaled 30 folks in all.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Law Enforcement Night at the Lodge with Peace Officers from Inyo and Mono Counties. A steak dinner was served to 49 officers.

In yet more news, the Lodge participated in the "Bishop Mule Days" parade. PER Roy Carlson (aka "Smiles the Clown" from the Newport Elks Lodge No. 1767) is an associate member of the Bishop Lodge. Roy donned his clown costume and passed out 500 Drug Awareness Comic Books along the Bishop Mule Days parade route, which was attended by an estimated crowd of 4,000 people.



Corona Elks Lodge No. 2045 raises funds for the American Cancer Society

On May 16th & 17th, 2015, the Corona Elks Lodge No 2045 raised over \$1,200 and participated in our local Relay for Life event. This community event is for the celebration of cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease. Over 20 Lodge members joined the celebration and showed their support. All monies raised were donated to the American Cancer Society.



L to R: Sheila Rasmussen (Community Outreach), Bruce McLain (ER), Patrick Akes (Leading Knight)

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 supports local HS softball team

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 is sponsoring the Simi Valley High School Girls Softball Team for the 2015 season. The Lodge prepared sandwiches for the entire team and coaching staff for Opening Day. The meal was greatly appreciated by all, especially the players. The team was thrilled to have our support and requested that the Lodge bring sandwiches to every game. The Lodge is also planning to host an end of season party at the Lodge for the team and their families. We expect over 200 people to come to that event.



L to R: Alina R., Gabbie S., Jessica R., Alexandra C., Brianna T., Julia J., Erica C., and Haley P.

Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 honors veterans on Memorial Day

Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 honored our veterans, both past and present, by placing beautiful wreaths at the Plaza Park's War Memorial downtown and at Ivy Lawn Cemetery. Oxnard Elks Lodge Officers and members participated in a ceremony at the cemetery to commemorate those who served and continue to serve our country in the spirit of Americanism and in appreciation of our veterans. Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC), home of the Construction Battalion (a.k.a. Seabees) is located just a few miles from our Lodge.



L to R: Exalted Ruler John Ragan, Oxnard Mayor Tim Flynn

President's Message



Greetings to all California-Hawaii Elks, Families and Friends,

Shirley and I are well on our way to the most fantastic journey of our lives. We have already been honored at two state conventions, celebrated at the Elks most famous Rodeo in Santa Maria, California, visited the Metropolitan District, been honored at the Elks Luncheon Club, played golf in Mesquite,

Nevada and are on our way to the Grand Lodge Convention. Indianapolis, Indiana will know that the California-Hawaii Elks have arrived. The great flags of our States will symbolize our commitment to the success of our fraternal order.

Past President Skip Henke set some standards in 2014-2015 that raised the bar of success. The first "plus" in the Association membership in thirty years places a heavy burden on my membership committee, all 84,000 of us. Chairman James Warrick, I bet you didn't contemplate having to beat your own record. I have faith that we can do it. Skip also stole the thunder by raising \$3,259,052.77 for our "Children With Disabilities" program (the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project). I have full confidence that Gerry Gouveia, Sandy Brown Rotell and Bill Cook will surpass this impressive number.

When I chose my motto "Press On For Success", I did so knowing that our Association stands with pride in our efforts to achieve our goals. This doesn't mean that we can become complacent in the years to come. Thus, we must motivate the full leadership team to excel in each and every program. There is nothing wrong in patting ourselves on the back as long as we don't break our arms in self-indulgence.

I will be seeking success stories as I visit each District. My Association Vice Presidents (the "Roadrunners") have been asked to select a worthy success story from a member within their District, so that I may recognize that member at the District visitation dinner. My President's Achievement and Awards Chairman and I will select an Association-wide winner to be recognized at our next CHEA Convention. Community involvement is the goal, not titles held by a member.

PRESS ON FOR SUCCESS

Donald D. Schultz, CHEA President

Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 has a successful Mothers Day event

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 hosted a brunch for Mothers Day. It was a big success with over 200 attendees. The men cooked up a fabulous meal of scrambled eggs, waffles, sausages, and potatoes. Some of the ladies prepared fruit kabobs and chocolate strawberries. The men were busy in the kitchen and also served mimosas to the guests in the lodge room. There were many donated items and Bingo was played for free. They also presented the following awards: Youngest Mom, Oldest Mom, Mom with the most children, and Grandma with the most grandchildren.

In other news, the Lodge competed in the San Gabriel Valley District Ritual Contest on April 25, 2015. The Lodge won First Place! It was exciting for us to be able to continue on and compete at the California-Hawaii Elks Association Annual Convention. At the convention, we were not as fortunate, placing 7th in our division. Nonetheless the experience of participating was quite thrilling.

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- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

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"A coin a day so they can
walk, talk, see and play."*

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

July 5-9, 2015

*Grand Lodge Convention
Indianapolis, IN*

July 31-Aug. 2, 2015

Orange Coast District

Aug. 7-10, 2015

West Central Coast District

Aug. 14-16, 2015

South Central District

Aug. 21-23, 2015

Northeast District

Aug. 28-30, 2015

North District

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 helps Hospice House

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 donated their kitchen facilities, food and members to volunteer to cook a bread pudding dessert for over 430 people on May 2nd for the Hospice Kentucky Derby that was held at the Sargent Equestrian Center. Julie Traxler was the chairman in charge. Several others helped mix, bake, cut up and serve the dessert: Eileen Dugan, Jeff Lodi, and Julie Traxler's mother, Grace Percell. All proceeds went to the Hospice House in Stockton, which serves all of San Joaquin County.

In other news, on May 25th, the Lodge held a Memorial Day service for all veterans and members. A free lunch for the veterans was served. The Lodi American Legion Post No. 22's Ladies Auxiliary donated the cookies. Sixty veterans were served out of the 150 attendees. A ceremony followed at the Masonic Cemetery in Woodbridge. The guest speaker was Nancy Sanguinetti, a Navy Veteran. Exalted Ruler Charlene Johnson was the emcee. Hal Laney, past AVP, did the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Eileen Dugan gave the opening and closing prayers. Musical selections, by the Lodi Community Band, played throughout the ceremony and a bagpiper was there to play "Amazing Grace."



Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



Greetings Best People on Earth,

At the conclusion of the Exalted Rulers March at the recent annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention in San Diego, the total contribution to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project exceeded \$3,200,000. The opening contribution in the amount of \$685,260 was from the Elks National Foundation. This is significant for without this initial contribution from the ENF, total donations to the Major Project would fall

short of their \$3 million goal, and we would not be able to help some needy children to walk, talk, see or play.

Members, last year your cash contribution to the Elks National Foundation was \$867,105. Why is this significant? The ENF donated back to CHEA \$1,694,360. This is a return on investment of \$1.95 to the Association for every dollar that we donated to the ENF. Note that this does not include the \$484,300 that was awarded to 135 Association Lodges through the ENF Community Investment Program. If you include that money, then we received \$2.51 in return for each dollar that we donated to the ENF. That's the "Great Heart of Elksdom" at work.

We are now into our second quarter of the current Elk year. Our goal for the year is to increase cash contributions to the ENF, again this year, by 5% over the previous year. Your District and Lodge ENF Chairmen should be reminding you to be as generous as in the past.

I remind you that an easy way to contribute is through the Fidelity Club or through a workplace-giving program. Your donation is automatically charged against your credit card or withdrawn from your checking account. Please consider \$5 or \$10 a month. Many workplace-giving programs match your contribution, so the ENF can get \$2 for each \$1 you donate. This is very generous.

Thank you for all that you have done this past year. Our youth and veterans thank you too, for it is through our giving that we continue to lay the foundation and groundwork for a stronger America.

San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108 honors local teachers and education programs

On May 21st the San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108 partnered with the Marin County Office of Education at the Golden Bell Awards, a ceremony celebrating public education in Marin County. The ceremony brought the community together to recognize outstanding teachers, excellent student programs, as well as presenting awards to an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher and trustee. This is the 30th year San Rafael Elks Lodge has been a sponsor with the Golden Bell Awards Ceremony. This year San Rafael Elks Lodge proudly provided 91 school bells, which were awarded to recognize our educators and 22 outstanding youth education programs.

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 awards \$3,000 in scholarships to three seniors

At a recent awards dinner for Loyaltan HS Seniors, the Calpine Elks Lodge No 2432 presented scholarships to three students. A total of fourteen seniors are graduating this year, and for three of them to excel in their education is a testament to the quality of the education that they have received from their teachers and at home from their families. The scholarship recipients are: Chase Grandi (\$500 Larry Holt Memorial Scholarship), Andrew Kielak (\$800 CHEA and \$700 District Scholarship), and Annabelle Campbell (\$800 CHEA and \$200 District Scholarship).

Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 hosts their fifth Children's Carnival

The Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 hosted their Fifth Annual Children's Carnival in April 2015. Using the funds from a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant, the Lodge welcomed Tri-Valley children ages 2-12 to come have lunch, play carnival games, and choose from over 1,000 prizes. It was exciting to see how some of the children have grown up as they have been attending every year. Volunteers from the Foothill High School Honor Club, several Elks, and their families came and helped make this a great event.



Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 launches a community grant program

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 started a community grant program. Recipients are nominated at a Lodge meeting, discussed, then voted on by the members. In the category of education, a \$1,500 grant was given to the Petaluma Music Festival. Leading Knight Wayne Wilson presented the check to Cliff Everland, the Petaluma High School Music Director and Executive Director of the Music Festival.

The mission of the Petaluma Music Festival is "Keeping Music in the Schools." The Petaluma Music Festival Board of Directors and the Petaluma Elks believe passionately in the positive influence of music in children's lives. Proceeds from this annual event are distributed among Petaluma's public elementary and secondary schools to provide funding and continuation of their music programs. In 2014 the festival raised and distributed over \$33,000.

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 hosts a "Welcome Home Veterans" dinner

The Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 was again proud to host the Antelope Valley Veterans Community Action Coalition's "Welcome Home Program and Dinner". On the eve of the day that California officially recognizes Vietnam era and war veterans by law (March 29th), this solemn yet uplifting event (5th annual) was well attended by former members of all five military branches and by some Korean War veterans. Many of our Lodge members are veterans and they were pleased to be able to contribute to this event, as were the Sherri Chefs who prepared and served a tasty BBQ chicken dinner.

Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Youth Activities Chair



Happy start to Summer Vacation (for our Youth)!

As our youth finish their school year, let us strive to be good mentors and coaches for those we come in contact with. Share our principles in ways that they can understand and respond to. While trying to develop this idea, I came up with some more ideas for you to appropriate, use, or expand as it suits your needs.

To share our charitable works and ideals – how about having a Decorate the Purple Pig Day? Invite youth from your community to come to the Lodge, provide craft items suitable for “dressing up a pig,” show a couple of segments from the Major Project video, and encourage the children to decorate their pig (yes the adults can do it too). Then encourage them to donate into their Purple Pig Bank, even a penny a day, but schedule a return date for them to bring their pigs back for a counting roundup. Then make sure to send their donation and names to CHEMPI so that they will receive a “Thank you” letter for their contribution. Not only do you teach the youth about giving to a worthy cause, but they will also share the concept with their parents – a Youth Activity and Purple Pig combination (hint: two reports for one activity).

Or, how about a Drug Awareness Poster Contest in your Lodge? Perhaps, in areas where school district cooperation is not present, you could still reach the youth of your community by having your own mini Drug Awareness “clinic.” Inexpensive prizes could be awarded to the best posters done – another two reports for one activity.

Maybe a Prepare for Hoop Shoot Day – help the youth learn to do their free shots – you might reach some children that don't normally hear about our hoop shoot. They would now know about the program and you will have increased participation for your Lodge's Hoop Shoot. Contact your local Boys and Girls Clubs for a place to shoot the hoops or to recruit participants.

Create variations on these ideas or imagine your own to reach out to our youth and, by extension, to their parents and the community around you. And have fun!

“Youth-fully” Yours,

Debbie Hosted

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 helps sponsor “Lake Day”

On April 25, 2015, several members of the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 joined over 800 Marines and family members from Camp Pendleton, Headquarters, 1st Marine Division to attend the annual “Lake Day,” which is sponsored by a combined effort of the city of Mission Viejo's Marine and Sailor Adoption Committee, the Elks Lodge No. 2444, and the VFW Post No. 6024.

The Marines and their family members were treated to an “All You Can Eat” lunch, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian sausage with all the fixings. All children in attendance received a toy and a flying disc. All expenses were waived for the day's event, including boat rentals. Everyone had a great time. The Lodge's Elks National Veterans Service Chairman, David Perry, said of the event, “It's always great to share a fun experience like this with our fighting forces of freedom.” Some of the Elks attending the event were: Dennis Lumley, Kathy Andrews, David Perry, Katy Link and Andy Dumont.

In other news, the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge 2444 held an Easter brunch fundraiser for one hundred eighty members and guests. The event featured an “around the world grand buffet” and an Easter egg hunt for the children. About \$700 was raised for the Lodge's various Elks charities.

San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 uses a \$10,000 ENF Impact Grant to aid local families

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 had the distinct honor of receiving one of the 53 Elks National Foundation \$10,000 Impact Grants. There are many deserving charities in San Clemente, but we chose the Family Assistance Ministries as the recipient.

These funds are being used for toiletries such as, shampoo, deodorant, soap, razors, toothpaste and brushes, which are often overlooked during personal weekly purchases. Once a month Lodge members go ‘shopping’ to collect the goods we are donating. We package them up and distribute them every second Saturday of the month to the families in need.

Ellen Gilchrist founded the Family Assistance Ministries (FAM) in 1999. FAM provides food, shelter and client aid to thousands of people in Southern Orange County. They also provide utility, transportation, medical, dental and prescription assistance. Working the last five months with FAM, and other local organizations that volunteer their time, has been a very uplifting experience for everyone involved.



L to R: Cynthia Merrifield, Susan Phillips, Donna Dietsch, Brittany Price and Eloise Price

Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 hosts Mothers Day brunch, donates for High School graduation nights

The Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 hosted nearly 300 people for a Mothers Day brunch. The Lodge Officers performed the Elks Mothers Day Ritual. Lodge Officers and members of the House Committee escorted the ladies to their tables. The traditional red or white carnation was given to each lady.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$100 to each of five High Schools for their “Safe and Sane Senior Dance” graduation night celebrations. The High Schools receiving the donations were: Bear River, Placer, Del Oro, Forest Hill and Colfax. The Lodge members also acted as chaperones at the Placer High School dance. These donations and chaperone activities are annual contributions by the Lodge.

Membership

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership Chairman



M & M's...Membership and Money arrive through effective public relations, interesting lodge activities, and best business practices. CHEA and Grand Lodge provide Lodge leaders with proven procedures to inspire membership.

Lodges increase membership (and thereby increase Lodge equity) by utilizing ideas found in the GL Membership Manual, adopting the "Second Step Program" and implementing the membership

recruitment and retention tools available in the membership committee documentation available on the CHEA website.

CHEA's membership gain last year came through the diligent efforts of the membership teams throughout our Association. In 2015-16 CHEA may "Press on For Success" with another net gain in membership and increased membership retention through the resourceful efforts of dedicated membership and lapsation committee teams.

Red Bluff Elks Lodge No. 1250's Gratitude Grant feeds seniors

On May 15th, The Red Bluff Elks Lodge No. 1250 presented a \$2,000 check (a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation) to the Senior Nutrition Center to help pay for the Senior Meals on Wheels program. This is the second year in a row that the Red Bluff Elks Lodge made this contribution.



L to R: PER Pat Craig, Juanita Rajanen (head of the Senior Nutrition program), and Exalted Ruler Sharon Stone

Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 holds Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On May 2, 2015, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at the Hilo Elks Lodge No. 759 for Eagle Scout Joshua Ohara of Troop 19, sponsored by the Waiakea Lions Club. Former Leading Knight and Scouting Committee member, Lisa Fleury, had the honor and privilege of presenting to Eagle Scout Joshua Ohara an American Flag, the Hilo Elks Eagle Scout Certificate, and a Certificate of Merit from Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen.

Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 awards Most Valuable Student Scholarships

On May 1, 2015, the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 selected five student winners to advance in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition. The students and their families were invited to a dinner at the Lodge where each scholar received a certificate of appreciation and a \$500 scholarship award from the Lodge.

The scholarship winners are: Gopika H. and Vinitra S. (both from Cupertino High School), Julia M. (Monta Vista High School), Samuel T. (Homestead High School), and Lakshya J. (Mountain View High School). Gopika and Julia won semi-final awards at the MVS national level, and Julia was awarded a scholarship from the California-Hawaii Elks Association.



Front row (L to R): Stuart Sampson (2014-2015 District Scholarship Chairman), Gopika H., Vinitra S., Julia M., Samuel T., and Lakshya J.
Back row: PER Jim McCloskey (Lodge Scholarship Chairman)

San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 awards scholarships, visits hospitalized vets

Under the direction of the Lodge's Scholarship Chairperson, Eva Mino, the San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 recently held its annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. Family and friends accompanied eight deserving recipients for dinner and the presentation of their awards and checks. Each of the scholars spoke to the membership regarding their career choices and intended colleges. Elks Lodge members contributed the \$5,100 in scholarship funds for this event.

In other news, several Lodge members visited the Pettis Veteran's Hospital in Loma Linda to spread Easter cheer. Bags of Easter gifts were distributed in Ward 3 Southeast to thirty-six recuperating veterans. A photo of each veteran was taken with the Easter Bunny and placed in cards given to them as keepsakes.

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 honors scholars

On May 6th, during Youth Week, the Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 awarded \$400 scholarships to its six finalists in the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest and to the Student of the Year.

School District Superintendent, Dr. Stanley Rose, and Santa Clara Vice Mayor Debi Davis, presented each student with the City Youth Week Proclamation. Three of these students, Andrew, Abhishek and William, were national contestants, and each won a four-year \$1,000 per year scholarship from the ENF. One of the students, Zahra, won an additional \$800 award from the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



THANK YOU!!

\$3,259,052.77!

I want to thank the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for their generous donations this past year. You are the Best People on Earth!

Here are some of the statistics from the Convention:

The Five Highest Lodges (per-capita):

1. Gardena (No.1919)	\$71.18
2. Twentynine Palms (No. 2134)	\$65.08
3. Pasadena (No. 672)	\$62.91
4. West Covina (No.1996)	\$60.30
5. Sunland-Tujunga (No. 2098)	\$59.74

The Five Highest Lodges (dollars):

1. Honolulu (No. 616)	\$129,699.46
2. Santa Maria (No. 1538)	\$49,573.54
3. Pasadena (No. 672)	\$43,846.25
4. San Mateo (No. 1112)	\$39,644.10
5. Ontario (No. 1419)	\$36,030.90

The Five Highest Districts (dollars):

1. West Central Coast	\$222,257.31
2. Orange Coast	\$202,581.84
3. Hawaii	\$157,799.97
4. Southeast	\$151,128.87
5. Bay	\$150,038.59

In addition to the above donations, the Piggy Bank received \$685,260.00 from the Elks National Foundation; \$272,708.48 from the Peters and Potters Trusts and \$35,761.98 from various other miscellaneous sources for a total of \$993,730.46 from those donors.

Winners of the Chairman's Challenge were Philip Daughton of the West Central District and Bill Cook of the Southeast District.

Watch for a new and improved Leading Knight's Challenge coming in November. Many Lodges made significant donations to the challenge. The winning Lodge was Santa Maria Lodge and an Honorable Mention goes to Oceano-Five Cities and Westchester Lodges for their great efforts. The total funds raised in the Leading Knight's Challenge exceeded \$43,000.00. I want to thank all of the participating Lodges for stepping up to the challenge.

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 is very active in its community

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 conducted an Awards Ceremony at an open meeting in March 2015. Our local police and fire departments each received \$1,000 donations, six Elks Scholarship winners each received \$500, four local Americanism essay contest winners, two local Citizens of the Year, and two hoop shoot contest winners were also recognized.

The Lodge has been offering free tutoring on Saturdays for the past three years, open to any student from any school in the area. All tutors are qualified teachers whose participation is coordinated by a non-profit professional tutoring company that is owned and operated by a Lodge member. In addition, the Lodge is sponsoring nationwide Free Tutoring Scholarships for the children and spouses of fallen soldiers, in cooperation with a locally based non-profit based in Orange County, California. The program has been used successfully for the past few years at the Lodge and is now being made available throughout the United States.

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 has an active and vibrant Emblem Club No. 515

John Chandler, the 107th Exalted Ruler of Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073, with membership arching upward towards 1,300, comments on 1073's relationship with the Redding Emblem Club No. 515's president, Dawn Pedersen and her flock of devotees, "We have the fortune of being able to partner with a large, dynamic and talented Emblem Club and we are blessed that our shared resources, energy and expertise result in many successful projects."

One of the highlight events of the year was the Emblem Club's 35th annual Fashion Show Luncheon that was held Saturday, March 28, at the expansive and accommodating Lodge in Redding. Over 225 Emblem and Elks members and their guests were treated to an exquisite lunch at tables elaborately decorated by club members. Handsomely attired tuxedoed Elk PERs Ron Asher and Rod Sullivan provided escort service for the models at both ends of the 50-foot runway.

Elk Models included PERs Jessica Delaney, Pat Carr, Jeff Carr, Robert Lenk, Jim Albertson and Don Linn. The Elk brothers sported fashions from the Men's Warehouse while the Elk and Emblem sisters cavorted in fashions from Dress Barn and Toucan Tans. Tasteful and motivational "upbeat" music set the tone for each model and was provided by Austin Harter, son of Redding Emblem Club's Purple Pig Chair Carol Harter. The fashion show was interspersed with entertainment and an auction. Mickie Jakez was the moderator and chairperson for the event.

Emblem Club President, Dawn Pedersen, said the Fashion Show Luncheon is a major fundraiser for the Emblem Club and profits went to their Scholarship Fund. Immediate past president, Pat Anderson, reminded everyone that the Emblem Club's "path is paved with charity, community service and friendship."



Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 awards scholarships

Stu Sampson (West Central District Scholarship Chairman) and PDDGER Les Yeffa (Lodge Scholarship Chairman) joined Exalted Ruler Allyson Holden at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 recently to award scholarships to six worthy recipients.

The students who received a combination of scholarship awards from the Lodge, the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA), and the Elks National Foundation (ENF) were: Molly deCastongreene (\$4,000 ENF Legacy winner), Josephine Lovejoy (\$1,100 including a CHEA Scholarship of \$800), Joseph Martin (\$4,700 including a \$4,000 ENF scholarship), Emily Regan (\$1,200 including an \$800 CHEA Scholarship), Angela Pogson (\$1,300 including a CHEA scholarship), and Scott Deppmeier (\$300).

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chair



Welcome to our new Elk Year!

As we begin a new chapter in our great Order, we have an opportunity to be a part of one of the most exciting years in the Elks Drug Awareness Program's history!

Did you know that our Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer organization in the United States that provides Drug Awareness literature at no cost? You might ask yourself "How is that possible?" The answer is simple: by the countless hours that our members volunteer each and every year! Thank you to our dedicated Members, Lodge Chairs, and District Chairs who really bring this program to our communities.

Our theme this year for the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest is:

"Just Don't Do It!"

The CHEA website will be updated in the near future.

Even though many schools have started their summer break, now is the time to start planning for the new school year. School District officials work all year round, and summer is a great time to visit the District Administration to introduce our programs. In addition, there are many summer activities where you can display Drug Awareness Program information. Little League games, day camps, soccer games and swim team events, are just a few of the recreational opportunities where we can promote a safe and healthy drug and tobacco free lifestyle.

Upon my return from Grand Lodge in July, I'm looking forward to bringing back exciting news and information about our Drug Awareness Programs!

Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 raised \$4,500 for the ENF last year

Each year, the Officers (a committee comprised of both current and past Lodge officers), along with several spouses, host ten monthly dinners on the last Wednesday of each month at the Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015. These ENF / Officers Pasta Dinners help to raise money, not only for the Elks National Foundation, but also for our Officer Corps to help cover expenses as they travel to the CHEA Convention to compete in the Ritual Contest. These funds are split on a 50/50 basis, and during this last fraternal year, the dinners raised nearly \$9,000! The Lodge also received an award from the ENF for reaching the \$50,000 donation level.

In other news, at the recent Bay District Ritual Contest, the Officers of Alameda Lodge each placed FIRST in their respective positions and FIRST overall. This was the thirteenth consecutive win for our Lodge in this competition. During the CHEA Convention in San Diego, the Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Esquire and Candidate were each awarded plaques for First Place in their respective positions.

Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 sponsors a Drug Awareness dance

The Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 sponsored a dance at the Washington Middle School for students who competed in the Elks Drug Awareness Program Essay Contest. The Lodge provided dance music by DJ "Cut Master Spaz" who "spun dance tunes" for over 500 students and faculty members in attendance.

Our Lodge is also proud to announce that Washington Middle School 7th grader Ryan N. was the 2014-2015 Elks Hawaii State boys Drug Awareness essay winner. This year's theme was "Refuse to Use, You're Never Alone." He will be recognized at a Lodge Meeting and a special award and a check for \$100 will be presented to him for his award-winning essay. Ryan's essay was also submitted to the Elks National Competition along with other state essay winners.

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 uses ENF Grants to help community

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 received an ENF Gratitude Grant and an ENF Beacon Grant. The Gratitude Grant was used to help two different groups within our community. Half of the Gratitude Grant was given to the "Giant Steps" program. The other half was used to finance the construction of a "Serenity Garden" at the Cypress School's Organic Garden at the end of Casa Grande Avenue.

The Cypress School is a non-public school located in Petaluma for children ages 5-22 with autism, cerebral palsy and special education and behavioral needs that cannot be met in public schools. The "Serenity Garden" project manager was Lecturing Knight Carl Bellovich. The Lodge thanks Carl and his crew for all of their hard work. Carl worked with Hillary Smith, the Garden Coordinator for the Cypress School, to plan, construct and organize the project. The original connection between our Lodge and Cypress School was through Lodge Trustee Drew Keeler.

The "Giant Steps" program is an equestrian therapy program in Petaluma. Exalted Ruler Marilyn Bartow has volunteered at Giant Steps for over 14 years. The Lodge has donated to this program for several years.

In addition to the money from the Gratitude Grant, the \$2,000 Beacon Grant was used to assist the Giant Steps folks to conduct a series of special Sunday barbecues at the Giant Steps riding facility for families from Travis Air Force suffering from long separations of one or more family members through their active duty responsibilities.

The following Elks helped at one or more of these barbecues to cook, serve and setup for the participants, volunteers and visitors: Don Broadbent, Tony and Mary Estes, Loretta Brocco, Wayne Wilson, David and Debbie Adams, John Leary, Ted O'Shea, Marilyn Bartow, Fred Bartow and Mary Ann Dowden. Thanks to all of these wonderful Elks for helping our Lodge do great work in our community.



Cypress School

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

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

Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 honored by the California Veterans Home in Yountville

On 6 May 2015, Exalted Ruler Bob Murray presented a "Volunteer Group of the Year" certificate to the Carmichael Elks Lodge's National Veterans Service Committee. The certificate was issued by the Veterans Home of California, in Yountville.

In other news, on 13 May 2015, Dendra Coopridge presented a check in the amount of \$1,275 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (aka the "Purple Pig"). The Carmichael RV club (the "Trav'l'n Elks") donated the funds.



First row (L to R): ER Bob Murray, Butch Wilson, James Singleton, Wayne Willis, Ralph Hager, and Veterans Chairman Dale Wiest
Second row (L to R): Darell Mann, Martha Reynolds, Lorna Griess, Walter Wlasiuk, George Blount, Sylvester Davidson, Frank Bridges and Dick Ransom
Back row (L to R): Robert Woodard, Rob Rudlow, Mike McGill, John Palmer, Phillip Gladis, Billy Bristow, Weldon Ward, and George Buckingham

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 raises money for MVS Scholarships, donates books

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held its Antique Western Memorabilia Show and Sale. Funds raised are for its Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program. Thirty-nine western collectable vendors from California as well as Oregon and Nevada participated in the show. Hundreds of quality western antique items were available for sale. Singing and guitar playing cowboys added to the fun. The attendance was great as more than 500 people attended. The show earned more than \$5,000 for our Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program.

In other news, the Lodge donated several copies of the newest edition of 50 State reference books to the Chicago Park Elementary School. Their old copies were over ten years old. The students have really enjoyed the new books and are using them every day.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 supports children's eye health

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge Piggy Bank Chairperson, Linda Jones, held a "People into Giving" fundraiser. The party raised almost \$2,000 for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. ("CHEMPI"), better known as the "Purple Pig."

CHEMPI Vision Screener, Linda Pinnell, was the guest speaker and gave an informative talk about her job and the children she works with. Linda has been conducting children's vision screening for 39 years. She explained that, during each child's vision screening session, 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 ages 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 CHEMPI Vision Screeners conducted 1,737 screenings at preschools last year and screened 43,830 children. Several hundred of these children were referred to eye care 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 559-255-4531.



L to R: Bob Farrens, California-Hawaii Elks "Purple Pig" Chairman; Linda Pinnell; Linda Jones, Temecula Valley Elks Lodge Purple Pig Chairman and Ken Hauer, Exalted Ruler

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 holds a children's carnival

"Elroy the Elk" made an appearance and helped members of the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 make their Special Needs Children's Carnival a big success. Over 30 boys and girls along with their parents and grandparents attended. The special needs children were from Cordillera, Melinda Heights, Montevideo and Valencia Elementary Schools in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

The youngsters frolicked in the Elks Lodge rooms and garden, which were all colorfully decorated with an assortment of game booths, food stations, balloons, a duck pond, and puppy petting zoo. Face painters, clowns, live cartoon characters, including Elroy the Elk and Elmo, made sure that every child had a happy afternoon.

Lodge members Les and Maggie Stipek chaired the carnival. Les said of the event, "We hold two very successful events for older special needs children and adults each year. This was the first similar event for younger special needs children, and we hope to make it an annual event."

Funding came from the Lodge's Charity Committee and an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon Grant. The Lodge's ENF Committee Chairman, PER Derek Randles, said, "The Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program spends \$9.77 million annually to invest in Elks communities through Lodge grants that help Elks meet local needs."



L to R: Riley W. from the Cordillera Elementary School, Elroy the Elk and Derek Randles

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 Drug Awareness Program (DAP) poster contest

On May 20th, the Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 recognized six fifth grade students from the Turtle Bay School who were this year's Elks National Foundation (ENF) Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Poster Contest winners. Each student was joined by their parents and treated to a mac 'n' cheese and spaghetti meal. The students received Certificates of Appreciation and checks after the meal. Exalted Ruler Jessica Delany and the North District Drug Awareness Chairman, Chris Sharp, from the Red Bluff Elks Lodge No. 1250, also attended.

Each year the Lodge sponsors this contest that is held in conjunction with the ENF's national DAP poster and essay contest. The theme for this year was "Refuse to use – you are never alone". Each student was required to create a poster using the theme. Eighty-four posters were submitted to the Lodge for consideration. \$100 is given to the 1st place winners (boy and girl), 2nd place winners receive \$50 each, and 3rd place winners receive \$25 each. The Lodge's 1st place winners were submitted to the North District contest for an additional cash award opportunity. Our 1st place winners won at that level and received an additional check each for \$100. Those winners were then entered in the CHEA competition. Our first place girl's poster won 2nd place in the CHEA competition and she received an additional \$400. She did not know this until it was announced, so she and her parents were quite pleased and most surprised.



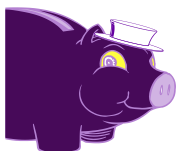
L to R: Starlett Halstead (Emblem Club DAP Chairman), Angela Lamb (Turtle Bay School Administration Representative), Jaden L. (3rd place boy), Brandi B. (2nd place girl), Andrew R. (2nd place boy), Connor N. (1st place boy), and Kyra T. (1st place girl), Dawn Pedersen (Elks DAP Chairman), and Exalted Ruler Jessica Delany

Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 uses Freedom Grant to help veterans

The Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 received a \$2,000 "Freedom Grant" from the Elks National Foundation. The Lodge used this Grant to provide some household necessities for homeless veterans who recently secured housing. In addition, many Lodge members also donated cash and household items to help fill the "Home Sweet Home" packages.

In January, thirty-three "Home Sweet Home" packages were successfully distributed to homeless veterans who had recently acquired housing in our community. The veterans were overwhelmed and grateful for our Lodge's support and generosity. Each package included bath towel sets, kitchen utensils, sponges, dish soap, bathroom cleaner, hangers, oven mitts, toilet brush, disinfectant spray, dustpan, shower curtain, mop, broom, toilet paper and paper towels.

A big thanks goes out to Michelle Mendez for coming up with this great idea. Michelle's brother was once a local homeless veteran, and she saw first-hand that there was a need to help other veterans who were in similar situations.



California-Hawaii Elks

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A note from the Editor

Sometimes a photograph isn't included because there isn't room. Generally, there are other reasons not to include a photo. **The biggest factor is the quality of the picture. Pictures taken with a cell phone are often of poor quality due to the limitations of their plastic lenses**—perhaps good enough to email to someone or post on a web site, but often these are not good enough to be considered for publication. Please refer to my editorial guidelines at <http://www.chea-elks.org> (click on “CHEA Magazine” at the top). Please note that I prefer to have electronic photograph (jpg file) attachments. Hard copy articles and hard copy prints are not accepted. Do not embed your jpg file photographs with your article inside your Word document (doc file), but send them as a separate attachment to the email. Using a scanner to create a pdf file of a hard copy photograph is unacceptable as well.

Sometimes the photo is just too blurry, is poorly composed (subjects are too far away), the lighting is poor (too dark, too light), or the camera has put a date stamp in the picture. Also, it is important that the photo illustrates the story that your article is describing.

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If I publish a photo with an article, I will only publish ONE photo. I'd rather YOU choose that photo, not me. So, please just send me the ONE photo that you feel best illustrates your story. If you send me half a dozen pictures of your event and expect me to choose one, it may not be the one that you'd have chosen.

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 provides the forum to discuss oil spill

The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 leaped into action recently when the massive oil spill occurred along their coastline earlier this year. The lodge offered its facility to local residents, representatives from twelve government agencies and the responsible oil company (PLAINS All American Pipeline), representatives from six other private companies, local media and community leaders, who were updating the public on the response to the oil spill.

This open house event provided the forum for world-class experts to speak to individuals directly regarding the oil spill containment and cleanup process. Informative displays, maps, charts, fact sheets, and video were used to keep the public updated. Approximately 300 people attended this three-hour meeting.



L to R: Capt. Jennifer Williams (US Coast Guard), Joe Clark (Leading Knight), Todd Ajari (CA Dept. Of Fish & Game)

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 member receives Grand Lodge Veteran Volunteer Award

On 5/7/15, at the 100th CHEA Convention in San Diego, Donna Donovan received the B. P. O. Elks Grand Lodge “Veteran Volunteer Award” for 2014-2015!!!

As chairman of the Lodge's National Veterans Service Committee, Donna provides the leadership, and, with the support of many volunteers, unselfishly works with, supports, and thanks our local military veterans for their sacrifices for our Country. Donna truly has a genuine concern and empathy for our veterans. She continuously works on their behalf to make a difference in their lives, with a focus on improving their quality of life through the caring reach of Elkdom! On behalf of the Lodge, Gloria Smith and Al Amaral submitted her name as our nomination for this award.



L to R: Robert G. Burns, CHEA 2014-2015 National Veterans Service Chairman, Floyd “Skip” Henke, 2014-2015 CHEA President, Donna Donovan, Archie Biggers, 2014-2015 CHEA National Veterans Service Vice Chairman

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 honors mothers and students

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 honored 50 mothers with a special program designed by the Lodge Chaplain, Christian Willie. He created a video of several Lodge women as they recounted their memories of their mothers and the influence they had on their lives. The Lodge's “1812 Men's Choir” provided musical entertainment and ER Patty Hamilton was the keynote speaker. The oldest and youngest mothers present received special recognition and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Over 150 people attended the luncheon that followed the program.

In other news, the Lodge held a recognition dinner for 34 students for winning various events this year. The Americanism and Drug Awareness Essay Contest winners, the Drug Awareness Poster Contest winners and the Hoop Shoot Contest winners received prizes. Twenty high school seniors have received cash awards for being “Student of the Month” throughout the year. Nagham Adeeb and Brian Yeager were named “Student of the Year,” and each received a Bruce Bowers Scholarship. The Lodge has distributed over \$20,000 in scholarships this year.

2015 CHEA Theme Children

This article contains information that is adapted from the "2015 California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 2015 Theme Children" brochure. The entire brochure text is available online at www.chea-elks.org, place your cursor over the "Major Project" link at the top, then scroll down and click on "2015 Theme Children – Jayden & Peyton."

Jayden and Peyton were born on November 1, 2010. Soon after birth, the twins started developing health problems. Peyton was having difficulty breast-feeding and was not gaining or maintaining a healthy weight. This was later remedied by a diet change. Later, Jayden's health went into decline, with a fever, seizures and weight loss. Peyton's health began to decline again, but this was attributed to her response to her twin's symptoms and a form of separation anxiety.

Their pediatrician prescribed immediate occupational therapy because of Jayden's recurring symptoms and loss of developmental milestones, and the onset of Peyton's declining medical condition. The girls' maternal grandmother suggested contacting the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) for help as her brother had received services from CHEMPI when he was a boy.

Over the last three years, the twins have been fostered through every developmental step. With therapy to guide, and grow with them, the twins have flourished and have a very positive outlook ahead of them.

The twins' mother, Melissa, writes, "All too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, or smallest act of caring. The Elks Major Project stands to prove these things hold the power to turn a life around. Our lives are forever changed because of your amazing Association. Your generosity and dedication to the therapeutic needs of our girls have been an immeasurable gift to our family and for this, we are eternally grateful."



The twins with big sister Addysen (center)

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248's DAP Essay Contest and Poster Contest winners

The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 members were pleased to invite Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Essay and Poster contest winners to the Lodge to receive special certificates and checks. Joshua L., an 8th grader from Chilton Middle School, won 1st place at North Central District (NCD) and at CHEA for his essay. Jenna R., an 8th grader from Cooley Middle School, won 1st place at NCD for her essay. Kairav G., a 4th grader from Cathryn Gates Elementary School, won 1st place from NCD and CHEA for his poster. Brittany S., a 5th grader from Cirby Elementary School, won 1st place from NCD for her poster. All four students were previously awarded prizes from the Lodge during a special Drug Awareness dinner in November.

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 hosts Scout's "Court of Honor"

Michael O'Donoghue, an Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 member and past Scout Master for the Orange Elks Lodge Boy Scout Troop No. 1475, presided over a Court of Honor for Brian D. who is the tenth Eagle Scout from Troop 1475 since 2006.

Brian's accomplishments include 22 merit badges, Arrow of Light, Order of the Arrow, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Brian's best scouting experience was his very first campout at Camp Chawanakee where he realized that scouting was what he wanted to do! As a leader of the troop, he enjoyed helping the younger scouts and helped getting them through their required duties. Brian was able to complete the Eagle Scout requirements at the age of sixteen. He indicated that his priorities were his family, his church, his studies and the scout troop.

For his project, he designed and built a three-part information center for the El Modena Nature Center. The Lodge donated \$300 for the project. He is a junior at El Modena High School where he is a member of the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and plans to major in Biology. He plans for a career with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and



Brian D. with his family Gonzalo, Jenny, and Jonathan

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 feeds veterans

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 spent a week with veterans who are attending a transitional program called "Power Up." The "Working Wardrobes/VetNet" organization in Costa Mesa is sponsoring this six-week program. As you know, many veterans are currently being discharged into civilian life, and many of these former service members do not have a job waiting for them as they return to their communities. The VetNet program is free to these unemployed veterans. It is designed to help them transition from their military lives back into a civilian environment. Each day, the attendees hear presentations from various speakers, many of whom are also veterans who have faced the same issues migrating into civilian jobs.

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge is sponsoring the lunch for the group each day for this one-week portion of the program. It is our small way to thank these veterans for their service. Past Exalted Ruler Derek Randles attended the graduation ceremony, where more than 100 men and women were graduating after completing the 6-week career-training program. The Lodge used a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to assemble over 200 backpacks that contained toiletries and other health related items for the veterans.

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George Barnett	266	Michael O'Neil	1289	Ture Roslund	1712	Bill Smail	2477
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Paul Ohlms	836	Melvin D. West	1419	Robert Harris (2)	1968	Ken Patric, Sr.	2801
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Kayley Edwards (5)	218	Minnie Gray	836	Don Colyar (6)	1289	Jaime Garcia	1328
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Stockton Emblem Club No. 226	218	James Young	836	David Kakita (5)	1289	Walter Veljacic	1328
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Keith Franklin	322	Ronald Zampa (2)	1015	Jimmy Martin	1289	Dick Bushman	1419
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Al Yecny	322	Travis Jones	1108	Elbert Premier (9)	1289	Mike Conway	1419
Helen Montanye (4)	439	Richard Carstens	1250	Jeffrey Richards	1289	Jim Farrand	1419
Bill Berner	522	Daniel Davidson	1250	Mark Ringelberg	1289	Lorraine Hildebrand	1419
Patricia Piper Beyer	583	Red Bluff Emblem Club No. 408	1250	William Schad	1289	Larry Irwin	1419
Rick Dombrowski (3)	583	Edward Silva	1250	Jerry Stephens	1289	Betty Linker	1419
Hilary Fulton	583	Charlie Wright	1250	Marko Swan	1289	Don Logan	1419
Redlands Rovers RV Club	583	Lisa Chainey	1251	Don Vincent	1289	Brenda Meraz	1419
Daniel Aviles	613	Mark Porter (3)	1251	Robert Alvarado	1298	Dave Olson	1419
Louise Sagady-Shaieb	613	John Waranietz	1251	Norman Berry	1298	William Oyola	1419
Ben Hanly	614	Jennifer Welton	1251	Sark Davidian	1298	Joe Rovida	1419
Bill Scruggs	614	Thomas Welton	1251	Tom Guinn	1298	Ken Rowland	1419
Robert "Bob" Arkus (2)	616	Clay Bunte	1282	Arlen Lynn	1298	Joe Sapienza	1419
Jane Scott McCrorie Butler	616	Goodtimers RV Club-Columbia	1282	Brad Marchand	1298	Ken Smith	1419
Herbert Endo	616	Harold Hackett	1282	Donald Nelson	1298	Bob Sorrells	1419
Peter Gaskell	616	Sheri Hackett	1282	Jasper Parlier	1298	Mike Tharp	1419
Norman Hashimoto	616	John Hardin	1282	Jim Pyle	1298	Dr. Thomas Acerno, DDS	1420
Mollie Hirayama	616	Carol Lundblad	1282	Jim Shaw (3)	1298	David Anaya	1420
Charles Hunt	616	Louise McCoskey	1282	John Skaggs	1298	Albert Callens	1420
Euclid Lee	616	Robert "Bob" McManus	1282	Phillip Longoria	1325	Joe Callens	1420
Margaretha Lum	616	Wally Morrow	1282	Robert E. Moore	1325	Michael Castellanos	1420
John Southworth	616	John Thompson	1282	Gil Perez	1325	Doug Conaway	1420
Aron Andersen	672	William "Bill" Welch	1282	Charles Sones	1325	Sam Couchman	1420
David & Carol Jones	672	Deniz Bilgin	1285	Michael Trull	1325	Ed Coulter	1420
Clara Miller	672	Virginia Crapo	1285	James Campbell	1328	David Enders	1420
Robert Arthurs (5)	759	James Sula	1285	Sabino Cici	1328	Martin Garza	1420
Judy Webb	794	Glendale Elks Lodge (2)	1289	David Delgado	1328	Ed Hoyle	1420
Richard Kleinert	824	Garry Ackerman	1289	Sylvia Elerick	1328		
William Lynch	824	Rick Barnes	1289	Mamie Erby	1328		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Marion Journey	1420	Bill Chelonis	1691	Hugh McKinney (2)	1968	Philip Heinemann (4)	2121
Tim Kelley	1420	Kathy Madeiros	1691	Frank Muzzy	1968	Les Mensinger	2121
Bob Kumar	1420	Wayne Senini	1691	Donald Noon	1968	Doug Peters	2121
Robin Lemaster	1420	Donald Smith	1691	Anne Dee Pahl	1968	Susan Peters (2)	2121
Bruce McPhetridge	1420	Bob Souza	1691	Fred Pahl	1968	Pat Polehla	2121
John Ritter	1420	Glen Croft	1712	Richard Plasse	1968	Jim Westfall	2121
Kirk Smith	1420	Bill Pritchard	1712	Alan Shada	1968	Richard Fisher	2190
Valerie Smith	1420	John Quincy	1712	Lorraine Tschaech (2)	1968	Linda Lewis	2190
Richie Windsor	1420	Ture Roslund (3)	1712	John Walz	1968	Randall Lewis	2190
Phillip Zills	1420	Joseph Weber	1712	Larry Yost	1968	Charles Braden	2248
Frances Abraham (3)	1427	Robert Burke	1728	Jack Hamilton (5)	1975	Vince Catalano	2248
John D. Adams	1427	Allison Danielson	1767	Melvin Horn	1991	Mitch Cropper	2248
Delbert Crandall	1427	Glover Hardy	1767	William Leahy	1991	Steven Dale	2248
Sally Emerson	1427	Tony Messina	1767	Aldo & Debra Parenti	1991	Gerald Faulkner	2248
Clancy Hawkins	1427	Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club	1767	Corwin Brown	1993	Sean Goetzger	2248
Jacqueline Orovecz	1427	Mike Olafson (2)	1767	Wanda Horton	1996	John Green	2248
Edward Stegman	1427	Dan Roach	1767	Keith Kelley	1996	Charley Halter	2248
George VanHove	1427	Rainer Schroeder	1767	Lynn Loufek	1996	James "Ken" Hocutt	2248
John Absmeier	1430	Jack Lower	1787	Judith Lumberas	1996	Sergay Ivazian	2248
Rhonda Catron	1430	Frank Blazic (2)	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Herschell Johnson	2248
Mary Courtney	1430	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Raymond Roldan	1996	Marionette Mason	2248
Howard LaPierre	1430	John Story	1811	West Covina Emblem Club No. 299	1996	Kris McKim	2248
Gary Leventhal	1430	Hugh Watkins	1811	Gaby Acuna (2)	2011	Jimmy Ondrasek	2248
Connie Stahl	1430	Dave Saltel	1884	Don Anderson (2)	2011	Elli Platz	2248
Ventura Elks Emblem Club (5)	1430	Eileen Dugan	1900	Laurie Ayala	2011	Roseville PER Association (5)	2248
Clyde Homen	1436	Mel Amarell	1905	David Cross	2011	Roseville Emblem Club No. 407 (5)	2248
Peter Johanson	1471	Brian Avery	1905	Litta Cross	2011	Carol Shoemaker	2248
Edna Lamberson	1497	Vern Chastain	1905	Stan Meyer	2011	Jim Valk	2248
Robert Ambrosetti	1538	Robert Christensen	1905	Helen Thompson	2011	Carl Vining	2248
David Campbell (3)	1538	Joe Greco	1905	Carlos Bracamontes	2027	Kirk Watkins	2248
Leroy Cordero	1538	Harry Kolb	1905	Norman Casson	2027	Jeffery Hillery	2274
Michael Davis	1538	Eugene Mitchell (7)	1905	Melba VanPelt (2)	2027	Lompoc Bingo Players	2274
Roy Dugger	1538	Sheron Anderson	1913	Earl Wilhelm	2027	Gary Schoen	2274
Karen Feldpouch (2)	1538	George Barker	1913	Ray Din (2)	2031	Robert Schrum	2274
Bailey Hudson (2)	1538	Henry Blecha (4)	1913	Glenda Frisbe	2031	Kathi Jennings	2314
Kevin Kinyon	1538	William "Bill" Brickey	1913	Derrol Hammer (5)	2031	Vern Monroe (2)	2314
Robert Miller	1538	Barry Douglas	1913	Lyndell Ivey-Din (3)	2031	Tony Ginocchio	2333
Albert Mitchell	1538	Chuck Elmer (4)	1913	Stan Morri (5)	2031	Karol Goudelock	2333
William Stanford	1538	Connie Elmer (2)	1913	Sharon Saunders	2031	George Chappell	2346
Scott Stephen	1538	Cynthia Gordon (2)	1913	Candy Soares (2)	2031	Thomas Hannah	2364
Robert Stowasser	1538	Paul Homer (3)	1913	Dan Baccelliere	2050	Barbara Hofer	2364
Pete Thornton	1538	Jack Murray (2)	1913	Tracy Bagdon	2050	William Muller	2364
Myrl Wallace (2)	1538	Frederick Schaffer	1913	Patty Crockett	2050	Ellen Hon (2)	2379
Jon Eaton	1539	Don Winter (2)	1913	Kathy Grant	2050	Beatrice Foster	2444
Robert Medellin	1539	Patrick Bent	1917	Sherri Hunt	2050	Dennis Lumley	2444
Nadine Miller	1539	Mary Collim	1917	Robert Leatham	2050	Michael Marquis	2444
Gary Rowe	1539	Albert Cornejo	1917	Anthony Pacheco	2050	Lavon Martishuis	2444
San Fernando Emblem Club No. 37	1539	Allen Kirby	1917	William Ray	2068	Mission Viejo Elks Ladies	2444
Warren Downs	1561	David Lawson	1917	Jeff Simmons	2068	Howard Sargent	2444
Jack Gierster	1561	Paul O'Carroll	1917	American Legion Post 377	2098	Leslie Stipek	2444
Greg Koester	1561	Albert Ochs	1917	Erin Andrew	2098	Karen Stutz	2444
Karen Kundtz	1561	John Piechowski	1917	Jan Dappen	2098	Rodney Wilbert	2444
Sylvia Spiva-Schramm (4)	1561	John Bliss	1918	Michael George	2098	Peter Gordon	2477
Rosemary Dix	1567	Haskell Dean Clark	1918	Nellie St. George	2098	Brenda Hagen	2477
Sonora Emblem Club No. 124 (2)	1587	Wes Croxen	1918	Brad Guske	2098	Pati Harrod	2477
John Albrecht	1613	Gary Gregory	1918	Linda Hanna	2098	Lewis Jones	2477
Lloyd H. "Skip" Anderson	1613	C.D. Johnson	1918	Tom Kane	2098	Eugene Letourneau	2477
Kim Bell-Davis (2)	1613	Theodore Yamada	1919	Mark Lindstrom	2098	Bill Miller	2477
Clarann Clatt	1613	Joseph Defort, Jr.	1952	Art Moore	2098	Geri Miller	2477
John Clatt	1613	James Faulkner	1952	Rise N Shine Café	2098	Gregg & Jean Miraglia	2477
Ron Eastman (2)	1613	Bob Griffith (2)	1952	Roberta Scheu	2098	Coleen Morris (6)	2477
Hollis Green (2)	1613	Mike Nance	1952	John Seal	2098	Douglas Morrison	2477
Leoma Green (2)	1613	Richard Botzbach	1959	Marlin Bogle	2103	James Moye	2477
Steve Guillen	1613	Tom Lemm	1959	Carmichael Emblem Club No. 355	2103	Cherri Peterson	2477
Howard Hedges	1613	David Seeley II	1959	Constantine Docus	2103	John Peterson	2477
Danny Hopper	1613	Richard Tanguy	1959	Warren Fleckenstein	2103	Pam Price	2477
Diane Kerr	1613	Patrick Tone	1959	Randy Jackson	2103	Gil Riding	2477
Gary Kerr	1613	Barbara Brown	1968	Frank Levings	2103	Bill Smail (5)	2477
Sheri Leighton	1613	Judy Brown	1968	Robert Murray (2)	2103	Cheryl Templeton	2477
George Pryor (2)	1613	Dan Christy	1968	Dan Oakley	2103	Thomas Varden (2)	2477
Oren Richardson	1613	Frederick Costa	1968	James Peterson	2103	Jill Williams	2477
Ken Smith (2)	1613	Henry DiTomaso	1968	R.E. Ransom	2103	Steve & Mary Woodlief	2477
Tom Trumbly (2)	1613	Corey Lee Fallas	1968	Rob Rudrow	2103	John Balster	2504
Dee Uribe	1613	Dorothy DiTomaso-Grindle	1968	Robert Steffens	2103	Michael Balster	2504
Dino Uribe	1613	Robert Harris	1968	Harold Unger	2103	Bill Bolton	2504
Harold Weist	1613	William Haun	1968	Barbara Hotovec	2117	Thomas Cameron	2504
John Young	1613	Guillermo Hernandez	1968	Byron Kitt	2117	Ken Coxon	2504
Antelope Valley Emblem Club No. 76 (2)	1625	Jeanette Hernandez	1968	Chere Bondie Lenz	2117	Jimmy Crouse	2504
Mary Martinez	1625	Steven Hicks	1968	Polly Stonich	2117	John Fielder	2504
Ronald Hinman	1643	Hans Iliew	1968	Ed Boisse	2121	Margi Hanes (3)	2504
Paula Piltz	1643	William Jones	1968	Steve Fasolis	2121		
Robert Carlyle	1691	Paul Maxam	1968	Bruce Hedlund (2)	2121		

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Carol "Charlie" Hanna	2504	Stuart Teuscher	2698	Larry Bryant	2733	Howard Adkins	2801
James Herfurth	2504	Barry Johnson	2704	Don Collier	2733	Diane Farrens	2801
Bill Jansen	2504	Gerald Mohl (4)	2704	Doug Cunningham	2733	Robert Farrens	2801
Doyle Jansen	2504	Walter Neumann	2704	Darin Giessinger	2733	Laurel Frey	2801
King Lee (2)	2504	Charles Pikas, Sr.	2704	Larry Holt	2733	Cynthia Higl	2801
Michael Leon	2504	Arda Sundstrom	2704	Douglas Johnson	2733	Tom Jensen	2801
Wally Lewis	2504	Lee Adelsbach	2724	Ronald Mead	2733	Jack Keefer	2801
Robert Newman	2504	George Gardner	2724	Sonny Nash	2733	Betty Loomis	2801
Arleen Olson (2)	2504	Ron Hewitson	2724	John Paulson	2733	Ronald Loomis	2801
Barry Shortz	2504	Dale Miller	2724	Frank Platz	2733	Carlton Lunn	2801
Sherry Wiese	2529	Ernie Rindfleisch	2724	Todd Pounder	2733	David Mitchell	2801
Patti Steele	2591	Harold Schulze	2724	Linda Strickland	2733	Ken Patric	2801
Phil Daighon	2640	Tom Wheeler	2724	Robert Strickland	2733	Vicki Puterbaugh	2801
Birney Carter (2)	2698	Ray Berry	2733	Jerry Taylor	2733	Jerry Throckmorton	2801
Leah Gergal (3)	2698	Kaye Bruns	2733	Bruce Troe (3)	2790	Donna Zeeb	2801

The Process for Resolving Lodge Issues

A Message from CHEA Sponsors PGERs Moore, Grillo and Brazier

My Brothers and Sisters, some have taken to writing to our Grand Exalted Ruler personally about State or Local issues. That is rarely productive. His aide receives the letter. He then gives it to the GER when he gets back from his travels, and, after a week or so, the GER tells his aide to send it to the State for preliminary response. One of our Sponsors gets that mail and, knowing nothing about the situation, sends it to the District Leader for information and/or investigation. The District Leader then consults the Exalted Ruler of the local lodge, or the District Deputy for that District, or both, and writes to one of the Sponsors. The Sponsor then reports to the aide to the GER, who reports to the GER. The GER then says to the aide that it appears to be a local problem. It then comes down the chain again to us and we solve it. That takes a lot of time. Why not try to resolve it locally to begin with? Here is the chain of command in California for use in issue resolution. Please read it and follow it as best you can. It will save you a lot of time, energy and frustration.

The Process

(Reviewed April 15, 2015)

When financial, operational or personnel issues arise within a Lodge, they should be resolved within the Lodge by the Officers, Board of Trustees, and Past Exalted Rulers Association.

If the Lodge is unable to resolve the issue(s) then your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and your District Leaders should be consulted.

If the District Leaders are unable to resolve the issue, then a brief letter outlining the issue should be sent by the District Leaders to all of the Sponsors. The letter should reflect the input from both District Leaders and any others consulted. If the letter is addressed to a specific Sponsor, then the other Sponsors shall be copied and such copying shall be so noted on the letter. The same is true if an email is sent. All three Sponsors shall be copied.

If no reply is received from the Sponsor to whom the letter was addressed within ten days, then the District Leader(s) will call the Sponsor to ensure the letter or email was received and to ascertain the status of the issue.

If the Sponsor(s) feels that a conference call is necessary, arrangements will be made for the parties involved to participate in a conference call with all of the Sponsors. These conference calls are usually held on Wednesday at noon.

If the issue is not resolved in the conference call, and it is necessary to schedule a meeting at the Annual Convention, Grand Lodge Convention, Annual Mid-Term Conference, or Homecoming, then it will be necessary to consider serious actions against the Lodge or parties. Said actions may include: assignment of a Special Representative who would not be from the Lodge in question; the issuance of an Executive Order removing officers or trustees, placing the Lodge on Probation or suspending the Charter; or revocation of the Lodge Charter.

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 holds Youth Appreciation Dinner

On Friday, May 1st, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 held a Youth Appreciation Dinner. One young man, Mathew Chow, was recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Six other youth were recognized for their academic accomplishments and received scholarships from the Lodge and the PER Association.

The 1st place scholarship winners received \$1,000 from the Lodge and \$500 from the PER Association. The 2nd place scholarship winners received \$750 and \$300 respectively. The 3rd place scholarship winners received \$500 and \$200 respectively.

Boys: 1st place - Alex C. (Oaks Christian High School) plans to attend USC. 2nd place - Courtney B. (Newbury Park High School) plans to attend UC Berkeley. 3rd place - Kai Y. (Thousand Oaks High School) plans to attend Georgetown University.

Girls: 1st place - Kathleen O. (Newbury Park High School) plans to attend Northeastern University. 2nd place - Grace A. (Oaks Christian High School) plans to attend UCLA. 3rd place - Fariha H. (Westlake High School) plans to attend UCLA.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 honors local Police and Firefighters

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recently held its annual Police & Fire Recognition Banquet to honor Public Safety personnel from around the Southwest Riverside County. Many members of the Elks Lodge, along with family, friends and co-workers from the various Departments, were in attendance to show their appreciation.

Sergeant Russell Hilton from Temecula Police Department, Officer Gabriel Aponte from Murrieta Police Department, Officers Willis Whited and Arden Gerbig from the California Highway Patrol's Temecula Station and Rainbow Inspection Facility, Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Roach and Engineer Andy Stang from Murrieta Fire Department and Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Perkins were honored with Plaques in appreciation of their service to the community.

As a result of his many years of dedicated service to citizens in several communities in Southwest Riverside County, retiring Murrieta Fire Chief Matt Shobert was presented with a plaque from the Temecula Elks Lodge and the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks naming him as "Citizen of the Year" by Past Exalted Ruler Bob Walker.

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Robert Ostini	1251	Donald Schultz	1877	Debbie Hosted	2011
David Podger	3	Mark Porter	1251	James G. Anderson	1952	Roy Jenness	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Ashley Munoz	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	James Ferris	1378	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Rebecca Munoz	2011
Flo Gandolfi	168	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Jose Justiniano	1952	Christine Nelson	2011
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Sherrie Larson	1952	David Plotke	2011
Karen Lakey	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	John Hardman	2031
Gary Marinelli	168	R. C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Jose A. Lopez	1952	David Dickey	2045
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Glenn Montague	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Chuck Nolan	168	Phillip Moore	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Ian Lanouette	2121
Hugh Van Doren	168	Colin Smith	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	J. Martin Borden	2230
Nadine Steel	218	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Carol Beckwith	1968	Terry Gicking	2477
Jerome Paul	672	Steve McGehee	1538	Jim Byerrum	1993	Steve L. Smith	2477
Lisa Fleury	759	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Richard Green	1993	Beverly Burns	2484
Jerry Hansen	901	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Alan Kelley	1993	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Ray Prettyman	1767	Ben Ortega	1996	Paul Kassel	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
John Eitel	1108	Chuck Jackson	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Mike Fredrickson	2697
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Michael Silva	1811	Hector Cazares	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Kevin Wroble	1811	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Lance Erickson	2733

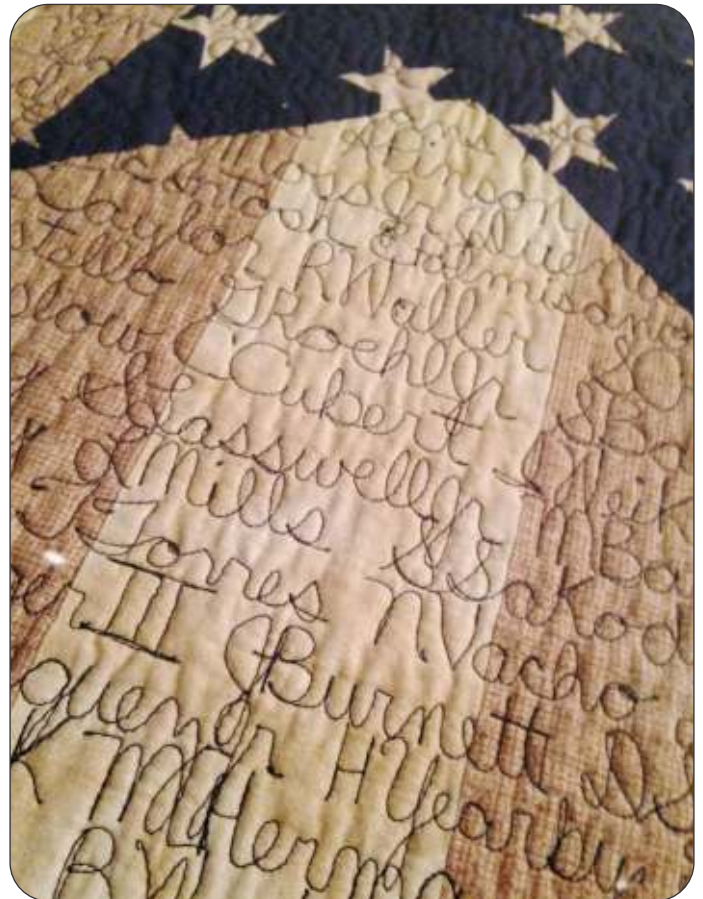
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 framed a patriotic display at VA hospital

In 2005, Jennifer Ralphs started making a Patriotic quilt for her Vietnam Veteran husband Ron. However, news of the growing loss of American lives in Iraq changed her project into a memorial for those who would not be coming home.

Her research led to a government website listing the fallen in Iraq, with name, age, rank, cause and location of death, and hometown. Jennifer then started stitching each name onto her quilt, one by one, for months. When the first quilt was finished, it contained 892 names. Her second quilt, same design, with patches to make up a maroon boarder, vertical panels in two shades of beige, and a large star in the center from an American flag, all overlaid with 835 names. All in all, Jennifer would take seven years to make five quilts containing a total of 4,486 names. One name for each soldier lost in the Iraqi war.

Jennifer contacted Maria Almes, Chief of Voluntary Services at the Sacramento VA Medical Center, about how best to share her quilts to honor veterans and their families. Maria called the Elks Lodge in Rancho Cordova. The Elks, known to be closely involved with supporting veterans and the VA Hospital, responded instantly. Exalted Ruler Rick Swinford would provide whatever was needed to properly display this tribute. Lodge Member John Garrett, a master cabinetmaker, and his wife, Suzie, built five large wood and plexiglas frames for final presentation to the VA Hospital.

On Memorial Day 2015, the Jennifer Ralphs Memorial Quilts moved to their new home at the Sacramento VA Medical Center, 10535 Hospital Way, Mather, CA, where they will be on display in the main hall and shared with over 500 veteran outpatients every day.



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CHEA 2015 Ritual Contest Report

By Greg Koester, CHEA Ritual Contest Chairman and John Lennon, CHEA Ritual Contest Vice Chairman

The CHEA Ritual Contest was held in San Diego, CA. We want to congratulate all of the teams that participated in the CHEA Ritual Contest. Thank you for your commitment to performing an outstanding ritual. First impressions are the most lasting impressions. The rendering of the ritual in an impressive and dignified manner is one of the most important contributions an Officer can make to your Lodge and to the Order. These participants are a great asset to our Order's traditions.

The preliminary contest was held on Thursday, May 7, 2015. Sixteen teams performed in the Grillo and Moore Divisions. The two top scoring teams in each division moved up to the final round of competition that was held on Friday, May 8, 2015. The winner of that final round of competition is the team that will represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association at the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest that will be held in Indianapolis, IN, in July.

Grillo Division Teams

8th Place, Torrance Lodge No. 1948; 7th Place, San Jose Lodge No. 522; 6th Place, Modesto Lodge No. 1282; 5th Place, Auburn Lodge No. 1691; 4th Place, San Rafael Lodge No. 1108; 3rd Place, Alameda Lodge No. 1015

Moore Division Teams

8th Place, Tulare Lodge No. 1424; 7th Place, Alhambra/San Gabriel No. 1328; 6th Place, Indio Lodge No. 1643; 5th Place, Chico Lodge No. 423; 4th Place, Norwalk Lodge No. 2142; 3rd Place, Huntington Beach No. 1959

Final Four Team Contest Results

The winner of the **Harry Hoffman Perpetual Trophy** and 1st Place Team with a score of 96.82964, Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2379, will be representing CHEA in Indianapolis this coming July at Grand Lodge. The point spread from 4th to 1st was only 1.40593. In 2nd place, with a score of 96.14571, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011; in 3rd place with a score of 95.59907, Riverside Lodge No. 643; and in 4th place, with a score of 95.42371, Lompoc Lodge No. 2274.

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 serves lunch at "Chico Walks for Autism"

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 moved out into the community with a post-walk barbecue at the Yellow Door's 2015 Chico Walks for Autism that took place at the One Mile Recreation Area on Saturday, April 4th. As hungry walkers finished their circuit, they were treated to a free lunch of hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks served up by several friendly and smiling Lodge volunteers.

Lodge member Dennis Leis was the conduit between our two groups prior to last year's Family Fun Knight. The organization was impressed with our family-friendly event and wanted to help. The partnership continued when the Yellow Door asked for our Lodge's help in their 4th annual Chico Walks for Autism. We challenged our Esquire and professional chef, John Strattard, to come up with a meal for \$1 a person, and John came through!

Volunteers, including most of our new officers, stepped up and, on Saturday morning, they were out in full force, spreading good cheer as they cooked and served over 1,000 lunches to the walkers.

We all know that great things happen at Lodge 423. Getting out into the community at large is another way we are showing Chico that we are an active, vibrant, and fun organization that's invested in our local scene. Saturday's barbecue was a great way to show the community that our Lodge actively follows our Elks motto of "Elks care, Elks share."

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is given to the Exalted Ruler who has the highest score in the category of impressiveness in the final four. The Exalted Ruler with the highest impressiveness score, 47.53 out of a possible 50, was John Rivetti of Santa Clarita Lodge No. 2011.

The **Bud Tari Perpetual Trophy** is awarded to the most underappreciated member of the ritual team - "the candidate." Bud Tari was the first Exalted Ruler of the Livermore-Pleasanton Lodge No. 2117. The CHEA Historian, Edward "Trill" Torrilhon, obtained the trophy. It served as the winning cup for the California Ritual Competition from 1925-1930. This year's award was presented to Martin Barros, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011, who was the most impressive candidate of the final four.



Candidate - Julie Whitman, PER, Leading Knight Tina Jackson, Esquire Gary Keener, Exalted Ruler John Rivetti, Chaplain Charlie Handy, Loyal Knight Maurice Hamilton, Lecturing Knight Roger Lowe, Inner Guard Rick Veiga, Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 champions

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 BBQs for vets

"As long as there is a Vet, the Orange Elks will never forget." Throughout the year, the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 does many things for veterans, and this week was no different. Seventeen members of the Orange Elks Lodge helped prepare a lunch at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. The BBQ luncheon was for members of the Los Alamitos Aviation Unit B Co., 640th Airborne Support Battalion that will deploy to Kuwait this fall.

Two hundred fifty soldiers and two hundred more of their family and friends were attending a pre-deployment meeting prior to the battalion's departure in the fall. The BBQ luncheon included all the fixings for a barbecue. The Orange County USO and several other local organizations sponsored the event. The Lodge donated a little over \$250, purchased and prepped much of the food and enjoyed cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the soldiers and their families. Several very hungry Marines joined the feast later in the afternoon. The Family Day Event gave the soldiers and their families a chance to meet with each other before the soldiers leave later this year. They enjoyed playing horseshoes, softball, tug-of-war, Frisbee and many children's games as well. Many of the soldiers indicated that this was the best Family Day Event that they had attended before a deployment!

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 donates \$10,000 to hospital

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 members welcomed Mission Viejo Hospital Auxiliary Vice President Irene Dressler and Ways & Means Chairperson Ginny Moon.

The two Mission Hospital representatives were present to thank the Elks Lodge members for their generous donation of \$10,000. The donation is earmarked for the Hospital's Neurological Science Spinal Institute. The Lodge's Charity and Bingo Committees raised the money under the supervision of the Lodge Charities Committee Chairman and District Deputy Designate Harvey Boelts.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Camacho Alvarez, Mission Viejo Hospital representatives Irene Dressler and Ginny Moon, and Lodge Charities Committee Chairman Harvey Boelts

2015 CHEA Convention in San Diego was a success

The recent California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) convention in May 2015 was a rousing success. By now, you all know that \$3,259,052.77 was raised for the Purple Pig. This is a three-year stretch of donations in excess of \$3M, and it is on an upward trend! Fantastic!

Chuck Nolan, the 2015 CHEA Convention Chairman, and his committee deserve our thanks for a successful convention. There were some initial difficulties with room availability that were caused by events outside of Chuck's control, but those issues were soon resolved. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

A rousing "Thank you" goes to the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 for their hospitality and hard work. Not only did they handle the registration tables and provide general assistance to the convention goers, but they also hosted a spaghetti feed on Friday night, a 125th anniversary celebration dinner on Saturday night and a champagne buffet brunch on Sunday morning. A "Thank you" as well to the Chula Vista Elks Lodge for their cultural dinner luau, music and dancing on Friday night. A huge "Thank you" goes to the Hawaii District for sponsoring the Hawaiian luau on the patio on Thursday afternoon. "Thank you" to the Metropolitan District for their donation of the gifts to the 2015 Theme Children and their family. A "Thank you" to all of the presenters during the convention who spoke on the convention floor and to the other presenters who hosted the various break-out sessions and seminars in the afternoons. These events were very educational to the convention attendees.

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Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 has a surprise during Flag Retirement ceremony

On April 11, 2015, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 held a Flag Retirement at the Lodge. The American Legion Post 233, VFW, the Marine League and the Young Marine Cobras also participated.

Over 1,200 American Flags and other flags were retired that day. The Young Marine Cobras did the majority of the work, but all the veterans and many of the guests in attendance took turns in retiring the flags.

The Lodge's honor guard performed a 3-volley rifle salute during the ceremony. Guest speakers included Elk Grove Police Chief Robert Lehner, former Elk Grove Mayor Sofia Sherman and Community Service District Board of Directors member Michelle Orrock.

A special surprise occurred when we discovered a worn and tattered American Flag with 38 Stars on it. That Flag was kept to discover its history and for possible display in our city.



Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 honors veterans

Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 never forgets our hospitalized veterans. Jerry Babinski is the Lodge's Elks National Veterans Service Chairman and he visits the Jerry L. Pettis VA Medical Center in Loma Linda with fellow Elks on the first Wednesday of each month. From time to time several hospitalized veterans from the medical center are treated to a dinner at the Lodge. On Tuesday, June 2nd, Aaron Hunt, the Lead Recreational Director from the medical center, bused 13 veterans to the Lodge for dinner. Dixie Branscombe, a member of the Lodge, decorated the tables with an American Flag and other patriotic symbols. The veterans enjoyed dinner, sodas and iced tea from the Lodge's menu. Prior to the close of the dinner, Jerry presented Aaron with a check for \$100 for veterans' services. A Fourth of July event is also being planned for the vets.

In other news, our members joined members of the VFW Post No. 1508 and American Legion Post 200 in observing Memorial Day at Elsinore Valley Cemetery. Boy Scouts from the troops that the Lodge sponsors and Girl Scouts decorated the graves of departed veterans with crosses and American Flags. A squad of U.S. Marines also honored the departed veterans with a rifle salute. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the attendees were invited to the Lodge for a potluck lunch.

West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996 honors youth at a Lodge banquet

The West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996 honored many youth at the Annual Youth Award Banquet on March 27, 2015. The Lodge recognized three Essay Winners, five District Hoop Shoot Winners, seven High School Scholarship Winners, four Eagle Scouts and three Gold Award Girl Scouts.

They were all recognized for their outstanding work in and out of the classroom. Honoring these youth were Lodge Officers: Loyal Knight Julie Gomez-Pasted, the event Chairperson, ER Dana Williams, PER Judith Lumbreras, and Lodge Chaplain Maria Caballero. All of the honorees went home with a certificate of recognition and generous checks or gift cards. We were pleased to reward all these youth and look forward to doing it again next year.



Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 awards \$50,000 to youth and other charities

It was standing room only at Youth Night on Tuesday, May 5, at Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767. There were more than 140 adults and children who gathered to enjoy a spaghetti dinner that added to the evening's enjoyment. Then Lodge Officers and Trustees presented more than \$50,000 in awards from the Newport Harbor Charitable Tate Fund to many outstanding youth and other charitable organizations in the community. The Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts presented the Colors, and everyone was treated to music by the 5th and 6th Grade California Elementary Band. The Newport Beach Police Department was a big hit when they brought one of their canines from their Drug Awareness Program. The evening ended with a prayer and a round of applause for all the awardees.



Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 car show supports its local community work

On May 2nd, the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 was the proud host of its 5th Annual Classic Car Show Fundraiser. Five hundred people attended this popular event and they thoroughly enjoyed viewing 70 vehicles which were competing for 26 trophies.

Many more exhibits and displays were available to the spectators who enjoyed various festivities on a beautiful day. The many activities included an elaborate radio controlled train display from different eras, an exhibit of exotic animals, a display of antique tractors and engines, a "scratch built" scale model of the 1942 "Mighty Mo" battleship, a car wash by the Antelope Valley Naval Sea Cadets, and massages given by personnel who explained their profession.

Hundreds of prizes were distributed in a raffle and a silent auction to the tunes of 1950's era music. A BBQ lunch and refreshments were available for a nominal charge and admission was free. This family oriented event raised \$2,600 for the Lodge's several programs, projects and community activities. Its success was only possible due to the great volunteerism of our Lodge members, local groups and friends of the Lodge.



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