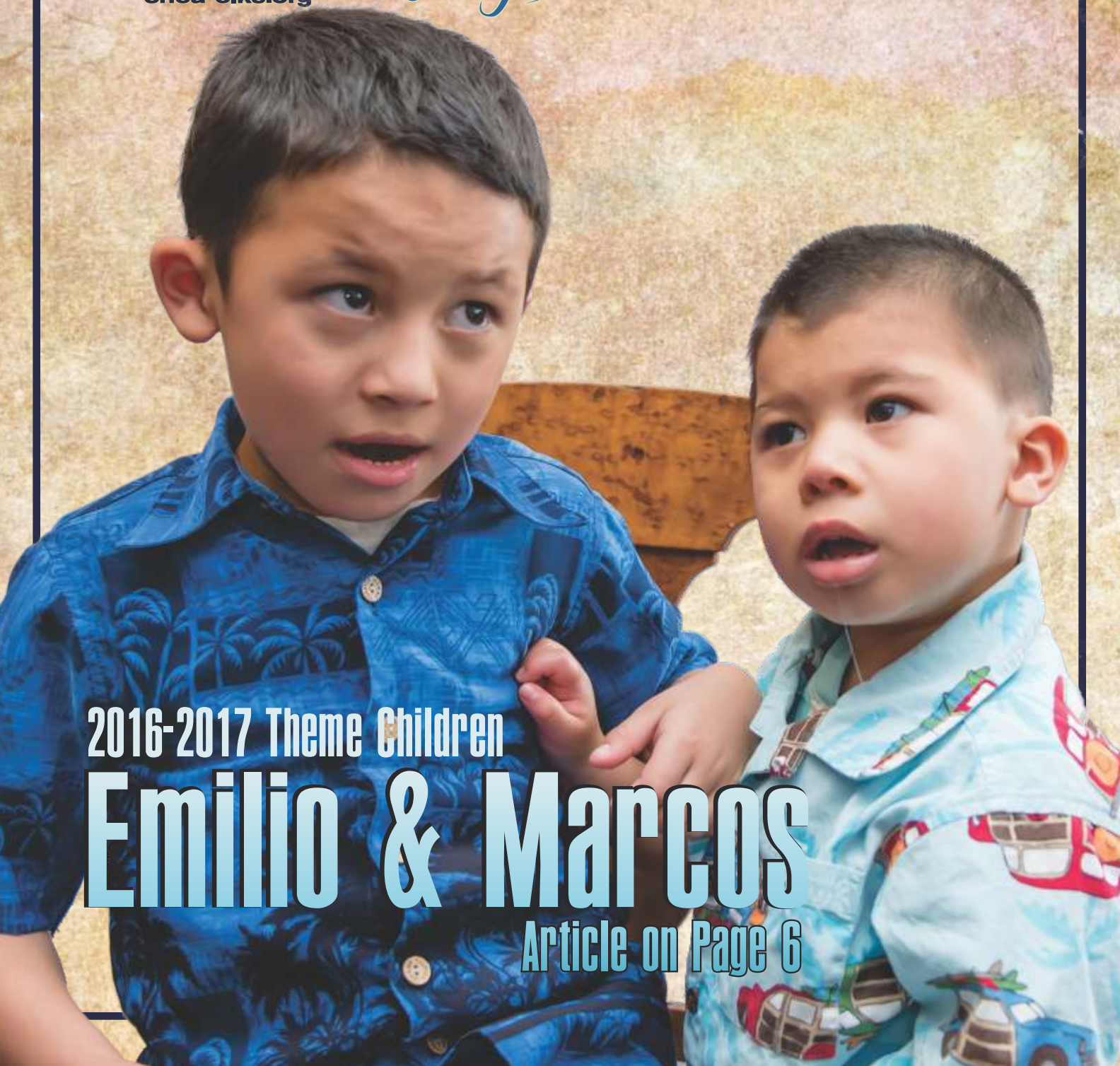




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Emilio & Marcos

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Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 Sponsored a CHEA Hoop Shoot Winner

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 volunteers visited fourteen Goleta Valley schools this year during their annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw competition. We had 640 participants from all of the local schools. Carly, from Foothill School, was the girls 8-9 years of age category winner. She also received first place at the West Central Coast District level. Carly continued to become the California-Hawaii Elks Association Hoop Shoot winner in her age group. Thank you to all the Hoop Shoot volunteers!



Carly, ER Brian Hayden, Hoop Shoot Chairman Dave Bianchi

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 Donates Bicycle Helmets

Tracy Elks Lodge No. 2031 donated bicycle helmets to the local Boys and Girls Club. In the photograph, you see several bicycles that were refurbished by inmates in the local prison for donation to the Boys and Girls Club. There were quite a few happy children who received these bikes and helmets.

In other news, ER Steve Thatcher, Bruce Froelich and PDDGER Mike Conners presented a \$1,500 check to Charlene Hall, the Manager of Fisher House at Travis AFB. Fisher House provides a place for relatives of hospitalized veterans to stay while their family member is being treated at the Travis AFB hospital.



Donated bicycle helmets and refurbished bicycles

Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 Annual Public Safety Appreciation Dinner

On Tuesday, March 29th, the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 hosted its annual Public Safety Appreciation Dinner to honor law enforcement officers and firefighters from the eight public safety agencies which serve and protect the Five-Cities area.

Each agency selected an outstanding individual to be honored. The eight honorees were: Sergeant David Kenitz (San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office – South County Station), Officer Jeremy Burns (Arroyo Grande Police Department), Sergeant Sonny Gerber (Grover Beach Police Department), Sergeant Kyle White (Pismo Beach Police Department), Officer Gerardo Trejo (California Highway Patrol), Firefighter Michael LoPresti (Five Cities Fire Authority), Firefighter Kenan Marting (Cal Fire/Pismo Beach) and Ranger Tyler David (California State Parks – Oceano Dunes District).

Exalted Ruler Frank Mackie presented the award to each recipient. Over 63 public safety officers and their guests from the eight public safety agencies attended the event and enjoyed a complimentary prime rib dinner. Nine members of the Lodge volunteered to assist in the event, while other members attended to show their appreciation and support for the public safety agencies and their members.



Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 Donates to Local Honor Guard

On February 11, 2016, Gerald Mohl, Leading Knight of the Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704, presented a \$1,000 check to the Lake County Honor Guard. Larry Mick, a member of the Honor Guard, accepted the donation. Members of the Lakeport Elks Lodge held a fundraiser dinner for 80 people on January 23rd to generate the money for this donation. The Lake County Honor Guard has performed Honor Services for over 1,100 veterans of Lake County.



President's Message



The chapter in our life as President and First Lady of the California-Hawaii Elks Association has come to a close. There are far too many feelings to express in this prestigious magazine. Our journey has reached far beyond the boundaries of the Association. California-Hawaii Elks are known throughout this great country. We have achieved the highest standard of fraternal recognition, and no other fraternal

Order can match our charitable contributions to the communities we serve. We have traveled to 143 Lodges and this has given us the opportunity to meet and greet thousands of proud Elks and family members. We are often asked, "What was the most memorable part of our journey?" Well, it was you!! Your dedication, steadfastness and exemplary volunteerism are truly underappreciated by many, but will live in our memory forever.

I could never leave this large stage without recognizing my nineteen Vice Presidents and their Spouses. I am sure that my traveling companions gained as much knowledge and respect for our members as I did. I see great opportunities in their future as leaders of this Order. These future leaders are more conversant on our programs and are ready to accept any responsible position when asked. For this reason alone, I am very proud to relinquish my title to this new leadership.

I am still reminded of General Douglas MacArthur's words, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." This assumes that you recognize that you are old - I'm not there yet. We will be active with our new extended family for many years to come.

And now we doff our hats to our new family of leadership. Lance and Karen Erickson will continue our unblemished record of "Elks Care - Elks Share". God Bless all Elks and your families.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Don & Shirley Schultz

President & First Lady

Bellflower-Long Beach Elks Lodge No. 888 Hosted a Christmas Party for Needy Community Members

On December 5th, we held our annual "Christmas Breakfast with Santa" party for less fortunate families in the community of Bellflower. The Case Manager at Bellflower High School selected the participating families whose names were forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Cindy Van Meeveren.

By 7:00 am there were 21 volunteers from the breakfast committee and members of the Emblem Club ready to prepare and serve breakfast. Our goal was to feed 25 families starting at 9:00 am. We fed approximately 120 people.

Cindy was in charge of verifying and checking the families in at the door. Once checked in, the children were escorted to Santa Claus (Elk Tom Wilson) sitting by the Christmas tree. Santa sat them on his knee, had their picture taken, then gave them each a candy cane and sent them and their parents to breakfast. As each family left, they were handed a gift bag with a Ralph's Grocery Store gift card and a Kmart gift card.

This is an annual event that is funded by a Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program. The families were very appreciative of the breakfast and the gift.

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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

May 18-21, 2016
CHEA Convention - Anaheim

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2491 Presides Over an Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Larry Ryan, Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2491's Scouting Chairman, presided over an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Tuscany Hills Elementary School in Lake Elsinore on January 9 when Andrew Marks was awarded the title of Eagle Scout. Andrew's Leadership Project included updating the emergency supplies at the school. He also inventoried, organized and resupplied the equipment in the storage bins. In addition, he also restocked and updated the emergency backpacks in each classroom.

Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577 Sends Cookies and Coffee to our Troops

The Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 donated Girl Scout Cookies and Starbucks Coffee for our troops stationed overseas. Elks National Foundation Lodge Chairman Don Kammerer used an Elks Gratitude Grant to purchase \$750 of Girl Scout Cookies and \$750 of Starbucks coffee gift cards. Allison Villalpando from Girl Scout Troop No. 3841 was given that \$750 for the purchase of the cookies. She added to the collection by selling an additional 30 boxes of cookies at several Elks dinners, which were donated back to the cause.

The total contribution of coffee and cookies was valued at around \$900. Erin Chavez represented the Starbucks Coffee Shop at Elk Grove Blvd and Waterman Rd. She received the \$750 for the purchase of the coffee gift cards. Utilizing special gift cards and an additional \$100 in donations by Starbucks employees made the total coffee purchase value of \$850. The coffee and cookies were turned over to the Rolling Hills Blue Star Mothers No. 27 for shipment to our soldiers in far off lands. Robin DeCristofaro, (1st VP) and Theresa Laine represented the Blue Star Mothers. Staff Sergeant Jonathan Batchelor, U.S. Army Reserve, who had received packages from home while deployed to Afghanistan expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Lodge. Our special thanks go to Jonathan as he informed us that he would again be deployed in the near future.

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



Members, my third and final year as the CHEA Chairman for the Elks National Foundation has come to an end with another successful year, again achieving a growth in contributions over last year. The significance of this growth means more money will become available from the Foundation to support the funded programs of the Foundation here in California and Hawaii.

I have learned a great deal about the "Great Heart of Elkdom" during this period. To learn more, visit the

Elks web site for a greater insight to the pay back to our communities. The scholarship program has been revamped to provide more money to more students. The Hoop Shoot has been moved to Chicago and provides a better insight to participating families on the work of the Order of Elks. The Community Investment Program has increased its benefits to Lodges and paid out \$486,000.00 this year to CHEA Lodges.

Thanks to all of you for your financial support. Remember, the simple way to contribute is through the "Fidelity Club". Sign up today.

Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906 Helps Feed 500 Active Duty Marines

Members of the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906, and members from the Venice American Legion Post No. 177, the Santa Monica Sunset Masonic Lodge and the Santa Monica Emblem Club No. 154 drove 160 miles down to Camp Pendleton in San Diego to feed over 500 active Marines a healthy home-cooked breakfast.



Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 Used Their Facility to Benefit Their Community

The Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 had the privilege of lending out its facility to two wonderful groups.

On January 29th, the Los Banos High School Touchdown Club held a fundraiser for 100 people who were participating in their Los Banos Touchdown Poker Tournament. Lodge members cooked the food and served the liquid refreshments.

On March 29th, the Los Banos "Relay for Life" organization used our facility to serve over 500 take-out dinners for their fundraiser.

Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 Hosts Holiday Parties for Veterans

As part of a \$2,000 Freedom Grant from the Elks National Veteran's Service Commission, the Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 hosted two traditional Christmas holiday parties for 170 Veterans complete with Christmas caroling and musical entertainment, non-alcoholic egg nog, decorated cookies, a visit from Santa and Santa's distribution of stockings filled with Christmas-themed gifts, gift cards, holiday snacks and fruit.

The first party was for 60 non-ambulatory Veterans living at the Fresno VA Hospital's Community Living Center and the second one was for 110 Veterans living at the California Veteran's Home in Fresno. The event Co-Chairs were Fresno Elks Lodge members Isabel Good and Ed Ponce.



PER Susan Good talks to Dennis L., a Veteran residing at the Fresno VA Hospital Community Living Center

Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 Helps Animal Rescue

By using an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant, the Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 was able to provide funds for the purchase of a much needed, high capacity heavy duty washer and dryer for the Rescue Ranch, a local non-profit, no-kill dog shelter.

Since 2009 the Rescue Ranch has provided a safe haven for stray, abandoned and homeless dogs, at the shelter and through their fostering program for dogs and puppies. They also work in close coordination with city and county animal control officers to assist people in finding their dogs. They have a very dedicated and expanding group of volunteers, some of which are local Elk members who are happily giving back to this important part of our community.

Visalia Elks Lodge No. 1298 Assisted in Sponsoring a Day of Fishing for Veterans

The Visalia Elks Lodge No. 1298 was proud to help the "Thanking Veterans" organization and to assist in sponsoring a fishing day at Lake Kaweah. A special pontoon boat was purchased with donations to give a day of relaxation to those who have served our country. The Visalia Elks Lodge helped with the purchase of fishing equipment and other expenses to offset the costs. It is our way of saying "Thank You" to all who have served in our armed forces.

Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Youth Activities Chairman



I am amazed at the rapid passage of time. We are ready to start a new year of Elkdom! In fact, by the time you read this, the new Elk year will be underway. The annual Association Convention is right around the corner and summer follows quickly after that.

Of course that means that we need to begin preparing summer activities for our youth. Along with the inside activities that I've suggested in previous articles, I wonder if any of the Lodges that have "back yards" or patio areas have thought about having a cookout or camp out activity for the youth of their Lodges and in their community. Maybe on a Saturday afternoon and evening, different types of crafts could be done. You might create pictures, build models using Legos or Lincoln Logs (yes they still sell Lincoln Logs – all kinds of kits for different buildings), sponsor matchbox car races, play board games or anything else you can think of. Follow it with a barbeque – hot dogs, burgers, s'mores, or stories around the circle – use your imagination and have a fun time!

I hope that some of the ideas I put forth last year were tried and were successful – or maybe they sparked a different idea that worked for you. Please continue to be creative and reach out to the youth in your community.

Remember to include Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs and other youth organizations in your invitations for events at the Lodge. Your community involvement and youth activities may generate new members – it's a win-win situation!

Remember to turn in your Youth Activities report so that the Elks can continue to receive recognition for the time we spend caring for and mentoring our Youth. See you at the Convention!

Orange Coast District Honors Gold Star Mothers

The Orange Coast District National Veterans Service Committee, led by District Chairman Harvey Langham, honored twelve Gold Star Mothers, fathers and their families at a Gold Star Luncheon. Each Gold Star Mother received an Elks "Medal of Valor" with their child's name, rank and service inscribed on the back. Gold Star Mothers have children who have fallen while serving in the U.S. Armed Services. Over 160 Lodge members and friends from all of the District's ten lodges were present to honor these mothers.

The luncheon was held at the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 with Brigadier General Nathaniel Reddicks, Commander, Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos as its Keynote Speaker. Other distinguished guests were, U.S. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, State Senator John Moorlach, State Assemblyman Matthew Harper, Mayor of Huntington Beach, Jim Katapodis and Colonel Richard Lalor, Public Affairs Officer, Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos.



Scout servers with Marine Corps and Air Force greeters

2016-2017 CHEA Theme Children • Emilio and Marcos

Emilio and Marcos were born with a rare genetic disorder. So rare, that the name/label or DNA address of the disorder has not been identified to date. Both boys have hypotonia, low muscle tone. Emilio has apraxia of speech - he says just a few words, but understands what you say. He knows over 300 signs and uses about 30 in conversation. Emilio and Marcos are both globally delayed and have a great deal of hard work ahead of them.

Emilio is five years old and started receiving Occupational Services because an Elk Member referred the family to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (aka CHEMPI). The occupational therapy services received through the Major Project will help him improve his fine motor coordination and supports the development of his play and self-care skills. Emilio has learned to cut, to write the letters of his name, to develop oral motor skills for eating and pre-speech, and work on his toilet training. He attends a special day class kindergarten and is making good progress.

Marcos is three years old and is beginning to walk. He also receives Occupational Therapy to work on his sensory processing for learning and postural control for moving. Since Occupational Therapy was already serving Emilio within the home, services were quickly put in place for Marcos soon after he came home from the hospital. As a result, Marcos' torticollis (neck is twisted at birth and head is inclined to one side) was resolved quickly. He did not have feeding challenges and has shown good oral motor progress very early in his development. Marcos has just started attending a special day class preschool program.

Because of the generous donations of CHEA members and their friends, these boys and many other children will receive the help they need and will "Kick the Dust Up" to spread a message of hope and happiness to everyone they meet. Thank you for helping our CHEMPI Children Walk, Talk, See and Play! Plan to attend the 101st Annual CHEA Convention in Anaheim on Saturday, May 21, 2016 to meet Emilio and Marcos!

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 Hosts Annual Valentines Day Dance for Local Seniors

The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosted their annual Valentines Day Senior Dance at the Lodge on Sunday, February 14. The event was held in association with the Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center. One hundred and thirty-two seniors from our local community filled the banquet tables in the Lodge. They graced the dance floor, dancing for hours to the beautiful music of Boyd Garrison.

Elk members Vicky Long and Sandy and Jack Jacobs decorated the banquet tables beautifully in red, white and pink treatments, including floral centerpieces and delicately placed Valentines candies. Members Vicky Long, Laura Lumley, and Cheryl and Dave Tucker prepared a scrumptious dinner of chicken cordon bleu, sautéed vegetables, rice pilaf, Caesar salad, and cake. The friendly young ladies from Coach Rick Hart's Laguna Hills High School Girls Lacrosse Team served the meals. Members Gail Patti, Carol and Lloyd Bryan, Judy and Mike Klinger all cheerfully stayed to clean up the hall after the event.

With much gratitude, we give thanks to all our friendly Elks volunteers that made this a very special day for everyone in attendance. A great big thank you to Linda Teichmann of the Norman P. Murray Community & Senior Center for her work in advertising and successfully selling out this annual event, checking in all attendees on event day and donating a beautiful gift basket to a lucky raffle winner. Many thanks also to Elks Bingo in Mission Viejo that provided charitable support for this annual community event.

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 Helps Children in Their Community

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 made a presentation to five fifth-grade students at San Jacinto Elementary School during a Friday awards assembly. The School Principal, Juan Penaloza, said that the students' names were chosen through a drawing. Each student received a backpack filled with school supplies. ER Nancy Cook and Lodge member Jim Muller made the presentation of the backpacks to the students.

In other news, Lodge members donated \$605 to the San Jacinto Scout Pack 46. A joint effort by Lodge members and the troop raised \$305 of the total. Elk members and troop members sold raffle tickets and the Hemet Sears Store donated a flat screen TV as a raffle prize. The money will be used to buy camping equipment for the pack.



San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 Helps With Gang Abatement

The San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068 was able to help their Community with a Beacon Grant that was awarded through the Elks National Foundation Community Investments Program.

We received a \$2,000.00 Grant to be able to partner with the G.R.I.P. program (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. This program is not exclusively an Elk-led program, but it is a collaboration of partners that enables us to work alongside others in our Community.

The San Clemente Elks Lodge has been able to contribute significantly by donating needed supplies and volunteering time with an after-school tutoring program that is held one day a week. By using the Beacon Grant, the Lodge purchased and donated books, flash cards, pencils, crayons, and games for the tutoring program.

The number of children in this program has risen from 20 participants last year (2014/15) to over 40 in 2015/16. This not only indicates the value of this program, but also the necessity for more volunteers.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 Remembers Our Veterans

In February, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 hosted 30 veterans from area VA hospitals for a Valentine's Day Brunch at the Lodge.

On March 2nd, the Lodge donated 385 books, five puzzles and three large bags of magazines to the VA Menlo Park Hospital. These donations are collected from lodge members and, once a quarter, the donations are delivered on an alternating basis to VA facilities.

Vista Elks Lodge No. 1968 Donates \$13,000 to Several Charitable Organizations

The Vista division of the San Diego Sheriff's Canine Unit's primary assignment is patrol duty in support of the Patrol Operations Division's mission. Canine teams are utilized in building and area searches, tracking and apprehension of dangerous suspects, perimeter/crowd control, officer protection and other situations in which the K-9's special skills may be helpful. This unit received \$1,000.

Vista's Operation Hope was commissioned by the Vista City Council to provide emergency winter shelter to families living in Vista and the surrounding area. In its first year of existence, hotel/motel vouchers were issued as the primary assistance available. By the second winter, a building was found that could be used as a family shelter. This group received \$2,000 with \$500 held in reserve to provide additional food at a later time.

Vista Pop Warner provides a fun environment for participants and fosters excellence in academics while teaching the value of hard work in a team environment. Using football and cheerleading as the tools, the participants become better young men and women. Their parents have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills as well. This organization received \$1,000.

The Purple Pig is the fund-raising arm of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). The California-Hawaii Elks have raised over \$100.6 million since 1950 to address the unmet needs of children with disabilities by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families. \$1,000 was donated to the Purple Pig.

In 1984, the Bequests and Living Trust (BLT) Committee was created to help ensure the financial future of the Elks Major Project. Invested amounts under \$500 go directly to help underwrite the Elks Major Project expenses for the year in which they are given. The establishment of the Bequests and Living Trusts Legacy Fund in 1991 designated gifts of \$500 or more to be placed in a special account to insure the longevity of the Elks Major Project. \$1,000 was donated to the BLT fund.

Other local charities that received awards were: the Vista Boys and Girls Club (\$1,000), "Stand Up for Kids" in Oceanside (\$1,000) and the Elks National Foundation (\$1,000).



ER Kathy Herrod with a representative from Pop Warner Football

**Elks Pride
Community
Focus**

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



In closing out another Elk year, I am happy to report that your CHEA Public Relations team of District and Lodge Chair people has done a marvelous job of promoting Elkdom. During the past year over 15,096 articles were published and 7,100 radio and TV spots were aired. Along with that, there was an astronomical 3,652,192 Website visits and Email Newsblasts. That significant use of the Internet brought our members and the communities we serve a closer look at all the

latest news of the Lodges and the Order. We are certain that all of that good publicity contributed mightily to membership growth in our Lodges and a great year for the Association. But, we couldn't have done that without you, the Members, Officers, and the many dedicated Lodge Committee Workers who provided us with the thousands of charitable events and newsworthy Lodge activities to write about.

Awards: Congratulations to Charisce Williams and the CHEA Website for winning the Grand Lodge Five-Star award for "Best State Association Website". Hats off also to Loyal Knight Mike Klinger and the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444 for their win in the Grand Lodge Five-Star national competition for "Best Lodge Website". In other contest news, judging has just concluded in the 2015 CHEA Best Bulletin Contest. Award certificates will be presented to the winning Lodges at the CHEA Convention in Anaheim on May 18th. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.

BEST BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS 2015

Division One (up to 300 Members)

- 1st Place - Ridgecrest No. 1913, Inland
- 2nd Place - Ukiah No. 1728, Northwest
- 3rd Place - Simi Valley No. 2492, West Central Coast

Division Two (301 to 500 Members)

- 1st Place - Encinitas No. 2243, South Coast
- 2nd Place - Walnut Creek No. 1811, Central**
- 3rd Place - Poway No. 2543, South Coast

Division Three (501 to 700 Members)

- 1st Place - Santa Clarita No. 2379, Metropolitan
- 2nd Place - Napa No. 832, Northwest

Division Four (701 to 1,100 Members)

- 1st Place - Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley No. 2444, Orange Coast
- 2nd Place - Lake Elsinore/Wildomar No. 2591, Southeast*, **
- 3rd Place - Lompoc No. 2274, West Central Coast

Division Five (1,101 to 1,500 Members)

- 1st Place - Oceano-Five Cities No. 2504, West Central Coast
- 2nd Place - Petaluma No. 901, Northwest
- 3rd Place - Carmichael No. 2103, North Central

Division Six (more than 1,500 Members)

- First Place - Santa Maria No. 1538, West Central Coast*, **

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

*Community Service & Image 1st place winner

**Best Single Event 1st place winner

I would like to offer my personal thanks to CHEA President Don Schultz, my Orange Coast District Leaders PGESQ Lee Northcutt and PSP Art Echnernacht for giving me the opportunity to serve a second term as the CHEA PR Chairman. It has been a wonderful experience. I wish the new CHEA PR Chairman much success as he takes the reins of this great Committee. As for me, I'm not stepping away from PR, as I will continue serving as PR Chair for my Lodge.

As always, "KEEP COMMUNICATING."

Andy

Monterey Elks Lodge No. 1285 Sponsors Youth Basketball Skills Contest

For more than 25 years, Monterey Elks Lodge No. 1285 has sponsored a "Hotshot" basketball skills contest for thousands of Monterey Peninsula youth. Don Mothershead, the Peninsula Senior Recreation Coordinator, works with a number of Elk volunteers on this contest. Originally, this skills contest was offered by the National Basketball Association beginning in 1975. Since the mid 1990's, the Monterey Elks Lodge has sponsored this unique contest. The Lodge provides eighteen trophies and a T-shirt for every participant.

The contest involves shooting baskets in a one-minute time period from five "hotspots" marked on one-half of a basketball court. The competition tests a youngster's speed, shooting and dribbling and rebounding ability. Area agencies conduct a local contest and bring their top two male and female contestants in each of the three age categories to the finals held each year in early March. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are 8-14 years of age. Participants come from the cities of Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, the Presidio of Monterey and the Boys and Girls Club in Seaside.



Don Mothershead with contestants

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 Donates Over \$39,000 to MS Society

Years ago Otto Landers, a member of the Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652, had a dream: to be able to financially assist Humboldt County residents who were dealing with health issues associated with Multiple Sclerosis. When he passed away, he bequeathed approximately \$30,000 to that end. However, at the time of his bequest, the local chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis had closed so that fund remained unused for years.

Thanks to efforts by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Brad Smith and the Eureka Elks Lodge Board of Trustees, the Northern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has finally received this grant whose value had grown to \$39,134.69.

On Thursday, February 4th, Janelle Del Carlo, Chapter President of the Northern California National Multiple Sclerosis Society, received this bequest from District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Brad Smith, and the Eureka Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Joe Moore.

The Eureka Elks Lodge has now turned over management of these funds to the Northern California Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The money will be used to directly benefit Humboldt County residents dealing with MS by providing physical, spiritual, emotional, social and financial support, thereby fulfilling Otto Lander's original intent.

Drug Awareness

By Kathleen Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



One of the first events of this new Elk year is Elks National Youth Week, held May 1-7. Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks asks all Local Lodges to plan celebrations and events of interest and benefit to our youth.

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

Our Drug Awareness program strives to teach children and their parents about the dangers of illegal drug use, alcohol use, and to prevent the abuse of legalized prescription drugs. The Elks have the largest volunteer Drug Awareness Program in the United States. This effort relies on State, District, and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug free lifestyle in our Youth. A Drug Awareness Program table or similar event should be included in all Youth-related activities that a Lodge or District hosts. This illustrates our commitment to a Drug Free Lifestyle and our pledge to combat Drug use through education, inspiration, and support to our communities. Start planning your Youth Awareness activities now and celebrate the future of our great country.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce your new CHEA Drug Awareness Team. PDDGER Brad Smith will be serving as the Chairman and PDDGER Diane Farrens will be serving as the Vice Chairwoman. Please join me in welcoming them to the Drug Awareness Program. It has been my honor and privilege to serve our great Association. I am grateful for all the new friends and Elk colleagues that I now consider part of my family. See you all at the Convention in Anaheim!

Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 And Students Donate Christmas Gift Baskets

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 thanked the students from two local middle schools for making donations to the Lodge's annual Christmas Gift Basket program. The middle school students collected and donated non-perishable food items to the program.

As a way of thanking the students, the Lodge sponsored a "Thank You" pizza party for the students. Twenty-seven students, four teachers and thirty parents/siblings enjoyed the pizzas that were provided by the Lodge. Exalted Ruler Cecil Drysdale, two PERs and several Elk members served the pizza and soft drinks.



Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 is Proud to Work With Their Local Scouts

On February 1st, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 donated the use of its facilities to the Cub Scouts of Pack 199 so that they could complete one of their objectives towards earning their Bear Rank. That objective was to learn about the history and protocol of the U.S. flag.

Since the Elks Lodge has many historical versions of the U.S. flag that are used during our Flag Day Ceremony, it made it easier for the Scouts to be able to see what they were learning, rather than just reading out of a book. The Cub Scouts also learned how to retire a flag that becomes old, torn and tattered. Den Leader, Gabriela McKeown, along with Assistant Den Leader and Assistant Cub Master, Nick B., educated the Scouts on the history of our Flag. The lesson ended with the Cub Scouts saluting the Flag and reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Lastly, the Elks Lodge supplied each of the Cubs with their very own flag along with a copy of the flag history enabling each Cub to display the flag and lower it each day for one month.



Back row (L to R): Nick B. and Gabriela McKeown
Front Row (L to R): Dylan M., Robert S., Matthew W., Jorge M. Jr., Jordyn L., Gavin M., Scott D. Not pictured was Ronin C.

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 Varsity Baseball Tournament and Coaches Dinner

In March, the annual Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767's Varsity Baseball Tournament, the largest high school baseball tournament in California, took place over a two-week period. A donation of \$4,200 from the Lodge's Tate Foundation account helped support this annual tournament.

The donation covers trophies, umpire costs and field lighting for the tournament. In addition, on Thursday, February 11, the Lodge hosted its annual Coaches Dinner where a hearty steak dinner was served to the team coaches to kick off the tournament. The tournament runs from March 3 through March 12, 2016, and consists of 78 teams, and 39 games each game night.

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
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Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga		

Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073's Drug Awareness Program Contest Winners' Luncheon

The Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073 held a much anticipated luncheon to present awards and recognize the winners of its annual Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Poster and Essay Contest. DAP Poster Winners recognized were 5th grade Turtle Bay Elementary School students. Essay Winners were 8th grade Anderson Middle School winners.

The winning students and their parents were treated to a hearty luncheon of spaghetti and macaroni and cheese. Checks totaling \$550 and ribbons were given out to the winners. The 1st place winners were entered into the North District and CHEA Competition, and, as this article was being written, the author was notified that there are additional awards to distribute. The Lodge DAP Chairman and the Redding Emblem Club No. 515 DAP chairman partner together to successfully deliver this program annually.



On the left is Starlet Halsted (Emblem Club DAP Chairman), and on the far right is Dawn Pederson (Lodge DAP Chairman), with the six DAP Poster and Essay Contest winners.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Honors Americanism Essay Contest Winners

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 recognized the winners of their Americanism Essay contest recently. The topic for this year's contest was: "What I Can Do to Promote Love of Country and Americanism". The essays were 300 words or less. The Americanism program within the Elks organization strives to help promote patriotism in our communities and to teach and encourage it in our young people.

There were two Divisions: Division I for 5th and 6th grades and Division II for 7th and 8th grades. In each Division, the students writing the first place essay received a \$50 gift card for Barnes & Noble; second place received a \$35 gift card for Barnes & Noble; and third place received a \$25 gift card for Barnes & Noble.

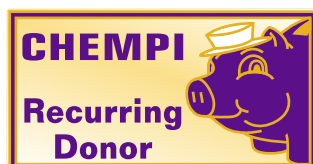
Division I Winners: 1st Place: Kacey Y. (5th Grade, Van Avery Prep), 2nd Place: Madeline F. (5th Grade, Van Avery Prep), and 3rd Place: Ella S. (5th grade, Van Avery Prep).

Division II Winners: 1st Place: Fiona H. (7th Grade, Van Avery Prep), 2nd Place: Kennedy A. (7th Grade, Van Avery Prep), and 3rd Place: Chloe G. (7th Grade, Linfield Christian).



Back Row: Bob Walker, CHEA Americanism Chairman
Front Row (L to R): Laurel Frey (Lodge Americanism Chairman), Ella S., Kacey Y., Madeline S., Elroy T. Elk (Elk Drug Awareness Program Mascot), Fiona H., Kennedy A., Chloe G. and ER Ken Hauer

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May Is Busy With Events For Mom, Youth And Vets

By Ronald L. Hicks, BPOE Grand Exalted Ruler

May is a great month to showcase our "Elks Pride and Community Focus."

Embrace the opportunities to recognize our youth, mothers, veterans and the armed forces, and be loud and proud as you conduct and participate in the many Lodge programs and community events intended to honor each of them this month.

May 1-7 is Elks National Youth Week, a great time to showcase our many youth programs and recognize the achievements of our future leaders. The second Sunday in May is devoted to the one whose love and devotion is evident in most young lives, their mother.

Mother's Day is the time to honor and celebrate our mothers and show our appreciation to the special lady who has meant so much to each of us.

May is also dedicated to our military, our veterans and those who have sacrificed all in the defense of our freedoms. During Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who served in our armed forces in times of war and in peace. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to remember those veterans who are no longer with us, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. Our commitment to veterans and the military has never wavered and is evident throughout the year, and the events of May serve as another reminder to our Members and to the Community that "the BPOE will never forget them."

The Memorial Day weekend is considered by many as the official start to summer. Nancy and I wish you a joyful and safe holiday weekend of cookouts and gatherings with your fellow Elks, family and friends. Finally, best wishes for your new Lodge year. Let's make it the best ever!

What Do Parents And Teachers Say About the Major Project? Here Are Some Quotes From The Recipients.

"Judy (Judy L., Occupational Therapist) is the best Occupational Therapist I know. Her knowledge and compassion of my son was pivotal to his recovery and treatment. She never gave up on him when doctors did."

"We really love Gina (Gina M., Vision Screener). She is always so kind and patient towards our staff and children."

"Denise (Denise W., Physical Therapist) was wonderful. She helped my son reach amazing goals in the short time she worked with him. Denise also showed some great techniques to use when I work with him."

"Thank you so much for the service you are providing our children and families. Because of your efforts we were able to identify a total of eleven children needing vision follow-ups. Linda (Linda P., Vision Screener) has exceptional patience and the children respond to her pirate game quickly."

"I am thankful for the speech services my son receives. He enjoys going to speech therapy and the homework given. It has improved some of his speech. The instruction Ms. Hedley (Hedley U., Speech-Language Pathologist) gives us supplements to what he is already learning. Thank you for the services your organization provides."

"Denise (Denise W., Physical Therapist) has done a great job for my granddaughter. She works hard with her every time she comes here. Denise is a very sweet person. She is good with my granddaughter and my granddaughter likes her."

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 Charity Event Raises \$1,000

On Saturday, March 12, the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosted their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance Fundraiser, and for a few hours everyone was a wee bit Irish. Girl Scout Troop No. 261 served the dinner. The Lodge made a donation to the Troop for serving. Lodge Chef, Ed Mackey, prepared outstanding corned beef and cabbage with red potatoes and his famous Shepherd's Pie all accompanied by Irish Soda Bread and a delightful chocolate cupcake topped with an Irish Cream icing.

Christine Byrne, of the Aniar Irish Dance Company, brought eight dancers who filled the hall with the joy and excitement of traditional Irish dancing. The seven kids and one adult, all dressed in tradition Irish dance attire, put on a performance that was second to none. There were many volunteers responsible for making the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser successful. Chaplain Dave Tucker called new members to invite them to the event, and Judy Klinger pulled the theme and decorations together day-after-day. The \$1,000 proceeds from the event were earmarked for Elks Lodge Charities.



Irish Dancers Sheyenne E., Alessia B., McKenna W., and Kennon C.

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 Member is an ENF "Permanent Benefactor"

Exalted Ruler Ginny Mulhern recently presented an Elks National Foundation "Permanent Benefactor" Certificate to Dale Picher, a member of Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591. The award recognizes Dale for making donations at or in excess of \$2,000 to the ENF. Congratulations, Dale, and "Thank You" for your generosity!

Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 Member Receives Citation From President Schultz

At a recent visit to the Napa Elks Lodge No. 832, the California-Hawaii Elks Association President, Donald Schultz, presented PER George "Bus" Langdon with a Special Citation for his 28 years of serving as the Elks National Veterans Service chairman for the Northwest District. Langdon is 94 years old and continues to make weekly visits to the Veteran's Home of California in Yountville to make certain the personal and recreational needs of the residents are met.

Membership

By James Warrick, CHEA Membership/Lapsation Chairman



Want a gain in membership? Why not recognize your membership recruiters on a regular basis with Grand Exalted Ruler Pins, accolades for them at Lodge meetings, and postings of their names on the Lodge membership progress chart. Why not encourage reinstatements and inclusion of stray Elks into the fold of active members in your Lodge? Why not maintain an active membership team with recently initiated members on the team?

Want to cut down the percentage of members in dues arrears? How about sending monthly billings with narrative notes on each bill? How about an active calling committee that starts early in the Lodge year before lapsed members settle into delinquency?

In 2015-2016 a score of Lodges in our California-Hawaii Elks Association showed sizable net gains. Why? These Lodges have something to offer, they have something to draw attention, and they create reasons for joining the Elks. Facilities, programs like RV groups, golf groups, and even garden/beautification committees give opportunities for people to have fun and socialize with fellow members of their Lodge.

Building membership reflects a culture of positive feelings for the Elks common desires of friendship, charity, and patriotism. Want new ideas to promote membership? Why not start by calling the Lodges of your Lodge's size who have a net gain in membership and ask them for some ideas?

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Recognizes Americanism Essay Contest Winners

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 awarded \$1,550 to seventeen students from the 5th through 8th grades at the Lodge's annual Americanism Essay Contest Awards banquet that was held March 7, 2016. The topic of the essays was "What Can I Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country". Ninety-five students and their families, teachers, and Lodge members attended the dinner. Master of Ceremonies PER Frank Rowan started the event with Americanism Chairman Gloria Smith giving the Invocation and Treasurer Jackie Mansfield leading the Flag salute. Pizza with salad, beverages and dessert was served with the awards following dinner.

The 5th and 6th grade award winners were: Phoebe B. (1st place, Pacheco Elementary), Ryan A. (2nd place, Los Osos Middle School) and Aeven S. (3rd place, Teach Elementary). The 7th and 8th grade award winners were: Danya Boyd (1st place), Adi Mahan (2nd place), and Ethan B. (3rd place) who are all from Los Osos Middle School.

ER Bobby Moon presented the cash awards and Certificates of Achievement. The evening concluded with several of the winners reading their essays. This very important Patriotic Contest gives school children in grades 5-8 the opportunity to express views on their pride in America. This contest is most important because it involves school children in our area, showing them Americanism at its best. The contest also demonstrates that the Members of our Lodge are proud to be Americans, proud to be Elks and proud to participate in the Americanism programs of the Grand Lodge. Elk volunteers were Gloria McGary, Bea Casperson, Frances Chaves, Barbara and Michael Wright and photographer Dean Sullivan.

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Did You Know?

Any current member of the Elks can send membership applications to friends and family via the Elks.org web site. Invitees can then "click through" to submit their application online, and secretaries can then import the application into the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS) with the simple click of a button. This streamlined application process will enable members to invite worthy candidates to join any lodge in the country, and will significantly reduce the delays and inconvenience associated with hardcopy applications.

Membership in the Elks is still by invitation only, and the Order's membership requirements remain unchanged. Our new online application system simply translates our current hardcopy application to the Internet.

To send a membership invitation, you'll be asked to provide your candidate's name and email address, as well as the length of time you've been acquainted. By default you'll be inviting the candidate to join your lodge, but you can select any lodge in the country if you're inviting someone from out of town, or out of state. To send a membership application, you must be a member of the Elks with a valid elks.org user name and password.

If you are an Elk member, but don't have an Elks.org user name and password, go to www.elks.org web site and click on the "Member Login" link at the upper right of the screen. From there you can obtain information on how to get your user name and password.

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Receives All American Lodge Award With The Help of Its Emblem Club No. 418

The Orange Emblem Club No. 418 President Jan Genelle said "Thank You" to the volunteers who have helped by donating, serving, delivering, setting up, taking down or attending and supporting their events at the Orange Elks Lodge. With the help of Elk members, an Italian dinner was prepared and the evening was well attended.

Orange Emblem Club No. 418 has a strong working relationship with Orange Lodge No. 1475 and this year was no exception. During the last year, the Emblem Club has held a Holiday Boutique, a Victorian Tea, delivered 2,200 Drug Awareness Coloring Books to first graders, held a Father's Day Brunch, and on the first and third Mondays, hold their Taco Night Dinners. All of these events have helped the Lodge receive the "All American Lodge" Award.

San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 Receives \$300 for CHEMPI from the "Lemonade Stand Kids"

The San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836's Exalted Ruler, Hal Hively, received a \$300 check from the "Lemonade Stand Kids". The donation is earmarked for the Major Project. The "Kids", most of whom are children or grandchildren of members, wanted to do a Community Service Project, so they decided to do a fundraiser for the Purple Pig.

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chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 Selects Its Enrique Camarena Award Winner

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 recognized its "Enrique Camarena Award" winner at a Law Enforcement Night at the Lodge in mid-March. Approximately 200 guests attended the event, including Law Enforcement Officers from Sonoma County, Marin County and the Peninsula. Lodge members and officers, friends and family from within the community also attended. The speaker and emcee, Paul Sequoia, is from Mendocino County, and is a former District Attorney. Members of the local Fire Department assisted the Elks to prepare and serve a mean steak, with mushrooms, baked potato, salad and rolls.

It was a very difficult decision to select the award winner. Every nominee proved to be outstanding in their jobs and exemplified the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. All had a background of being involved in their respective communities in efforts to make them drug-free and, most importantly, they have the support of their agency and respect of their community. Ultimately, the decision was made. Nominated by Sgt. Andy Cash, with the concurrence of the Chief of Police, Chris Spallino, the Enrique Camarena Award was presented to Deputy Brian Parks and his partner and K-9 companion, "JAGS", of the Windsor Police Department.

It was a great evening, and all of the Law Enforcement Officers were appreciative that the Lodge honored them and their profession.



L to R: Pamela Tarango (Lodge Drug Awareness Chair), Chief of Police Chris Spallino, Deputy Brian Parks, "Jags", and Sgt. Andy Cash

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 Tutors K-12 Students

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 continues to sponsor tutorial services as a free program to help K through 12 students in the Fullerton and surrounding areas improve academically. This program was launched in the fall of 2013 with approximately 5 students. Today, approximately 15 students participate each Saturday from 9 am to 11 am at the Lodge.

Long time Elk, Bob Harraka, in collaboration with the Lodge, developed this program to allow families to receive tutoring services at a centralized location. Both professional and volunteer tutors assist the students. A goal for 2016 is to have an additional 25 students participate, and to secure more volunteers.

CHEA Annual Convention May 18-21, 2016

(For the detailed schedule, go to www.chea-elks.org)

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Registration

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Registration

CHEA and CHEMPI Board of Trustee Meetings

Ritual Practice

DDGER Designate Meeting

First Vice President's Meeting

Past Association President's meeting

Opening Session – Visitors Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Introduction of Grand Exalted Ruler

Memorial Service

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Registration

Ritual Contest

First Business Session – Visitors Welcome

Introductions of CHEA Officers and CHEA Vice Presidents

Nomination and Election of Officers

Grand Lodge Committee Reports

First Lady's Social Hour and Luncheon

Secretaries, Trustees and Club Managers Luncheon

Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights and other Officers and Members Luncheon

DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisors Luncheon

Grand Lodge Judiciary Available to Answer Questions

Grand Lodge Audit and Accounting Member Available to Answer Questions

Association President's Dinner

Friday, May 20, 2016

Registration

Ritual Contest Finals

Second Business Session – Visitors Welcome

Rally and Installation of Officers

Theme Child Photo Opportunity – 9:00-10:00 a.m. & 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Seminar Workshops

CHEA and CHEMPI Board of Trustee Meetings

Accounting Consultant/CLMS2 and Secretary Seminar

Drug Awareness Seminar

Membership and Lapsation Seminar

National Veterans Service Seminar

Piggy Bank and Bequests and Living Trusts (BLT) Seminar

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Final Business Session – Visitors Welcome

Major Project Report

Theme Child Presentation and Exalted Rulers March

Theme Child Photo Opportunity – 9:00-10:00 a.m. & 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Ritual Contest Report and Awards

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Copper Pig Level Donors (February 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
John D. Adams	1427
Donald D. Schultz	1877
Floyd "Skip" Henke	2379

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors (February 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
George Sallay	614
Edward Novak	1561
Sandra Haas	2121

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors (February 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

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William Sampino	6	Shari Larkin	906	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Theresa "Terry" Woodward	1952
Paul Barich	583	Michel Mansoor	906	John Wilson	1608	Debbie Hosted	2011
Erik Brown	583	Abrey Myers	906	Ronald Lee Hinman	1643	Mark Lindstrom	2098
Rick Dombrowski	583	Robert A. Pickett	906	Mark Layman	1786	Sandra Haas (2)	2121
Hilary Fulton	583	Doug Randall	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Richard Anderson	2230
Michael McAlpine	672	James & Liz Avila	1259	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Theresa Berard	2274
Charles "Chuck" Rowe	672	John D. Adams	1427	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Arden L. Bates	2389
Elio Rodoni	824	Margaret Kanov	1427	Vicki Zellner	1877	Pam Price	2477
Anthony Fiori	888	Karen Mauro	1436	Donald M. Cooper	1900	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2484
Frank Frazier	906	Victor Bracke	1471	Jan Bennett	1913	Chris Despol	2724

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors (February 1, 2016 - March 31, 2016)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Southeast District PER Association (2)		William Lynch, Jr.	824	Melinda Robbins	1251	K. Charles Anderson	1608
Catherine Barone	6	Malcolm Macaulay	824	Arthur Smrekar	1251	Gene Chambers	1608
Ronald Brusasto	6	Donald Mungai (2)	824	James & Liz Avila (5)	1259	Robert Hartwick	1608
James Dominguez	6	Robert Murphy	824	Andrew Martin	1259	Mike Mathews	1608
Donna Etheridge	6	Louie Polino	824	Renay Mobert	1259	John Wilson	1608
Kimberly Hardin	6	Elio Rodoni	824	Bill Way	1259	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643
Michael Johnson	6	Robert Rudolph	824	John Wheeler	1259	Ronald & Nancy Hinman	1643
David Morena	6	Donald Sorensen	824	Debbie Wilson	1259	Joseph & Pamela Owen	1643
Ray Nielsen	6	Robert Tara	824	Mike Wilson	1259	Sandra Reid	1643
Donald Puliz	6	Anthony Fiori	888	Larry Casner	1285	Lawrence McHenry	1712
Alejandro Rodarte	6	Don Checchi (2)	906	Jimmy Collins	1285	Ture Roslund (4)	1712
Anthony Sesito	6	Ron Fink (2)	906	Norman Lausten	1285	Hopland Subway	1728
Dorothy Trapanese	6	Todd Hawkins	906	Ranae Martin	1285	Mary Snyder (2)	1728
James Von Bergen	6	Carolyn Horton	906	LaVonne Rilling	1285	James Coen	1740
Tuleburg R.V. Club	218	Ken Lady	906	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Homer Gray	1740
Robert Whitaker	218	Shari Larkin (9)	906	John Aube'	1378	Judy Wilson	1767
William Cassidy	522	Barbara Lewis	906	Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Mark Layman (5)	1786
Girl Scout Troop No. 62181	522	Stephanie Llewlyn	906	Jeffrey Crisfield	1378	Peggy White	1786
Louis Serrida	522	Michel Mansoor (2)	906	Bert Hunter	1378	Nicholas Fleming (6)	1811
Earl Talbott	522	Abrey Myers (2)	906	Michael Mushmaney	1378	John Helsel	1811
Scott Thomas	522	Margy Pickett (2)	906	William Penton	1378	W.K. Schindhelm	1811
William Hooper	538	Doug Randall	906	Salvador Quijano	1378	Diane Wrobel	1811
Patricia Piper Beyer	583	Rosita Rangel	906	Joyce Taylor	1378	Vicki Zellner (2)	1877
Nancy Connell	583	Robbie Robinson	906	Lee Watrin	1378	Donald Cooper	1900
Rick Dombrowski (3)	583	Irma Santiago	906	John D. Adams (13)	1427	Don Bush	1905
Craig Forsell	583	Steve Schechter	906	Chester Obrymski	1427	Joe Dion	1905
Hilary Fulton (2)	583	Ann Scully (2)	906	George Van Hove	1427	Claire Fabian	1905
Alice Miranda	583	Les Villados	906	Jim Fisk	1430	Dr. John Impagliazzo (2)	1905
William Bailey	613	Jason Walker	906	June Geiger	1430	Eugene Mitchell (2)	1905
George Sallay (2)	614	Virginia Zepeda	906	Susan Wanlass	1430	Marge Pecore	1905
Amelia Akau (2)	616	Ron Anderson	966	Karen Mauro (5)	1436	Nellie Siddell	1905
Loretta Baptist	616	Mike Ethridge	966	Gwendolyn Krueger	1497	George & Kay Tate	1905
Jane Scott McCrorie-Butler (2)	616	Ernest Gonzales	966	David Campbell	1538	Jack Wood (2)	1905
Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers (2)	616	Robert Heredia	966	Gene Green	1538	Jan Bennett	1913
Honolulu Bridge Club	616	John Peters	966	Robert Miller	1538	Nancy Glueckert	1919
Patrick Kellinui	616	Kim Arrivee	1015	Albert Mitchell	1538	Rodney Tanaka	1919
G. Russ Lambing	616	Lee Watson	1015	Pete Thornton	1538	Lee Allen	1952
Euclid Lee	616	Edwin Ball	1112	Frank Roughan (5)	1539	David Bates	1952
Lorraine Manayan	616	Larry Bowers	1240	Terry Cross	1561	Bob Burka	1952
John Southworth	616	William Spielman	1240	Ron Ebell	1561	George Crapia	1952
Annette Zib	616	Spielman Farms	1240	Rebecca Noel	1561	James Faulkner (2)	1952
Helyn Johnston	652	John Truax	1240	Eddie Novak (7)	1561	Martin Hoxworth	1952
Al Lasko, Jr.	672	Vern Williams (2)	1240	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm (6)	1561	Martha Jimenez	1952
Marlem Mason	794	Georgianne Rivard	1250	Garry Stutheit (2)	1567	Ricardo Jimenez	1952
Ed Bogner	824	Ed Chainey	1251	Judith Stutheit (2)	1567	Raul Martinez	1952
Tom Brazier (2)	824	Gloria Maltagliati	1251	Larry Worley	1570	Gerry McConnell	1952
Pete Ehrman	824	Ed Percy	1251	John Etheridge	1587	Robert McLaurin	1952
Richard Hoyer (2)	824	John Pitts	1251	Phil Lefman	1587		
Ed Lake	824	Susan Relva	1251	Sonora Emblem Club No. 124 (2)	1587		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
James Nance	1952	Vickie Pierce	2098	Henry Gibson	2358	Hugh Robinson	2504
Mike Nance	1952	Rise N Shine Cafe (2)	2098	Tom Haberland (2)	2358	Christine Strasser	2504
Charles Pollard	1952	John Seal (2)	2098	Joan Hermansen	2358	Luise Pyeatt	2510
Larry Pulsipher	1952	Mark Seigel	2098	Cheri Keller	2358	Helene Fowler	2591
Rick Ross	1952	John Seward	2098	Fern Mabee	2358	Larry Hannon	2591
Bill Smith (3)	1952	Tom Smoker, Jr.	2098	Jerry Oreskovich	2358	Lake Elsinore Bingo Players	2591
Carol Snyder	1952	Nelly St. George (2)	2098	Al Porter (2)	2358	Virginia Mulhern	2591
Robert Underwood	1952	Richard Ransom	2103	Pam Shoffstall	2358	Fran Musetti (2)	2599
John Zahn	1952	Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 (3)	2128	Ed Snodgrass	2358	Bridget Smith	2616
Warren Balfour	1959	Gil Argentina	2128	Wendy Snodgrass	2358	John Smith	2616
Pat Burns	1959	Brett Barker	2128	Pat Terrell	2358	Jerome Glodowski	2638
Beverly Finnell	1959	Gale Fullerton	2128	Roberta Ewing	2364	Jerilyn Holsapple	2638
Jeanette Greer	1959	Krull Family (3)	2128	Barbara Hofer	2364	Randy Storbo	2638
Bob Hollingsworth	1959	Elizabeth Lopez-Aguado	2128	Patricia Jones	2364	Tad Tobitt	2638
Dan Reilly	1959	Joanne Matthew	2128	David Samuel	2364	Jerry Adams	2669
Marty Salene	1959	Betty Odom	2128	Alice Toole	2364	Ruby Bentkowski (2)	2669
Bob Scopel	1959	Frank Paetow	2128	Scott Smith	2379	Harriet Coelho	2669
Larry Wulterin	1959	Richard Smith	2128	Don Elholm	2419	Mary Dudoit (2)	2669
Fred Costa	1968	Terrence Hunt (3)	2134	Kirk Elholm	2419	Yvonne Fujita	2669
Escondido Moose Wed. Lunch Bunch	1968	Daniel McClure	2134	Jerald Lupinek	2419	Patricia Gaspar	2669
John Franciullo	1968	Nicholas Novosel III	2190	Mr. K. Bhatt	2444	Kenneth Kahala	2669
Hugh McKinney	1968	George Carvalho	2230	Howard Sargent	2444	Josephine Kalauli (2)	2669
John Knitter	1980	Jonathan Gates	2230	Diana Wilson	2444	Roberta Kaleikini (2)	2669
Ernie Ladd	1980	Rhona Lubomirski (2)	2230	Pam Price	2477	Patricia Machado	2669
Jerrold Redford	1991	Ted Rodgers	2230	Bob Brotherton	2484	Diane Moorhead	2669
Anna Churgai	2011	Mitch Cropper	2248	Beverly Burns (5)	2484	Ohana Spouses Auxiliary	2669
Gary Ficacci	2011	Marcie Faubel	2248	Robert "Bob" Burns (5)	2484	Carmen Olarti	2669
John Strasser	2011	William Faubel	2248	Kenny Cobb (2)	2484	John Panee, Jr. (5)	2669
Diane Ogden	2026	Harrison "Bud" Fountain	2248	Lou Dulay, Sr.	2484	Dorothy Penn (5)	2669
Marlene Reeves (3)	2031	William "Kenneth" Green	2248	Bonnie Friddle (2)	2484	Mariano Rellin (4)	2669
Frank Simas	2031	Ron Hall	2248	Pete Hall (2)	2484	Patricia Seawright	2669
Ira Windham (2)	2031	William "Bud" Herring	2248	Rick Hansen	2484	Patsy Seawright	2669
Dan Baccelliere	2050	Dick Law	2248	Ellen Howell	2484	Roy Storaasli	2669
Sherry Hunt	2050	Allie Sawyer	2248	Jay Jiter	2484	Miyoko Yamada	2669
John Stangel	2091	Carol Shoemaker	2248	Jacque Reimer	2484	Layne Yoshimura (2)	2669
Jim Vecchio	2095	Eugene Silver	2248	Jim Wash	2484	Gerald Mills	2704
American Legion Post 377	2098	Jim Valk	2248	Kari Sears (2)	2492	Walter Neumann	2704
Erin Andrew	2098	Kirk Watkins	2248	Jesus Viramontes (2)	2492	Lou Riccardi	2704
William Andrew	2098	Mike Davis	2347	Ronald Blakey	2504	Anne Despol (2)	2724
Jan Dappen	2098	Charlie McCaskill	2347	Kenneth Coxon	2504	Chris Despol (2)	2724
Bud Fales	2098	Laurie Ashley	2358	Clarence Faria	2504	George Gardner	2724
Michael George (2)	2098	Mary Lou Council	2358	John Flechter	2504	Ronald Mead	2733
Bob Goble	2098	Dennis Dominick	2358	Mike Leon	2504	Lee Ybaban	2733
Mark Lindstrom	2098	Martha Evans	2358	Frank Misselhorn	2504	Kenneth Behrends	2801
Karen Perriseau	2098	Walter French	2358	Arleen Olson	2504	Jeanne Jeffords	2801

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Presents Soccer Shoot Awards

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 held their annual Soccer Shoot Awards Dinner on February 15, 2016 and awarded fourteen trophies to boys and girls from under seven years of age to thirteen years of age. A great "Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream" dinner was served to the winners and their families. Elk volunteers serving the dinner were Bernice Casperson, Gloria McGary, Francis Chavez; officiating were Jackie Mansfield, Bill and Gloria Smith, Master of Ceremonies PER Frank Rowan with photographer Betty O'Connor.

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 and Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 Raised \$2,130 for Hospice of Humboldt

When the cold and rain hit Humboldt County, the Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 and Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 decided to throw a "Winter Doldrums" party. The country hoedown was entertained by "Real Country #", a seven piece band that kept the evening jumping. Dinner was brisket, chicken, potatoes, beans, slaw and cowboy cookies. There was a "silent auction" and line dancing. All of the evening's profits, which totaled \$2,130, went to Hospice of Humboldt.

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 "Clippendales" Keep Clipping

The Elks Ladies, an Elks Auxiliary of the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No 2591, formed a club called the "Clippendales". The object of this club is to clip manufacturers coupons to send to the Kadena Air Force Base, in Okinawa, Japan. The servicemen and women stationed there can redeem these coupons for products at their commissary or at other stores. The Elk Ladies meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to clip coupons. As of March 1st, they sent a package of coupons worth \$14,464.42, making a grand total of coupons valued at \$23,531.19 sent this year.

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518's Antique Western Show Nets \$5,600 for Scholarships

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held its third annual Antique Western Show. Proceeds from the show benefited the Scholarship Fund for the Lodge. Lou Janakos, chairman of the event, has held the show for the past three years. He sent out over 4,500 cards to prospective vendors and magazines. He posted over 50 signs throughout the county. Thirty-seven vendors from California and Nevada attended. More than 400 people attended the two-day event. Lou raised over \$5,600 for the Lodge's Scholarship Fund.

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	Sherrie Larson	1952	Christine Nelson	2011
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	David Plotke	2011
Karen Lakey	168	R. C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Jose A. Lopez	1952	John Hardman	2031
Gary Marinelli	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	David Dickey	2045
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Glenn Montague	168	Colin Smith	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117
Chuck Nolan	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Richard Tanguy	1959	Ian Lanouette	2121
Nadine Steel	218	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Carol Beckwith	1968	J. Martin Borden	2230
Jerome Paul	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Leroy Bostick	2358
Charles Rowe	672	Richard Blake	1767	Jim Byerrum	1993	Ted Olsen	2379
Lisa Fleury	759	Ray Prettyman	1767	Dan Casey	1993	Terry Gicking	2477
Robert Nichol	836	Kaye Brandos	1804	Richard Green	1993	Greg Metzgas	2477
Jerry Hansen	901	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Alan Kelley	1993	Beverly Burns	2484
Donald Checchi	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Diana Mondragon	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Margaret Pickett	906	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Linda Tucker	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Michael Silva	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	James Williams	2599
John Eitel	1108	Kevin Wroble	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Richard Yeager	1812	Martin Barros	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Dave Wells	1240	Donald Schultz	1877	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Jose Justiniano	1948	Phillip W. Byrd	2011		
Robert Ostini	1251	James G. Anderson	1952	Francis J. Glenski	2011		

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 Fashion Show Earns \$5,400 for Lodge Charities

The Ladies Group of the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 held a "Hats Off To The Ladies" Fashion Show recently. The event was the 41st Annual Fashion Show conducted by the Ladies Group at the Lodge. The Fashion Show Chairmen were the Ladies Club President, Irene Romero, Ways & Means, Steve Rusie and the Lodge's First Lady, Mary Ann Alvarez.

Exalted Ruler Camacho Alvarez and ER-Elect Dave McLeod led a tuxedoed group of current and past officers who were serving the refreshments to the attendees. The guests enjoyed shopping at several merchants' fashion stands that were set up in the Lodge's "Annex Room". Girl Scout Troop 261 served over 340 lunches. The Troop received a donation from the Lodge for their service. After lunch, the fashion show began with DJ & MC Andy Costello providing the music as the models walked down the runway. The event earned \$5,400 for various Lodge Charities.



L to R: Fashion Show Committee Vicky Long, PER Irene Romero, Steve Rusie, and Laura Lumley

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 Works to Help Youth

On behalf of the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993, Hoop Shoot Chairman Steve Vartanian presented a \$200 donation to Fairmont Elementary to help replenish Coach Nate Babcock's Physical Education supplies.

In other news, last November Steve Vartanian chaired the anti-drug Hoop Shoot program for five PE classes consisting of third through sixth graders. This is a free program. Placentia-Yorba Linda School District is home to two-time CHEA champion and National Finalist Emily Briggs. Steve and wife Kristen's two sons attend Fairmont.

For approximately 40 years the Elks have promoted an anti-drug message through the Hoop Shoot program with a motto of "Yes to Hoop Shoot and No to Drugs!" Approximately 3,000,000 boys and girls ages 8 through 13 participate nationally each year.



L to R: A student aide, Steve Vartanian, Coach Babcock, Superintendent Doug Domene, Principal Julie Lucas, Vice-Principal Jackie Bluemel and aide Debbie Reott

Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



It has been a good year for the Purple Pig and I'm looking forward to a great Exalted Rulers March at the Association Convention, I think we have made it a great year for Don and Shirley. You have all done a great job fund raising and your reports have been timely, so Bill Cook (CHEA Piggy Bank Vice-Chairman) and I thank you.

As you know, we held the Leading Knights Challenge early this year for several reasons. One is so there is not such a mad house in the CHEA Office at the convention with everyone trying to out-do everyone else. It was great competition but it was a pain for the office staff. Two is it allows me to have the trophies made well in advance of the convention and I do not have to run around trying to get something done at the last minute. Three it gave every Lodge three months to raise the most money possible. And last we made it so there is a winner in every size Lodge not just one winner for the entire Association.

As you know my time on stage is brief so I will announce the winners at the convention prior to the Purple Pig March and the winning ERs will stay in their seat and raise their hand. The winners will be given a marker (not yet determined) and as the Exalted Rulers cross the stage and give their donation, they will come over to the side of the stage and receive their trophy and have their photo taken as they leave.

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 Receives a Certificate of Appreciation Plaque

Exalted Ruler Mike Wright accepted a Certificate of Appreciation plaque presented to the lodge by Muriel Defresne and Linda Greilich on behalf of the "Foundation for a Drug-Free World." The plaque recognizes the Lodge for a donation of \$400 to cover the cost of distributing the educational pamphlet "The Truth About Drugs" with the local newspaper. The Certificate reads: "in recognition of your support and your active role in helping to create a drug-free Hemet and San Jacinto."



L to R: Michael Wright, Exalted Ruler, Muriel Defresne and Linda Grielich

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Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Dictionary Project

This year, the Temecula Elks Lodge No. 2801 is participating in "The Dictionary Project" once again. The Dictionary Project is a national organization that works to get dictionaries into the hands of third-grade students. These student dictionaries are for them to keep and use at school or at home. In order to help third-graders become good writers, active readers, creative thinkers and resourceful learners, the Lodge is giving hundreds of dictionaries to Temecula students. The Temecula Elks first joined The Dictionary Project in 2005. So far this year, they have distributed a total of 449 dictionaries with about 600 more to be delivered.

The Lodge's Dictionary Project co-chairmen, Linda Jones and Hallie Sebanc, distributed 144 dictionaries recently to third-grade students during an assembly at the Abby Reinke Elementary School. The students were shown how to use the dictionary and learned about its many features.



Co-Chairmen Linda Jones (on the right) and Hallie Sebanc (on the left)

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Visits Hospitalized Veterans

Several times each year, members of the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475, family members and friends will car pool to the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital to play Bingo and spend an evening with the Veterans. On this visit, nineteen people from the Lodge entertained seventeen veterans. We brought punch, cookies and cheesecake, cup-of-soups, books, t-shirts and donated \$100 in prize money for their bingo games. Each of the bingo players won at least \$5. On this visit, two WWII veterans participated.



Kealoha Arelliano is pictured with WWII and Korea Veteran George S., of the Army Air Force.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 Honors Law Enforcement and Firefighters

The 28th annual "Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Night" was held on February 20th by the Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444. One hundred and twenty-five guests and members honored the award recipients from the Saddleback Valley and Laguna Beach areas. Seventeen awards were presented to Law Enforcement and Fire Authority officers. In every introduction, the recounting of the events and episodes involved played out like a page right out of a bestselling adventure novel. The number of lives saved and the scores of tragedies averted by these brave defenders of our safety and well-being was truly amazing.

After the awards ceremony, event Chairman DDGER Harvey Boelts said, "We read in the news about the incidents these men and women are involved in and must deal with on a daily basis. Some of those incidents are frightening with endings that are quite sad, and some have results that bring a smile to your face. But all give you an appreciation for having these wonderful servants of the community here to deal with them. Meeting these men and women in person with their wives, husbands and children beaming with pride, just shows you the real human side of their story."

The Lodge's Bingo group sponsored the gala event. The guests enjoyed a delicious Filet Mignon dinner, which was served by volunteer students from Mission Viejo High School. Laguna Hills Mayor Barbara Kogerman, along with dignitaries from the local communities, Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Orange County Sheriff's Department joined with Elks State and District VIPs to honor the heroic efforts of the intrepid men and women who gallantly serve our community.



L to R: DDGER Harvey Boelts, Laguna Beach Fire Dept. Engineer/Paramedic of the Year Alex Pacheo and daughter Mila

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Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 Provides Emotional and Financial Help to a Family

There are many things in life that you don't want. As a kid, you don't want a December 25th birthday because that is Christmas. As a parent, you don't want to bury a child. Both of these things happened to the Hunter Family. Nixon "Wildcard" Hunter was born on December 25, 2012. Eight months later, Stephanie and Rich Hunter would be saying goodbye to their son, Nixon, in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at CHOC. Nixon's middle name came shortly after Stephanie got pregnant. They came up with a middle name for Nixon that was completely unique: "Wildcard". Rich said, "We thought it'd be just a fun name for him to have, because most people hate their middle names".

The causes of Nixon's passing were many. Nixon's parents liked to say, "I think we got the outside right, we just couldn't get the inside to work together correctly." However, every cloud has a silver lining and that was the formation of the "Wildcard Army". One of Nixon's many health issues was a severe to profound hearing loss in both ears. This would be the beginning of the "Wildcard Army"!

Stephanie and Rich, Nixon's Mom and Dad, are members of the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475. When the Elks heard about Nixon, our members stepped in with prayers, and a wish to get involved. One of the best characteristics of an Elk is "Generosity". The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 and the Orange Elks Lodge donated toward Nixon's medical expenses in his short time with us.

This year, the Orange Elks Lodge will get involved with Stephanie and Rich's Easter Basket Drive. This is the 3rd annual Easter Basket Drive. The main goal is to provide a basket to the children that will be in CHOC during Easter. The Orange Elks raised over \$1,100 to help provide 40 baskets (20 for boys and 20 for girls) which included a \$10 gift card, crayons, coloring books, Playskool Learning books, puzzles, playing cards, Bubble fun, Goofey Sun glasses, Glow Sticks, Barbie Dolls and Hot Wheels. Twenty-two Elks and their spouses helped pack the baskets. Roughly 550 baskets were distributed.

When the Elks find out about events like these, we get involved, and the saying "Elks Care and Elks Share" makes you proud that you are an Elk!



The "Wildcard Army"

Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 Supports Youth Soccer

The Santa Ynez Valley Elks Lodge No. 2640 held a Sunday Brunch as a fundraiser for the Girls AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) team. The team was traveling for competition and needed help. The girls' parents pitched in to help with the cooking and the girls did the serving and cleanup. With the tips, a donation from the Lodge and the bartender tips, the girls were sent off with over \$500 to help with their competition trip. Good Luck AYSO Girls!

Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 Staged a Hoop Shoot at Camp Owen

On January 30, 2016, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 staged a Hoop Shoot for the boys at Camp Erwin Owen in Kernville, CA. Camp Owen is a juvenile correction facility maintained by the Kern County Probation Department for boys 14-18. Tryouts took place in the morning and 91 boys participated. Twenty-four of the boys qualified for the final round of competition, which was held later in the day.

This was the fourth Hoop Shoot tournament at the camp, all of which have been organized by our Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman, Dick Reid.



L to R: Jack Sparks, Shirley Allen, Dick Reid, the finalists and three corrections facility staff members

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 Remembers Our Veterans

On December 12th, members from the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 participated in the annual National "Wreaths Across America" at the VA Cemetery in West LA where wreaths were laid out at military gravesites. The Lodge had purchased 50 of the wreaths for the ceremony that honored and remembered the fallen.

In other news, the members held a charity ball on December 10, 2015 to raise funds for Bob Hope's USO at LAX and for "Military Women in Need". Each organization received a donation of \$2,500. In addition, 24 cases of water and 14 cases of soda were collected for the USO.



President Don Schultz Recognized at His Homecoming

On Saturday, February 27, 2016 during President Schultz's Homecoming visitation in Victorville, President Don Schultz received a commendation from the City of Victorville and Victorville Mayor Gloria Garcia. The commendation recognized President Schultz for his leadership and charitable work in the Elks. Mayor Garcia, accompanied by Victorville Councilman Jim Cox, spoke to the 290 dinner attendees and dignitaries present.



Victorville Mayor Garcia and President Schultz

Lakeport Elks Lodge No. 2704 Member Becomes an ENF Permanent Benefactor

At the February 11, 2016 Lakeport Elks Lodge meeting, Patti Powell was presented with a framed certificate which signifies she has achieved the Permanent Benefactor Level for a donation of at least two thousand dollars to Elks National Fund. Congratulations Patti for your generosity and participation.



Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 Donates to Two Worthy Local Organizations

The Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 donated \$1,079 to a representative from "JW House," a respite facility located on the campus of Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Santa Clara, CA. JW House provides food, overnight stays, and home-away-from-home comfort for families that have a family member as a patient at Kaiser. The Lodge also donated \$1,799 to "Sunnyvale Community Services," a local non-profit organization that provides services to reduce homelessness and hunger for low-income families and seniors facing temporary crises. Lodge members and guests donated the money at a fundraiser during the ER Christmas Party.



L to R: "Sarg" Sargent, Luanne Gollob, JW House Family Services Director April Bignell, Lodge Secretary Pat Sargent, Carmela Castagnolo, Lodge Treasurer Alan Aana, and PDDGER Steve Gollob

Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Hosts Cub Scout to Boy Scout Bridging Ceremony

On March 5th at the Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026, the below Cub Scouts from Troop 316 had their Blue and Gold Bridging Ceremony to Boy Scout Troop 316.



Front row (L to R): Xavier P., Austin L., AJ F., Sean M., and Andy L.
Back row (L to R): John Fabris and Tim Wells, the Lodge Scouting Chairman

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 Re-seeds Babe Ruth League's Baseball Field

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 used a portion of money from a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant as a donation to the Westchester Babe Ruth League to re-seed their Ivan Miller Baseball Field. The team is the 2015 (13-15 year olds) World Series Babe Ruth Champions who will be playing on their new field for their 60th season this May. Lodge Trustee Larry Diver was the project coordinator. \$500 from the Beacon Grant also was donated to the Westchester Girls Softball league.

In other news, the Lodge donated Cheesecake Factory gift cards worth \$200 to pay for dinner for the band that played at the Wadsworth Theater's "Miracles for Heroes Concert" performance at the VA in West Los Angeles in February. Lastly, several Lodge members sold Girl Scout Cookies on behalf of Troop 545, generating \$200 for the troop.



Lodge members helping with the reseedling