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President Donald Schultz meets the B. P. O. Elks 2015-2016 GER Ronald Hicks

During the 2015 Elks Grand Lodge Convention, CHEA President Donald Schultz had the honor to meet the next Grand Exalted Ruler, Ronald L. Hicks, prior to his installation on July 9th, the final day of the 2015 Grand Lodge Convention. Ronald Hicks is a member of the Fredericksburg, VA Elks Lodge No. 875.



L to R: CHEA President Donald Schultz, GER Ronald L. Hicks

Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 receives ENF Gratitude Grant to help seniors

Jan Benlein of "Aunties Angels" received a Costco card from the Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 Exalted Ruler Joe Reynolds and Lodge Secretary Mary Reynolds. The Hualalai Senior Housing group was the recipient of a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks Lodge No. 2616 of Kailua Kona. The card will be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for the seniors living in the facility.



L to R: Kona Lodge Secretary Mary Reynolds, Kona Lodge Exalted Ruler Joe Reynolds and Jan Benlein

Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 celebrated Flag Day

The Ventura Elks Lodge No. 1430 celebrated a weeklong tribute to the American Flag with the traditional Elks Flag Day Ritual of the history of the American Flag. The historical flags were presented by Cub Scout Troop No. 3179, which is sponsored by the Lodge. Exalted Ruler Kris Picard narrated the event, assisted by the Lodge's Chair Officers.

Each Flag Day, this community event has been a tradition with the Ventura Elks Lodge. Representatives from many local service organizations attend the ceremony. An American Flag coloring book contest for first graders was held during the weeklong event that culminated with an official Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643 hosts Easter Party and Egg Hunt

Each year, members of the Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643 host an "Annual Easter Party & Egg Hunt" for children, grandchildren and friends of Elk members. Children participate in crafts, are served lunch with desert, then join in the Easter Egg Hunt (we hid over 1,300 eggs) and enjoy a visit by the "Easter Bunny." Everyone had a great time, including the big kids!



L to R: Audianna and Isabella

President's Message



Greetings Members All,

By the time you read this article, we will be finishing four months of our fabulous journey. Shirley and I will be well into our mileage allowance and some members will be tiring of our message. We definitely will not be bored with our visits to your Districts and Lodges. Every stop in the road means a new experience and a renewed gratefulness for the values expressed in the very

short phrase, "Elks Care-Elks Share."

Our programs are vital to the recipients we serve, but they are not all equal in all Lodges. Many Lodges need more helping hands in promoting and administering their most desired programs. This is why I, as your President, have been stressing leadership at all levels. The Grand Lodge Committeemen, District Deputies and District Leaders cannot guide the affairs of a Lodge in need without the constant flow of information from the Association Committeemen and the Association Vice Presidents. Weaknesses in a Lodge should not be a secret. Early intervention can and does salvage many Lodge long-range problems. There may not be any salvation if all hands leadership is not accepted.

Our CHEA Chairmen are at the center of program reporting. Without this vital tool, we, in a top leadership position, cannot assist in a constructive support role. I am encouraging all CHEA Chairmen to make a complete distribution of recognized reporting shortcomings. I have also asked them to make an expanded distribution of "please help" messages through their normal distribution and to District Deputies, District Leaders and Association Vice Presidents. My role will be to gently shake the tree to determine if these vital leaders are providing a lifeline to individual Lodges.

I do thank our Association Vice Presidents for their timely Lodge visits and clear reporting on anticipated programs for the year. These dedicated representatives can get the engine started, but what happens when the program runs out of gas? This is where multi-level leadership intervention kicks in. They are the new cans of gas to keep the engine running. If we all do our parts, Lodges will grow, officers will be proud, membership will grow and discontent could disappear.

So, my fellow Elks, "Press On For Success."

Donald D. Schultz, CHEA President

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 raises \$1,500 for veterans

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 hosted its first Sporting Clay fundraiser at the Clear Creek Sports Club north of Chico. The event, a form of clay pigeon shooting, is often described as "golf with a shotgun". Clays are thrown from many angles and can be different sizes. The sport is meant to simulate the hunting of duck or pheasant over a course set up to suit the terrain of the location.

Eight teams of five shooters competed over a course of 10 stations and were provided with lunch and awards after the event. Jesse Lane, Eric Barnes, Ned Pitlock, Ron Davis and Don Bohl were the members of the winning team. They received a trophy, a gift card from a local steakhouse, Kleen Kanteens, and a free trip to Clear Creek Sports Club.

The Lodge raised \$1,500 to benefit VECTORS Housing for Veterans in our area. Everyone had a great time and participants are already planning to attend our event next year.

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President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

Sept. 4-6, 2015
Hawaii District

Sept. 11-13, 2015
Bay District

Sept. 17-20, 2015
South Coast District

Oct. 2-6, 2015
*East Central District
Bass Lake*

Oct. 9-11, 2015
*California Elks Camper Rally
Hemet*

Oct. 16-18, 2015
Central District

Oct. 23-25, 2015
*Arizona Elks Association
Mid-Year Meeting*

Nov. 6-7, 2015
*CHEA Mid-Term Conference
Riverside*

Nov. 13-15, 2015
West Central District

Nov. 20-22, 2015
San Gabriel Valley District

Dec. 4-6, 2015
North Central District

Dec. 11, 2015
*Roses for the Living Luncheon
Pasadena*

Dec. 30-31, 2015
*New Year's Celebration
Pasadena*

Jan. 1, 2016
*New Year's Celebration
Pasadena*

**Elks Pride
Community
Focus**

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



Do you ever get tired of hearing, “Elks Care, Elks Share”?

When John F. Malley founded the ENF in 1928, he envisioned that it would “unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind.” Today, in many ways, the Community Investments Program is that army.

As grant amounts grew from \$200 to \$500 to \$2,500, the army set to work, and people across the country saw the Elks' commitment to charity in action. As we celebrate the program's tenth birthday, it's the perfect time to reflect on the CIP's success!

Elks use grants to provide food to the hungry and clothes for the homeless, to serve veterans in need, and support community members in crisis, teach the value of service and be role models for youth, and spread the goodwill of the Elks.

Since the Community Investments Program began, we've awarded more than 16,000 grants to Lodges, each targeted toward helping Elks build stronger communities. Here are some program highlights.

The Community Investments Program started in 2005-06 with a budget of \$350,000, and 544 Lodges took advantage of these \$200 grants. Participation climbed, and the grant amounts and the budget grew. Along the way, Elks volunteers gave countless hours to serve their communities in dozens of different ways.

In the beginning, there were Promise Grants. (Although Promise Grants started in 2001, they found a home with the CIP in 2005). Gratitude Grants sprang to life in 2005-06 and even more Lodges got involved. In 2007-08, Impact Grants become a reality, offering Lodges up to \$10,000 to start a large-scale service project in their community. In 2012-13, we added Beacon Grants to the program, offering to each Lodge the chance to start an ongoing charitable project, something that the community could associate with their Lodge.

In 2015-16, the ENF will invest \$9.77 million in the Community Investments Program to help Elks build stronger communities. If the past 10 years are any indication, this birthday is the first of many milestones. Ten years is only the beginning. Yes, Elks do Care and Share.

You can help. The Elks National Foundation needs the help of all Elk members to continue the good work we do. Please consider an ongoing gift by contributing to the Fidelity Club. Five or ten dollars per month will mean so much to the future of our programs.

Follow the link www.elks.org/ENF/GivingMethods.cfm to get started.

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 present their “Wally Dietrich” scholarship awards

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 recently held its 34th annual Intermediate School Sports and MVP Awards Banquet on June 3, 2015 honoring 150 eighth grade boys and girls from fifteen intermediate schools in the Santa Ana and Tustin Unified School District. Over 400 were on hand to view the recipients receiving their well-earned rewards.

School District Representatives were: Roxanna S. Owings (Coordinator of Special Projects, Santa Ana USD) and Sean Diaz (Coordinator of Student Services, Tustin USD). Dr. Gregory Franklin (Tustin USD Superintendent) was the guest speaker.

Plaques were presented to the 8th grader boys and girls who were selected by their coaches and teammates. Two High School students, Adam Lamar (Beckman HS MVP award for baseball) and Sofia Tam (Century HS MVP award for softball) received a \$500 Wally Dietrich Scholarship. A special thanks to Exalted Ruler Roger Vulgamore, and Bingo Chairman Marvin Hobbs for helping to make this one of our most successful Elks event of the year.

Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046 joins four Orange Coast District Lodges for “Christmas in July”

Five Elks Lodges from the Orange County District were honored to participate in the “Christmas in July Bingo” at the Long Beach Veterans Medical Center in Long Beach, California.

Elks in the Orange County District sponsor “Christmas in July” each year. It is held at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Long Beach, CA, for the disabled, in-patient veterans. Of the ten Elks Lodges in the District, five lodges shared and participated in the Christmas in July event: Buena Park (No. 2046), Garden Grove (No. 1952), La Habra (No. 2095), Mission Viejo (No. 2444) and Orange (No. 1475). The Elks provided the veterans cash prizes, goodie bags and helped those who needed visual or physical assistance to play the game. Many of the Elks walked around the floor visiting and confirming Bingo wins or serving refreshments. The vets appreciated the cash prizes, as they were able to choose what they wanted at the facility canteen.

In October, the other five Elks Lodges from the Orange County District: Fullerton (No. 1993), Westminster (No. 2346), Newport Harbor (No. 1767), Huntington Beach (No. 1959) and Santa Ana (No. 794) will conduct their visit as well. The veterans look forward to Bingo and other events, which occur several times a year.



Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 and Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 with vets

Every one knows about acronyms. In the Elks, we know that ENF means the “Elks National Foundation,” but we choose to give it another meaning as well. The members of the Newport and Orange Elks Lodges had an ENF (Extra Nice Feeling) when they entertained twelve blind and vision impaired veterans to a lunch and a Duffy Electric Boat ride around Newport Bay.

The Elks gave their “Time and Talent” to help the veterans enjoy the day. The Newport Lodge served a lunch that was pulled pork sliders, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, soft drinks and cookies for desert. Each veteran received a gift that included a \$25 gift card from Wal-Mart, a flashlight and several other items.

After lunch, the veterans enjoyed a Duffy Boat ride around Newport Bay. Although they were blind or vision impaired, their senses were very good to the sights, sounds and smells of the bay.

“As long as there is a Vet, the Elks will never forget” and members of the Newport and Orange Elks are planning the next event for the vets!

Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, Youth Activities Chairman



Happy almost Autumn!

As our youth return to school for the fall semester, let us continue to support and encourage them. Here are some ideas that can keep youth involved and also get some of your members working together for a common goal.

Back to School: perhaps you know of a low-income area in your community where giving "back to school supplies" to the children would be welcomed. Several stores have the necessary basics on sale right now or at an inexpensive price. Have an outreach to take the items to them, or have a "store" at the lodge where you purchased the items and the children from that neighborhood or school could come and pick up what they need at no charge.

Americanism Essay Contest: if you have difficulty persuading your local school district to participate in the Essay Contests promoted by the Elks, check with any Charter Schools in your area to see if they would like to participate. Next reach out to any Boys and Girls Clubs or the YMCA to see if the appropriate age group of children would like to participate. This might work for the Drug Awareness Program Poster and Essay Contests, too.

For the coming Holiday Season: Ask your talented and creative members to make items for a Christmas Bazaar – where the children could come buy inexpensive gifts for parents, family members and friends. Have a baking day where your talented pie bakers can teach interested children to bake a pumpkin pie (or another flavor if you prefer). Have another baking day to make sugar cookies, OR you make the cookies and bring them in to the Lodge for the children to decorate – an idea that would work with any holiday. Or combine the two days into one if your kitchen is big enough.

It's also time to be working your Dictionary Program, your Hoop Shoot program and the Scholarship programs. Work with the counselors at the participating schools to try to increase the awareness of our programs and the returns available to the students. These programs can have long lasting effects on our Youth and communities.

Sky Forest Elks Lodge No. 2393 participates in welcoming parade

On July 22nd, the Sky Forest Elks Lodge No. 2393 and "Elroy the Elk" participated in the Lake Arrowhead Mountain Communities Welcome Parade for the Switzerland athletes participating in the Special Olympic World Games. As the Elks Ambassador, Elroy and his crew greeted the visitors and passed out Drug Awareness Coloring books and Elroy Superhero bookmarks.



Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 uses a Beacon Grant to help vets

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 has been actively providing indoor social and recreational support for wounded military veterans at the La Jolla, CA Veterans Hospital for several years. A Beacon Grant submitted in March 2015 entitled "Advancing Veteran Health and Wellness through Outdoor Recreational Activities" was approved for funding with an award of \$2,000. This Grant proposed to expand support for veterans by providing outdoor recreational activities. Specifically, the goal was to establish a bi-annual program to host two events, a trip to a San Diego Padres baseball game and a sport fishing trip from San Diego harbor. Each of these events would be one-half day in duration, would occur once a year, and would involve thirty-five Elk volunteers and 20 veterans. These events would be completed by July 31, 2015.

On June 18, 2015 five Escondido Elks accompanied 20 disabled military veterans on a Sport Fishing trip in the Pacific Ocean aboard the vessel Chubasco II. This expedition provided space on a boat, bait and tackle and hot lunch for our service members. The outing was a huge success as calico bass and Pacific red snapper were caught in abundance. Conversations with hospital patients were emotionally rewarding, as many had never before been on an ocean going vessel, let alone to catch fish. They shared their feelings by stating that this experience was a valuable way to appreciate the basic things in life, and reminded them that in spite of their individual problems they admittedly had lots to be thankful for.

On July 1, 2015 our Escondido Elks hosted 20 military veterans and their staff aides to a professional baseball game with the San Diego Padres. The Padres Executive Account Office provided us with a private 'Toyota Terrace Suite' that enabled the wounded warriors to enjoy the sporting event in a comfortable, exclusive setting. Five Elks were on hand to discuss a variety of life issues with the patients including military service, double plays, home runs and family relationships. The feedback received from Ellen Berman, the VA Hospital Recreational Therapist, was that both events were very successful, all attendees had a wonderful time, and the Hospital would be delighted to engage in similar activities next year.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 donates books for vets

On June 11, 2015, Les Mensinger donated a total of 553 books, 2 bags of magazines and a puzzle to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital in Menlo Park on behalf of the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121.



L to R: An anonymous veteran, Voluntary Service Specialist Alberto Villareal and Les Mensinger

New! Purchase through “Amazon Smile” for donations to the Purple Pig!

(Editor's note: the following information is excerpted from the Amazon Smile web site. The Fresno CHEA office requested that this be published.)

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Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 uses a Gratitude Grant to help purchase a K-9

The Fullerton Lodge No. 1993 presented a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant to the Placentia Police Department Canine Foundation. The donation will be used to help replace “Falkon,” a retiring police dog (K-9). PDDGER Tom Conlon saw an article in the Orange County Register that the Police Department was retiring “Falkon” and that the Department needed to raise funds to replace him.

Accepting the Grant were Police Chief Ward Smith, Canine Unit Sergeant Adam Gloe, Detective Ricki Menely and Narcotic K9 “Buddy” received the grant money on behalf of the Department. Officer Chris Anderson and Narcotic K9 “Habo” were called to duty so they could not attend.

Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 honored by a local USMC unit

One of the many traditions still honored by the United States Marine Corps is the “Mess Night” or “Dining-In.” Dining in is a formal military ceremony for members of a company or other unit, which includes a dinner, drinking, and other events to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps.

The “dining-in” is a formal event for all unit members, male and female, although some specialized mess nights can be for officers or enlisted personnel only. A unit's dining-in consists of only the members of the unit, with the possible exception of any guest(s) of honor.

When the officers and enlisted members of Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Services Battalion, Marine Corp Base Camp Pendleton decided to have their “Mess Night”, They began to look for a venue for it. Retired Sergeant Major Tim Soboleski of the Vista Elks Lodge told them to look no further. The event was held at the Vista Elks Lodge, and all attendees enjoyed the traditional “Mess Night.”

In appreciation for the Vista Elks Lodge's dedication to the Veteran community, as well as to the active duty Marines in and around the Vista area, the Headquarters Company Commander, Captain Lane, and Company Gunny, Gunnery Sergeant Schmuk, presented Exalted Ruler Kathy Harrod with a handcrafted plaque commemorating the evening's activities.

In addition, the military unit's members had collected \$300 to present to Loyal Knight James Leitholf as a contribution to the Lodge's Purple Pig fund.



L to R: Unidentified person, Captain Lane, GSgt Schmuk and ER Kathy Harrod

Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655 Supports Police K-9 Unit

The Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655 donated \$2,000 to the Novato Police Department's K-9 Unit. This money came from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant and will be use to purchase needed equipment to assist in the training and continued maintenance of the dogs.

The \$2000 grant will supply the unit with technical equipment to monitor the temperature of the interior of the K-9 police vehicle while the handler is away from the vehicle to ensure that it remains in a “safe” range. The handler may also remotely release the dog from the vehicle if the officer needs assistance. The Novato Elks have focused on establishing a partnership with the Police and other City departments through the use of ENF awards.

Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



The CHEA Purple Pig Committee applied for and received a grant from Disneyland for four "Park Hopper" tickets. So, if you're coming to the Mid-Term Conference in November and don't stop by the Purple Pig booth, you will miss out on the chance to win the Disneyland tickets.

The Purple Pig Committee will be selling tickets at the 2015 Mid-Term in Riverside and at the 2016 CHEA Convention in Anaheim where the drawing will be held

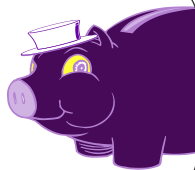
prior to the Purple Pig March.

We will even be offering three nights lodging at the Anaheim World Mark Resort that have been donated. So be sure to stop by the booth to meet your CHEA Purple Pig Committee to see many other new and exciting things you could win. Your Purple Pig Committee will see you in Riverside on November 6-7, 2015!

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by giving a coin a day so they can
Walk, Talk, See & Play!



Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 donates food for their community

The members of the Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 donated over 2,200 lbs. of food to the lodge's "food barrel" over the past eighteen months. The food donations were given to the First Lutheran Church, in Lucerne, and the Lucerne Alpine Senior Center to augment their food cupboards. These food donations are very much needed by the north shore communities of Upper Lake, Nice and Lucerne.

In other news, the Lodge presented a \$1,000 check to the Lake Family Resource Center to support their worthy programs. The funds were made available through the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program. Exalted Ruler Richard Shaw made the presentation to the Resource Center's Executive Director, Gloria Flaherty.



L to R: First Lutheran Church members Tricia Mohl and Jeanne Ford

Two Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Life Members join an "Honor Flight"

The North Coast Honor Flight No. 2015 included two Life Members of the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6. For years, many local war veterans never had the chance to visit the memorials that have been created to honor them in Washington D.C. However, with the help of the North Coast Honor Flight, that has changed. Started in 2005, the Honor Flight is now a nationwide event. "This gives these folks a chance to be visible again, to be validated as real whole human beings, that have had a big history," said Steven Justus, the North Coast Honor Flight Co-Chairman.

This year's group of veterans headed to Sacramento on Wednesday, June 3rd, for a dinner at Elks Lodge No. 6. The lodge's driveway was lined with more than 120 American flags. In addition, there was a "Stand A Flag Line" made up of members of the Patriot Guard Riders. The Patriot Guard Riders is a group that attends funerals for veterans, police officers and firefighters, and also participates in community patriotic events like this one at the Elks Lodge. On Thursday, the veterans boarded the honor flight to Washington, D.C. and returned home on Sunday.

Tony Muljat, a 71-year Lodge member, joined the Army Air Corps just before his 20th birthday and served for 3 years. He served as Chief Clerk in France, Germany and England. Tony was in charge of the Personnel Section of the 19th Tactical Air Command Headquarters. Tony's Personnel Section had more officers than enlisted personnel because it was a tactical unit. Therefore Tony had a Top Secret Clearance, and was often restricted to the base due to his knowledge of battle plans and other top-secret information. At one point, Tony was responsible for the Battle Plans for the Normandy invasion.

Clarence Facha, a 54-year Lodge member, joined the Marines just out of High School. Although he had a "farm deferment," his friends had joined, so he joined as well. As part of the first wave of Marines on Saipan Island on June 15, 1944, he went in with amphibious tanks after the initial bombardment. His battalion was on the extreme left flank, which, because of its exposure, suffered the worst of the counterattack. His battalion received a Presidential Citation for their heroic efforts. Nine months later, on February 23, 1945, Clarence witnessed the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima, and his battalion was awarded their second Presidential Citation.



L to R: Clarence Facha and Tony Muljat

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chair



Having just returned from the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, I am re-energized with excitement and passion for the Elks Drug Awareness Programs! We are truly the Best People on Earth. It takes a team to make our program a success. Thank you for being part of the Team!

The CHEA Drug Awareness Web Page is updated. The information for the Poster, Essay, and new Video Contest can be accessed from the site. There have been

some changes in the “nuts and bolts” of the contests, so please read the information completely! I will be putting out a detailed description of our programs to your District Chairs, so please contact them for more details and information. Our theme this year is “Just Don't Do It!”

The Elks Kids Zone website is a fantastic resource for children. The website is updated with current information every few weeks. It is now also available on Facebook and Twitter. The website has been viewed in over 100 different countries!

The Drug Awareness program is the future of our Youth and the promise of our Order. Accept the challenge and join us, the dedicated and passionate members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!

Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 donates 368 children's bicycle helmets

The Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484, as part of the City's Annual 4th of July Picnic days, set up a trailer next to the BMX Freestyle Stunt Show. As the audience gathered, Lodge members Pat Bush and Tina Witcher handed out Drug Awareness packages to families, and then after the show, the Lodge gave 368 bicycle helmets to the children in attendance. After receiving their new helmets, the children took them back to the Stunt riders for autographs.

The nationally known “BMX Freestyle Team,” put on an exciting aerial and ground display of skill, promoted safety, drug awareness and character then encouraged the children to take advantage of the helmets offered by the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge. This celebration is an annual tradition for the city of Rancho Cordova. It had a turnout of around 20,000 people, spanned the 3rd and 4th of July, with 4 BMX shows, food vendors, information booths, radio stations, and carnival rides.

Special thanks for helping to make this happen goes to Bob Brotherton, John and Suzie Garrett, Norm Mayers, Joanie Keener, Hartley Hermansen, Sharon Russell, Wayne and Nancy Crowder, Frank Brotherton and Tina Witcher.



A child receives a free bicycle helmet

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 helps bring a war memorial exhibit to the city

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 teamed up with Marine Detachment 1207, the VFW, the American Legion and the Military Order of the Purple Heart to bring the “Remember Our Fallen War Memorial Exhibition” to Chula Vista City for the first week in May 2015. The Chula Vista Library donated their Veterans Wing for the exhibit.

The Lodge was in charge of the Opening Ceremony and presented B.P.O. Elks “Medals of Valor” to each of fourteen Gold Star Families of a local fallen hero. The “Remember Our Fallen War Memorial Exhibition” consists of individual state exhibits that were created to remember our country's fallen since the Twin Towers fell on Sept. 11, 2001 and launched the War on Terror through to today. The memorial is not brick and mortar. It has been designed to travel from state to state so that others can be reminded of the tremendous cost paid for our freedoms. The exhibits includes military and personal photos of each of the fallen who called a particular state their home and who died from wounds suffered in the war zone while wearing our country's uniform. California has the largest number at 710 fallen soldiers; of which 77 were from the San Diego area and fifteen were women. Of that number, fourteen were from the Chula Vista and South Bay area.

In attendance and speaking were: Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas, National City Mayor Ron Morrison, Chula Vista City Council Member Captain John McCann, and Gold Star Mother Armida Martinez. Helping to present the Medals were Exalted Ruler Genie Jenness and CHEA South Coast District VP Martin Barros. Also present were other elected officials, city leaders, military leadership, active duty military, the Marine Corps Band, Marine Color Guard, a choral group and approximately 300 community members. Special thanks went to about 20 local businesses, the CV Police Department, Senior Patrol, Public Works, and several youth groups. The event drew in two major television stations and various other local media. It was estimated that over 1,500 people visited the memorial during the seven-day display.



L to R: ER Genie Jenness, Gold Star Mother Mrs. Mendez, VP Martin Barros, Sailor Escort (unknown)

Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 cooks pancake breakfast for Relay for Life

Following a Relay for Life event at Lawrence Middle School, officers of the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 hosted a pancake breakfast for the participants. The event had nine teams and over 170 participants, and it raised \$15,330 for the American Cancer Society. PER Bruce Troe, a teacher at Lawrence Middle School and the 2015-16 Metropolitan District DDGER, spearheaded the project.

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Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 hosted a fashion show for charity

Ladies of the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 put on a fashion show this spring. It was a huge success. The theme was "Hats Off To Fashion" and it honored four Ladies of the Elks: Phyllis Frye, Emmy Sachen, Alethee Lee and Dot Smith, for their 50+ years of active service in Elksdom.

The models were Elks, Ladies of the Elks and daughters of Elks. It is the Ladies' biggest fundraiser of the year and the event was sold out with standing room only. Male Elks and Officers served up a delicious Italian feast from Cantalini's, and there was a hat contest with prizes awarded to the most creative and most hilarious hats. Luncheon tickets, hat raffle door prizes and raffles helped the ladies make over \$5,000 to go towards the many projects and charities of the Westchester Elks Lodge. Chair of the event was Sherry Hunt. The Elks have always appreciated the time and commitment from the Ladies of the Westchester Elks and would like to thank them for all that they do.



Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 donates \$2,000 to "Fishes and Loaves"

The Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Fishes and Loaves of St. Benedict's church. Fishes and Loaves is an outreach ministry, which provides emergency food for needy families in San Benito County.

The funding for the donation came from an Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program Gratitude Grant of \$2,000. Fishes and Loaves will use the money to purchase food for their program. Inner Guard Lori Whitaker (committee chair) presented the check to Paul Armbruster of the Fishes and Loaves ministry.

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

Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 helped plant Grace and Mercy's garden

On July 18th, volunteers from the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 helped plant Grace and Mercy's new vegetable garden. The Lodge donated \$2,000 to Grace and Mercy for yard renovation, building the elevated garden, the garden equipment, the solar powered drip irrigation system, plants, mini portable greenhouse and a rapid compost bin.

The produce from the garden will be distributed through the Food Bank to the Lodi Community, and will be used for the meals distributed to the needy, through the Soup Kitchen. Grace and Mercy's director Cheryl Francis, and her staff provided more than 40,000 meals last year, to those in need.



L to R: Tim Steele, Jonathan Vickrey, Eileen Dugan, Bruce Baker, Marilyn Hughes and Becky Vickrey

Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 donates clothing to the Air Force Reserves

The Yucaipa Lodge No. 2389 collected and donated over \$500 worth of clothing and small household items to the men and women veterans at March Air Force Reserve Base in Riverside, CA. Clothing was designated "dress for success" type to be used by vets returning to the work force. Some vets are setting up new homes and will use the donated items. Lodge Veterans Chairman Mike Wood and PER Bill Daley organized the event.

In other news, the Lodge raised \$400 for their Hoop Shoot Program and \$60 for the Purple Pig and also had a lot of fun when 47 members and guests took a bus trip to a local casino.

Elks National Foundation

By Robert Ostini, ENF Vice-Chairman

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY CHEA LODGES CONTINUES TO INCREASE

The participation in the ENF's Community Investment Program (CIP) by Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association in 2014-2015 exceeded the previous year's amount.

- Grants received in 2014-2015: \$506,695.00
- Grants received in 2013-2014: \$480,300.00
- 128 Lodges received Gratitude Grants
- 69 Lodges received Beacon Grants
- 33 Lodges received Promise Grants
- 5 Lodges received Impact Grants

Congratulations to the Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439, which received one each of these grants (for a total of \$16,000) for the second year in a row.

Applications for all CIP grants are now available at www.elks.org. Promise Grants are now worth \$2,500 (an increase from \$2,000). Gratitude Grants are \$2,000, and Lodges can qualify for an additional \$500. Beacon Grants of \$2,000 are available for every Lodge (just ask). Impact Grants are available for up to \$10,000.

Getting a grant for your Lodge's community needs is easier than ever. Check out the details at www.elks.org and talk to your District's CIP Grants Coordinator.

"Press On for (CIP) Success."

Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 member receives award from President Schultz

Dennis Padilla was picked to receive the CHEA President's award for making a difference in the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 in the last three years. All ten Lodges in the Inland District were asked to write a one page letter about one person in their Lodge who was deserving of this award.

The Victorville Lodge's Exalted Ruler, Rose Marie Johnson, wrote the letter about Dennis Padilla, and he was selected to receive this special Presidential honor. Dennis gives 100% of himself to the Victorville Lodge, family, friends and high desert community to make our home a better place to live. CHEA President Don Schultz issued the award during his official visitation to the Inland District last month.



Monterey Elks Lodge No. 1285 donates to Veterans Transition Center

The Monterey Elks Lodge No. 1285 recently donated \$2,000 to the Veterans Transit Center. The funding for this donation came from an Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program Gratitude Grant.

Veterans will now be able to get bus passes to look for jobs, go to school or the doctor, thanks to this gift. The check was presented to the nonprofit Veterans Transition Center (VTC) located at the former Fort Ord Army facility in Monterey.

Tom Griffin, VTC board president, accepted the check from Loyal Knight Mike Huff. The \$2,000 Gratitude Grant will be used to help with transportation for the more than 50 formerly homeless veterans who now live at VTC. Through an agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit, VTC is able to buy discounted bus passes.

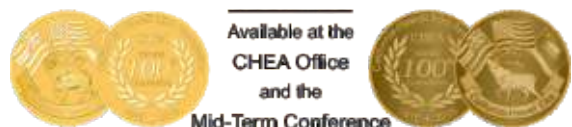
Founded in 1998, VTC is turning the discarded Army homes at Ft. Ord into transitional housing for homeless vets and their families. Approximately 1,200 veterans entered VTC doors last year for information, potential housing, food, clothing and other assistance. VTC consistently has 50 to 55 clients in housing and they are seeing much younger homeless and imminently homeless veterans on a daily basis.

The Monterey County VTC is one of the few programs in the nation to accept male and female veterans and their families. Program goals are to rehabilitate, so veterans exit the program clean and sober, with employment or other income, and have permanent housing for up to a year after leaving. During the last five years, VTC has been more than 90 percent successful in achieving these goals and has been noted by the Department of Veterans Affairs as the top program in the nation. Learn more, and help support VTC at www.vtcmonterey.org



L to R: Mike Huff and Tom Griffin in front of the armed services mural in the lobby of the Veterans Transition Center

CHEA 100th Annual Convention Coins



Membership

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership Chairman



FALL MEMBERSHIP GOALS

1. Before dropping members, inform members about their options - including dues relief and future reinstatement; 2. Use lodge activities and programs to excite potential members about the noble virtues and fun experiences offered by the Elks; 3. Use social media to help locate members and update stale addresses and phone numbers; 4. Maintain the interest of membership by including members with

one to five years on committees.

Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 assists Special Olympics World Games torch runners

The official Torch for the Special Olympic World Games stopped briefly in Santa Maria, California on Friday, July 17, 2015, on its way to Los Angeles. On hand to welcome and support the passing of the torch were members of Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 who provided the runners with lunch and beverages.

The torch was lit at the Sacred Site of Pnyx, opposite the Acropolis in Athens, Greece on May 14, before beginning the long journey through all 50 states on the Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America. The stop in Santa Maria was part of the 2015 Los Angeles Final Leg Team's trip for 17 days through more than 125 cities and towns throughout California.

The Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in 32 sports. This training transforms the lives of athletes as they become more physically fit, show courage and determination, make friends, and experience the joy of competition and camaraderie.

Law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes from around the country and the world brought the flame to Santa Maria from San Luis Obispo County. Law enforcement officials use the run as a means to raise funds to support the athletes.

The World Games will take place at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum from July 25 to August 2, with 7,000 athletes representing 177 countries participating. A local 14-member softball team, a bowler and a golfer will be representing the Santa Maria area at the competition.



Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 donates to childrens' mentoring organization

Wayne Wilson, Leading Knight of Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901, recently presented a \$1,500 grant check to Lisa Stravapoulos of "Mentor Me." The Lodge chose this organization to receive the grant because of the great impact that this organization has had on children of the community.

Mentor Me's vision is a world in which every young person has the consistent adult support and guidance they need to reach his/her highest potential in school and in life. Their mission is to assist children in reaching their highest potential by providing them with one-to-one relationships with caring adult role models from the community.

Mentor Me provides the mentor and mentee a safe and supportive environment in which the two can develop a trusting relationship. At this time, Mentor Me is active in fourteen Petaluma Schools with 248 matched children and approximately 80 children on a wait list. For information on how you can help mentor a child go to www.mentormepetaluma.org.



L to R: Lisa Stravapoulos and Wayne Wilson

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosts special guests

The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 held its annual SUMMER Sock Hop for special needs youngsters on July 11th. "We like to call them youngsters," said LER Camacho Alvarez, "but they are men, women and children of all ages, from sixteen to sixty and they sure know how to have a good time." Twenty-two Lodge volunteers were on hand at the event to make certain that the 140 special guests had a great time.

The High Hopes musical ensemble from Hope University in Santa Ana provided the entertainment. The talented musical group, made up entirely of developmentally challenged men and women, is world-renowned and has performed on national TV. Most of the guests are repeat attendees who look forward to meeting up with old friends at the party. The annual event is one of three parties held by the Lodge for the special needs men, women and children of the Saddleback Valley community. The other events are the Elks Lodge Christmas Party and the Younger Kids Carnival in May.

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 honors two firefighters

The Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 honored two outstanding firefighters and EMS at the 8th annual Firefighters and EMS Appreciation Night held on Thursday, June 4th.

Travis Mendes, working as an EMS for City Ambulance in the Garberville station, was nominated for the award for his efforts during a patient transfer from Garberville to Santa Rosa. During the journey on a typical winter night, a Dodge Durango careened around a curve and headed straight toward the ambulance. Making a split second decision, Mendes maneuvered to avoid a head on collision, saving his paramedic partner and patient along with occupants in the Durango.

Chief Dale Unea of the Samoa Peninsula Fire District was recognized for his work in saving the Samoa Peninsula Fire District. Because of severe financial reverses caused by industrial shutdowns, the Fire District went from three paid officers to none. Dale was able to reorganize and revitalize the District. As proof of his success, both the Arcata and Humboldt Bay Fire Departments now call Chief Dale and his fire crew when mutual aid is needed. To donate, go to samoafire.org.

The annual Firefighters and EMS Appreciation Night is just one of the many philanthropic and patriotic projects which mark the Elks' contribution to our community.



L to R: Travis Mendes, EMS, City Ambulance; Joe Moore, Exalted Ruler, Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652; and Chief Dale Unea, Samoa Peninsula Fire District

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 awards ENF MVS Scholarships

The Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to eight local students at the Lodge's Youth Night Dinner. Two students: R. Ender and A. Loi, received \$900 from the Central District; three students: J. Fox, R. Ender and A. Loi, received a total of \$2,400 total from CHEA; and M. Pepic won an ENF \$4,000 scholarship from Grand Lodge.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$300 to Jet Barrett, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 525. Jet will use this donation towards the funding needed to erect a new flagpole at the Tracy Cemetery in the veterans' section. This will be Jet's Eagle Scout project. The Lodge has sponsored Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop No. 525 since 1990. We give them free use of the Lodge Hall for their Blue and Gold Banquets, Pinewood Derby Races and their Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. In turn the Scouts help the Lodge by serving special event dinners, participating in Flag Day Ceremonies and doing a food drive during the holidays.

A letter from Mavis Johnson:

(Editor's Note: this is a letter from Mavis Johnson, who just retired from the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Tim Martin, Executive Director, requested that this letter be published in this issue of the California-Hawaii Elks Magazine.)

"To the Members of the Board of Trustees and Members of the Major Project:

Since I returned to the Major Project 18 years ago, I can definitely tell you that I have never been as motivated in any work setting unless it would have been 37 years ago when I was with the Major Project for 3 years. Because of your generous educational benefits and positive working environment, I have attended numerous workshops that have made me a more knowledgeable and productive therapist. Because of the Major Project, I feel like I have been given gifts that I will continue to share and hopefully be able to continue to make a difference in children's lives.

With all the government bureaucracy in health care and the school system, it is very difficult for families to get the much-needed help that their children require to succeed. Because the Major Project is an independent organization and free of government controls, I was able to provide therapy services and serve as an advocate for the children I treated. The transitions in life that they faced became much less painful because of this.

More than once when I explained to the parents of the children that I treated what the Elks organization was, they would ask me if the government would be able to pay for my services. I would explain that the Major Project didn't have anything to do with the government and that it was a gift from the Elks of California and Hawaii. They would always look at me in total disbelief.

I can still remember one time in particular after a mother and I completed the intake paperwork. She walked me out to my van and with tears welling up in her eyes she put her arms around me and said thank you. And so that is what I would like to say to all of you right now ...

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide these much needed services and thank you for providing me with the opportunity to meet all of my families and wonderful therapists that I have worked with throughout the years. It makes such a difference to me when I feel like I have touched their lives as they have touched mine. I continue to hear from many of the families that are now spread out across the country. You have made such a difference in their lives and in mine. Thank you and God bless you.

Fondly,

Mavis Johnson OTR/L

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 donated \$2,000 to "One SAFE Place"

The Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 donated \$2,000 to "One SAFE Place" to expand their emergency shelter and client services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. By creating more space with privacy and easily accessible support services, One SAFE Place will provide help, hope and healing to hundreds of women, children and men each year.

In other news, four graduating seniors have received \$1,000 scholarships that are awarded to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Congratulations to Sayre B., Brett R., Audrey M., and Kristina Z.

Scholarship
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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Copper Pig Level Donors May 11, 2015 - July 31, 2015)

Donor	Lodge
Sharon Dearborn	1767
Bruce Worth	1919

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors May 11, 2015 - July 31, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Jennifer Hawks	1471	David Skelton	1952	Laurie Ashley	2358
Thomas S. Brazier	824	Louis S. Pandol	1761	Emily L. Phelps	2011	Stephen "Steve" Arbelbide	2389
Sharon L. Young	1015	George Knapp	1812	Frank G. Keller	2045		

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors May 11, 2015 - July 31, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Dennis L. Woodson	888	Amanda Jung	1475	Steven R. Dale	2248
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Sharon L. Young	1015	Warren H. Downs	1561	Vernon E. Monroe	2314
Frank Almazan	583	Joe Tato	1108	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Joan Warloe	2393
Janice Almazan	583	Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	Virginia Lowe	1740	James Carson	2444
Bernard "Ben" Hanly	614	Marsha Andreae	1282	Louis S. Pandol	1761	David B. Coleman	2492
Stephen Jensen	614	Richard L. James	1289	Robert W. Griffith	1952	Robert & Margaret Hanevik	2646
Loyd Mayer (2)	614	John D. Jr. & Donna McEntire	1427	Richard Tanguy	1959	Richard R. Smith	2697
Dave Zeller	824	Bill Pedrazzi	1436	Robert Cassetta	1991	Kathy Rogers	2790
Eugene Cranford	836	Jennifer Hawks	1471	Karen Emery	2013	Angela Stevanus	2801
Larry R. Hancock	888	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	James A. May, Sr.	2045		

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Enrique Farias	6	Bruce Wissler	614	Wesley Taylor	836	Al Fredrickson (3)	1328
Butch & Lynn DePaul	168	Connie Hennings-Chilton	616	Leana Croft	888	Gordon Johnson	1328
Gary Marinelli	168	Lydia Joy	616	Robert Croft	888	Pat Macy	1328
Chuck Nolan	168	Roy Stocks	616	Patricia Devine	888	Mick Mistretta	1328
Mary Ann Williams	168	Laurie Beem	643	Anthony Fiori	888	Robert Santos	1328
Joann & Gianna Benson	322	Riverside Elks Ritual Team	643	Larry Hancock	888	Vern Valenzuela	1328
Rosanna Rodriguez	522	Jim Olson	652	Patrick Riley	888	E. Rob Robinson	1378
Geronimo Silverstein	522	Earl August	672	Cora Woodard (2)	888	Gene Baxter (2)	1419
Michele & Bill Wilson	522	Robert Beggs	672	Dennis Woodson	888	Gerald Bogaczyk	1419
Frank Almazan (2)	583	Wendell Cabot III	672	Tim & Sandy Jaeger	901	Richard Bushman	1419
Frank & Janice Almazan	583	Robert Fidler	672	Gerhard Ihde	906	Robert Camu	1419
Janice Almazan	583	Jason Fields	672	Robert Heredia	966	Robert Casaletti	1419
Sylvia Becker (2)	583	Gene Goins (2)	672	Jack Massie	966	Ellen Gadegaard	1419
Don Clem	583	David & Carol Jones	672	John Stammreich	966	Charles Heald	1419
Rick Dombrowski (2)	583	Cornelius Kelly III	672	Jeff Glick	1015	Ulysses "Butch" Johnson	1419
John Fulton	583	Albert Lasko, Jr.	672	Biff & Buffy Stout	1015	Robert Sorrells	1419
Hilary Mays-Fulton (3)	583	Robert Mooney	672	Dennis Valerio	1015	Michael Tharp	1419
Dennis Grimes	583	Bruce Morrison	672	Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Frances Walker	1419
Ron Martin, Jr.	583	Donald Short	672	Debbie Kessler	1108	John D. Jr. & Donna McEntire	1427
Alice Miranda	583	Edwin Ziolkowski	672	Robyn Sembenini & Joe Tato	1108	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427
Cyndi & Jim Rodgers	583	Art Echemnach	794	Joe Tato	1108	Rentschler Family	1427
David Williford	583	Marlem Mason	794	Jeanne Atno	1112	Art Amelio	1430
Betsy Hayden	613	Eric Aasen	824	Richard Carstens (2)	1250	Jessica Gracia	1430
Irvine Armstrong	614	Tom & Venita Brazier (2)	824	Owen Onopa	1250	Doug Turner	1430
John Beck	614	Elio Rodoni	824	Mark Porter	1251	Betty Blakley	1436
Eleanor Bolton	614	West Central District Anchormen of '86	824	Hanford Emblem Club No. 290 (3)	1259	Warren Blakley	1436
Floyd Bolton	614	Dave Zeller	824	Glenn & Pam Olson (3)	1259	Frank Bonura	1436
Jerry Cailotto	614	Beth Alexander	836	Bill Way	1259	Mike Borg	1436
Dean Callender	614	Randy Ament	836	Marsha Andreae	1282	Paul Hesse	1436
Alex Camany	614	John Branton	836	Lucian Thomas	1282	John Johnson	1436
Edward Donahue	614	Kathy Brauer	836	Kelcie Vitorelo	1282	Al Lease	1436
Don Dotseth	614	Ed Callihan	836	Richard James	1289	John Legge	1436
Charlie Frost	614	Kathy Callihan (2)	836	Norman Berry	1298	Richard Manfre	1436
Ben Hanly (2)	614	Bob Cones	836	Norman Blackwell	1298	Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436
Clair Hicks	614	Eugene Cranford	836	Julie Burger	1298	Karen Mauro	1436
Doug & Jo Larsen	614	Kenneth Gunn	836	Neville Buyense	1298	Rick Monighetti	1436
Harry Ligon	614	Ernest Harris (5)	836	Paul Gorley	1298	Bill Pedrazzi (2)	1436
Tony Mariscal	614	Angie Hively	836	Richard Humphrey	1298	Matt Peters	1436
Loyd Mayer	614	Earl Hively	836	Jan Lee	1298	Gerald Pingree	1436
Donald Nielsen	614	Betty McFadyen	836	Henry Mathis	1298	Jim & Diana Smith	1436
Frank Olivarria (2)	614	Eva Mino	836	Rusty Nelson	1298	Kay Spencer	1436
Norman Riggs	614	John Nemeth	836	Larry Owsley	1298	Max Sweet	1436
Mary Jane Rogers	614	Paul Ohlms	836	David Reid	1298	John & Katie Behne	1443
George Sallay	614	Richard Rios	836	Butch Ruddy	1298	Shelley Gonzales (2)	1443
Steve Santillan	614	Jerry Rucker (2)	836	Michael Shapiro	1298	Peter Ciardella	1471
Bill Scruggs (2)	614	San Bernardino Emblem Club No. 178 (6)	836	Jim Shaw (3)	1298	Larry & Carolyn Gibbs	1471
Jeff Sevey	614	San Bernardino PER Association	836	Michael Wiebe	1298	Scott Miller	1471
James Thomsen	614	San Bernardino "Elk of the Year" Assoc.	836	Marty & Debra Mello	1299		
James Wilder	614	Stag Ring 836 Elks RV Club	836	Richard Torres (2)	1300		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jocelyn Tsend	1471	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Michael Merkt	1968	Jackie Minten (2)	2347
John Walther	1471	Ruth Reeves	1811	Frank Giugliano	1991	Rob Vossler	2347
Jerry Boyd	1474	Michael Angelo Silva	1811	Frank & Amy Giugliano	1991	Laurie Ashley (2)	2358
Frank & Cindy Favalore	1474	George Knapp	1812	Mike & Carlene Mathers	1993	Pat Terrell (2)	2358
Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474	Thomas Torrence	1839	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Nick Sherwin	2364
Will Whitney	1474	Don Schultz	1877	Gus Kane	1996	Dwanna Lousberg	2379
Stoney & Shari Bourke	1475	Vicki Zellner (3)	1877	Nancy Kane	1996	Stephen Arbelbide	2389
Karen Feldpouch	1538	Donald Cooper	1900	Martin Barros	2011	David Byard	2389
Donald Leininger (3)	1538	Charlene Johnson	1900	Barbara O'Meara	2011	Larry & Dee Cook	2389
Sue & John Mandler	1538	Dale Danman	1905	Vicki Perez	2011	Dave DeLaRosa (5)	2389
Terry Cross (2)	1561	Merle Dillon	1905	Karen Emery	2013	Cecil Drysdale	2389
Loren Dixon	1561	Jim Fuller	1905	Deborah Larck	2013	Harvey & Audrey Getzoff (2)	2389
Warren Downs	1561	Anthony Giuliano	1905	Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Marilyn Gower (2)	2389
Dale Geldert	1561	Louis Wold & Joe Greco	1905	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Glenda Grogan	2389
Larry Hatter	1561	Barbara & Chuck Knox	1905	Stacy Thomas	2013	Steve Guarderas (2)	2389
Adele Moore	1561	Norbert Liebersbach	1905	Joe Hernandez	2020	Gary Hutchcroft	2389
Shirley Smith	1561	Karl Lorenz	1905	John Hatch	2026	Janet Janisch	2389
Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Oliver Marquis	1905	Steve Marada	2026	Deborah Kleeman	2389
Caleb Wall	1561	Jerry Maxwell	1905	Jim McMillen	2026	James Kleeman	2389
Michael Weaver	1561	Eugene Mitchell (2)	1905	Ray & Lyndell Din	2031	Larry Larson	2389
Eugene Yocum	1561	Joseph Modica	1905	Patrick Akes	2045	Yucaipa Elks Dart League (4)	2389
Arnold Agbayani	1567	Robert Pelton	1905	Lory Calsing	2045	Roy Lovejoy	2389
Robert Annett	1567	Charles Pettit	1905	Robert Calsing	2045	Ron Park	2389
Norman Bracco	1567	Laurance Pitts	1905	Gilbert Jones	2045	Patricia Trask (2)	2389
Arthur Gillespie	1567	Donald Rice	1905	Diane Keller	2045	Robert Trask	2389
Tommy Goettsch	1567	Charlie Schicke	1905	Frank Keller (2)	2045	Case VandePope	2389
Bruce Hachtmann	1567	Ben Verde	1905	Peggy Leonard (2)	2045	Charles "Mike" Wood	2389
Harvey Hammer	1567	Melvin McCubbin	1913	James May, Sr.	2045	Robert Yoast (2)	2389
Paul Klepac	1567	Fred Whitnack	1913	Kenneth L. Moore	2045	Tom Ziech	2389
Wayne Miles	1567	C. Michael Melton (2)	1917	William Shaw	2045	Tim Deuel	2393
Albino Moretti, Jr.	1567	John Bliss	1918	Mike Stevens	2045	Terri Nolan	2393
Philip Quast	1567	James Butler	1919	John Junier (2)	2091	James Carson	2444
Carl Reinhardt	1567	May Cambra	1919	Lee Northcutt	2095	Andy Costello	2444
Roy Riccetti	1567	Donald Davis	1919	Gary & Linda Houck	2103	Daniel Hernandez	2444
Steven Schrepfer	1567	Nellie Fesuk	1919	Richard Ransom	2103	Debby Lamb	2444
Dave & Valerie Vanni	1567	Stephen Fesuk	1919	Jacob Reid	2117	Mike & Vicky Long	2444
Donald Vanni	1567	Carlette Gonzales (2)	1919	Trill Torrlion	2117	Brenda Rhenke	2444
Mike Walker	1567	Roger Greenham	1919	Gil Argentina	2128	Joann & Stan Benson	2477
Maureen Weller	1567	Paul Groff	1919	Thomas Brennan (5)	2128	Pati Harrod (2)	2477
William Willis	1567	Richard Kaya	1919	Steve Gollob (2)	2128	Darryl Kopacz	2477
Sherry Gadd	1570	Barbara Kennedy	1919	Frank "Rocky" Graziani	2128	Tyler Bashlor	2492
Dick Aberle	1587	Carlos Lifosjoe	1919	Don Koester, Jr.	2128	Dennis Brookins	2492
Robert Harlow	1587	Jim Mason	1919	Joanne Matthew	2128	John D'Amico	2492
Nancy Larkin	1608	Sharon Mason	1919	Jim McCloskey	2128	Don Daurio	2492
Richard Hill	1613	Leslie Ann Mitchell	1919	David Morman	2128	Jose Diaz	2492
Antelope Valley Engineering	1625	Leila "Lee" Myers	1919	Frank Paetow	2128	Happy Wanderers Camping Club	2492
Mike & Jo Leiker (2)	1625	Wayne Nagao	1919	Michael Silvertown	2128	Dale Harwood	2492
Minerman Family Trust (2)	1625	Allan Peace	1919	Richard Smith	2128	Fred James	2492
Paul & Lynn Ullman	1625	Reyne Rocha	1919	Sunnyvale Elks Wives (5)	2128	Ed Lucas	2492
Ronald Hinman	1643	Claud Smith	1919	Joseph Villa	2128	Gary Lynch	2492
Jim & Michelle Miller	1643	John Sutton	1919	John King	2134	Tony Markarian	2492
Orlando Morino	1643	Lenora "Lynnie" Tabata	1919	Craig Hooper	2142	Sam Martinez	2492
Janice & Donald Richardson	1643	Rodney Tanaka	1919	Cindy Barrett	2190	Sander Moss	2492
Tiffany Brown	1689	Shirley Trueden	1919	Canoga Park Campers	2190	Kari Sears	2492
Crescent City Emblem Club No. 175	1689	James B. Wilson	1919	Frank & Mary Ann Farquharson	2190	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492
Warren White	1689	Nancy Brennan (3)	1948	John Grogan	2190	Jesus Viramontes	2492
Richard Henderson	1712	Tracy Bufano	1948	Gene Wallis	2190	Dennis Rasmussen	2543
Bob Kuhl	1712	Beverly Woulfe (2)	1948	Raymond Monmaney	2230	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Deni Morgan	1712	Randy Barrows	1952	Greg Sylvester & Lisa Currie	2230	Marg Samaniego	2577
John Quincy	1712	Robert Burks	1952	Leilani Woessner-Brilliance	2230	Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 (4)	2591
Nancy Bellavance	1740	Arthur Eng	1952	American Legion Post 416	2243	Robert Becker (2)	2591
Bill & Nancy Cook	1740	Bob Griffith (4)	1952	Richard Horne	2243	Michael Cain	2591
Hazel Dotson	1740	Thomas Huertas	1952	Peggy Jones	2243	James Flatley	2591
Marilyn Fleming	1740	Brian Kelley	1952	Lolita Noga	2243	Helene Fowler	2591
Don Foreman	1740	Gary Lawler	1952	Jane Wagner	2243	Russell Hamilton, Sr.	2591
Cher Lintz	1740	Karen Lewin	1952	Steven Dale (3)	2248	Lawrence Hannon	2591
Jack Lintz	1740	Dave Maurer	1952	Ken Green	2248	A.B. Hetland	2591
Judy Menke	1740	Gerry McConnell	1952	Cindy McKim	2248	Bette Kill	2591
Margaret Nord	1740	John Miller III	1952	Gary Platz	2248	Virginia Mulhern	2591
Suzanne Wade	1740	Mike Nance	1952	Vern & Martie Monroe (2)	2314	Ed & Pat Repic	2591
Mary Wright	1740	Bill O'Hearn (2)	1952	Norman Anderson	2333	Laurence Williams	2591
Mike Wright	1740	Rick Ross (2)	1952	Russell Porterfield	2333	Barbara Nance	2616
David & Melody Leonard	1767	Fran Pasini Ross	1952	Christine Rehberg	2333	Vern Ungerecht	2616
Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767	Billie Shozda	1952	Beefeaters of Westminster Elks (2)	2346	Kathy Gavin	2639
Alan Barceloux	1786	Greg Silver	1952	Rodney Rideau	2346	Connie Taylor	2639
Al Frank	1786	David Skelton (2)	1952	Thomas Corral	2347	Tom Warren	2639
Shirley Lewis	1786	Robert Underwood	1952	Mike Davis	2347	Robert Hanevik	2646
Ed Owens	1786	Theresa Woodard	1952	Pat & Vern Deto	2347	Robert & Maragert Hanevik	2646
Richard Pence	1786	Rick & Kate Bruce	1959	Ray Gamma	2347	Clinton D'Alemberte, Jr.	2655
Frank Reimann	1786	Tom Lemm	1959	Jimmy Hancock	2347	Michael Herrold	2655
Nikki Termine	1786	Bill & Tas Whitmore	1959	Richard Kratt	2347		
Ron Vickery	1786	Escondido Moose Wed. Lunch Bunch	1968	Charlie McCaskill	2347		

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Nina Lilienthal-Murphy	2655	Barbara Spezia	2697	Charlene Klinger	2724	Paul Gonzalez	2801
Leticia Alvidrez	2697	Jimmie Spezia	2697	Ronald Knoernschild	2724	Cynthia Higl	2801
Jolee Burdette	2697	Gerald Troxel	2697	Robert Watkins	2724	Tom Jensen	2801
Kenneth Estee	2697	Christy Williams	2697	Lance & Karen Erickson	2733	Susan Noon	2801
Chris Fopiano	2697	Aileen Gratton (2)	2698	Kathy Rogers	2790	Ken Nordstrom	2801
Ross Nakatani (2)	2697	Michael Jackson	2698	Kenneth Bodenhoefer (2)	2801	Peter Recatto	2801
Sharon Nakatani	2697	Robert Mehrling	2698	Lloyd Clough	2801	Angela Stevanus (2)	2801
On Stage Hair & Nail Studio	2697	Rita Stark	2698	Barbara Conner	2801	Ardeleen Vealitzek	2801
Dean Phelps	2697	Dave Davidson	2724	Diane Farrens	2801	Gerald Vealitzek	2801
Mark Reilly	2697	Anne Despol (2)	2724	Robert Farrens	2801	Robert Walker	2801
Judy Smith	2697	Chris Despol (2)	2724	Laurel Frey	2801	Donna Zeeb (2)	2801
Richard Smith	2697	Dennis Huff	2724	Laurie Gonzalez	2801	Lois Zimmerman	2801

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



"I didn't know that!" How often have you heard someone say that about a Lodge or District event? Maybe you have even said it yourself a few times. There is no reason to fall behind on the latest and most important Elks news. Occasionally we all need to be reminded that we have some of the best and most informative resources right at our fingertips.

- Start with your Lodge newsletter. After the judging of the last CHEA Best Bulletin competition, all our judges agreed that we have many, many outstanding and informative newsletters. Today, many are available in wonderful color online as well as in hard copy. They are an excellent source of Lodge information.

- The Grand Lodge and CHEA Websites both contain a wealth of important up-to-date National and Association information. Have you been there lately? Go to <https://www.elks.org/> or <http://www.chea-elks.org/>. Do you want to dig a little deeper? Valuable historical information about the Order can also be found on the Grand Lodge Website. On the CHEA Website you will find information concerning Association Officers, Major Project, meetings, and all our Association programs. Also provided on the CHEA Website's "Bulletin Resources" page are Elk's logos, pictures and artwork that you can instantly download and place into your correspondence, your lodge bulletin, or on your website.

- It goes without saying that this publication, the CHEA Magazine, and the Elks Magazine are two excellent ways to keep informed of State Association and National news.

- Last but certainly not least are our outstanding Lodge Websites. They are some of the best ways to get the latest up-to-the-minute news of happenings in your Lodge. If you haven't visited your Lodge Website lately, you should take a look. You may be in for a pleasant surprise.

All the above-mentioned resources are provided for us and maintained by some of our most dedicated and hard working members and committees. Use these fine tools and you can easily stay informed of all the important news in Elksdom. Do that, and you will never need to say, "I didn't know that!"

NOTE: please be reminded that the CHEA Best Website contest judging is underway at this time. Sites should be up-to-date and at their very best. You, or your Lodge, need not take any additional action, as websites are automatically entered into the judging. The judging period for this year's Best CHEA Website contest will end on September 30, 2015. Contest winners will be announced and awards presented at the CHEA Mid-Term Conference in November. The first place overall winning Site will then be entered into the Grand Lodge Star Website competition.

"Keep Communicating"

Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 donates to "JW House"

On June 29, 2015, the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 gave a surprise \$1,612 donation to JW House. In celebration, the Lodge prepared and served a delicious chicken stroganoff dinner. JW House is a respite facility located on the campus of Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Santa Clara, CA. It provides food, over-night stays, and home-away-from-home comfort for families that have a family member as a patient at Kaiser. Visit www.jwhouse.org.

In other news, on July 11, 2015, the Lodge hosted a patio BBQ for the residents and staff from Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE). Approximately 25 guests enjoyed the hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, chips, and ice cream prepared and served by Lodge members and volunteers. This event was funded from the ENF Beacon Grant. A big thanks to all who helped make this event a great success.



L to R: Steve Gollob, PDDGER, Pat Sargent, Lodge Secretary, Luanne Gollob and Carmela Castagnolo, Lodge volunteers, Alan Aana, Lodge treasurer, Sarge Sargent, Lodge member, and Siobhan Brown, JW House Operations Manager

Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Gratitude Grant helps youth

On July 2, 2015, the Paradise Elks Lodge used a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program Gratitude Grant to help the youth in their community. The Lodge donated \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club, \$500 to Youth for Change, and \$500 to Paradise High School, which will use the money for their Safe and Sober Graduation program.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Mark Porter	1251	Robert W. Griffith	1952	Debbie Hosted	2011
David Podger	3	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Roy Jenness	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	James Ferris	1378	Jose Justiniano	1952	Ashley Munoz	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Sherrie Larson	1952	Rebecca Munoz	2011
Flo Gandolfi	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	Christine Nelson	2011
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Jose A. Lopez	1952	David Plotke	2011
Karen Lakey	168	R. C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Cynthia Wise	2011
Gary Marinelli	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Kevin Perkins	1952	John Hardman	2031
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	David Dickey	2045
Glenn Montague	168	Phillip Moore	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	William G. Williford	2103
Chuck Nolan	168	Colin Smith	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117
Hugh Van Doren	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Carol Beckwith	1968	Ian Lanouette	2121
Nadine Steel	218	Steve McGehee	1538	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	J. Martin Borden	2230
Jerome Paul	672	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Jim Woolway	1991	Ted Olsen	2379
Lisa Fleury	759	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Jim Byerrum	1993	Terry Gicking	2477
Jerry Hansen	901	Richard Blake	1767	Dan Casey	1993	Greg Metzgas	2477
Donald Checchi	906	Ray Prettyman	1767	Richard Green	1993	Steve L. Smith	2477
Frank Frazier	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Alan Kelley	1993	Beverly Burns	2484
Robert A. Pickett	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Diana Mondragon	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
John Eitel	1108	Chuck Jackson	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Travis Jones	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Michael Silva	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Joe Tato	1108	Kevin Wroble	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Mike Fredrickson	2697
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Donald Schultz	1877	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Frank Gutierrez	1250	James G. Anderson	1952	Hector Cazares	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Robert Ostini	1251	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Francis J. Glenski	2011		

Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 uses Gratitude Grant to promote DAP

The Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 supports youth drug awareness days in the community. The Lodge used a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Community Impact Program Gratitude Grant to rent the Kiddieland Park on two separate days. This venue provided free amusement park rides for the disadvantaged youth the community. Staff members at two county agencies identified the youth who were invited to participate in the Kiddieland Park event.

The Lodge's Drug Awareness Committee was at the park to provide Drug Awareness Program (DAP) education materials to the youth. The youth made anti-drug designs, which were then turned into badges for them to wear. Anti-drug wristbands, coloring books and bookmarks were given to the children. Free drinks were provided to all of the participants. At the end of each event, the children had smiles on their faces.



L to R: Merced Lodge Drug Awareness Committee Members Frank Semonelli, Dr. Donald Gumm, and Len Samuelson

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 places flags and feeds Scouts on Memorial Day

On Memorial Day weekend, volunteers from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 gathered at Eternal Valley Cemetery in Santa Clarita to feed more than 1,000 Scouts and Leaders. Every year for the last 19 years, the Santa Clarita Elks, led by PDDGER and CHEA Trustee Jay Larkins, have fed the Scouts and their leaders after flags were placed on the graves of the veterans interred there.

Local Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies placed more than 5,750 American Flags on the veteran's graves this year. When the Scouts were finished, the cemetery was awash in Red, White and Blue!



Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 places flags for Memorial Day

The Fourth of July, for far too many Americans, is regarded as just another holiday for picnics, outings, hot dogs, hamburgers and fireworks. Better yet, it is a three-day weekend. And, to many Americans, its true significance is forgotten or never really known.

Oxnard Elks Lodge's PER John Ragan joined other Lodge members to come out in full force to show their commitment to honoring this very special day. They met at 0700 hours to place 56 American Flags around Oxnard's Plaza Park and its Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

Scholarship

By Jan Bennett, CHEA Scholarship Chair



Scholarships – Our Busy Season Begins!

A summary of the 3 ENF scholarship programs is on the Grand Lodge website (including applications). Also, a great Resource Center with online databases to find other scholarships (www.elks.org/enf/scholars): **Most Valuable Student** - for high school seniors, deadline is December 4, 2015; **Legacy Awards** - for children and grandchildren of Elk members, and **Emergency Educational Grants** - Grants for children

of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

On the CHEA website (www.chea-elks.org), there are two programs (click on "Youth Activities", then "Scholarships"): **Vocational Grants** - this program is now easier to apply for and more flexible. Grants are up to \$2,000 to assist adults become employed with two years or less of study, and the **Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities** - for students with severe disabilities.

Use these programs to let others know about Elkdom and our many youth oriented programs. The funds come from the ENF so they are a good way to stretch Lodge resources.

Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 donated to Community Homeless Solutions

On Wednesday, July 8, the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 donated gift cards, gas cards, personal and household items to Community Homeless Solutions for distribution to its homeless clients. Community Homeless Solution's outreach staff and van came to the Lodge at 2 p.m. to receive the donated items.

The Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 received a grant of \$2,000 from the Elks National Foundation, which helped fund the contribution. This is the second year that the Salinas Elks Lodge has reached out to Community Homeless Solutions to provide homeless men and women with hygiene products, toiletries, household products, gift cards, and educational toys and games for their children. Community Homeless Solutions Director, Reyes Bonillia and Program Director, Sarahi Soto accepted the donation.

Blanca Martinez, our Exalted Ruler was at the Grand Lodge Session in Indianapolis and could not attend. She made the following statements prior to the event. "We take pride in helping out our community and thank the National Elks Foundation for this grant as they fulfill their pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work and fulfill their mission statement to build stronger communities." Ms. Martinez added "This grant would not be possible without the effort and work of Salinas Lodge ENF Chairman, Mike Manzoni, along with many of his fellow members."



L to R: Pat Egan, Dennis Barrett, Reyes Bonillia, Sarahi Soto, Mike Manzoni, and Ben Hanly. Pat, Dennis, Mike, and Ben are Lodge members

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 served a BBQ for the vets at Mather VA hospital

On June 30, 2015, members of the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 prepared a BBQ lunch at the Mather Veterans Hospital during the "Summer of Service" celebration held by the facility's Veterans Administration.

Seventeen Lodge members served hot dogs, chips, water and cake to 750 veterans, hospital staff and volunteers. The Elks completed this task in spite of the 108-degree temperature. We provided assistance to any veteran who needed help with their food or with movement to the dining tables.

The Lodge also donated \$400 worth of traveling pillows, sleeping masks and travel kits. Maria Almes, the Chairman of Volunteer Services for the Mather facility, told us that the pillows would be given to patients in the surgery unit, and that the veterans would be able to take these pillows home. This provided them with comfort items to use as they wish and it also provided them with clean sanitary pillows. The sleeping masks, with earplugs, are an item that is regularly requested by the patients. The event cost was covered by donations and funds from the Lodge's local charity account.



At left, Maria Almes, the VAVS Chairman and fifteen Lodge members

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 donates to veterans home

The Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625's Exalted Ruler, Sean M. Hickey, and Dave Nelson of the Elks Bowling League recently, and proudly, presented a donation of \$500 to the William J. "Pete" Knight Veteran's Home. Lawrence Hawkins accepted the gift on behalf of the facility.

In other news, the Lodge was proud to host its Annual Western Night Scholarship Fundraiser on June 19th. The event included a delicious dinner and dance. Over 100 members and guests attended the event, and \$1,100 was raised for the Lodge's Scholarship fund. The event volunteers and attendees were all pleased by this successful and fun-filled evening.

Vocational Grants
chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships
for Technical & Vocational Training

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

The Hawaii District Elks Lodges performed their 16th annual Flag Day Program on board the USS Missouri (BB-63) on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Over 200 attendees including local and military dignitaries enjoyed America's history through the evolution of the American Flag. Scouts from Pearl City Lodge sponsored troop 180 presented each American Flag as PERs from the Hawaii Lodges read America's history under that Flag. Scouts from Honolulu Lodge sponsored troop 616 assisted with setup and breakdown. The U. S. Pacific Fleet Brass Quintet performed the National Anthem and patriotic music during the program. Kaiser High School student Anuhea C. performed "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful." The Flag Day Program was followed by a reception at Pearl City Elks Lodge.



L to R: CHEA VP Greg Sylvester, Hawaii Elks PR Chair, PDDGER John Brown, Commander Sarah Zarro of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Colonel Richard Fromm, Commander U. S. Army Garrison Hawaii, Admiral Collin Chin, Surgeon U. S. Pacific Command, Brigadier General Patrick Matlock, Deputy Commanding General 25th Infantry Division, Captain James Jenkins, Chief of Staff of the 14th Hawaii Coast Guard District and Mr. Stanford Yuen University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 supports Honor Flight

The Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 recently donated \$1,500 to help sponsor a veteran on an WWII Honor Flight to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Exalted Ruler David Wells made the donation at an Honor Flight fund raising event.

In other news, the Lodge recognized two Americanism Essay Contest winners and presented each with a monetary award.



Watsonville Elks Lodge No. 1300 sponsors a free community car show

On June 13, 2015, the Watsonville Elks Lodge No. 1300 sponsored a community car show. Admission to this event was free. There were 60 awards presented to the winners in various competitive categories.

The Watsonville Elks Lodge's "Exalted Ruler Award" went to guest Francisco Andrade for his 1968 Chevy Chevelle.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Rick Flores, Francisco Andrade, and the event Chairperson Bob Leonardich.

Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 donates items to La Jolla VA hospital

Members of the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 are shown in one of their visits to the VA Hospital in La Jolla, CA. The Lodge provides bingo, bagged lunches, a complete table, which includes health and beauty aid, shirts, goodies, socks, etc. Our supporters are kind enough to make chemo caps, lap blankets, gurney blankets along with wheelchair and walker bags for our veterans. A big "thank you" to all our helpers!



L to R: Dan Bourg, Carole May, Carole Scarpelli, Sandee Murphy, Kalina Bourg, Jackie Aicinena and Warren Downs

Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 awards scholarships totaling \$3,000

The Bishop Elks Lodge No. 1603 awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to the following High School Seniors: from Lee Vining High School - Jasmin R., Marilen C.; and from Bishop High School - Jackie G., Jasmin S., Gabriella M., Katherine D., Carly L., and Miranda B.

President Schultz honored the USMC while visiting the Metropolitan District

In the photograph are the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379's Exalted Ruler, John Rivetti (L), Metropolitan District VP Richard James (top of USMC Jeep) and CHEA President Don Schultz (helmet) driving and in command. Also pictured are the Santa Clarita Young Marines who did the Color Guard to start the day of festivities.

What a great day it was at the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge! There was a car show, a chili cook-off, live music, and much more. President Schultz, First Lady Shirley, and Shultz's "Roadrunners" visited six Metropolitan District Lodges during President Schultz' visitation: Burbank, Canoga Park, Van Nuys-Reseda, Glendale, Santa Clarita, and Sunland-Tujunga.



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 supports Little League Challenger Baseball Jamboree

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 provided 24 volunteers to assist District 4 and Walnut Creek Little League during the 28th annual Challenger Baseball Jamboree. The event had over 800 participants in 28 teams, who enjoyed a beautiful day of weather, smiles, and baseball. The group also learned about the Elks National Hoop Shoot competition.

ER Kevin Worbel and a group of Lodge volunteers staffed the Elk's information booth. Elk members provided handouts of Elk's printed materials, wristbands, Purple Pig piggy banks, and ENF information.

This event is a great opportunity for the Elks to demonstrate their commitment to reaching out to and supporting the youth and families of our communities. "Elks Care...Elks Share!"



Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 purchases a freezer for local food pantry

Using a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 bought a new freezer and food to help the Food Pantry feed hungry people in our valley. The freezer is shown in the photograph.



L to R: Linda Mutchall, Elk Cheri Keller, Steven Brewer, and ER Ken Colbert

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