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Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 Receives a "Thank You" Note From Overseas

Sandee Murphy, of the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561, recently received a photograph and note from a USMC detachment that is serving overseas. Sandee and the Lodge are constantly sending care packages to our troops overseas. This note expresses the appreciation of one such unit.

"Good afternoon and thank you for the care package. The Marines at our current deployed location have expressed how pleased they are

with the assorted snacks and movies you graciously donated. I'm planning to show the movie 'America' to the Marines as Professional Military Education (PME). I have already seen it and it's quite thought provoking.

We especially liked the drawing from David (Boys and Girls Club) thanking the Marines for our service to God, Country and Corps. Please thank him for being so kind and thoughtful with his artistic drawing to the Marines that are here with me. We placed his artwork on our wall appropriately titled 'Why We Serve'. You are all a true Blessing. May GOD Bless You and America Always...Semper Fi, Patrick Davis, Maj. USMC"



Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Donates \$3,000 to Their Community

On September 22, 2015, the Paradise Elks Lodge presented to Rebecca Freitas, Service Coordinator for the Salvation Army, a \$2,000 check to purchase food at the Grocery Outlet. The food will be used for Christmas Food Boxes for the needy. A \$2,000 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation funded the donation. Last year, this provided the holiday dinners for 197 food boxes that fed 408 children and their parents. The boxes will be prepared and distributed with the help of Elk Volunteers on December 17th.

In other news, on September 10, 2015 the Paradise Elks presented a check for \$1,000 to Ponderosa Elementary School to be used for their STEM program. This program is about science, technology, engineering and math. It is a hands-on learning tool for students.



L to R: Rebecca Freitas, Jan Keller, Lodge ENF Chair

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 Appreciates and Helps Veterans

The Nevada City Lodge No. 518 hosted their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Over 420 people, including veterans, their families, friends and members enjoyed a full turkey dinner. There was no cost to the many veterans that attended. Many of the Lodge members contributed to the dinner by providing turkeys, canned goods and everything that was needed to put on this full turkey dinner. Local merchants contributed many items, which were used for a silent auction and a raffle. Veterans from near and far attended the dinner and were very appreciative.

In other news, the Lodge provided a full continental breakfast for all veterans and their families at the annual Stand Down for Veterans held at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. During the Stand Down, many services were offered to the veterans. Over 200 veterans attended the two-day event. ER Mike Gallego, DDS, and other dental professionals provided many of the veterans with dental exams, x-rays, extractions and cleaning.



President's Message



To our great Fraternal Family of Elks, Shirley and I hope that you had the most cheerful and memorable holiday season ever experienced. We truly have witnessed the emotions and spirit of giving of one's self. We have visited over 100 Lodges and have received the most inspiring receptions that we could have ever dreamt of coming true. This puts us within reach of our goal to visit 135 Lodges by homecoming.

Our Association has a collage of Lodges that should be the envy of any fraternal or social organization in the world. We are the custodians of these treasures, and we must always remember that it is our duty to dedicate ourselves to protect the contributions of these other Lodges. Those of us who are in charge today do not own these treasures, but we do accept the awesome responsibility to pass them to the next generation of Elks. Each new member must be indoctrinated with the understanding that they too own nothing more than the right to use, to protect, and to pass along these marvelous monuments of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

As we travel, I stress new member involvement and team leadership at every stop in the road. The glow of pride in the eyes of each new member we meet tells the whole story. The standing ovations given during the presentation of the Success Story Certificate culminates our visit to each District. The food and beverage does little to control waistlines but it does give us strength to climb the hundreds of staircases found in our majestic buildings.

Your Association Vice-Presidents are gaining an education that could never be found in our many valuable manuals. They will be able to proceed through the ladder of leadership with increased knowledge of the real life of Elks at work. I have encouraged District Leaders to make their Vice-Presidents a partner in their team of leaders.

As the holiday season of giving comes to a close, continue, in a similar fashion, to give to your charities, to your Lodge and, by all means, to yourselves and to your family. This is the time to re-evaluate our spirit of fraternal and charitable living.

"PRESS ON FOR SUCCESS"

Donald D. Schultz, CHEA President

Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 Recognized by Grand Lodge for Dictionary Program

On September 18th, the Glendale Elks Lodge No.1289 enjoyed a "Thanks 4 Giving" kick-off Turkey dinner. The proceeds from this function will help finance the Lodge's 2015 Dictionary Project. The Lodge distributes over 2,450 dictionaries to all 3rd graders within the Glendale area.

In attendance from the Glendale Unified School District were: Dr. Don Emprey, Superintendent, Dr. Kelly King, and Dr. Amy Lambert, Asst. Superintendents, Dr. Armina Gharpetian and Jennifer Freeman, Board Members, and Sheila Galaz, 3rd grade teacher. They described how these dictionaries are empowering their students. In addition, they presented a Commendation to the Glendale Elks Lodge in appreciation for all that the Lodge has done for the students.

The Lodge also received a Certificate of Recognition from the Grand Lodge to recognize it for distributing a total of 27,600 dictionaries, an accomplishment that ranks us in ninth place among ALL Lodges for the Dictionary Project. Many thanks go to Glendale Lodge member George McCullough for heading the Dictionary Project this year.

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- The Piggy Bank Program

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to your Major Project!**

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

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

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

Jan. 8-10, 2016
Northwest District

Jan. 15-17, 2016
South District

Jan. 22-24, 2016
Southeast District

Feb. 12-14, 2016
South Central Coast District

Feb. 20-21, 2016
*Southeast Bowling Tournament
Las Vegas, NV*

Feb. 26-28, 2016
*Homecoming – Inland District
Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877*

San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108 Raises \$2,560.00 for "Zero Breast Cancer" in Marin

On September 26th, Lodge members Jen O'Mara and Alan Quinton organized the San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108's participation in this year's "Dipsea Hike for Zero Breast Cancer." Fifteen Elks hiked or ran a six-mile loop along a trail on picturesque Mt. Tamalpais. Several Lodge members helped celebrate their success by meeting them at the finish line with food and music. Lodge members also distributed information about the Elks and many other Elk programs, including the Drug Awareness Program.

Our \$2,560 contribution will support a wellness and leadership development program for high school students in 2016. By inspiring and engaging the next generation of potential scientists, public health professionals, health educators, doctors, nurses and community advocates, we are making an investment towards a "Zero Breast Cancer" future.



Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



I am delighted to announce the success of our Mid-Term fund raising effort, thanks to you, our membership.

This year's year-to-date total for the first six months was right on target, totaling \$626,088.01 for a Per Capita of \$7.44. With four months remaining in this Elk Year, I am sure we will meet our 2015-16 goal of \$910,460.00.

As we increase our yearly contribution to the Elks National Foundation, the ENF gives back more to our California-Hawaii Elks Association, this year totaling \$1,694,000.00, or \$1.95 for every dollar we donate. Additional contributions were made to our Association through the Community Investment Program, adding an additional \$484,300.00, or now \$2.50 for every dollar donated.

This "return on investment" helps to support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and other Elk sponsored programs in our Association that provide aid to our Veterans and champion future Elks through Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Scouting, American Essay and Drug Awareness. It is the Elks National Foundation that provides an opportunity for our youth to develop a solid foundation for their future.

It is my pleasure to recognize the following Lodges and Districts for their contributions.

First Place Lodge Donations	Honolulu	\$32,038.34
Second Place Lodge Donations	Orange	\$17,872.83
Third Place Lodge Donations	Mission Viejo	\$16,592.50

First Place District Donations	West Central Coast	\$82,724.23
Second Place District Donations	Orange Coast	\$72,424.35
Third Place District Donations	Hawaii	\$46,840.49

And the Per Capita leaders:

First Place Lodge Per Capita	Duarte	\$37.22
Second Place Lodge Per Capita	Reedley	\$34.00
Third Place Lodge Per Capita	Oxnard	\$33.87

First Place District Per Capita	San Gabriel Valley	\$11.65
Second Place District Per Capita	South Central Coast	\$10.74
Third Place District Per Capita	Inland	\$10.70

Many members in these leading Lodges contribute through the ENF Fidelity Club. This is truly the best way for many of us to contribute. Your Lodge ENF Chairman or Secretary can sign you up. I thank all the new members who signed up at Mid-Term.

Again, on behalf of the Elks National Foundation, I extend my sincere thanks for your generosity because "Elks Care and Elks Share."

Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059 Rib Cook-off "Feeds" the Major Project

The Mojave Elks Lodge No. 2059's Fifth Annual Rib Cook-off and Deep Pit B-B-Q earned \$1,022 for the Major Project. In addition, the youngsters enjoyed a jump house while the Lodge members donated for an opportunity to drop their favorite Lodge Officers into the dunk tank.

2015 Holiday Greeting Donors



In lieu of sending personal greeting cards to all members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the following Elks opted to use this magazine to convey their wishes plus donate \$25.00 or more to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

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Butch & Lynn DePaul	168	Curt Robbins	1804
Chuck & Ginger Nolan	168	Nancy Kulinski	1812
Fred L. Bianchini	218	David & Cindy Saltel	1884
Louis J. & Lucia Grillo	218	Jan Bennett	1913
Tony & Doris Jimenez	613	Fred "Ken" & Juanita Dalpiaz	1913
James & Anne Smitley	613	Fred Whitnack	1913
Roeine Lanini	614	Jim & Sharon Mason	1919
Doug & Jo Larsen	614	David & Janice Skelton	1952
Leon & Cynthia Karjala	652	Tom & Valarie Lemm	1959
Aron & Cheryl Andersen	672	Dottie Ijames	1968
John A. & Josephine Parker	783	Diane Knitter	1980
Art & Shirley Echternacht	794	John Knitter	1980
Edward & Pat Repic	794	Robert Cassetta	1991
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993
Don & Kathy Checchi	906	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
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James Miller	1643	Bob & Diane Farrens	2801

Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 Honors Law Enforcement and Firefighters

The Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 hosted a "City Appreciation Day" to show its thanks and appreciation to the men and women of the Law Enforcement and Fire Departments that service the local communities of Arcadia, Temple City and Sierra Madre. We honored those men and women who help keep our communities safe. We served BBQ Chicken to 95 guests. We also distributed \$1,050 in donations to the various Community Service Organizations that attended.

In other news, the Lodge partnered with the Foothill Unity Center for a "Back to School Backpack" program. The Lodge donated \$2,700 worth of school supplies and an additional \$500 towards the purchase of backpacks. Elks volunteers assisted in handing out the school supplies, dictionaries, Drug Awareness Coloring Books and other materials to approximately 1,200 K-12 students. The Lodge used a \$2,500 Promise Grant to help fund this project.

Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Youth Activities Chairman



The Mid-Term Conference offered an opportunity to discuss several ideas concerning the Youth Activities reports that are prepared by each Lodge. I would like you to consider enlarging the definition of Youth Activities. I believe that many of you think that, in order to have a reportable Youth Activity, there must be a preplanned event held - one in which you count up the participants, the Elks and their helpers, and, hopefully put these statistics onto a report form and turn it in to the District Chair every three months.

We need to think in terms of Youth Encouragement, Youth Interaction, Youth Involvement and Youth Participation when we think of the full scope of the Lodge's Youth Activities.

Many of you have Scouts at your Lodge for weekly or monthly meetings. Is there not an Elk member that is involved in some way with the Scouts? The member should be making notes of the number of youth there, the non-Elk helpers and the meeting length. If there is a Pinewood Derby or a Scout Fishing trip that the Elk liaison goes along on - count that too. These examples of working with the Scouts are a form of Youth Encouragement. If the Scouts help with your Flag Retirement ceremonies, this is a form of Youth Involvement.

Examples of Youth Interaction could include: youth groups serving meals, busing tables, or providing musical entertainment; Elks chaperoning members' children who are playing games or watching television while their parent(s) attend a Lodge meeting or are socializing. If your Lodge invites local High School students to meet their school's community service requirement by assisting at Lodge events, this could be considered Youth Interaction, Encouragement and Involvement.

I am hoping that you understand my direction here. There does not have to be an EVENT set up, with hours of planning and execution to be able to consider the interactions with our Youth as Activities. Any time we have contact with our Youth, we need to do the quick counting and noting of the participants. Maybe it was two youth bowling on the Wii system and they were there for a half hour - it still adds up for your report. There is an added benefit - any interaction that provides a positive experience may lead to a future Elk and may influence a parent to join the Lodge.

While I still encourage the EVENTS such as: Scholarship dinners, Dictionary Program, Easter and Christmas parties for the children/youth, we should also be aware of opportunities to enlarge the definition of Youth Activities to include smaller encounters with the Youth around us in our communities and in our Lodges.

Interaction, Involvement, Participation and Encouragement for our Youth will go a long way to help our reports but, better yet, will go a longer way to improve the lives of the Youth around us.

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 Feeds Veterans, Raises Money for Piggy Bank

The Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 was once again proud to host its Annual Veterans' Pancake Breakfast recently on Nov. 14th. This event is free to veterans, and is an effort by Lodge members and volunteers to show their appreciation to those veterans for their service to our country. In addition to a delicious breakfast, various military-themed displays and artifacts were available to be viewed by the 100 participants. The veterans thanked the Lodge members and other volunteers for hosting this special event.

The Lodge hosted its Annual Lamb BBQ Fundraiser on October 3rd. This 45 years-plus tradition raised \$600 for the Piggy Bank. It was a prosperous and fun event, proudly prepared and served by the Lodge's own Sherri Chefs. In addition to the lamb or chicken course, the members also enjoyed homemade salsa, beans, salad and rolls. The event generated \$600 that was donated to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. ER Sean M. Hickey proudly thanked the Lodge's Sherri Chefs, volunteers and attendees for their support.

Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 Serves a Labor Day Lunch to Hospitalized Veterans

The Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 held its annual Livermore Veterans Administration BBQ on September 5, 2015. The Veterans Committee works hard each year to raise funds to provide this BBQ over the Labor Day Weekend for the hospitalized Vets who live there. This year we served hot dogs, hamburgers, potato and macaroni salads, fruit, sugar free drinks and cookies on the patio. All enjoyed music from the past few decades. The Highway 99 PT Cruiser Car Club presented a car show in the parking lot and there was a presentation of Colors just prior to lunch.

We served over 100 lunches to these great Americans who served in the US Armed Services so that we could enjoy our freedom. We look forward to next year's event and hope that more Elk members join us as we honor these wonderful Veterans.

A "Special Thanks" is offered to those mentioned in the picture and to Brenda Massey, Susan Bunte, Cheryl Phillips (ENF Chair), Pat Poteet (Past Trustee), Virginia Wade (Tiler), Heather Fahey and her brother Billy Hays.



L to R: Ken McDonnell (Elk of the Year) and Lodge members Glen Poteet, Don Carney, Bill Phillips (Lecturing Knight), Bill Wims (Past Exalted Ruler), RaeLene Pritchard, John Arnold (Past Elk of the Year), Rudy Berbena, David Massey, and Russ Wade (Past Elk of the Year)

Whittier Elks Lodge No. 1258 Supports Children's Events

The Whittier Elks Lodge No. 1258 received "many thanks" from the Whittier Public Library for its continued support for their "End of Summer Reading Club Party." The Elks donated and cooked 1,900 hot dogs and buns at Parnell Park. This special event was for all the children who participated in and completed the reading club program. This year's theme was "Every Hero Has A Story." This has been an almost 20-year tradition.

Special thanks to Sal & Jann Prisco, Mike & Joan Roche, Eric Boteillo, Joe May, Susie Mills, Bud & Shirley Zerbe, Cathy Albarran, Merv & Evelyn Morgan, Randy Major, Steve Francis, Don Henderson, Ron & Samantha Ridout, Mikki Roche, Nick Knickerbocker, CHEA Vice President Cora Woodard and District Leader PDDGER Bill Woodard.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$1,000 for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. From July 21st through August 2, 2015, the City of Whittier was a Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games. Our Lodge donated \$1,000 to help and to house these Special Athletes! Our congratulations to all athletes who participated and who also won medals! Way to Go! We hope that you will remember the City of Whittier and the Whittier Elks Lodge as the "Friendly Spirit of Whittier." ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!

Metropolitan District Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) Representatives Serve Lunch to Veterans

The Metropolitan District VAVS proudly provided lunch to over 200 veterans at the Veterans Day Celebration at Sepulveda Veterans Administration Medical Facility on November 4th.

VAVS Representative, PDDGER Earl Bouchard, and his wife, Margie, and son, Donald, joined other volunteers Tom Smoker, Beverly Freeman, Karen and Marvin Perssiseau and Nelly St. George, to prepare and serve the taco luncheon (Chicken, Pork and Beef tacos with all the trimmings).



L to R: Beverly Freeman and Margie Bouchard

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 Members and the Emblem Club No. 515 Support Our Troops

PER Rod Sullivan of the Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 and Gwen Love, Emblem Club No. 515's Americanism Chairman, teamed up this fall to spearhead a project aimed at filling as many boxes as possible to send to our armed forces overseas for Christmas. The project started with a \$500 donation from the Elks and \$200 from the Emblem Club. A box was placed at the Lodge in October for Lodge members to donate nonperishable food and hygiene items. The Lodge also accepted cash donations. On Thursday, November 19th, Elk and Emblem members packed 25 boxes for the troops.

The outpouring of donations to help support this effort was unprecedented. Close to \$1,000 in cash was received and over 75 pounds of items were donated.



Rod Sullivan and Gwen Love

Elks Pride, Community Focus

At the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, GER Ron Hicks announced his slogan, "Elks Pride, Community Focus." Community focus and involvement is the impetus that makes our Lodges an integral part of our communities. With the assistance of the various Elks National Foundation Grants, we are given the ability to help our communities in a variety of ways.

Because of the ENF Grants, many of our Lodges have success stories of community involvement to share. This year, six CHEA Elks Lodges were winners of Community Impact Grants, all focusing on community projects. Those Lodges are: Blythe Lodge No. 1799, Fresno Lodge No. 439, Hilo Lodge No. 759, Orange Lodge No. 1475, San Clemente Lodge No. 2068, and Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613.

If you are curious about the variety of Impact Grant projects, please visit: www.elks.org/enf/community/ImpactGrants.cfm. This information may assist you in planning a project for your community.

One of the best investments our Lodges can make is to meet the GER Goal set each year to become eligible for these ENF Grants. CHEA last year received back from ENF, \$1.95 for each dollar donated to ENF, a total of \$869,175.92. By our participation, our local communities end up being the real winners!

On the cover this month is Amanda Jung (Lodge ENF Chair), "Elroy the Elk" (Pat Kuykendall, Loyal Knight, Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794), and Shane Bradley, a City of Orange Fireman. The Orange Lodge participated in the National Night Out Against Crime, hosted by the Orange Police Department, and distributed Drug Awareness Program material. Thomas Ruff, a member of the Orange Lodge No. 1475, took the cover photo during the City of Orange National Night Out Against Crime.

Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 Tea and Fashion Show Benefits Veterans

The 54th Annual Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show held at the Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 was a well-attended event. The Ladies of the Lodge look forward to this event each year. Lodge Officers and other volunteers, dressed in tuxedos, served the food and tea. The biggest response from the Ladies came when the male models made entry on the runway.

The monies collected are earmarked for Veteran Activities. Some of the activities are: visits to the Veterans Hospital in Reno, a hosted lunch on Veteran's Day, and the Lodge's participation in the annual Auburn Veteran's Day Parade. Everyone enjoyed the Tea and Fashion Show, and are looking forward to next year's event.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual soccer shoot for 152 youth at the Rail Head Park in Auburn. Ten students from Del Oro High School joined Lodge members as monitors and instructors. Soccer balls and super soakers were given out to the participants. The super soakers went first, but all had a good time.

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 Mysteriously Raises \$2,500 for ENF

The Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 held a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Lodge, "Who Killed The Director?" Cast members came, not only from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge, but also from the Burbank Elks Lodge No. 1497 and the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790. Executive Producer Ginger Larkins pulled everything off, including making the dinner for more than 120 people in attendance.

In all, \$2,500 was raised for the Elks National Foundation, and the Junior ROTC received more than \$500 in tips for their great work serving all of the guests.

Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



Leading Knights Challenge

The "Leading Knights Challenge" is on! As the Leading Knight, you are most likely to be the person walking across the stage at the Exalted Ruler's March during our next CHEA Convention. You are being challenged to increase the monies turned in for the Piggy Bank in order to better fulfill our Association's Major Project goal.

Now in its sixth year and having previously generated over \$100,000, this contest is intended to energize each District's Leading Knights to raise incremental donations for the **PURPLE PIG** between **November 1, 2015 and January 31, 2016**.

Yes, this special request is for much needed additional effort on your part. It does NOT include monies already on deposit at your Lodge in the Piggy Bank Account - this CHALLENGE is to raise NEW funds by way of new charitable activities. Just think of the amount that could be raised if every Lodge were to conduct just one or two additional events.

Challenge Rules:

1. No monies from existing Piggy Bank Lodge Accounts ... new sources only.
2. Trophies will be awarded to the TOP Lodges whose Leading Knights generate the most money during the three month period. Each contest is judged in six divisions (based on Lodge membership): Division 1 (up to 300 members), Division 2 (301 to 500 members), Division 3 (501 to 700 members), Division 4 (701 to 1,100 members), Division 5 (1,101 to 1,500 members), and Division 6 (more than 1,500 members).
3. Include information about your Lodge's 52 Club, Century Club, or Millennium Club recipients.
4. Checks should be made out to CHEMPI.
5. Send all money to Fresno indicating **Leading Knights Challenge**.
6. Send entry form for each deposit to Fresno and to the Association Piggy Bank Chair.
7. Raise the most - win a prestigious Trophy at the Association Convention.

Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 Visits Hospitalized Veterans at Yountville

Members from the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 visited patients at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville. Conrad Ettling (Lodge Esquire), Gloria Ettling and Jim Findley delivered toiletries, socks, conversation and a hearty "Thank you for your service" to each of the veterans that they visited. All were willing to tell the branch of service they were in and where they were stationed. A couple of the vets were unwilling to talk about their service experience - the look on their face said it was too painful to remember. It took 2-1/2 hours to cover just one floor, so we have to go back on a weekend when we have more volunteers.

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 Donates to their Community

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 was a proud sponsor of the "Hot Shots Mud Run" on November 14, 2015. They prepared breakfast burritos, tri-tip sandwiches and hot dogs. Exalted Ruler Rebecca Lewis, Beth Fastnow-Duvall and other members of the Lodge served the 1,200 participants and spectators. The Lodge then donated 20% of the profit to the Wildland Firefighters Foundation.

Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913 Works Veterans Stand Down

The Ridgecrest Elks Lodge No. 1913's Veterans Service Chairman Bob Anderson, with the assistance of Kathy Jacobs, spent a long day at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge's Veterans Service table working the entire Stand Down. Giving the Vets information about the Elks and the Elks Veteran Affairs made the day a happy one. Public Relations couldn't get any better than having Elks assisting our Veterans and serving 179 Vets and nine homeless.

These two Elks demonstrated that, "As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them." Both Bob and Kathy take their Veteran's work seriously. Bob is a Navy veteran who earned a Purple Heart during Vietnam. Bob has been an Elk for a year, and we thank him for his service to the Elks. Kathy is also the Lodge Membership chairperson and found it easy to have membership applications on hand.

Inland District Association VP Sam Brown, and his lady Trudy, just returned from the Barstow Veteran's Hospital with the entertaining "Re-Creation" singers, who travel the USA with the support of the Grand Lodge and local Lodges in the Districts they visit. The Ridgecrest Elks Lodge has supported the Barstow veterans for many years and continues to support their local veterans.



Pictured are (Front row) Lodge Lecturing Knight Kathy Jacobs, Chaplain and Veteran's Chairman Bob Anderson, (Back row) Trudy Brown, District Public Relations Chairman PER Ken Dalpiaz, and Inland District's SVP Sam Brown.

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 Scares Up Some Purple Pig Money

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge held a "Haunted House Fundraiser" at the Lodge as a fundraiser for the Piggy Bank. In one scene, "Dr." Lisa Fisher tended "patient" Mike Schaag on the "operating table."

This was the first year that the Lodge tried this type of event and it was a big success. It was advertised to the community all over the county, both by flyer, WEB, Facebook, Twitter, Neighbor Next Door and word of mouth.

The local boy scouts, 4-H and the high school sent volunteers to help with the "scaring" of those foolish enough to enter. The event was held from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm over three evenings. Four hundred people attended, raising \$1,900 for the Purple Pig. Not only did this event raise money for the Piggy Bank, but it also generated ten new members from the community.

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Happy New Year!

By now I have received your entries for the Poster, Video, and Essay Contests. Thank you to all our District Chairs and their members for the tremendous amount of work and energy that you have put into the contest year after year. Many of our schools and community organizations have come to look forward to this time of year when we remind children and their parents to take the pledge

to remain Alcohol and Drug Free. Remember that "Red Ribbon Week" can be celebrated all year long!

I would like to thank the Lodges that have sent in nominations for the Enrique Camarena Law Enforcement Award. This year's award will be presented at the California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention in May 2016. The Association's award winner has been submitted for consideration at the Grand Lodge level. The GL National award will be presented at Grand Lodge Convention in July 2016.

I remind all Lodges that there are "Matching Funds" available for up to \$200.00. Nomination forms can be found on the CHEA Website. The completed applications are due to me by February 28, 2016. The funds are limited and will be awarded in the order in which they are received. I know that many of your Lodges have had successful Drug Awareness events and would qualify for these matching funds.

As a final note (as I put on my Nursing Hat): Remember to get your Flu Vaccine this year. If you do become ill, stay home and contact your health provider. The best way to stop the spread of infection is to wash and sanitize your hands frequently!

Remember to contact DDGER Brad Smith, Drug Awareness Vice-Chairman, or myself, if we can be of any assistance with your Lodge and Community Drug Awareness Programs!

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Holds "Operation Surf" For Our Veterans

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 recently held their fourth annual "Operation Surf" BBQ tri-tip and chicken dinner. 136 attended the event to dine, greet, thank, and show their appreciation for a group of active Servicemen and Servicewomen recovering from war related amputations and other injuries fighting the war on terrorism. The fourteen Americans and eleven British guests were here visiting the Central Coast to attend recreational and rehabilitative surfing clinics by Amazing Surf Adventures. Goodie bags, which included a "Thank You" card, an American flag, cookies, jerky, nuts, and hard candy, were given to each one. For many, it was not only their first time leaving the hospital, but also their first time visiting California and an Elks Lodge.

Lake Elsinore/Widomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 Helps American Cancer Society

The Lake Elsinore/Widomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 joined with The American Cancer Society to hold special Bingo sessions at the lodge to raise funds for cancer research. The Lodge Bingo Chairman, Bob Viscardi, and Cancer Society representatives coordinated the event. The latest fund raising Bingo session entitled "Relay For Life" was held on Saturday, August 29. Elks and the public attended this session. The kitchen and snack bar provided a menu for the Bingo players. A raffle with door prizes was also held. A total of \$3,500 was raised for the American Cancer Society proving once again, "Elks care-Elks share."

Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046 Sponsors Trunk or Treat Safety Carnival

A big "Thank You" to all who braved the heat to help with the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat Safety Carnival which was held on October 24th in the safety of the parking lot at the Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046. The event was attended by small groups of children from neighboring communities. Kids and parents were greeted at the sign-in table and were given food vouchers and school supplies. Games, crafts and other activities were available to all children.

Safety booths and handouts were set up by the Buena Park Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Fire Authority, Boy Scout Troop No. 440 and the Orange County Pet Clinic. Kids had a great time sitting in the Sheriff's vehicle and the Buena Park Police Humvee. They also got to climb in the firetruck and get a feel of what it would be like driving one of those vehicles.

Elk members were in charge of providing treats and craft items in their trunks so the kids could load up their Halloween bags. As always, Drug Awareness posters and handouts are given to parents and teens. Many thanks go to Carrie and Bob Piché, who spearheaded the event, Bill and Leona MacFarlane, Norma Johnson, Pat Fusco, Connie and Andy Hushka, Maxine Glitzer, Joyce Henry, Dolly and Gary Stefan, Pam Roosevelt, Jacko Ray, Esther Roman, Eddie Lopez, Susie and Jim Rovida, Laulene Foster, Ron Lowers, Tom and Chris Reid, Lonnie Baldrige, Shirley Ardolino, Pat LeMaster and her Emblem Club ladies, and all the others that helped to make this event possible.



Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 Distributes 3,384 Dictionaries

The Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952 Dictionary Program Committee completed this year's annual distribution of over 3,384 dictionaries. Committee Chairman Berry Kelly states, "They were given to every 3rd grade student in the Garden Grove School District. We conducted a twenty-minute assembly at each of the 43 elementary schools, explaining the following: the Garden Grove Elks function in the Garden Grove Community, the major contents of the dictionary, the importance of an education, and a short verbal quiz on California and the history of our nation."

Mary French, of Charleston, SC, founded the Dictionary Project in 1995. It has been determined that third-graders are transitioning from learning to read to reading to learn. Many schools teach dictionary skills in the third grade. In 2004-2005 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks first partnered in the program and has since purchased and distributed 2,917,218 dictionaries nationwide. For more information, go to www.dictionaryproject.org.

In Memoriam to the CHEA Past Presidents in honor of their service to the Association

L.E. Chenoweth (1913-14)	Bakersfield	Donald K. Quayle (1941-42)	Alameda	Bruce H. Marsh (1965-66)	Inglewood
Hilliard E. Welch (1914-15)	Stockton	Newton M. Todd (1942-43)	Long Beach	Gerald Strohm (1966-67)	Fresno
Dr. Ralph Hagan (1915-16)	Los Angeles	Clifford C. Anglim (1943-44)	Richmond	Marvin M. Lewis (1967-68)	Brawley
William M. Abbott (1916-17)	San Francisco	Stephen A. Compas (1944-45)	Huntington Park	Norman S. Lien (1968-69)	Watsonville
Harry M. Ticknor (1917-19)	Pasadena	Horace R. Wisely (1945-46)	Salinas	Paul E. Haines (1969-70)	Pasadena
James M. Shanly (1919-20)	Oakland	R. Leonard Bush (1946-47)	Westchester	Ernest Olivieri (1970-71)	Sonora
Charles Donlon (1920-21)	Santa Barbara	Thomas S. Abbott (Honorary)	Los Angeles	Walter Schween, Jr. (1971-72)	Salinas
John D. Saxe (1921-22)	San Rafael	Raymond Benjamin (Honorary)	Napa	C. Wallace Erickson (1972-73)	Glendale
Richard C. Benbough (1922-23)	San Diego	Michael F. Shannon (Honorary)	Los Angeles	Yubi G. Separovich (1973-74)	Sacramento
Howard B. Kirtland (1923-24)	San Luis Obispo	Earl J. Williams (1947-48)	Oakland	Dan Davis (1974-75)	Van Nuys
Edgar F. Davis (1924-25)	Long Beach	Morley H. Golden (1948-49)	San Diego	Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Scott (Honorary)	San Pedro
John J. Lermen (1925-26)	San Francisco	Robert J. Craine (1949-50)	Hanford	James E. Spence, Jr. (1975-76)	Oakland
Mifflin G. Potts (1926-27)	Pasadena	Ben W. Osterman (1950-51)	Santa Ana	Marvin R. Pike (1976-77)	Torrance
William E. Simpson (1927-28)	Fresno	John B. Morey (1951-52)	Palo Alto	Donald W. Luce (1977-78)	Richmond
John J. Doyle (1928-29)	Los Angeles	Vincent H. Grocott (1952-53)	Santa Barbara	Dr. Robert G. Robb (1978-79)	Garden Grove
Fred B. Melmann (1929-30)	Oakland	Edward E. Keller (1953-54)	San Mateo	Donald D. Dapelo (1979-80)	Coalinga
Horace S. Williamson (1930-31)	Redlands	Robert P. Mohrbacker (1954-55)	Long Beach	William D. Brunner (1980-81)	Redondo Beach
F.E. Dayton (1931-32)	Salinas	Jim B. Nielsen (1955-56)	Watsonville	Leland "Butch" Simas (1981-82)	Santa Maria
Horace H. Quinby (1932-33)	Alhambra	Owen O. Keown (1956-57)	Santa Monica	Elmer L. Lanini (1983-84)	Salinas
J. Thomas Crowe (1933-34)	Tulare	John A. Raffetto (1957-58)	Auburn	Clifford E. Beatty (1985-86)	Chico
Milton R. Standish (1934-35)	San Bernardino	Frank M. Linnell (1958-59)	Newport Harbor	Bernard E. Mc Cune (1987-88)	Long Beach
George M. Smith (1935-36)	San Jose	Charles T. Reynolds (1959-60)	Vallejo	Oscar W. Stutheit (Honorary)	Orange
L.A. Lewis (1936-37)	Anaheim	Guy A. Daniels (1960-61)	Redlands	R.E. "Bud" Cenis (1988-89)	Bakersfield
C. Fenton Nichols (1937-38)	San Francisco	Paul T. Wemple (1961-63)	Susanville	Dr. Eugene P. Weigand (1989-90)	Pasadena
C.P. Hebenstreit (1938-39)	Huntington Park	Vern R. Huck (1963-64)	Los Angeles	Lynn Wood (1990-91)	Modesto
Elmer B. Maze (1939-40)	Merced	Henry J. Budde (1964-65)	San Francisco	William C. James (1991-92)	Vista
Robert S. Redington (1940-41)	Los Angeles	Edgar Dale (Honorary)	Vallejo	Rex E. Dondlinger (1994-95)	Arcadia

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
Robert J. Mc Lain (1984-85)	Pasadena	John G. Holt (2000-01)	Burbank	Lee Karjola (2009-2010)	Eureka
Richard L. "Dick" Alves (1986-87)	San Jose	John M. Carvalho, Sr. (2001-02)	Sacramento	Hugh H. Scanlon (2010-2011)	Glendale
Richard E. Owen (1992-93)	Santa Maria	H. Eugene Chambers (2002-03)	Needles	Thomas S. Brazier (Honorary)	Santa Cruz
John A. "Jack" Parker (1993-94)	Marysville	Doug Larsen (2003-04)	Salinas	Wayne Howard (2011-2012)	Honolulu
Anthony J. Mauro (1995-96)	Hollister	Lee Northcutt (2004-05)	La Habra	Art Echternacht (2012-2013)	Santa Ana
Timothy C. Martin (1996-97)	Clovis	Roy R. Newman (2005-06)	Marysville	Richard L. McDonald (2013-2014)	Pittsburg
Sim Nathan (1997-98)	Redding	James S. Mason (2006-07)	Gardena	Floyd "Skip" Henke (2014-2015)	Santa Clarita
Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga		

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 and the VVA Chapter 582 Sponsor 15th Annual Car Show

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582 presented the 15th Annual "People's Choice Auto, Bike and Truck Show". Over 800 folks attended the show on the Lodge's shaded back lawn. Attendees viewed over 150 classic and custom cars, trucks and bikes on a balmy Saturday in September. Many proud owners of these beautifully restored classic vehicles received trophies for their efforts. Vendors sold crafts and memorabilia and the children enjoyed bounce houses, face painting, and playground activities. Our Lodge barbecued burgers, hot dogs and chicken and also served chili and salads. Lots of raffle items and drawings drew many takers, which raised over \$4,000 for our local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 582. Those of us who are familiar with this group know they do exceptional work in our community to welcome and support the needs of ALL veterans in our area. We are proud to partner with Chapter President Butch Frederickson

and his group, many of whom are Lodge members.

In other news, "Family Fun Knight 2015" showed the power of volunteerism in putting on a great family friendly event for almost 700 attendees. Thanks to the hard work of the committee, volunteers and sponsors including The Yellow Door, LRT Graphics and Platinum Productions, the fenced off area was full of laughter and excitement as children enjoyed a variety of games and activities. Over 130 volunteers from our Lodge, the Yellow Door, Chico Boys and Girls Club and CSU Chico students ensured that all the kids and their families had a chance to participate in a safe and well-run environment. And it wasn't just the attendees who were having fun. The volunteers themselves were smiling almost nonstop. As the tired families packed up their little ones and headed out to their cars, they took the time to thank the volunteers and promise to return next year. Truly, our motto of "Elks Care - Elks Share" was very much in evidence. Exalted Ruler Brian Arntzen and his committee had high praise for everyone who made the event a success. The Lodge raised over \$2,000 for charity.

Elks Scholars Come To Oakland to Serve California

Elks scholars are headed our way! Twenty Elks scholars and two Elks National Foundation staff members will be arriving January 3rd, 2016 to participate in the second Elks Scholar Service Trip.

In Oakland, the scholars will be serving with Community Collaborations International. Each day for one week they will be partnering with a different local organization. The scholars will be serving those experiencing food insecurity and citizens who lack adequate housing.

The six Elks scholars who took part in the inaugural Elks Scholar Service Trip were inspired by the reception they received from the local Elks. Listen to what Elks scholar Tyler Mansfield had to say, after spending time with the Elks from Manistique, Mich., Lodge No. 632, while serving on the first Elks Scholar Service Trip in August.

"They just welcomed us with open arms. I thought that was one of the coolest things to really feel the Elks connection not just within my community, but within the country." –Tyler Mansfield, 2014 MVS scholar sponsored by Vernal, Utah, Lodge No. 2375

When traveling to the San Francisco Bay Area, Elks scholars will have the opportunity to connect with members from the Alameda, Calif., Lodge No. 1015. Life lessons are learned when Elks and Elks scholars interact. The Elks Scholar Service Trips provide a perfect opportunity for this to happen.

"On this trip I've learned so much about the Elks. They are, by far, the most generous people I've ever met. Being on the service trip has taught me so much, and it's really inspired me to be an Elk, myself, in the future." – Jessica Carter, 2015 MVS scholar sponsored by Elgin, Ill., Lodge No. 737 on her experience on an Elks Scholar Service Trip.

To see your scholars putting their passion into action, watch "Learn. Serve. Connect." at enf.elks.org/learnserveconnect.

This is the second of three trips this year. The next will be from March 6-12, 2016 in Washington, D.C. To learn more, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/scholartrips.cfm for complete details. If you have any questions, please email Maryann Slater, Elks Scholar Fellow, at MaryannS@elks.org or call 773/755-4848.

With nearly 900,000 members and more than 2,000 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities across the United States. The Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. To learn more, visit www.elks.org/enf.

San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 Hosts a BBQ for Veterans

The San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 joined the Whittier Elks Lodge No. 1258 on Saturday, August 8, 2015 in hosting a BBQ at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Hospital. We proudly served 450 veterans and their guests. Before the buffet began, we all said the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to hamburgers and hotdogs, we also served chili with chopped onions, potato salad, cookies, and soft drinks. In addition, there were popcorn and snow cone machines and a live band that performed some great oldies and rock and roll for the vets, too.

Lake Almanor Elks Lodge No. 2626 Donated Books to the Reno VA Hospital

The Lake Almanor Elks Lodge No. 2626 donated a large volume of various types of books to the Reno Veterans Hospital. Thanks to the Chester Library for their generous donation on September 2, 2015.

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 Hosts a Scouting "Court of Honor" for Seven Eagle Scouts

The Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 hosted a "Court of Honor" for seven Boy Scouts, who earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and their families in 2015. There were over 164 family, friends and Elks in attendance.

The Eagle Scouts did a variety of projects in their communities. Daniel Fisser's project was to restore a fence and garden area in a local community park. Peter Linneman's project was to build a tri-level water fountain for adults, children and pets. Richard Carini created signs and a shade area for a community demonstration garden. Fernando Lopez's project was to restore the sign at the local community college. Nick Dorn's project was to repaint and install anti-slip guards on a bridge on the community college campus. Garrett Pipkin's project was to build platforms for two 500-gallon drinking water tanks in a local county park. Aakash Vashee's scout project was to restore and improve the access to a courtyard area at the local community college and refurbish the area's safety handrails for the disabled.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Wayne Miles, Scoutmaster Bill Murphy, Daniel Fisser, Peter Linneman, Richard Carini, Fernando Lopez, Aakash Vashee, Garrett Pipkin, and Scoutmaster Mike Nelson. Nick Dorn, Eagle Scout, was unable to attend the ceremony

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 Brews Up a Healthy Donation to the ENF

A "First Lady's Tea" was held on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347. It was only because of the dedication of many volunteers, attendees, and teamwork that this event was a great success. The event generated \$2,500 that the Lodge donated to the Elks National Foundation. Roseann LaCoursiere was in charge of the set-up and preparation of all the sandwiches and desserts. The Lodge Officers served the guests.

Margie McLain, Wife of PSP Robert McLain Passes Away

The Association Office has been notified that Margie McLain, wife of Robert McLain, Past Association President 1984-1985, passed away on November 23, 2015. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margie's name to: California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI), 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224. Condolences may be sent to Robert McLain at: Mr. Robert McLain, 841 Volante Dr., Arcadia, CA 91007-6155.

Membership

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership Chairman



Here are my suggestions for a Lodge's New Year's Resolution list related to its membership goals:

- 10% gross gain in membership,
- 2% (or less) lapsation,
- Every officer sponsors at least one new member,
- Two members earn Membership Award Watches for sponsoring 11 members or more in this Lodge year,
- One member earns a Membership Award Clock for sponsoring 35 members or more,
- Net gain in total membership,
- Lodge Secretary bills delinquent members every month,
- Membership, Lodge Activities, and Public Relations Chairs meet quarterly to review strategies for membership development,
- Stray Elks contacted about affiliation in your Lodge,
- The membership team regularly reviews Grand Lodge membership recruitment and retention ideas,
- A calling committee contacts every member whose dues are in arrears,
- Inactive members are given information about reinstatement options,
- Monthly membership development reports are given to the Lodge,
- A list of proposers is posted in a prominent place in the Lodge,
- Sponsors of new members are recognized at Lodge meetings and in the Lodge newsletter,
- The Lodge conducts an impressive orientation program,
- New members are immediately involved in some aspect of the Lodge, and
- The Lodge maintains a "Second Step" program for new members.

Have a fantastic New Year and celebrate your Lodge's growth as you implement these resolutions!

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Hosts 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 the Court of Honor for Matthew James Miller. Matt is the eleventh Eagle Scout from our troop since 2006. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor is the highest honor the Boy Scouts of America offers.

Matt's accomplishments include 24 merit badges, Arrow of Light, Order of the Arrow, Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol, Patrol Leader and Webelos Den Chief. He indicated that his priorities were his family, his friends, baseball and Scouting. For his project, he designed and built three Flag Retirement boxes. The Lodge donated to his project.

Matt is a senior at Villa Park High School and plans to attend Cal State Fullerton. In his acceptance, he thanked Teresa Beach, a founder of the Elks Boy Scout Troop and his first Scout Leader and Scout Master Monty Miller, his dad!

In other news, Lodge member Will Goodman donated a WWII replica military police bicycle that was designed and built by Chip Foose. The bicycle was raffled off and the \$1,300 proceeds were donated to the "Patriotic Service Dog Foundation." The winner of the bike was Colum McDermott. The Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on serving our veterans by raising awareness for their needs and providing Service Dogs to those who may benefit from long-term mental and physical assistance.

The 2015 Mid-Term Conference was a success - Thank you!

Cliff Wadley and his Mid-Term Conference Committee did a great job on the 2015 Mid-Term Conference. It takes a year of planning to put together such an event: to make the hotel arrangements for all the District representatives, Association Officers and guests, to plan the ENF dinner with the hotel staff, to organize the speakers for the business meetings, and to coordinate the planning of the weekend's events with the host Lodges. Then, after the conference begins, there's "running the show".

"Thank You" to the Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643, whose members and spouses put in many long hours handling the conference registration and registration packets, organizing the Thursday golf tournament, cooking and serving Friday night's Parmesan crusted chicken dinner, offering the "Lindy Sisters Show" for the Friday evening entertainment, and serving a scrumptious champagne brunch buffet on Sunday morning. "Thank You" to the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 for the pork loin dinner on Thursday evening. The Lodge members were very helpful and graciously provided assistance to all of the conference attendees all weekend, participating in a myriad of other ways to help make the business sessions flow smoothly.

Thank you, too, to the Conference presenters – whose sessions were very informative and will help the Lodge members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association have a successful Lodge Year.

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 Delivers Dinners to Firefighters on 9/11

On September 11, 2015, the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 delivered over 60 donated dinners to firefighters. All of the Fire Stations in Brea, Fullerton, Placentia and Yorba Linda received meals. The complete dinner included rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, Hawaiian rolls and pumpkin pie. In addition to the donated meals, the Elks delivering them expressed our gratitude for the Firefighters service to our communities.

In other news, the Lodge presented a plaque and several gift certificates to Brandon L., the Lodge's Teenager of the Month for August 2015. The Lodge attempts to honor a teenager each month in our community who deserves recognition. He is committed to a drug free lifestyle. Brandon is 15 years old and is a freshman at El Dorado High in Placentia, California. He is on the JV Basketball team, is six foot seven inches tall, and wears a size sixteen shoe. Not bad for a 15 year old!



L to R: Orange County Sheriff Deputy Scott Steinle, OC Firefighter Fred Garcia, Fullerton Elk Steve Vartanian, Adam V., and Firefighters Scott Bissonet, Eddie Medrano and Octavio Me

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 Joins the Tustin Tiller Days Founder Days Parade

On Saturday October 3, 2015, members of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 participated in the Tustin Tiller Days annual Founders Day Parade. Glen Riley, a 95 year-old WWII and Korean War veteran, was the Grand Marshall of the Parade.

ER Roger Vulgamore and Leading Knight Craig Whaley, holding the sign "ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE," were leading the Lodge's parade entry. Riding on the truck were some of our Lodge veterans and other Lodge members who were celebrating their commitment to Veterans, in accordance with the Elks motto "As Long As There Are Veterans, They Will Not Be Forgotten."



Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 Is Involved With Their Community

The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 used an ENF Promise Grant to conduct a Halloween party for children enrolled in the Roseville Head Start Preschool Program and their families. About 150 participants enjoyed a hosted lunch followed by games and activities for the children. Special guests included Mother Goose (Jan Jones, wife of Chaplain Mike Jones) and Captain Hook (PER Bill Markham), who entertained the children with stories and games. Activities included a pumpkin toss, pumpkin decorating, and Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin. Twenty Elk members were on hand to assist with the festivities.

The City of Roseville's Family Fest provided food, activities, music and fun for Roseville children and their families. Roseville Police and Fire Departments shared information on safety, and several booths featured information on health and nutrition for growing families. About 3,000 residents of the community attended the event. Lodge members staffed a booth that included a miniature "Hoop Shoot," and distributed information about Elks youth programs including the Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Americanism Essay contest and Drug Awareness. Drug Awareness coloring books and informational pamphlets were provided to children and their parents.

For the third straight year, Lodge members also sponsored the annual Roseville Bikefest. The Bikefest is a free family bike safety event. Attendees enjoyed bike obstacle courses and riding demonstrations, helmet fittings, and free bicycle safety checks from local bike shops. McGruff the Crime Dog and the Fire Safety Fox greeted the children to reinforce the safety message of the day. Lodge members staffed an information booth, helped judge the obstacle course and assisted with helmet fittings. About 300 children and their families attended the event.

Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 And Other Veterans Groups Outreach to Veterans

Victorville Lodge had a Veterans Outreach with 20 other Federal, State, County and private Veteran Organizations to help our community's needy Veterans. We had a great turnout, helping 100 veterans and their families, for a total of 172 individuals. The Lodge's 24 volunteers joined 52 volunteers from the other organizations, and an additional four Elks, for a grand total of 259 participants. We had great success helping our lady veterans, too. The Lodge plans a second outreach next year. Our Veterans Committee Chairman, Bob Marron, and our Exalted Ruler, Rose Marie Johnson, worked many hours to make the outreach a success.

In other news, the Lodge donated 300 dictionaries to elementary school students at Vanguard Preparatory School in Apple Valley. These young students still need a paper dictionary so that they are not so dependent on a computer. The dictionaries help them to develop and keep their personal research skills. The Lodge also distributed some Elks Drug Awareness Program literature.



Victorville Lodge's Outreach volunteers

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 Honors Veterans, Participates in "Stand Down"

More than 275 attended the annual Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 "Spirit of America" celebration that honors our military servicemen, servicewomen and their families. Several wonderful Lodge volunteers arrived early in the morning to block off the parking lot, carefully lower the massive American Flag onto the side of our building, decorate, set-up craft tables, provide a burger and hot dog BBQ, and setup the children's popular blow-up playground. Sharron Dearborn, Lodge Youth Activities Chairman coordinated the event. Thirty percent of the military men and women at the event were to be deployed before Christmas.

In other news, a few Lodge members volunteered to serve hearty hot breakfasts each morning to the veterans and their families at the 5th Orange County Stand Down. "Stand Down" is a military term for when troops on the front lines are relieved so they can rest, clean up and receive medical treatment. At the OC Stand Down, homeless veterans received relief from life on the streets. Volunteers provided basic social services from a variety of community and government agencies, clothing, and dental and medical services. Hot meals and snacks were provided. Tents were set up for the veterans and their families to sleep in. The Newport Harbor Elks Lodge members are proud to take part each year in this important and rewarding event.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Copper Pig Level Donors August 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Luther Vaden	614	Robert Harris	1968
Frank Frazier	906	Donald W. Elholm	2419

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors August 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Ronald L. Brusato	6	Sally Emerson	1427	Nicholas Fleming	1811	John "Jack" Stangel	2091
James Collins	1285	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Donald D. Schultz	1877	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Frances Abraham	1427						

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors August 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Johanna Abate	3	Lee Watson	1015	James E. Miller	1643	John "Jack" Stangel	2091
Chantelle P. Choe	3	Shannan M. Scanlon	1289	Ken Sullens	1689	Robert "Bob" Leinkram	2121
Kevin Hunsanger	3	Michael Wiebe	1298	Candice Gibson	1712	Paul Scheffel	2230
Roger Ludwig	3	John D. Adams	1427	Bob & Melissa Burke	1728	Nancy Harvey	2243
Artie Penza	3	James A. Smith	1436	Kathy Connor	1740	Don Elholm	2419
Maureen Schroder	3	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Steven W. Nichols	1740	Joanne Elholm	2419
Guy Laughridge	522	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Rick Blake	1767	Betty Kolstoe	2444
David Bruce Knight	583	Rosemary R. Anderson	1567	Samuel J. Brown	1913	Pati Harrod	2477
Frank Olivarria	614	Maxine Elin	1567	Lance Slimmer	1952	Greg Metzgas	2477
Barry Wilson	614	Nancy Larkin	1608	Nancy Stradley-DiTomaso	1968	Richard Barcellos	2510
Samuel A. Aucoin	616	Mark Lemke	1608	Mark Urban	1991	Luise C. Pyeatt	2510
Mark H. Moore, Jr.	616	Charley Myers	1608	Jim Byerrum	1993	Cindy Higl	2801
Don Checchi	906	William "Bill" Warner	1608	Judy Foley	2046	Spike "Carlton" Lunn	2801

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors August 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
South Coast District ER's		Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers	616	Elizabeth Dos Remedios	1015	Jason Hutton	1298
Hilary Magan	3	Paul Fernandez	616	Dean Seaquist	1015	Vincent Porcaro (2)	1298
Trish Young	3	Mary Zwiap Fraser	616	Heather Watson (2)	1015	Butch Ruddy	1298
Richard Ambriz	6	Honolulu PER Association	616	Lee Watson (5)	1015	Jim Shaw (2)	1298
Ronald Brusato	6	Patrick Keliinui	616	Jerry Sanchez	1073	Michael Wiebe	1298
Marilyn Facha (2)	6	Bert Kobayashi, Jr.	616	Brian Decker	1112	Jack Lasserot	1299
Ricardo Granados	6	Kenn Kojima	616	John Carlisle	1240	Ralph Garcia	1328
Kenneth Horst	6	John Lacy	616	Dave Norris	1240	Dinah Perez	1328
Marietta Petersen	6	Ronald Lee	616	Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	Georgene Sanchez	1328
Donald Steed	6	Lynnette Mau (2)	616	Fred Casey	1250	Michael Sawyer	1342
Amy Tanaka	6	Michael Moore (2)	616	Maurice Chevalier	1250	Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378
Benjamin Valencia, Jr. (2)	6	Douglas Morton	616	Jim Davis	1250	Merle Swonger	1419
Barbara Fish	168	Donald Nickon	616	Bruce Henz	1250	Roy Wissing	1419
Matt Brodie (2)	218	Gladys Oshiro	616	Frank Kloblas (2)	1251	Ed Coulter	1420
Margaret Lockhart	218	Frank Rego, Jr. (5)	616	Bob Ostini	1251	Michelle Adams	1424
Robert McTeer	218	Gladys Rodenhurst	616	Melinda Roberts	1251	Dennis Bell (2)	1424
Eberhard Schwierzke	218	Forrest Shoemaker	616	Donna Fagundes (4)	1259	Frances Abraham	1427
H.B. Jobe	522	David Snakenberg	616	Dave Noland	1259	John D. Adams (5)	1427
Guy Laughridge	522	Michelle Tuzon	616	Richard Riso	1259	Delbert Crandall	1427
Janice Almazan	583	Barbel Wilkens	616	Emilio Cal, Jr.	1285	Gerald Delker	1427
Rick Dombrowski	583	Thomas Woodrow	616	Larry Casner	1285	Sally Emerson	1427
Dr. Daniel Franco	583	Mathew & Shanelle Yamamoto	616	James Collins	1285	Fred Krinke	1427
Hilary Fulton	583	Teru Yasuda	616	June Elliot	1285	Donna Leiby	1427
Brad Glassco	583	Steve Buttress (2)	643	Leslie Field	1285	Christopher McEntire	1427
David Bruce Knight (2)	583	Dennis DeSanti	643	Farhad Fozounmayeh	1285	John D. McEntire, Jr.(3)	1427
Paul Rigano	583	Carole Fajardo (2)	643	David Hentges	1285	James Rentschler	1427
Larry Taylor	583	James Lenon	643	Lucille Ingels	1285	Joanna Rentschler	1427
Sam Trad	583	Gilbert Marin	643	Norman Lausten	1285	Kathy Rentschler	1427
Joe Clark	613	Joan Marin	643	Melvin Loop	1285	Rentschler Family	1427
Brett Fraley	613	Jonie Zuel	643	Ranae Martin	1285	Randy Smith	1427
David Hashim	613	Ernie Nunes	652	Joanie Michele	1285	George Van Hove	1427
Santa Barbara Elks Billiard Rm. Comm.	613	Aron Andersen	672	Joanne Millard	1285	Malcolm Cornett	1430
Bob Spinner	613	Peggy Lee Hartwell	672	Stephen Millich	1285	Wilma Kenyon	1430
Pepper Westerman	613	Audrey Cash	794	Doris Milligan	1285	Howard LaPierre	1430
Bob Wignot	613	Phyllis LaFresnaye	794	Gerald Neville	1285	Mark Ouchi	1430
Dennis Barrett (2)	614	Marlem Mason	794	Kathleen Randazzo	1285	Jwanita Alexander	1436
Alex Camany	614	Judy Webb	794	LaVonne Rilling	1285	Brenda Bernal	1436
Frank Olivarria (2)	614	Peter Ehrman	824	Christian Schou	1285	Harvey Bryan	1436
John Smoot	614	Timothy Hunt	824	James Sula	1285	Glen Koehl	1436
Camacho & Aikane (5)	616	Robert Rudolph (2)	824	Sydney Tabler	1285	George Tombe III (2)	1436
Robert Arkus	616	Kathy Callihan	836	Howard Tsuchiya	1285	Dr. Clark Atkinson	1471
Margaret Bukatz	616	Larry Hancock	888	Mercedes Borges	1289	Shane & Ita Buckley	1471
Frances Cano	616	John Stammreich	966	Beverly Holt	1289	Ann Morey	1471
Gregory Chamberlain	616	Gerald Desmond	1015	Karl LaMasa	1289	Rick Marchoke	1474
Linda Chang	616	Thomas Donato	1015	Hugh Scanlon	1289	David J. French (2)	1487
Rodney Chang	616	Lynn Glick	1015	Jestin Cornelison	1298		
Jeffrey Dunn	616	Madelyn Khodavardian	1015	Larry Fishel	1298		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Robert Ambrosetti (2)	1538	Tracey Nushi	1811	Nita Ohlhauser	2117	Bob & Olga Campbell	2477
Samuel Fricke	1538	Ruth Reeves	1811	Robert Baker	2121	Doug Carroll	2477
Gene Green	1538	Kent Smith	1811	Steve Fasolis	2121	Samuel Frankl	2477
George Johnston	1538	Walnut Creek PER Association	1811	Elizabeth Johns	2121	Brenda Hagen (2)	2477
James Jump, Jr.	1538	Robert Wilson	1811	Pat Polehla	2121	Patti Harrod	2477
Bob O'Brien	1538	Nancy Kulinski	1812	Al Rizotto	2121	Greg Metzgas (2)	2477
Bruce Shoun	1538	Donald Cooper	1900	Kathleen Waters	2121	Gregg Miraglia	2477
Raeleen Silva	1538	Hal Laney	1900	John Blaul	2128	Jean Miraglia	2477
Myrl Wallace (2)	1538	Patric Ackins	1905	Krull Family	2128	Coleen Morris (2)	2477
Betty Collier	1561	Louis Wold & Joe Greco	1905	Robert Maes	2128	Robert Brotherton	2484
Irene Gilmore	1561	Dr. John Impagliazzo (3)	1905	Alan Tagami	2128	Andrew Dobrzynski (2)	2492
Robert Gutierrez	1561	George & Estelle Layton (3)	1905	O Say Can We Knit	2142	Terry Blackwell	2504
James Johnson	1561	Donald Rice	1905	Jim Wadley (2)	2142	Forrest Frost	2504
Greg Koester	1561	Robert Anderson	1913	Jo Lamoreaux	2190	Ken Nelson	2504
Karen Kundtz (3)	1561	Trudy Brown	1913	Peter Marshall	2190	Richard Barcellos (2)	2510
Edward Novak	1561	Darlyn Fowler	1919	Richard Cabral, Jr.	2230	Ray Gomes	2510
Sylvia Spiva-Schramm (3)	1561	Jim Wilson	1919	Sheri St. Germain (2)	2230	Luise Pyeatt (3)	2510
Harvey Hammer	1567	Theodore Yamada	1919	Gerald Gompers (2)	2230	Cookie Rendon	2510
Philip Quast	1567	Stewart Allen	1968	Daniel Patterson	2230	Linda Farrell (2)	2543
John Tognetti	1567	Fred Costa (3)	1968	Wade Richardson	2230	Janet Rasmussen (2)	2543
Bill Butler	1587	Escondido Moose Wed. Lunch Bunch	1968	Carl Romero	2230	Margaret Yorio	2543
Ted & Ina Kassahn	1587	Virginia "Ginger" Frye (2)	1968	Wallace Teves	2230	Linda Bravo	2577
Wil & Cheryl Reich	1587	Marilyn Haug (2)	1968	Lyndell Wood	2230	Peter Cracchiolo	2591
Frank & Arlene Taylor (2)	1587	Hans Iliew	1968	Rune Anderson	2243	Doris Davis	2591
Eugene Chambers	1608	Robert Jones	1968	Bonnie Corbin	2243	Louis DePasquale	2591
Barbara Earle	1608	Michael Merkt	1968	John Corbin	2243	David Cross	2599
Ralph George, Jr.	1608	Marina Piccioni	1968	Gloria Curry	2243	Fran Musetti (4)	2599
L.L. Johnson	1608	Ray Reno	1968	Teri Deane	2243	Pete Raddish	2599
Nancy Larkin	1608	Steve Shaw (2)	1968	Lorne Fleming	2243	Bev Reed	2599
Mark Lemke	1608	Nancy Stradley-DiTomasso (8)	1968	Char Giguere	2243	Jack Reed	2599
Owen Long	1608	Lorraine Tschaeche (5)	1968	Dottie Grant	2243	Thom Richardson	2599
Charley Myers	1608	Vista Lodge Social Quarters	1968	Nancy Harvey (10)	2243	James Williams (5)	2599
Margie Myers	1608	John Walz (2)	1968	Steve & Pam Hurst	2243	C. Parnell	2616
Adela Owensby	1608	Daisy Roberts	1980	Norman & Susanna Meck	2243	Pat Glodowski	2638
Richard Pyle	1608	Dwight Roberts	1980	Tula Haynes Pinnella (2)	2243	Daniel Gowan	2638
David Simon	1608	James Belton	1991	Fred Schneider	2243	Sandy Gowan	2638
Bill Warner	1608	Melvin Horn	1991	Gerry Sova	2243	Ronald Pianfetti	2638
John Wilson	1608	Redwood City Teachers	1991	Mike Warner (2)	2243	Byron Pierson	2638
Joe Daily	1643	Keller Williams	1991	Mike Wright	2243	Ruby Bentkowski	2669
Fred & Marlene Dominski (4)	1643	Ray Bowsher	1993	Vicki Wright (3)	2243	Josephine Kalauli	2669
Ronald Hinman	1643	Maria Caballero	1996	Mel Borden	2248	Roberta Kaleikini	2669
Ronald & Nancy Hinman	1643	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Charles Braden	2248	Rhona Ogawa	2669
Orlando Moreno	1643	Keith Kelley	1996	Lesley Dale	2248	Mariano Rellin	2669
Linda Ging	1689	Kristin Marada	2026	Robert Hartley	2248	Yolanda Tugadi	2669
Ken Sullens	1689	James McMillen	2026	Cindy McKim	2248	Lorraine Giacalone	2698
Auburn Honda	1691	John Mooney	2026	Kris McKim (2)	2248	Earnie Labadie	2698
Leonard Ferretti	1691	Barbara Weimer	2026	Tony Morinelli	2248	Raymond Benevedes	2704
Anna Giraud-Miller	1691	Wayne Christensen	2031	Walter Pierson	2248	Debbe Blake	2704
John Healy	1691	Bud Halford (2)	2031	Ellis Platz	2248	Barry Johnson	2704
Richard Kulhavy	1691	John Hardman	2031	Mel Rojko	2248	Gerald Mills	2704
Reginald Murray	1691	Steven Nelson	2031	Madge Vining	2248	Gerald Mohl	2704
Lee Thorpe (2)	1691	Steve Thatcher	2031	Kirk Watkins	2248	Walter Neumann (2)	2704
Candice Gibson (2)	1712	Judy Foley (7)	2046	Lompoc Bingo Players	2274	Lou Riccardi	2704
Paul McKinney	1712	Patricia Fusco (2)	2046	Robert Gibbons	2347	Wamie "Ed" Roark	2704
Judith Quincy	1712	Ronald Lowers	2046	Robert Eddington	2364	Richard Shaw	2704
Marie Bolstad	1728	Bridgette Schauwecker	2046	Patty Trask	2389	Dave Davidson (2)	2724
Sandi Brown	1728	Steven L. Johnson	2050	Donald Elholm	2419	Carlotta Schupp	2724
Bob & Melissa Burke (2)	1728	Danny Ahern (2)	2091	Jack Jacobs	2444	Bruce Stamp	2733
Jack & Marilyn Dalton	1728	Bartenders of So. San Francisco Lodge	2091	Mike & Judy Klinger	2444	Valerie Fagiani	2790
Bill Hendrickson	1728	Gail Dekreon	2091	Kathleen Krieger	2444	Bruce Troe	2790
Ken Jones	1728	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dilsaver	2091	Ronald Nerio	2444	Tom Jensen	2801
Dustin Kotterman (2)	1728	Steven Hawthorne	2091	James Verbeerst	2444	Jack Keefer	2801
Jim Mitchell & Shirley Dietrick	1728	William Holdinghausen	2091	Diana Wilson	2444	Robert Walker (2)	2801
Mr. Newhouse	1728	Lokelani Huihui	2091	Terry Baker	2477		
Linda Schaffer	1728	Mike McCurdy	2091				
Adolph Wagner	1728	Mary Motosh (2)	2091				
Ray Karlin	1740	Martin Novello	2091				
Joe Schrettner	1740	Purple Pig Diners	2091				
Rick Blake (5)	1767	Andrew Reid (2)	2091				
Robin Kelley	1767	Eileen Tating (2)	2091				
Tony Messina	1767	Thursday Work Crew Bus Trip	2091				
Kevin Stead	1767	Cliff Viera	2091				
Barbara Turner	1767	Geraldine Endicott	2095				
George Corbin	1786	Arlis McMinn	2095				
Bernice Hiller	1786	795 Enterprises	2098				
Mark Layman (4)	1786	American Legion Post 377	2098				
George Waters	1786	Earl Bouchard	2098				
Peggy White	1786	Crows Nest	2098				
Jack Lower	1787	Jim Newman	2098				
Jean Bruechle Topley	1787	Vickie Pierce	2098				
Mark Amaro	1811	Sonia Tatulian	2098				
Charles Curry	1811	Darrin Ohlhauser	2117				

Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 Presents Firefighter of the Year Award

On September 10th, the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 held their annual Patriot Day ceremony. A video was shown to commemorate the 14th anniversary of 9-11. Jason Walker, the Lodge's liaison to the Santa Monica Fire Department, awarded the "2015 Santa Monica Elks Firefighter Of the Year" award to Sam Ruiz. PER R. A. Pickett, the South Central Coast District Americanism Chairman, and Ann Scully awarded the "Frank J. Italiano Award for Americanism" to Richard Schneidmiller. Special Citations from the Grand Lodge, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and the City of Santa Monica were also presented.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Josh Hachadourian	3	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Debbie Hosted	2011
David Podger	3	James Ferris	1378	Robert W. Griffith	1952	Roy Jenness	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Ashley Munoz	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Rebecca Munoz	2011
Flo Gandolfi	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Jose Justiniano	1952	Christine Nelson	2011
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Sherrie Larson	1952	David Plotke	2011
Karen Lakey	168	R. C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Karen Lewin	1952	Cynthia Wise	2011
Gary Marinelli	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Jose A. Lopez	1952	John Hardman	2031
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Amanda Jung	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	David Dickey	2045
Glenn Montague	168	Colin Smith	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Chuck Nolan	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117
Nadine Steel	218	Steve McGehee	1538	Richard Tanguy	1959	Ian Lanouette	2121
Jerome Paul	672	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Carol Beckwith	1968	J. Martin Borden	2230
Charles Rowe	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Leroy Bostick	2358
Lisa Fleury	759	Richard Blake	1767	Jim Byerrum	1993	Ted Olsen	2379
Jerry Hansen	901	Ray Prettyman	1767	Dan Casey	1993	Terry Gicking	2477
Donald Checchi	906	Kay Brandos	1804	Richard Green	1993	Greg Metzgs	2477
Frank Frazier	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Alan Kelley	1993	Beverly Burns	2484
Margaret Pickett	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Diana Mondragon	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Janet Rasmussen	2543
John Eitel	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	James Williams	2599
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Michael Silva	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Dave Wells	1240	Kevin Wroble	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Donald Schultz	1877	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Robert Ostini	1251	James G. Anderson	1952	Francis J. Glenski	2011		

West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996 "Adopts" Three Wounded Warriors Families

The West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996 had the honor of "adopting" two United States wounded soldiers. The Monday Night Football (MNF) Crew, led by Steve and Susie Martin, joined other Lodge members to collect and raise generous donations to help these families. Both families had young children that were given bikes, dollhouses, dolls, electronics and other miscellaneous items. The adults received gift cards to be used for gas, food, and other basic needs.

"Delivering the gifts was one of the most rewarding and heartbreaking experiences," replied Elk Member Steve Martin. "Raising the money was easy compared to standing in front of a true warrior with tears rolling down his face, thanking us for making his kids' holiday so special. My daughter Lisa, a history teacher, also had her classes write notes to the soldiers to thank them for their service and sacrifice."

Later in the year, the Lodge and MNF Chairman Steve Martin again reached out to a United States wounded soldier. Staff Sgt. Joey was injured in his 4th tour in IRAQ-Fallujah with a traumatic brain injury. Joey remembers being whacked twice in 5 minutes. Joey and his wife have two children - a 3 year-old girl and a 5 year-old boy. Because of his injuries, their last two vacations had to be canceled due to unexpected surgeries. The Lodge was able to surprise Joey, his wife and his two children with a day of fun at Disneyland! Each received a Hopper ticket that allowed them to enjoy Disneyland and California Adventure, and also a one-night stay at the California Grand Hotel. They were much appreciative for the Lodge's gesture and generosity. The West Covina Lodge really came through in reaching out to those who serve and sacrifice their life for our country.

Berneice Spence, widow of PSP James E. Spence, Jr., passes away

The Association Office has been notified that Berneice Spence, widow of James E. Spence, Jr., Past Association President 1975-1976, passed away recently. No services will be held and her family wants no cards. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Berneice's name to: California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI), 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224.

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 Hold "Elktoberfest" for ENF

Members of the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held an "Elktoberfest" on Friday, October 16, 2015. There was beer, brats, music, dancing and fun. Members were encouraged to wear German attire and the event raised more than \$1,300 for the Elks National Foundation. Also, on August 16th, the Lodge held a "Wine and Canvas" event that raised approximately \$250 for the ENF. About 30 guests paid admission to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and a painting class.

In other news, the Lodge donated money to buy a bike and helmet for "Bikes 4 Marines and Navy". It is an organization that raises money to purchase bicycles and helmets as part of their Christmas program for the kids at Camp Pendleton.



First Lady PER Patricia Crockett, Esquire Richard Duarte, and Chaplain Sherri Muro

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



The California-Hawaii Elks Association's 2014-2015 "Best Lodge Website" Contest results are in. Congratulations to the winning Lodges in each of the six Divisions. The Award Certificates were presented to the Lodges at the 2015 Midterm Conference.

DIVISION ONE (0 to 300 members):

First Place: Oakhurst No. 2724 (East Central District)

Second Place: Encinitas No. 2243 (South Coast District)

Third Place: Santa Monica No. 906 (South Central Coast District)

DIVISION TWO (301 to 500 members):

First Place: San Rafael No. 1108 (Northwest District)

Second Place: Lodi No. 1900 (Central District)

Third Place: Thousand Oaks No. 2477 (West Central Coast District)

DIVISION THREE (501 to 700 members):

First Place: Lancaster No. 1625 (Inland District)

Second Place: Chula Vista No. 2011 (South Coast District)

Third Place: Redwood City No. 1991 (Bay District)

DIVISION FOUR (701 to 1100 members):

First Place: Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast) *

Second Place: San Francisco No. 3 (Bay)

Third Place: Simi Valley No. 2492 (West Central Coast District)

DIVISION FIVE (1101 to 1500 members):

First Place: Orange No. 1475 (Orange Coast District)

Second Place: Garden Grove No. 1952 (Orange Coast District)

Third Place: Eureka No. 652 (Northwest District)

DIVISION SIX (1501 or more members):

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

Second Place: Honolulu No. 616 (Hawaii District)

Third Place: El Cajon No. 1812 (South Coast District)

All CHEA Lodges are automatically entered in the website contest. Judging for the 2015-2016 website contest competition will take place between Oct. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2016.

* The CHEA entry into the "Grand Lodge Star Website" contest.

Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 Provides Backpacks for Needy Students

The Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 held an ENF Beacon Grant Event dubbed "Operation Backpack" at the Lodge on July 27, 2015. The Lodge used their Beacon Grant to purchase and provide backpacks and supplies for the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE). The backpacks were given to the homeless and needy students in local schools. The Lodge used the Grant to purchase, through SCOE, backpack kits and the Lodge members donated additional empty backpacks that were filled that day.

Lodge members donated 31 empty backpacks and 13 full backpacks. Using the backpack kits and supplies that we had purchased with the Beacon grant, we were able to provide 138 kits for the homeless students in Stanislaus County. The Lodge will continue to meet needs in the community with a focus on the youth and providing education needs and support. Much thanks to all the members who contributed with their donations and helped to stuff backpacks during our event on July 27th.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 Helps Veterans

In mid-October, as part of their special community project, the Fremont Elks Lodge 2121 provided bedding, small appliances and household basics such as cleaning supplies, dinnerware and pots and pans to a US Army veteran (pictured) transitioning into her own home from the Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter.

Later in the month, the Lodge's Veterans Committee distributed nine welcome baskets, primarily comprised of cleaning tools and supplies, to two local VA hospitals to be given to veterans transitioning into their own homes.

The Lodge also recently provided refreshments for, and participated in, a memorial service held at the Livermore VA CLC residence unit. The service was in memory of the 20 veterans from the residence unit who have passed away since April of this year.

In November, the Lodge delivered 190 books, 39 DVDs, a bag of magazines and a puzzle to a local VA health care facility. Additionally in November, the Lodge, along with other community organizations, hosted 24 veterans at a dinner being held for the Veterans First Fly Fishing fundraiser.



L to R: Lodge Community Activities Chair Joan White and Army Veteran Elizabeth

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 Donated Dictionaries and Fed the Soccer League

Members of the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 visited Charles Mack Elementary School to give the fourth grade classes new dictionaries. Approximately 150 students gathered in the cafeteria to listen to PER Bob Samaniego give a presentation on the dangers of drugs. His theme, and first question, was, "Who is responsible for deciding what you will do when it comes to drugs?" The children answered that they were. The children were attentive and very well behaved - a tribute to their teachers. After the presentation the dictionaries and anti-drug book markers and coloring books were given to the students. We also experienced, for the second time, a practice "Emergency Lock Down." We were impressed with the seriousness of the exercise.

In other news, the Lodge supported the Elk Grove Soccer League by feeding 1,200 participants of the Soccer Opening Day ceremony. Eight members of the Monterey Trail Honor Society assisted us. It was a lot of work and we had a lot of fun doing it. We've done this for the last four years, and it is good exposure for our Lodge in the Local community.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Holds an Elks National Foundation Fundraiser

Recently the Temecula Valley Elks held a fundraiser for the Elks National Foundation. The Elks National Foundation helps fund Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Americanism Program, Drug Awareness Program and our Veterans Program throughout the United States. The special guest that evening was our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District, Bob Cones, who is a member of the San Bernardino Lodge. District Deputy Bob Cones is a representative our Grand Exalted Ruler and for the Elks National Foundation. Donations were made to Elks National Foundation in his name and in his wife Joyce's name.

Members of the Temecula Valley Elks made donations and became Members of the Goal Buster Club. The members made donations totaling over \$850. The money, along with previous donations, will help the Lodge become eligible for one of the Elks National Foundation grants. The grant will be used to benefit the children in the community.



Front Row: Diane Farrens, Lodge Elks National Foundation Chairman; Joyce Mahtesian; Steve Jones; Laurel Frey; Linda Jones; Susan Noon; Susan Wilkinson; Peggy Lewis; Pam Smith; Sandy Neal; Ken Bodenhofer; Angela Stevanus and Mike Caruso
Back Row: Ken Hauer, Exalted Ruler; Lloyd Clough; Bob Farrens; Skip Wilkinson; Bob Walker; Marian Stuhr; Bob Cones, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; Howard Adkins; Tom Jensen; Karen Caruso and Bill Van Meter

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 Helps Their Community and a Student Scholar

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 helped Hill Top Recovery Services get back on their feet after their facility in Middletown was burned down in the recent wildfires this past season. The Lodge made a \$500 donation to help them move to a new facility in Lucerne. Hill Top Recovery is a men's facility that helps men with the burden of addictions. It is a 3-6 month program that helps men achieve a clean, sober, and healthy life.

Over 1,400 people attended this year's Alzheimer's Walk. It was held across the street from our Lodge. Many Elks were involved in walking to raise money for a cure and this was the Lodge's fourth year to help with the event. Members also staffed a food booth raising over \$200 for the cause.

In more news, the Lodge awarded Alexandra Gambonini a college scholarship. Alexandra eventually received over \$4,000 in the Elks "Most Valuable Student scholarship" program for her outstanding academic achievements and her student activity participation. Alexandra represents the finest in our young farmers that will keep agriculture strong in Sonoma County. Alexandra plans to major in Dairy Science at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 Brings Christmas in June to a Veteran

Jerry Alvarado, a native of Salinas and veteran of six years service in the United States Army, had recently fallen on bad times. Suffering from three chronic diseases, which severely impaired his mobility, and unable to maintain full time employment, he soon became homeless. His life was spiraling downward when he came to the attention of Mr. Roman Perez of the Central Coast Coalition for Independent Living (CCCIL).

Mr. Perez brought the matter to the attention of SSgt William McFarland of the CA Army National Guard (HQ Camp Roberts) who began a search for the resources to improve Jerry's situation.

Coincidentally, the Veteran's Committee of the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge had recently received an (essentially new) electric wheelchair, which was donated to the Lodge by Ron Veillette of Atascadero. Mr. Veillette, who is a Lodge member, explained that the chair had belonged to his father who had lost both legs in WWII, but had passed away before being able to use it. His only stipulation was that the chair be used to help a veteran in need.

In June, Lodge members met with SSgt. McFarland, and delivered the wheelchair to Salinas, where it was presented to Mr. Alvarado. By sheer coincidence, that very morning Mr. Alvarado had moved into his new apartment that was provided by CCCIL.

Overcome with emotion, Mr. Alvarez expressed his gratitude to those who had changed his life so dramatically and vowed not to waste this opportunity. SSgt. McFarland reports seeing Mr. Alvarado motoring all over Salinas in his new chair, always with a wave and a big smile on his face.

The Chairman of the Lodge's Veteran's Committee, Ken Coxon, notes that this is only one of several different projects that the Oceano Elks Veteran's Committee has underway. These include financial assistance for Homeless Vets, support for the "Operation Surf" program for amputees, a new program being developed to assist the dependents of CA National Guard members who are deployed and their major project, "Operation Mobility Freedom," to purchase a tracked all terrain wheel chair for a severely disabled veteran.

Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 Shows its Commitment to Improving Youth Literacy

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 is committed to improving youth literacy in the Santa Maria valley. Mr. Eddie Taylor, CEO/Regional United Way, recognized the Lodge's recent support and contribution to the success of the United Way's First Annual "Hold'em for Literacy Tournament" at the Lodge. Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation, "Speaking for the United Way, our partners and the thousands of students who will benefit from the United Way literacy programs praise the Elks and extend our deep appreciation for their support."

Mr. Taylor went on to say that nearly 120 donor/players had a great time and together they raised almost \$8,000 for the United Way's literacy programs. Thanks to the support of organizations like the Elks, students of all ages will continue to receive Imagination Library books or have access to the powerful Reading Plus program.

Since the United Way began focusing on literacy, more than 40,000 Imagination Library books have been distributed to over 1,000 preschoolers in our communities. Last year the Power Readers program enrolled nearly 2,000 local students; almost all were reading multiple grade levels behind. By the end of the year, nearly 1,800 of them were reading near, at, or even above grade level. The United Way is proud to partner with organizations like the Santa Maria Elks in such a gratifying effort to help children and adults succeed.

Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 Drug Awareness Committee Participates In Local Farmers Markets

The Drug Awareness Committee from Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 has participated in the Windward Mall Farmers Markets in June, July, and August of 2015. The committee set up a display table to showcase our Elks Drug Awareness Program brochures and materials. Over the summer, they were able to meet and speak with over 650 members of the community and distributed over 1,600 brochures, coloring books, and Marvel Comic books (featuring Elroy the Elk!). They also got to know a local celebrity, Hokulani (a dog), who comes to the market to model her fashion glasses.



L to R: Misty Ames, Hokulani, Beth Davis (Committee Chair), and Aleesha Berndt

Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 Hosted a "Back to School Extravaganza"

The Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge No. 2117 hosted their fourth Annual Back to School Extravaganza. Using the funding from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and Promise Grant totaling \$4,500.00, the Lodge was as able to provide over 200 students with backpacks and school supplies. The students came with their families, and Lodge members helped distribute the supplies as needed for each grade level. We also passed out snacks and Drug Awareness Program information.



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 Hosts Veterans for Annual Brunch

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 held their annual Veterans brunch on November 1st, 2015. Among the attendees were Jim Kirby, Tom Warrick and Barry Hammond. All are Vietnam Veterans and "Rolling Thunder" charter members who came down for the brunch and to observe the Lodge's Flag retirement ceremony that immediately followed. All three were in Medi-Vac, flying out the wounded in Huey UH-1 Helicopters.



Veteran Service Committee co-chair Spec 4 Art Urbano (rear), Jim Kirby, Tom Warrick and Barry Hammond

Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 Receives Donated "Snowmen" for the Veterans

Lompoc Elks Lodge No. 2274 was the happy recipient of 200 felt-hatted popcorn "Snowmen" made by Bonnie Jordan, an imaginatively creative vendor who participated at the Lodge Craft Bazaar in October of this year. She made these Snowmen especially for the Veterans. Each Snowman has a "Thank You" on its front.

In the photo, ER Sherri Givanacci and PER Sylvia Boynton are getting ready to pack up these lively Snowmen to send them on their way to Kuwait where Sylvia Boynton's daughter was stationed. When Bonnie Jordan was contacted to let her know where the Snowmen were being sent, she said she grew up in Saudi Arabia when her father worked for Aramco from 1951 to 1978. (Is this serendipitous?)



Elks Care and Elks Share



Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 Helps the Homeless, Feeds the First Responders

Yucaipa Elks No. 2389 donated bags of clothing, lots of shoes and various small appliances and household items for homeless and needy veterans at March Air Force Base. Items were for both men and women veterans.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a "9/11- First Responders" dinner. Firefighters and Police from local stations were invited.



Standing: PER Harold Tulledge and Exalted Ruler Cecil Drysdale. Seated: Captain Travis Payee, Branden Walton and Moe Burkhart

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 Distributes Red Ribbons and DAP literature

Twenty-three volunteers from the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge 1959, assisted by Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley Police Officers, distributed 13,445 red ribbons to fifteen schools in Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. The Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Committee, chaired by Greg Neneman and team leader Tom Brown, made a successful effort to get the word out to local students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.



PER Greg Neneman, Cox Elementary School Principal Patrick Ham, Fountain Valley Police Officer Casteel, and three students

Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 Donates to Girls Softball Team and Local Food Bank

The Calpine Elks Lodge No. 2432 raised \$750 at a recent Taco Night dinner for the Portola High School Girls Softball Team. In the words of Coach Popish, "The funds go a long way in supporting the team's purchase of field equipment and to cover their tournament costs."

In other news, just in time for the holidays, members of the Lodge made a donation of \$1,150 to the Eastern Plumas Community Assistance Network (EPCAN). The Lodge had set aside funds raised from one of its Taco Tuesdays and tips collected specifically for EPCAN at many of its dinners. EPCAN volunteers Jan Pierce and Dick Piper said that the money would go a long way in taking care of people in need. It is noteworthy that EPCAN will now be able to provide more meat items. They also indicated that they could use more volunteers to assist them.



Portola California High School girls Softball Team with Calpine Lodge Exalted Ruler Steve Hagen (L) and Coach Karl Popish (R)