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CHEA President  
**Lance Erickson**  
and First Lady Karen



### Corona Elks Lodge No. 2045 Participates In Community “Day Of The Child”

The Corona Elks Lodge No. 2045 participated in their local city event, the “Corona-Norco Annual Day of the Child”. This community event provides a free day of fun, activities, entertainment and resources to young children and their families. The Lodge provided games for children of all ages to play and win prizes. Elroy T. Elk made a guest appearance and assisted the lodge with handing out almost 400 Drug Awareness Program coloring books, over 300 Spanish - English dictionaries and two-dozen “Elroy T. Elk” dolls.



### Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Feeds Hungry Veterans

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 is always mindful of the hospitalized veterans at the nearby Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAH). The facility sprawls across several campuses in the greater Bay Area. One such facility is for hospitalized veterans – some of whom will be housed there indefinitely due to the severity of their medical condition. Recently, the lodge prepared a BBQ Chicken dinner for the hospitalized veterans.



ER Tony Silvia and crew.

### Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 Places American Flags and Wreaths on Memorial

On Memorial Day, May 30, 2016, the Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 contributed to the holiday by placing 50 American Flags around Plaza Park in Oxnard plus a dozen in front of the Oxnard City Hall.

In addition, wreaths commemorating our fallen heroes were placed at the Oxnard War Memorial, at the California Veterans Home in Ventura, and at the Memorial Day service that was held at the Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura.



L to R: Leading Knight Caspar de Jong and Exalted Ruler Paul Salazar

### San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 Joins Whittier Elks Lodge No. 1258 to BBQ for the Veterans

Earlier this year the San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966 and the Whittier Elks Lodge No. 1258 put on a BBQ to honor our Veterans at the West Los Angeles Veterans Hospital. Prior to serving the food, everyone stood to salute the Flag and say the Pledge of Allegiance. We served hamburgers, hotdogs, chili and beans, potato salad, cookies and sodas to over 600 veterans.





# President's Message



"Greetings and Aloha!" to all California-Hawaii Elks.

It is with great pride and an honor for me to serve as your Association President for 2016-2017. Karen and I are geared up and ready to carry the California-Hawaii Elks Association message to all of our members in Hawaii and California. What a great convention and rally we had this year! Our Rally Coordinator, Michelle Wilson,

did a fantastic job and worked hard to put it together. A big "Thank you" goes to the Convention Committee of the Orange Coast District - Tom Lemm and crew did a great job. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the members of the West Central Coast District. It is a very nice feeling to have so many friends and acquaintances that have stepped up to support us.

As your new President, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the confidence that they have in me to accomplish the goals that we have set for the year. I must also thank the staff in Fresno, under the direction of Executive Director Tim Martin, PGELK, who work tirelessly to assist all of our Districts. They are truly awesome.

My theme this year is "Make Elkdome Shine." With the help of my Vice Presidents, Lance's "Shining Stars," we will continue to make Elkdome shine as we travel through the districts promoting the programs of the Association.

As the Star of Fidelity continues to shine, so does our Association. Throughout history the Elks have adopted and participated in many vital programs that have been or are currently focused on helping our communities, assisting veterans, feeding the homeless, and providing therapy to children. We have always continued to shine in these endeavors and accomplishments.

Because of the hard work of our members, we have attained a plus membership for the past two years. Now our challenge is to keep the members we have brought into our Lodges. To accomplish this, I have chosen four additional programs to boost the momentum we have started. Public Relations sets the path for letting our community know who we are and what we do. Lodge Activities brings members together and helps us work together as team to accomplish our goals. The Major Project provides the funds needed to provide therapy and vision screening for our children in need. Our Veterans service provides help to our Vets who will never be forgotten. These, and all of the other vital programs that we support, are just as important to our organization as those I have mentioned - combined we will "Make Elkdome Shine."

As Karen and I journey throughout the Districts, we look forward to visiting your Lodges and communities and to see and hear how you are making Elkdome Shine. We look forward to making new friends and meeting many of the members that make this Association the finest in the land.

Faternally,

Lance Erickson, CHEA President

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- The Eye Care Fund
- Bequests and Living Trusts
- 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

**July 3-7, 2016**  
*Grand Lodge Convention  
 Houston, TX*

**July 29-31, 2016**  
*Inland District*

**Aug. 5-7, 2016**  
*Orange Coast District*

**Aug. 12-14, 2016**  
*South Central District*

**Aug. 19-21, 2016**  
*Northeast District*

**Aug. 26-28, 2016**  
*Central District*

## A Community Veterans Support Team Includes the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906

The Veterans Support Team consists of members of the Santa Monica Elks Lodge No. 906, the Santa Monica Emblem Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Venice American Legion, and the Sunset Masonic Lodge.

This year, the Veterans Support Team delivered fifteen Welcome Home baskets to the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) in Santa Monica. The baskets contain a variety of household items including cleaning supplies, towels, plates, cups, bowls and flatware as well as personal hygiene products such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and a toothbrush. The baskets are distributed by the OPCC to veterans as they transition into their own housing.

This is one of several new ways that the Santa Monica Elks Lodge is using the revenues raised during its "First Friday Dinners" to help support our Veterans, in addition to our current program that provides them with winter coats.

Elks Care and Elks Share





## Elks National Foundation

By Robert Ostini, CHEA ENF Chairman



I am honored to be the incoming Chairman of the CHEA National Foundation Committee. "Fidelity" will be the focus of my program for the coming year. The Elks National Foundation is the Elks' continuing commitment to Charity, and your Fidelity pledge will be your continuing commitment to the ENF.

No new committee chair can start without thanking the previous chairman for his great work. Tom Conlon, and his chief assistant and spouse Pat Conlon, have been exceptional stewards of the CHEA National Foundation Committee. They have both contributed countless hours and days to staffing the National Foundation displays and activities.

I could not start my new committee assignment without finishing up on my current endeavor as the CHEA Community Investment Program (CIP) Coordinator. The Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association have once again reached record high levels of participation in the CIP.

Six Lodges applied for and were awarded Impact Grants in 2015-16. These Lodges are: Fresno, CA Lodge No. 439, Santa Barbara, CA Lodge No. 613, Orange, CA Lodge No. 1475, Blythe, CA Lodge No. 1799, San Clemente, CA Lodge No. 2068 and Hilo, HI Lodge No. 759. There was an increase in both the number of Lodges applying and the number receiving awards.

A record number of Lodges also received Promise Grants. It is no small accomplishment to capture one of these limited Grants. The Grants provide the funding for the recipient Lodges to have a huge impact on a youth program in their community.

I am especially joyed to have 86 Lodges apply for and receive a \$2,000 Beacon Grant for their use. Every CHEA Lodge was entitled to receive a Beacon Grant of \$2,000. I expect that the Grant amount will increase in the next year and, again, every Lodge will be entitled to receive a Beacon Grant.

As of the deadline for this article, 95 Lodges have received Gratitude Grants. The total value of all Gratitude Grants received by CHEA Lodges in 2015-16 will exceed \$560,000.

My Vice Chairman and new CIP Coordinator is Janet Rasmussen from Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543. We both look forward to helping the Lodges of the Association to increase their support of the Elks National Foundation and their participation in the Community Investment Program.

## Visalia Elks Lodge No. 1298 Raises \$5,000 for Charity in a Fashionable Way

The Visalia Elks Lodge No. 1298 recently held their First Annual Elks Tea Party. Over 20 tables were hosted and 160 people attended. Kris Bratton, a California-Hawaii Elks Major Project physical therapist, came and shared the importance of the "Purple Pig". One of the families that she is working with also attended the event.

A fashion show and raffle was held after the lunch. A total of \$5,000 was raised for Purple Pig and other Elks' charities. The event coordinators, Michelle Allen, Judy Staley and Jane Donald, announced that a date had already been picked for next year and they hope to raise even more money for many great Elk charities!

In other news, the lodge recently hosted a dinner for their six Most Valuable Student scholarship winners and their parents. Each student received a \$500 check. Three of them also won additional scholarship awards at the District/CHEA level of judging. They are an excellent group of young people who are all very appreciative of the Elks generosity in helping with their future education!

## Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 Hosts a Free Luncheon for Veterans and Guests

On Memorial Day, the Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 held a free luncheon for all veterans and their guests. Over 126 veterans and guests attended. Loyal Knight Bill Clifford, the lodge's Veterans Services Committee Chairman, chaired the event and coordinated all the Elk volunteers that made it successful. After the luncheon, there was a Memorial Service at the Woodbridge Masonic Cemetery, emceed by Bill Clifford.

The guest speaker was Brigadier General Emory J. Hagan, III, who was escorted by Sgt. Taylor Costa and Sgt. Israel Chavez. The Honor Guard was Pat Fitzpatrick and Ed Dammel. The Lodi Community Band and Conductor Art Holton played the theme songs of all our armed forces and TAPS. ER Sue Sandeen led The Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain Carolyn Greeson did the Invocation and Benediction. The wreath laying ceremony was performed by: Commander Patrick Meunier and Auxiliary President Ann Scholl of the Lodi American Legion & Auxillary Post No. 22, Disabled American Veterans Past State Commander Marlow Benner of Lodi Chapter No. 59, VFW Post No. 9009 Auxiliary Margaret Fitch, Lee Reich of Survivors of Pearl Harbor and Ex-P.O.W.'s, and ER Sue Sandeen. Dr. Raphael Pazo played the bagpipes.



L to R: Bill Clifford, SGT Chavez, BG Hagan, and SGT Costa

## San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Awards \$12,800 in Scholarships

May 16, 2016 was a big night at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322. The lodge presented scholarship awards totaling \$12,800 to several deserving students. Out of 48 applicants, 29 students were given an award from a pool of \$12,800. Scholarship Chair Thom Dimmit and aides Al Amaral and Jeff Dalley spent untold hours reading and judging the entries on local criteria that equally weighted financial need, leadership, academic achievement and meritorious achievement. The quality of the students and the way they represent themselves is heartening and it gives the feeling that the future of our country is in good hands.

The lodge also awarded six \$500 Student of the Year awards to Hannah B. and Carter P. of Morro Bay High School, Jenna S. and Miles B. of San Luis Obispo High School, and Janea C. and Luke O. from Mission College Preparatory School.

We also had a student take a second place award in the CHEA Americanism Essay contest. Phoebe B. of Pacheco Elementary School was a first place winner in the local lodge contest and was advanced to the CHEA competition. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dedicated to advancing the American spirit and those ideals set forth by our founding Fathers, and we are happy to see that many of today's youth share in our goals through participation in our Americanism Essay contest.

## Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA Youth Activities Chairman



Happy summer to all:

I enjoyed talking with many of you at the Association Convention about your ideas for Youth Activities and how they have been working at your Lodges. I am glad to see that we are reaching out to the Youth in our communities. I told a couple of you that I would be stealing your ideas and you graciously said to go for it – thank you.

One Youth Activities Chairman asked the school librarians if they had bookmarks to give the students when they checked out a book. The answer was that the librarians made some out of colored paper so that they could give a bookmark with the books. So, this Chairman proceeded to get some of the drug awareness bookmarks and gave them to the librarians to pass out. They were a welcomed gift, and the Lodge charity records book gets two entries now: Youth Activities and Drug Awareness.

Another Chairman took the lodge's surplus Elks Hoop Shoot basketballs over to the Drug Awareness Program information table that had been set up at another event. Children were allowed to fill out a form to "win" the ball and the parents learned that the Elks have a Drug Awareness Program. Many of the parents had no idea that we had this program, so it was fun for the children and educational for the parents.

With summer here and schools out of session in those areas with traditional school years, there is an opportunity to interact with the Youth in the community. How about "practice days" for the Fall Hoop Shoot – it would help spread the word that the Hoop Shoot is coming up in a few months and let those that want to practice do so. Work with the Boys and Girls Clubs, the YMCA or a church in your area if you don't have a spot at your Lodge for a basketball hoop. That could give you a head start on setting up your hoop shoot as well. Or, have mini campouts – maybe coordinate with the Boy Scout or Cub Scout troops – maybe they can earn badges doing things with you or for you at the Lodge.

Remember, if you do an event big or small, please make sure the information gets to the Youth Activities Chair so that it can be reported and you get credit for the interactions and involvement with the Youth in your area.

## Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 Donates to Veterans "Stand-Down"

On April 27, 2016, members of the Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 presented duffle bags and a \$2,000 check to the San Joaquin County Homeless Veterans Stand-down Committee. This is the second \$2,000 donation that the lodge has presented to that organization over the past four years. The Elks National Foundation provides financial support to the thousands of Elk Lodges in the nation and made this grant possible.

The Homeless Veterans Stand Down in San Joaquin County is held every two years. The military term "Stand Down" is used for exhausted combat troops who are in need of rest and recovery. They are removed from the field of combat to a place of safety and security. The San Joaquin County Stand Down provides shelter, showers and haircuts, meals, sleeping bags, clothes, shoes, survival/comfort kits, carrying bags, chaplain services, legal services, emergency dental services, employment services, possible placement in homes and comradeship.

PDDGER Frank Chicago, the lodge's Veterans Service Committee Chairman and Lodge Secretary, Exalted Ruler Michael Dugan, and other lodge members presented the donations to the Stand Down Committee members Jason LeBeouf and Terry Costa. In making the donations, Chicago reiterated the promise the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks made in 1948 – "As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them."

## Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 is Active in Their Local Schools

The Lodge hosted a ceremony to honor Aimee B., the Americanism Essay Contest winner from Lawrence Middle School. Aimee's entry won all the way to the National judging, and she will be honored at the upcoming Association convention in Anaheim. PSP Hugh Scanlon (GL Trustee) and PSP Skip Henke were present during Aimee's visit to our Lodge. In other school-related news, lodge members distributed 360 dictionaries to third grade students at three elementary schools in the community. Lodge members Courtney Lace and PER Michele Werbeck also assisted in the deliveries.

In more news, the Lodge served a fish fry dinner with all the trimmings to 56 veterans from the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory facility. This is a quarterly event at the lodge.



L to R: DDGER Bruce Troe (Lodge Americanism Chair), Aimee's mother, Lillian, Aimee B., and Mercy Medellin (Metropolitan District Americanism Chair).

## Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 Keeps Things Interesting for its Members

At 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday, the Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 hosts Bingo games at the lodge. This is one way that the lodge raises funds for its charities. Occasionally Bob Viscardi, Lodge Bingo Chairman, will arrange for Bingo games for other community groups to raise funds. One such Bingo session was on Saturday, April 30, for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. A total of \$2,500 was raised and presented to Cathy Rohlmeier, Cancer Chairperson. Once again, "Elks care ~Elks Share."

The lodge hosted its Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 9. High School seniors, their parents and family members joined school personnel from the Lake Elsinore Unified School District to a dinner at the lodge. Six High School seniors received a total of \$12,000 in awards from the lodge. The Elks Ladies, a Lodge Auxiliary, presented six more seniors with a total of \$4,500 in awards.

On the fifth Tuesday of each month, the lodge has a special meeting (called "Brite Nite") that features special programs for members. Some recent programs included: a representative from the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District discussed the drought and water conservation; lodge members Ben Benoit (Mayor of Wildomar) and Bridgette Moore (Mayor Pro-Tem), discussed the future of Wildomar; and Michael Cain (Lodge Esquire and a retired LAPD Police Officer) brought a rifle and handguns to the lodge to discuss firearm safety.



## **Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 and Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 Honors Boy and Girl Scouts**

On March 29, 2016, twelve Eagle Boy Scouts, two Girl Scout Gold and eight Girl Scout Silver Awardees and their families were honored at a dinner held at the Paso Robles Elks Lodge. The Atascadero Elks Lodge assisted in holding the event.

Plaques were given to the Scouts by the lodge. Representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Lois Capps, Senator William Monning, Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, Paso Robles Mayor Steve Martin, and Supervisors Frank Mecham and Debbie Arnold presented Certificates of Achievement. Fire Chief Ken Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Strong, and leadership from the Boy and Girl Scouts also attended the event.

The Eagle Scout awards were given to Michael V., Anthony A., Grant S., Iver H., Richard A., Jerry Z., Zachary A., Felipe D., Lucas S., Andrew M., Alden G., and Mitchel W.

Girl Scout Gold Awards were given to Carrisa D. and Bitty V. Girl Scout Silver awards were earned by Abigail A., Loretta B., Olivia M., Sarah M., Emily O., Regan R., Brenna T., and Bailey von D.



## **Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 Helps a Local Swim Team Generate Income**

It was early on a Saturday morning when Paul LiPari, Doug Wright and Julie Brown BBQed tri-tip roasts and assembled 85 tri-tip sandwiches. The Conejo Valley Swim Team then sold these sandwiches at their first swim meet. The lodge sponsors this team, who will use the proceeds from the sale of the sandwiches to help meet their expenses during the rest of the swim season.

The Simi Valley Elks have great volunteers that step up when needed. They know the meaning of sharing and caring. Under the direction of ER Bill Mason, this will be a year of fun while the members of Simi Valley Lodge continue to grow and give to their community.

## **Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 Honors Members of Several Local Public Safety Agencies**

The Santa Cruz Elks Lodge No. 824 sponsored a Public Safety Night where 86 meals were provided for members from various Santa Cruz County Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Ambulance, and Dispatch agencies.

## **Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811 Elks of the Year Award Scholarships**

The "Elks of the Year" of the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 awarded \$5,000 scholarships to two Samuel Merritt University physical therapy students. Joshua Stoudt, a returning student, and Amber Crowley, a new student, received the scholarship awards. Joshua's goal after graduation is to work with veterans with PTSD, while Amber's focus is to work with children and newborn babies.

There were ten applicants. Amber was the outstanding student in community service and academics. Each student receives \$2,500 and returns to the following year's awards dinner to receive the \$2,500 scholarship award balance.

In the past five years, these Elks of the Year have awarded \$25,000 to Physical Therapy students. These awards help them further their education and focus their professional services into our community by helping veterans, the elderly and children.



Center left Joshua and Amber surrounded by Elks of the Year.

## **Norwalk Elks Lodge No. 2142 Is Active In Their Community**

Members of the Norwalk Elks Lodge No. 2142 visited several local cemeteries on the Memorial Day weekend to leave flowers at the grave sites of their departed members.

In other news, the lodge held its annual Mothers Day breakfast on May 8th. The officers prepared and served over 100 meals and each mother received either a white or red corsage. ER Scott Ludwig led the officers in doing the annual Mothers Day eulogy/celebration. They also held an Easter party with free food and games, arts and crafts, an Easter egg hunt and, of course, a visit from the Easter bunny.

The lodge raised \$200 for its lodge charity account by having St. Patrick's Day dinner with entertainment provided by several Irish dancers from a local dance school. The lodge thanked its members and made a donation to the dance school, which helps local children who want to learn Irish dancing.

## **Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 Raises \$1,000 for the Piggy Bank**

Annually at the Merced County Fair each May for 38 years, the Los Banos Elks Lodge No. 2510 has run what we call the "Beer Barn". This year the event took in over \$42,000 and just short of \$1,000 for the Purple Pig.

## Public Relations

By Wade Thorpe, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



Congratulations to President Lance and Karen on their new roles in Elksdom. May was a very busy month with Districts having their last District Deputy Clinics, the Association Convention in Anaheim, new Vice-President Visitations, and the new Committee chairpersons' first reports coming due. It was an outstanding Association Convention that had great business sessions, informative reports and an enthusiastic Presidents Rally. As we enter the summer

months and prepare to celebrate Independence Day, let us not forget to "Make Elksdom Shine" brighter than it has before.

When you are celebrating with family and friends, keep in mind the lessons that the Elks teaches us: Charity, Justice, Fidelity and Brotherly Love. Let us not forget these principles and carry them with us and communicate them to others. The time is now to promote the Elks and all we stand for. There is not a better platform than the celebration of our great nation and our independence to let fellow Americans know what Elks are about.

Our President has made Public Relations one of his main topics this year. We all have a job to get the word out. Be loud and proud in promoting and publishing all of the great activities that your lodges are performing. We should be publicizing our Flag Day Presentations, Fourth of July Celebrations and any of the many events going on within our lodges. Reach out to your local newspapers, news stations, radio or social media networks to get the news out about what you are doing to help our communities, our veterans and our youth.

Please make a commitment this year to publish one more event than you did last year. Keep America and the Elks strong by doing your part to be positive, loud and proud to "Make Elksdom Shine!!"

## Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 and Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 BBQ for Veterans After Ceremony

On March 29, 2016, the VA Northern California Health Care System held a Vietnam 50th Commemoration Ceremony and Emergency Department Grand Opening at the Mather Veterans Hospital. Guest speakers included Congressman Ami Bera, Vietnam Veteran Christopher Lambert and NCHCS Director David Stockwell. The day's message was clear, it is our duty to take care of our Veterans.

After the ceremony, the Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 and the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge No. 2484 provided a BBQ and fed over 500 Veterans, staff and volunteers. One of the featured items on display at the BBQ was a Viet Nam era Huey Helicopter.

The Elk Grove Elks have adopted the Hospital's Intake Unit, and, for the last 3 years, has provided service and comfort items as needed by the facility. The VA Volunteer Services provides lots of money and thousands of volunteer hours for VA facilities all around the country. Our Elks Lodge is proud to contribute to that effort.

## Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 Awards Scholarships

During Youth Week on May 4th, the Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 presented \$500 scholarships to each of its six Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest finalists and to its Student of the Year. The School District Superintendent, Dr. Stanley Rose and the Santa Clara Mayor, Lisa Gillmor, who presented each student with a City Youth Week Proclamation assisted during the ceremony.

One of the students, Misbah, also won a four-year \$1,000/year scholarship from the ENF national competition. Another student, Chester, placed second in West Central District (WCD) competition and won a \$1,200 award from the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA). Three of these students, Ajaipal, Tiffany, and Murtaza were WCD finalists and each won an \$800 award from CHEA.



L to R: Councilmember Debi Davis, Mayor Lisa Gillmor, MVS Finalist Ajaipal, MVS Finalist Murtaza, Superintendent Dr. Stanley Rose, MVS Finalist Misbah, ER Mike Davis, Student of the Year Jasmin, and Lodge Scholarship Chairperson Stuart Sampson. Not pictured were: MVS Finalist Tiffany, MVS Finalist Jamie, and MVS Finalist Chester.

## Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 Actively Supports Youth

Members of the Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 recently donated a total of \$1,000 from their Youth Activities funds to two local youth organizations: the Wheatland Little League and the Roseville Park and Recreation's "Operation Swim" for needy children. The Wheatland Little League team will use the money to purchase new uniforms. The Operation Swim youth will use the money to purchase swimsuits, towels and swim lessons. There are over 150 children in need of swim lessons that their families cannot afford. This program has touched over 600 children since 2011.

In other news, lodge members attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Taylor D. of Troop 828. He received a commemorative Certificate, a US Flag and an Eagle Scout belt buckle from the lodge. Taylor's Eagle Scout Project consisted of creating fourteen post markers and a 16' x 8' backstop at Maya Archers archery course. This course is used by other Scout Troops in the area to achieve their Archery Merit Badges. The archery club membership includes many archery enthusiasts. The Roseville lodge sponsors Troop 828 and is proud of their dedication to our community through volunteerism.

**Scholarship**  
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
[chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships](http://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships)



## Drug Awareness

By Brad Smith, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



I am Bradley "Brad" Smith, the CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman for the upcoming year. I am a PDDGER of the Great Northwest District from Eureka Lodge number 652. I have been an Elk for many years, serving as a Lodge Trustee, Chair Officer and Committee Chair. I am currently the Lodge Chaplain. I serve my District as the District Business Practices Chair. I am a retired Humboldt County Coroner, having served twenty-nine years in Law enforcement.

I am also a retired businessman invested in several retail stores and commercial properties.

My Vice Chair is Diane Farrens, a PDDGER of the Southeast District from Temecula Lodge number 2801. Diane has served on many Lodge and District committees including Lodge Drug Awareness Chair. She started a "Middle School Student of the Year Program" in her Lodge. Diane retired from the teaching profession having taught at the elementary level for many years. We are both very active in Elklodm and have a great deal of experience in areas directly related to the CHEA Drug Awareness Program.

Our first goal is to provide direct material support to every Lodge in CHEA. Those District and Lodge Chairs that need material for presentations should first look at both the national Elks Web page and the CHEA web page to see what materials are available, complete the order form, and contact me directly at [bradofeurekaelks@gmail.com](mailto:bradofeurekaelks@gmail.com).

Our second goal is to provide training and information through the District Chairs to all District Lodges. Notices and information will be emailed directly to all District Chairs whose responsibility will be to disseminate it throughout their respective districts.

Our third goal is to have every Lodge in CHEA have an active DAP Committee, servicing their respective communities.

## San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522 Fashion Show Raised \$15,387 for CHEMPI

More than 175 guests attended the annual San Jose Elks Lodge No. 522's Charity Fashion Show and Luncheon that was held on April 16, 2016. While dining, the guests participated in a silent auction, had opportunities to win many prizes, and enjoyed the fashion show. A highlight of the luncheon was a presentation from one of the Major Project Therapists, Leslie D., who shared a very personal story about becoming one of our therapists and described the positive impact that the Major Project has had on so many children and their families.

Kohl's donated the fashions for this event, and lodge members and their families modeled the fashions very professionally. Kohl's also made a \$1,500 contribution to the event and provided volunteer Associates who assisted with the fashion show.

## Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 Sponsors Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Mothers Day Events

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 sponsored 43 "Grandparents with children" to a free breakfast and fun for their children on Easter Sunday. The kids participated in an egg toss and an egg hunt for all ages. This was our third year of sponsorship of this program. Everyone had a great time.

The lodge also celebrated Mothers Day by serving over 140 breakfasts to mothers of all ages and their guests. Several mothers were recognized in various age groups and motherhood status. Ellie May, a charter member of the Canoga Park Emblem Club, was honored as having the most great-grandchildren of eight.

## Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 Makes a \$250 Donation to "Make-A-Wish"

Exalted Ruler Steve Kay, of the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121, recently presented a \$250 check to Quincy Groff, the External Events Coordinator for Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area. The Fremont Elks Lodge's Ladies Group donated the money. The Ladies Group raises money for various Elks and community charities by holding a Spring Boutique and a Fall Boutique each year.

In other news, the lodge recently donated \$500 to the Veterans First Fly Fishing (VFFF) group. Ken Brunskill, a lodge member and chair of VFFF, joined volunteers from the Mission Peak Fly Anglers, the Flycasters of San Jose, the Peninsula Fly Fishers, the Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, the Bay Area Fly Fishers and the Tracy Fly Fishers in pooling resources to host veterans from Livermore and Menlo Park VA hospitals. Non-in-patient veterans from three counties also joined the group. A breakfast and BBQ lunch were provided along with a day of fly-fishing and instruction at Shadow Cliffs.



ER Steve Kay and Quincy Groff

## Trona Elks Lodge No. 1975 Raises Scholarship Funds, Gains New Members

The Trona Elks Lodge No. 1975 joined the community to raise money for their local scholarship program. On April 23rd, the lodge sponsored a "Cornhole Tournament" that raised more than \$2,000 for their local scholarship program and other charities.

The tournament was very successful. Nearly 100 people showed up to watch or participate. The event also generated local interest in the Lodge and several new applications were filled out. Past members who were no longer active in the Lodge also expressed interest in renewing their memberships.

The event was a great example of the Lodge working hand in hand with its surrounding community to raise the money for their scholarship program while still having a great time by all. The event lasted for several hours and all involved are looking forward to another chance at winning the tournament title.

## 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 Karjala (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	Donald D. Schultz (2015-2016)	Victorville

### Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 Honors Law Enforcement Officers

The Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 honored six outstanding law enforcement officers at the 42nd annual Law Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Night held on Thursday, April 14th. Over 200 were in attendance including law enforcement officers and their guests. Also in attendance were lodge members and officers as well as friends and family from within the community.

Every nominee proved to be an outstanding representative of their profession and was involved in their respective communities in efforts to make them safe and drug-free. Most importantly, they have the support of their agency and the respect of their community.

Receiving awards were: Officer James "Andy" Martin III, Humboldt State University Police Department; Officer Evan Beechal, Fortuna Police Department; Officer Steve Curtis, California Highway Patrol; Officer Chandler Biard, Humboldt Drug Task Force; Officer Robert Widenman, Ferndale Police Department; Detective Alan Aubuelton, Eureka Police Department; and Officer Matthew O'Donovan, Arcata Police Department.

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



L to R: PER Sherie Bialous, Steve Curtis (California Highway Patrol), and ER Kurt Bialous

### Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 Receives Recognition from the Local School District

Nancy Cook, the Exalted Ruler of Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 received a plaque from the San Jacinto Unified School District. School District Representatives Maribel Torres and Cathy Remily commented that the plaque recognizes the lodge for its donation of 100 backpacks filled with school supplies that were given to the District students who would not have had any school supplies without this donation.

In other news, Jim Winget, the chairman of the Hemet Elks Veterans Service Committee, took five veterans, Ted Fisher, Louie Morales, Jody Helter, Joseph Helter and Neal Baum to the Hemet Unified School District to be interviewed by the students about their military service experiences. It was a very emotional day for all involved.



Maribel Torres, Nancy Cook and Cathy Remily

### Chico Elks Lodge No. 423's Second Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423's Second Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser was a huge success. Over 45 shooting participants and volunteers enjoyed a morning of clay pigeon shooting at several stations located at the Clear Creek Sports Club in nearby Corning, California. After shooting, participants enjoyed a tri-tip and chicken lunch.

Capitalizing on the lessons learned from last year's inaugural event, Leading Knight Jen White and her committee expanded the number of sponsors, attracted new participants and added the raffle of two shotguns to the event. The event netted over \$6,000, which was donated this year to various Elks charities and to the Chico Posse Foundation, whose mission is to help those most in need in the local community.



## Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 Recognizes Essay Contest Winners and Scholarship Recipients

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 recognized their "Americanism Essay" contest winners and presented Scholarship Awards on Tuesday May 3rd, 2016.

Our Americanism Essay contest winners competed with about 100 eighth grade students. They were asked to write a 300-word essay on the topic: "What can I do to promote Americanism and Love of Country?" Each of the three student winners received a \$200 check and a certificate.

Our six scholarship winners competed with about 250 High School Senior applicants. The scholarships are based on grades, community service and financial need. Each student was asked to write an essay on this topic: "Using one of the leadership roles for extra curricular activities that you prioritized as being important to you, describe what impact the experience had on you, what you contributed, and what you learned about your plans for the future". Each male and female first place winner received a certificate and a check for \$600, both second place winners received a certificate and a \$400 check, and both third place winners receive a certificate and a \$200 check.



L to R: Scholarship Chairperson Bev Finnell, ER Ernie Cardwell and the six scholarship award winners

## Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 Honors Law Enforcement

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held its Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 13th. We invited current and retired officers to a complimentary steak dinner to show our sincere appreciation for their service to our community. Guests were charged \$15.00. We were thrilled to have 190 attendees at the event and a photographer from The Union to cover the award ceremony.

Among the honorees, Nevada City Police Officer Shane Franssen was presented with the Bronze Medal of Valor. Nevada County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Mike Walsh was recognized as the Officer of the Year. Narcotics detective Evan Butler received the Grass Valley Police Employee of the Year and Nevada County Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Council President Bill Drown received the Grass Valley Police Volunteer of the Year. Steve Sinclair was named the Probation Officer of the Year. Stacy Johnston-Casey won the Juvenile Hall Employee of the Year award.

Awards were also presented to the leadership of the respective departments: Commander George Steffenson of the California Highway Patrol, Chief Alex Gammelgard of the Grass Valley Police Department, Police Chief Tim Foley of the Nevada City Police Department, District Attorney Cliff Newell of the Nevada County District Attorney's Office, Chief Mike Ertola of the Nevada County Probation Department and Juvenile Hall, and Sheriff Keith Royal of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office.

## Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379's Ritual Team is the 2016 CHEA Ritual Champions

WOW, WOW, WOW!!! With a score of 97.8506, the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379's team is the California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritualistic Champions. For the first time in the 49-year history of our lodge, our Ritual Team has won BACK-TO-BACK Association Ritual Championships.

We will be representing our Lodge, our District, and our Association at the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston, Texas, July 3rd through the 6th. Our Exalted Ruler, Tina Jackson, led the team to Anaheim with a goal to RETURN to the podium and repeat as Champions...and they have done it! The officers, along with ALL of their duties at the lodge, have also practiced since the middle of January to perform an impressive rendition of the 148-year old Initiatory Ritual. This Ritual is a legacy that strengthens the bond between officers, and leaves a wonderful lasting impression on each new member as they are welcomed into our Great Order!

On the way to the Team Championship, several officers were recognized for their Outstanding Performance during the Contest. Exalted Ruler Tina Jackson was named All-State Exalted Ruler, and also was named as the Past Grand Exalted Ruler Gerald Strohm Award Winner for the Most Impressive Exalted Ruler in the Final Four (scoring 48.5379 out of 50). Gary Keener was named All-State Esteemed Lecturing Knight and the highest scoring officer in the contest! Rick Veiga was named All-State Lodge Esquire. John Rivetti, P.E.R., was named All-State Lodge Chaplain. Michael Lowrance was named All-State Candidate. Kelvin Swanson, P.D.D.G.E.R. and Jay Larkins, P.D.D.G.E.R. were named All-State Coaches.

AS A TEAM, our lodge had the highest score in the preliminaries in the Grillo Division (97.2694). Our Lodge Trustee and Ritual Team Tiler, Don Greenwood is now a two-time State Champion Tiler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Maurice Hamilton and Esteemed Loyal Knight, Roger Lowe are also two-time State Champions. Our Lodge Inner Guard, Richard Snyder is a now first-time State Champion.

This TEAM is now preparing for our trip to Houston to perform in the contest striving for the National Championship! We will be holding several fundraisers over the next six weeks, along with practicing, to raise money to offset the cost to the lodge of traveling to the National Championships! C.H.E.A. is sending our lodge a check and we will have bake sales, raffles, drawings and of course accept ANY and all donations for the Ritual Team. Please stop by the lodge to see the Trophies and plaques that each of these hard working officers has been awarded this Ritual Season. Also, please say a few words to each of them about what they are doing to represent OUR Lodge, and to their families for ALL of their support! WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH OF THEM!



L to R: Don Greenwood (Tiler/Coach), Maurice Hamilton (Leading Knight), Gary Keener (Lecturing Knight), Richard Snyder (Inner Guard), Tina Jackson (Exalted Ruler), Rick Veiga (Esquire), Michael Lowrance (Candidate), Roger Lowe (Loyal Knight), PER John Rivetti (Chaplain), PDDGER Kelvin Swanson (Coach), and PDDGER Jay Larkins (Coach)

## Membership

By C. Michael Melton

CHEA Membership-Lapsation Chairman



As your new CHEA Membership/Lapsation Chairman, let me start off by thanking all of you for your outstanding efforts over the past couple of years. I've been fortunate to have worked with James Warrick, the past chair, for the previous two years and have been a witness to what clear focus and hard work can achieve.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association members have reversed the downward trend in membership that existed over the previous 35 years. For the last two years, our Association has stood out as a leader in recruitment and retention to the rest of the Order. We have posted plus memberships and reduced our lapsation numbers significantly. In order to maintain this momentum each lodge must make recruitment and retention their primary focus for this lodge year.

We have all heard the phrase "membership is the life blood of the Order". Every year we initiate thousands of new members only to let thousands walk out the back door. Retention is a word that you're going to hear often from me. It is the best known and least practiced remedy for a falling membership. Your effort at recruiting new members is wasted if you fail to keep the members you already have. It is absolutely imperative that new members be involved in lodge activities as soon as they're initiated. Retention starts at the investigation interview. The interests noted on the application and discussed at the interview represent our golden opportunity to quickly find a home in the lodge for our new family member. Every member in the lodge is responsible for membership retention. Make new members feel welcome and comfortable. Help them find activities they enjoy and introduce them to members with similar interests. Members who are active in the Lodge are members who will become long time members and your most active recruiters.

Our goal this year is to increase membership 10% and reduce lapsation to 2% or less. This is a very attainable goal but it requires the attention and involvement of all our lodges to meet. By working as a team to achieve our goals we will continue to set the benchmark for other state associations throughout the Order.

In continuing the recently established program, this committee's Vice-Chairman, Bob Svedeen, and I will be reaching out to the lodges throughout the state with workshops and seminars to support your efforts. These are often set up as tri-district events, and I urge you to attend if possible. I can assure you that your time at these workshops will benefit both your district and lodge. The workshop attendees should include the District Leaders, District Deputy, Vice President, District Membership Chairperson, Lodge Secretaries, Exalted Rulers, Lodge Membership Chairs, and any other members interested in growing their Lodge. In order to create sustainable growth, good recruitment and retention practices need to be more than a program in our districts and lodges, they must become part of the culture of Elkdom for each of us.

"Make Elkdom Shine" is the motto of our new Association President Lance Erickson. He has included Membership as one of his Special Emphasis Programs for this year. This should point out to every Association, district and lodge official, and every other member, the importance placed on our growth by our leaders. An active, vibrant and growing membership is the only way we can insure healthy lodges and a strong Order.

If I can be of service to you don't hesitate to reach out to me, I'm here as a resource for you. By working together we can lead our Association to another successful year of membership gains.

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

## Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625's Car Show is a Success

The members of the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625's "Elks Rage of the Sage Camper Club" has been sponsoring this fantastic Car Show over the last six years. The monies derived from these car shows continue to go into the lodge's restricted account. The members have voted unanimously every year to use this account for their Lodge improvements and upkeep of the Lodge property.

This year was an exceptional one of raising funds through their Car Show and Bake sale. Approximately \$4,450 was netted through having had 75 registered vehicles from as far away as Paso Robles, Ridgecrest, Apple Valley, and Bishop, 260 miles north of Lancaster. Trophies were given out to the top 20 winners, including one as "The Best of Show" selected by our Lodge ER William "Bill" Brehm.

This event is perfect for motor-heads. The free auto extravaganza featured unique, colorful and one-of-a-kind hotrods, convertibles, antique models and many others to check out. There were Raffles, Auctions, and Silent Auctions, which included an airplane ride over the Antelope Valley. Included was the sale of BBQ Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Hot Dogs with snacks and beverages. The cooking crew put out over 400 meals in less than two hours. Not to mention the Lodge sponsored Naval Sea Cadets having their car wash on the premises. These young men and women helped in the installation and tear down of all the displays. All the Lodge members, their wives, and guests acting as security, helpers, and chefs made this occasion a successful one.

The Car Show had the pleasure of having the "High Desert Modular Railroad Club" display erected in our Lodge Banquet Room as they have in past years. There were two outside displays, one by the Antelope Valley Antique Tractor Club of their equipment and the display of exotic animals by "Animal Tracks Inc". All this was free to the general public.



## Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 Honors an Unknown Soldier

Members of the Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 gathered at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Petaluma on Monday, May 31st to pay their respects to this soldier and for those other servicemen and servicewomen who fought for our freedom. The Lodge members held a ceremony by the monument and expressed their appreciation for the sacrifices of those who gave their lives to keep our country free.

May we all always remember and honor their bravery and commitment to our freedom. For the Veterans of our country that have passed and those that still serve, ER Ted O'Shea said, "When their service ends, the Elks' service begins. We will never forget!"



## **Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 Supports Our Veterans**

Members from the Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 visited the Long Beach VA Hospital recently. They handed out T-shirts, which were donated by Bongo Ink, to the Veterans. The members also played bingo with 30 in-patients, and helped ten in-patients from the Blind Ward to play the game. The visiting Elks also passed out seventeen lap robes to the in-patients. The lap robes were knitted by lodge member Sandy Bergan and her knitting friends.

In other news, the lodge's Veterans Chairman, Dave Perry, presented a donation of \$500 to Bill Moynihan, the City of Mission Viejo's Veteran of the Year. This donation supported the Annual Lake Day at Mission Viejo Lake. Our troops of Headquarters Company 1st Marine Division were at the lake for a fun-filled day with fishing, boating, grilling and enjoying all that the Elks and the Mission Viejo Lake community had to offer.



New member Jerry Hicks hands out T-shirts to Vets

## **San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Receives a Gratitude Grant, Donates the Money to Local Charities**

On April 13th, the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Exalted Ruler Teresa Lara and the Lodge's Elks National Foundation Chair, Vivian Boaz, presented a \$1,000 Gratitude Grant check to the San Luis Obispo County Women's Honor Farm Sewing Program. The women at the Honor Farm made 120 lap afghans (quilted and knitted) which were donated to veterans through our Veterans Service Committee.

On April 19th, Lara and Boaz presented a \$1,000 Gratitude Grant Check to RISE (Respect. Inspire. Support. Empower.). RISE is a nonprofit organization that serves both victims of intimate partner violence and sexual assault/abuse.

## **Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 Donates to a Community School**

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 donated \$200 to the Laguna Roads Elementary School in Orange County, California, for their support of the Elks Hoop Shoot Program. Steve Vartanian, the Hoop Shoot Chairman for Fullerton Lodge, presented the check in May 2016.

## **Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475's Impact Grant Helps Children to Appreciate Reading**

Orange Elk member, Trace Weatherford cringes when she hears a child refer to reading as a chore. As a child, Weatherford's dad read a book nightly to her. When she was old enough to read, she cherished trips to the library. "The library became a magical place of no restrictions. It has always been easy for me to escape into the world of whatever book I'm reading," said Weatherford, who lives in Orange. One book that hooked her in the third grade: A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engel. "I devoured that book."

With the help from fellow Elk Will Hare, she received a \$10,000 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Impact Grant for "The Reading Promise!" project, which strives to put a brand new book into the hands of at-risk or low-income children in the Orange community. In turn, the child promises to read and cherish the book.

The Reading Promise! held its first book festival event Sunday, May 15 at the Orange Public Library. The goal for this bi-annual book festival is to target Kindergarten through 4th graders at a dozen Title 1 Elementary Schools in the Orange Unified School District (schools that receive extra government funding because of the high percentage of lower income kids).

Irma Morales, Library Director of Children Services, worked closely with the Orange Elks committee and agreed to open the Library on a Sunday exclusively for this event. With the full run of the library they were able to host things like an Elks Volunteer Reading Theater, children-oriented performers/entertainers, free library card sign-ups, areas for kids to read books to therapy dogs, character-actor readers, and much more.

The Reading Promise! didn't do it alone, as teamwork was in maximum display on Sunday with a wide array of community partners who showed up to the event to provide valuable information and free services to attendees: PBS SOCAL (helping parent's encourage math and literature at home), New York Life (free children's ID cards), OC Grip (award-winning gang reduction group), Read Connigo sponsored by Infinity Auto Group, DreamShapers who sang and danced with the children, Kiwanis Club of Orange, PicMe Entertainment, Tackett's Patriotic Service Dog Foundation Service Dogs...just to name a few.

The Reading Promise! is a spectacular example of how the Orange Elks Lodge gives their time, treasure, talent and teamwork to hold an event. From the 60+ Elks who volunteered their time, to the Elk members who helped raise additional moneys to provide over 1,400 new books and tote bags, to the sheer talent and enthusiasm of the Elk committee members who brought a singular idea to a successful and brilliant conclusion. While the final number has yet to be tallied, there were easily 150 elementary school kids and at least another 100 family members in attendance. This far exceeded the group's wildest hopes for the pilot event.

"A book is a portable magic. It gives us access to other worlds, people and adventure. It has the ability to transport our spirit and transform our minds. The Reading Promise! wants only to ensure that the children in our community have the opportunity to come along for the ride," she said.

## **San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 Volunteers receive DDGER awards**

Recently, Donna Donovan, the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322's Veterans Service Chairwoman received the "DDGER Outstanding Volunteer 2015-2016" award from DDGER James Smitley. Donovan was recognized for her passionate and extensive ongoing activities supporting local veteran's needs. She was one of four lodge volunteers who received an award. Donovan regularly works with at least a dozen different local veterans groups.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$5,000) Copper Pig Level Donors (April 1, 2016 - May 20, 2016)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Robert A. Pickett	906

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors (April 1, 2016 - May 20, 2016)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Kurt Thayer	1767	Dominic Trapasso	1993
Shawn Thayer	1767	Pat Terrell	2358
Richard Tanguy	1959	Fran Musetti	2599
Richard L. Green	1993		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Club (\$1,000) Donors (April 1, 2016 - May 20, 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>
Richard A. Ambriz	6	Frank Robertson	1419	Shawn Thayer	1767	Carlos Bracamontes, Jr.	2027
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Joe Callens	1420	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Ray Din	2031
Gary J. Marinelli	168	Sam Couchman	1420	Diane Wrobel	1811	Rita Lowe	2103
Jack B. Geiger	439	Richie Windsor	1420	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Ralph R. Davis (2)	2117
Charles W. Frost	614	Irwin "Irv" H. Martin	1471	Tom & Valarie Lemm	1959	Sandy Haas	2121
Mike Manzoni	614	Dennis K. Linsley	1474	James D. Johnson	1991	Catherine Ledbetter	2121
Loyd Mayer	614	Thomas McAllister	1474	Lyle Personette	1991	Charles E. Eaton	2190
Bill Scruggs	614	Dale Fairchild	1475	Richard L. Green	1993	Michael Fitzpatrick	2346
Don Checchi	906	Ron King	1475	Lynn McCue	1993	Patrick Lough	2426
Matthew Attaway	1015	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Susie M. Myers	1993	Beverly C. Burns	2484
Jackie Phillips	1285	Phillip Bettencourt	1691	Dominic J. Trapasso	1993		
Jim Shaw	1298	Kurt Thayer	1767	Laurie R. Ayala	2011		

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century Club (\$100) Donors (April 1, 2016 - May 20, 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>
Richard Ambriz	6	Charles Frost (2)	614	Christopher Doubet	836	Norman Blackwell	1298
Ricardo Granados	6	Michael Knudsen	614	Kenneth Gunn	836	Julie Burger	1298
Kenneth Horst	6	Mike Manzoni	614	Ernest Harris	836	Neville Buyense	1298
Hank Peralta	6	Antonio Mariscal	614	Raymond Quiel	836	Sark Davidian	1298
Marietta Petersen	6	Loyd Mayer	614	San Bernardino Police Department	836	Earl Evans	1298
David Richardson	6	Donald Nielsen	614	Jason Valenzuela (3)	836	Paul Gorley (2)	1298
Sacramento Hogs Chapter, Inc. (2)	6	Robert Pettit	614	Seymour Brody (2)	901	Richard Humphrey	1298
Amy Tanaka	6	Norman Riggs	614	John Childers	901	Donald Landers	1298
Benjamin Valencia, Jr. (2)	6	Salinas Valentines	614	Donald Hoard	901	Steve Lawrence	1298
Leonard Bohlke	218	Bill Scruggs (2)	614	Thomas Mathers	901	Rusty Nelson	1298
Stan Carson	218	Thomas Tarp	614	Lil McCarthy	901	Larry Owsley	1298
Delores French	218	John Trayford	614	Rick Nadale	901	Jasper Parlier	1298
Homer Lewis	218	Jim Wilder	614	Jon Pate	901	William Pine	1298
Nancy Steinberg	218	Bruce Wissler	614	David Schaefer	901	David Reid	1298
Paul Stolberg	218	Marjorie Au	616	Darrell Turner	901	Fred Scott	1298
Robert Whitaker	218	Kaushik Bhatt	616	Frank Frazier (2)	906	Michael Shapiro	1298
Randy Barclay	423	James Drorbaugh	616	Betty Ho	906	Jim Shaw (2)	1298
Joseph Bartlett	423	Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers	616	Marian Johnston	906	Thomas Sigler	1298
Charlie Carroll (2)	423	Mary Rose Feria	616	Abrey Myers	906	J.M. "Mike" Smith	1298
Chico Elks Bridge Club	423	Joan Hare (2)	616	Margy Pickett	906	D.C. "Rick" Williams	1298
Tom Dauterman	423	Roderick King	616	Robert Pickett (5)	906	Karen Miller	1300
Stan Fortier	423	G. Russ Lambing	616	Steve Schechter	906	Dwain Bornt	1325
Gil Houston	423	Bill, Linda & Becky Maisch	616	Les Villiados	906	Jo Ann Bornt	1325
Richard Hughes	423	Ernest Moo	616	Burton Lucich (2)	966	Patricia Cason	1325
Edward McLaughlin	423	Carl Vaicek, Jr.	616	Virgil Magday	966	John Jordan	1325
Dan Norton	423	John Brown	643	Gerald Maxwell	966	Phil Longoria	1325
John Pyle	423	Dave Petersen	643	Matthew Attaway	1015	Vince Fazio, Jr.	1328
David Rabo	423	Winford Teasley	643	Shirley Bierman	1015	James Messinger	1328
David Ramsey	423	Andy Butch	652	Deanie Donato	1015	Rita Rodriguez (3)	1328
William Squyres	423	Paul Christensen	652	Lee Watson (2)	1015	Walter Veljadic	1328
Arthur Thomas	423	Dan Marchetti	652	Sharon Young	1015	Harry Allen	1419
Robert Vanella	423	Don Setterlund	652	Phil Martino	1108	Robin Baith (2)	1419
Richard Wilbur	423	Donald Ziegenfuss	652	Jack Bowser	1282	Joel Baldwin	1419
Andrea Zigan	423	Ruth Ziegenfuss	652	Clay Bunte	1282	Bob Casaletti	1419
Fresno Emblem Club No. 125	439	Clyde Ferreira	759	Darrell Freitas	1282	Michael Conway	1419
Pat Ketchum	439	Miles Nakatsu	759	John Hardin	1282	Gary Cozart	1419
Robert Callan	518	Kathy Vrablick	783	Gilbert Jasso	1282	Phil Davey	1419
Bryce Lee	518	Bill Capps	794	Bruce Jorgensen	1282	Jim Farrand (4)	1419
Kathleen Vaars	518	Marlem Mason	794	Sharon Jorgensen	1282	Ellen Gadegaard	1419
Al Mestressat	522	Christine Young	794	Bob McManus	1282	Richard Gilbert	1419
Robert Coonrod	583	Charles Boyle	824	Bill Phillips	1282	Linda Harren	1419
Robert Crim, Jr. (3)	583	Tanya Boyle	824	Cheryl Phillips	1282	Lorraine Hildebrand	1419
Dan McKernan	613	Peggy Danielson	824	John Thompson	1282	Butch Johnson	1419
Santa Barbara Elks Cribbage Committee (2)	613	Kevin Lohman	824	David Vatter	1282	Donald Logan	1419
John Beck	614	Ian MacKenzie	824	Craig Wood	1282	Donald Lynch	1419
Samuel Clendenin	614	Arthur Weeks	824	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	David MacNeil	1419
Mario Federico	614	George Bohn	836	Robert Alvarado	1298		
John Franscioni	614	Steven Brown	836	Norman Berry	1298		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Monique Medina	1419	Bob Hanna	1475	Larry Yungblut	1691	Mike McCurdy (2)	2091
Brenda Meraz	1419	Ken "Pentagon" House	1475	Robert Kuhl	1712	Mary Motoh	2091
Ronald Mueller	1419	Ron King (5)	1475	Xavier Lerch	1712	David Perez	2091
David Olson (2)	1419	Steve Lefferdink	1475	Gary Straus (3)	1712	Andrew Reid	2091
Terri Ortiz	1419	Jess Leon Lowe (3)	1475	Daniel Vierria	1756	Diane Rivers	2091
Frank Robertson	1419	Jim McAnena	1475	Matt Pandol	1761	Frank Rivers	2091
John Ross	1419	R. Ken McElroy	1475	Robert Johnson	1786	Bill Skalko	2091
Mary Jane Sawyer	1419	Al Montano	1475	Frank Blazic	1811	John Stangel (2)	2091
Lisa Smith	1419	Mike Morales (2)	1475	Mark Marlatte	1811	Eileen Tating (2)	2091
Ray Trueblood	1419	Patrick & Sonja O'Hara	1475	Troy Powell	1811	Nugget Towle	2091
Mel D. West	1419	William Ostic	1475	Ruth Reeves (2)	1811	Glen Yuke	2091
Melvin E. West	1419	Ron & Kris Paino	1475	John Story	1811	Joann Haugen	2095
Don Barniske	1420	Gary & Joan Panther	1475	Fred "Ken" Dalpiaz	1913	Richard Haugen	2095
Albert Callens	1420	Thomas Ruff	1475	Paul Homer (3)	1913	Carmichael Emblem Club #355	2103
Joe Callens	1420	Frank Sellers	1475	Rick Schaffer	1913	Rita Lowe (2)	2103
Michael Castellanos	1420	Steve & Janice Spriggs	1475	David Lawson	1917	Jim Sekelsky	2103
Sam Couchman	1420	Margaret Stephens	1475	C. Michael Melton (4)	1917	Lester Burton (6)	2117
Ed Coulter (2)	1420	James Swindell	1475	John Piechowski	1917	Ronald Holloway	2117
Andy Cruz	1420	Mark Tafolla	1475	Noe Saenz	1917	Livermore-Pleasant Club No. 413	2117
Carolyn Culp	1420	Mel & Alecia Wancowicz	1475	Robert Burks	1952	Jacob Reid	2117
Steve Dickerson	1420	Doug Wells	1475	Ernie Cardwell (2)	1959	Patricia Polehla	2121
Jack Donahue	1420	Stacey Wells (2)	1475	Dennis Fischgrabe (3)	1959	Jim Wadley (2)	2142
Martin Garza	1420	Don Westerfield	1475	Don Greene	1959	Charles Eaton	2190
Greg Griffin	1420	Winton Rogers	1487	Stewart "Ed" Allen	1968	Peter Marshall	2190
Dale Griggs	1420	Leroy Cordero	1538	Bill Harrod (5)	1968	John Rost	2190
David Griggs (2)	1420	William Couey	1538	Jason Coulter	1991	Gene Wallis	2190
Shirley Hoyle	1420	Samuel Fricke	1538	James Johnson (5)	1991	Walter Frieszell	2230
Marion Journey	1420	Jim Glines	1538	William Leahy	1991	Joseph Gruzinsky	2230
Tim Kelley	1420	Jayne Hochleutner	1538	Lyle Personette	1991	Rich Hurd	2230
Hugh Kissick, Jr.	1420	John Hochleutner	1538	Maria Shih	1991	Don Mangiarelli (2)	2230
Bob Kumar	1420	Mary Michaels	1538	John Tust	1991	Arthur Palaualelo (3)	2230
Wes Merritt	1420	Albert Mitchell	1538	Suanne Casey	1993	Gil Bretsch (6)	2243
George Nava	1420	Tim Romero	1538	Jan Crook	1993	Cindy Peterson	2243
Cheril Olson	1420	Myrl Wallace	1538	Rick Darwicki	1993	Charley Halter	2248
Ken Plunkett	1420	San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 (2)	1539	Thelma Darwicki	1993	Ken Hoccutt	2248
Robert Prior	1420	William Haffamier	1539	Judy Givens	1993	Sergay Ivazian	2248
Derek Quan	1420	San Fernando Emblem Club No. 37 (2)	1539	Richard L. Green (5)	1993	Marionette Mason	2248
Darrell Ramey	1420	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Irene Imhof	1993	Cindy McKim	2248
John Ritter	1420	Daniel Castaneda	1567	Dave Lawhorn	1993	Hal Snow	2248
Abraham Rubalcava	1420	Laura Castaneda	1567	Steve Marciano	1993	Frank Vanacore	2248
Carl Russell	1420	Jim & Ginger Kay Willson	1603	Michael Mathers	1993	Christine Rehberg	2333
Curt Rutherford	1420	Kenton Bell	1613	Martin McAllister	1993	George Chappell	2346
Kim Schofield	1420	Kim Bell-Davis (2)	1613	Mac McCarty	1993	Diane McQuillen	2347
George Shropshire	1420	Marianne Churchman	1613	Brian McNamara	1993	Stuart Sampson	2347
Kevin Smith	1420	Luis Gonzales	1613	Diane Mondragon	1993	Laurie Ashley	2358
Kirk Smith	1420	Hollis Green (2)	1613	Jerry Norton	1993	Ken Colbert	2358
Valerie Smith	1420	Stephen Guillen	1613	Alex Nunez	1993	Jack Sparks	2358
Debbie Stillman	1420	Hayley Hill (2)	1613	Marie Nunez	1993	Pat Terrell (2)	2358
Ron Stillman	1420	Richard Hill (2)	1613	Claudia Renfroe	1993	Rob Lines	2389
Bob Trimm	1420	Gary Kerr	1613	Mary Schmidtgal	1993	Dan Rieder & Larry Larson	2389
Robert Trimm	1420	Tammy Nebelung	1613	Gene Shumski	1993	Bobby Yoast (3)	2389
Vince Wavra	1420	George Pryor	1613	John Skehan	1993	Bill Gresham	2419
Richie Windsor	1420	Cameron Sills	1613	Mike Spratt (5)	1993	Annie Lupinek	2419
Philip Zills	1420	Chris Smith (2)	1613	Steve Vartanian	1993	Eddie Ritchey	2419
Vicki Everett	1427	Ken Smith	1613	Bob Ziebell	1993	Mike Wilcox (2)	2419
Lance Baird	1430	Tom Trumbly	1613	Philip Hawkins	1996	Frank Briski	2426
January Carrier	1430	Ronald Hinman	1643	Laurie Ayala	2011	Richard Harrison	2426
Greg Schomaker	1430	Denny Bacon	1691	Stephen Hale	2011	Joan Mitchell	2426
Neal Essary	1474	Dennis Bauer	1691	John Jewart	2026	George Carter	2444
Gloria Martin	1474	Harry Bedell, Jr.	1691	Don Litton	2026	Mike Fenton	2444
Orange Building Association	1475	Cal Bisson	1691	Mark Salyer	2026	Adam Godfrey	2444
Bill Brogan	1475	Bob Carlyle	1691	Gary SanFilippo	2026	Mike Klinger	2444
Tom "Mr. Pool" Brown	1475	C. Todd Conover	1691	Patricia Sangl	2026	Mike Long	2444
Jay Broyles	1475	Michael Cosby	1691	Carlos Bracamontes, Jr. (2)	2027	Victoria Long	2444
Dawn Campbell (2)	1475	Yvonne Edwards	1691	Margaret Hernandez	2027	Ronnie McKeon	2444
Chris Christensen	1475	Harvey Easley	1691	Lee Windsor	2027	Julie Thomas	2444
Craig Coleman	1475	Robert Flores	1691	Ray Din (4)	2031	Dave Tucker	2444
Cindy Corrales	1475	James Fuller	1691	Aubrey Halford	2031	Dainis Eglitis	2477
Louis Ochoa Breakfast Crew (2)	1475	Anna Giraud-Miller	1691	Lyndell Ivey-Din (3)	2031	J.A. Garcia (3)	2477
Michele Davidson	1475	Eugene Henggeler	1691	Grady Lee	2031	Peter Gordon	2477
Joe Diaz	1475	Roy Kleger	1691	Dick Stephenson	2031	Alan Ito	2477
Jim Duncan	1475	Jimmy Louis	1691	Ira Windham (4)	2031	Lewis Jones	2477
Patsy Edmundson	1475	Harlan Moore	1691	Cal-Draulics (2)	2045	Darryl Kopacz	2477
Sue Edwards	1475	Richard Nogleberg	1691	Robert Van Dyke	2045	Eugene Letourneau	2477
Dale Fairchild	1475	Kenneth Promes	1691	Buena Park Emblem Club No. 340	2046	Richard Lucariello	2477
Mathew Ferrero	1475	David Provan	1691	Ronald Lowers	2046	Gregg Miraglia	2477
Wayne Fish (4)	1475	Dick Robart	1691	Brenda Brown-D'Elia (2)	2091	Jean Miraglia	2477
Brian Fitzpatrick	1475	Rhonda Rogers (2)	1691	Phil Guterman	2091	Coleen Morris (2)	2477
Stephanie Fitzpatrick	1475	Rick Sutherland	1691	Steven Hawthorne	2091	Doug Morrison	2477
Bob Genelle	1475	Scott Swenson	1691	William Holdinhausen	2091		
Ken & Lillian Hagar	1475	Wilfred Thomas	1691	Janice McConnell	2091		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jim Moye	2477	Rancho Cordova Emblem Club #479	2484	Cookie Rendon (2)	2510	Katherine Otterbeck	2655
Kathy Moye	2477	Barbara Shine	2484	Donald Kammerer	2577	Kathrin Bowen (2)	2697
David Naccarato	2477	Jean Walker	2484	Marjorie Samaniego	2577	Raymond Benevedes	2704
Alex Rogers	2477	Christine Wash (2)	2484	Gary Brown	2591	Debbe Blake	2704
Bill Smail (5)	2477	Jesus Viramontes	2492	Lake Elsinore PER Association	2591	Melvin Freeman	2704
Arthur Urbano	2477	Chuck Brooner	2504	Ernest Ziegler	2591	Kay Lytton	2704
Thomas Walsh	2477	Thomas Cameron	2504	Fran Musetti (2)	2599	Lee Adelsbach	2724
Nancy Crowder	2484	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504	Bev Reed	2599	Albert Bierfreund	2724
Wayne Crowder	2484	King Lee	2504	Jack Reed	2599	Ernest Rindfleisch	2724
William Harrison (2)	2484	Ken Nelson (4)	2504	Margaret Penrose	2616	Harold Schulze	2724
Frank Harwood	2484	Barry Shortz	2504	David Fuller III	2638	Tom Wheeler	2724

## Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900's Beacon Grant Helps Children's Therapeutic Program

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 used a \$2,000 ENF Beacon Grant to purchase equipment and supplies for Project R.I.D.E. Project R.I.D.E. (Riding Instruction Designed for Education) provides therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to children with special needs.

Chairman Mike Ziccagni lead several volunteers to shop for equipment and supplies and hosted an ice cream social for the special needs riders, their families and the Staff of this much worthy organization. Several other lodge members volunteered to help Mike at this event: ER Sue Sandeen, PERs Dave Binning and Mike Dugan, Loyal Knight Bill Clifford, Public Relations Chair Eileen Dugan, Carolyn Greeson, Diane Clifford, and Rachel Sandoval. Member Jennifer Lozo helped escort the horses with children riders in and out of the enclosure. What made this event special for the Elk volunteers was meeting some of the children who benefited from this program, their families, and the staff who work with the children to bring a little joy into their lives.



L to R: Genell Csik, Lindsay Brooks, Jennifer Lozo and Beth Maynard watch Evan G. enjoying his ride.

## Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543's ER Wins GER Hicks' Wine

Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks continued his practice of donating three bottles of his private label Virginia Wine to benefit the Elks National Foundation as he travels to the various State Associations. The winner of his gift to the California-Hawaii Elks Association was the Poway Elks Lodge No. 2543's Exalted Ruler Norm Kaufman.

\$3,000 was raised and will be forwarded to the ENF in the name of Poway Lodge and ER Kaufman. The CHEA ENF Chairman, Bob Ostini, would like to thank all of the DDGERs and Convention attendees that made this project a success.



ER Kaufman observes GER Hicks as he personalizes each wine bottle.

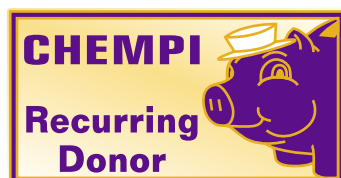
## East Central District CIP Coordinator Named 2016 Volunteer of the Year

Susan Good, a member of the Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439, has been selected as the Elks National Foundation's 2016 Community Investment Program Volunteer of the Year.

The following quote is from the ENF web page: "From the beginning, Susan has championed the Community Investments Program and the positive impact Lodge grants can have on local communities. Since 2011, Susan has helped her Lodge secure more than \$55,000 in grant funding. She also serves as the project manager for the Mount Olympus Challenge, Fresno's Impact Grant project, now in its third year."

Susan will be honored and receive her award at the 2016 Elks National Convention in Houston, TX.

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
David Podger	3	Melanie McKimmons	1298	James G. Anderson	1952	Roy Jenness	2011
Josh Hachadourian	3	James Ferris	1378	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Ashley Munoz	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Robert W. Griffith	1952	Rebecca Munoz	2011
Max Burnett	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Christine Nelson	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Richard D Enea	1474	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	David Plotke	2011
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Sherrie Larson	1952	John Hardman	2031
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	David Dickey	2045
Karen Lakey	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Jose A. Lopez	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Gary Marinelli	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Glenn Montague	168	Colin Smith	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	J. Martin Borden	2230
Chuck Nolan	168	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Richard Tanguy	1959	Leroy Bostick	2358
Frank Chicago	218	Warren H. Downs	1561	Carol Beckwith	1968	Ted Olsen	2379
Nadine Steel	218	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Terry Gicking	2477
Jerome Paul	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Greg Metzgas	2477
Charles Rowe	672	Richard Blake	1767	Jim Byerrum	1993	Beverly Burns	2484
Lisa Fleury	759	Ray Prettyman	1767	Dan Casey	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Kaye Brandos	1804	Judy Givens	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Richard Green	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Alan Kelley	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Diana Mondragon	1993	Michael T. Roberson	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Linda Tucker	1636
Margaret Pickett	906	Michael Silva	1811	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	James Williams	2599
John Eitel	1108	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Bridget Smith	2616
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812	Laurie Ayala	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Joe Tato	1108	Ron Harden	1812	Martin Barros	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Donald Sauter	1812	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Dave Wells	1240	Richard Yeager	1812	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Francis J. Glenski	2011		
Robert Ostini	1251	Jose Justiniano	1948	Debbie Hosted	2011		

## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Piggy Bank Party for CHEMPI

Linda Jones, the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801's Piggy Bank Chairman, held a Piggy Bank Party to raise funds to help the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The Major Project helps children with physical disabilities by hiring physical therapists to work with those children who cannot obtain therapy through other avenues.

Linda invited lodge members, their spouses and family members to bring in their decorated and filled Purple Piggy Banks. The decorated pigs were judged and three winners were named for the Prettiest Pig entry, the Initiative Pig entry and the Greatest Pig entry. Each of the three winners received gift cards to local businesses. The total amount donated that evening was almost \$1,800.



Linda Jones, Jeannie Jeffords (Prettiest Pig Winner), Peggy Lewis (Initiative Pig Winner) and Michael Zenski (Greatest Pig Winner), Bob Farrens, Past CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman

## Why wasn't my photograph included?

*A note from the Editor*

I continue to receive photographs that are unacceptable for publication. The biggest factor is the quality of the picture. Pictures may look good enough to email to someone, to post on a web site, or to put in a word document, but often these are not good enough to be considered for publication.

**Photos taken with a digital camera (or cell phone) must have the photo setting adjusted so that the picture is of the highest quality (the most megapixels). The camera should have at least a 4-megapixel capacity (the more, the better).**

**Make sure the camera lens is clean and that you hold the camera steady while taking the photograph. Check your camera settings – look for a setting that will give the greatest number of pixels (must be greater than 1,500 x 900 pixels, or dots per inch, but the more, the better). Good quality digital cameras can be found for well under \$100 these days.**

*Please note that I want electronic photographs, not hard copy prints. Furthermore, photos must not be sent to me embedded inside a word document file – I need the actual \*.jpg electronic file (that was created by your camera) as an attachment to your email.*

## Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 2nd Annual Car Show is a Success

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 held a car show and charity that raised \$3,000 for the Major Project. Over 75 cars were on display at its second annual car show, including a 1932 Woody, a 1956 Chevy Impala, Corvettes and BelAirs. The Exalted Ruler award went to a 1955 Ford F150 Truck – a truck that was on display by its original owner. Some of the other winners included a 1956 Chevy BelAir and a 1964 Triumph TR4.

## Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



The Purple Pig Committee has had a banner year with over \$3.5 million dollars donated by the Association lodges, Elks, the ENF and the Peters and Potters Trust. The quarterly Purple Pig Gazette has gone out to keep you up-to-date on what's going on across the Association.

You may recall (page 8 of the September/October 2015 issue) that the Committee had applied for and received a grant from Disneyland for four "Park Hopper" Tickets and that the Anaheim World Mark Resort had donated a three-nights lodging package. The drawing for both prizes was held at the recent Convention in Anaheim. Mary Gouveia won the Disneyland ticket package and Kathy Callihan won the weekend stay package.

The Committee issued an "October Challenge" to all Lodges to raise additional funds for the Purple Pig. Steve Wagstaff coordinated an annual Purple Pig Night at Chili's Restaurants across California. The Southeast District held their Elks National Bowling Tournament in Las Vegas and the 46th Annual California Elks RV Rally was held in Hemet. We made changes to the Leading Knights Challenge so it ran over a three-month period earlier in the year and raised about \$50,000. The winners of the Leading Knight Challenge were: Santa Ynez Valley Lodge No. 2640, Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811, Chula Vista Lodge No. 2011, Huntington Beach Lodge No. 1959, Oceano/Five Cities Lodge No. 2504, and Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538.

Each year it's our pleasure to announce the Piggy Bank Chairperson of the Year. Steve Wagstaff was selected as the Piggy Bank Chairperson of the Year for the North, and Dave York was selected as the Piggy Bank Chairperson of the Year for the South.

Here are the results of the Exalted Ruler's March on May 21, 2016:

### Five Highest Lodges (Per-Capita):

1. Lakewood No. 1570 . . . . .	\$86.82
2. Duarte No. 1427 . . . . .	\$83.93
3. Sunnyvale No. 2128 . . . . .	\$79.71
4. Fremont No. 2121 . . . . .	\$76.28
5. Norwalk No. 2142 . . . . .	\$75.41

### Five Highest Lodges (in dollars):

1. Honolulu No. 616 . . . . .	\$136,338.92
2. Santa Maria No. 1538 . . . . .	\$46,221.92
3. Pasadena No. 672 . . . . .	\$40,834.50
4. West Covina No. 1996 . . . . .	\$38,225.00
5. Chico No. 423 . . . . .	\$37,982.69

### Five Highest Districts (in dollars):

1. Orange Coast . . . . .	\$230,996.21
2. West Central Coast . . . . .	\$209,498.09
3. Hawaii . . . . .	\$181,662.61
4. West Central . . . . .	\$174,584.03
5. Bay . . . . .	\$168,875.18

Elks National Foundation . . . . .	\$781,260.00
Peters & Potters Trusts . . . . .	\$336,739.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$28,188.02

### Total Exalted Ruler's March

May 21, 2016 . . . . .	\$3,553,824.03
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## Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 has a New "Member"

Meet the Newest Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 "Member". His name is Elroy T. "Orange" Elk. Elroy will be the face of our Lodge. As our mascot, he will be present at all our youth activities. On his first public visit to the lodge, he greeted members, guests and kids and had his picture taken at the Orange Plaza Car Show. Next month he will be at Youth Night and the Reading Promise. In the future he is scheduled to attend our Annual Picnic, the Down Syndrome Association and Foundation of OC Picnic, the National Night Out Against Crime, and the Buddy Walk to name a few events. One of the important jobs will be to help promote our Drug Awareness Program. Elroy will be a fantastic Public Relations character for Elkdom and our lodge.



Assistant Inner Guard Carmina Godinez, Savannah Cope and Elroy

## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Honors "Students of the Year" for Temecula Middle Schools

The Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 held its 18th annual Middle School "Student of the Year" Presentations recently at Van Avery Prep School. Forty-eight students were recognized from eight schools in the Temecula areas.

Each middle school was asked to submit applications for three females and three males. Each application included a 300-word essay, describing why he or she should be selected as the "Student of the Year" from their school. A committee of Elks judged the applications according to their academic achievement, citizenship, involvement in school activities, and leadership activities.

Speakers during the evening were Ken Hauer, Exalted Ruler of the Temecula Valley Elks; Jimmie Spezia, California-Hawaii Elks Trustee and District Leader; and Traci Wright, Marketing Director for Chick-Fil-A and past Middle School Awards recipient. The top female and top male from each school received a gift card for Barnes & Noble in the amount of \$50. All the candidates received a framed Certificate of Achievement from the Temecula Valley Elks, an engraved Olympic style medallion medal and a coupon from Chick-Fil-A.



## **Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Donates \$1,500 to California's Largest Emergency Food Provider**

California Emergency Foodlink, located in Sacramento, provides emergency food to over 50 food banks in the state of California. To help in the fight against hunger, these food banks send food to distribution sites and soup kitchens in all 58 counties in California to help feed the poor and under-nourished.



L to R: Bob Van Gundy (Lodge Board of Directors), John Healy (CEO of California Emergency Foodlink), Boyd Gunner Lester (outgoing ER), and Conrad De Castro (incoming ER).

## **Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103's Breakfast Event Generates \$250 for the ENF**

The Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103's "Renegade's Breakfast" team holds a breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. They donate funds to various committees throughout the lodge; i.e. Veterans, Purple Pig (CHEA project), Dictionary Project and the Christmas Food Drive. In April 2016 they chose to donate \$250 to the Elks National Foundation.



L to R: ER Martha Reynolds and Renegade Team members Wayne Willis and Karen Tuttle.

## **Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 Carries the American Flag With Pride**

The Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 carried their American Flag in the Paradise Gold Nugget Parade on April 23, 2016. At the head of the pack is ER Steve Lobdell, PER, and eleven other patriotic lodge members. The flag was made in 1980 by Americanism Chair Tat DeSoto, and it has been carried in many 4th of July and Gold Nugget parades.

In other news, on April 26, 2016, the Paradise Elks presented the Paradise High School Safe & Sober Grad Night a check for \$500. This \$500 was part of \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation.



## **Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 Fetes Scholarship Winners**

On the evening of April 25, 2016, the Oxnard Elks Lodge No. 1443 hosted four of its six 2016 local area scholarship winners and their families to a steak dinner at the Lodge.



L to R: Exalted Ruler Paul Salazar (Scholarship Chairman), Juan D. (Pacifica High School), Robert M. (Oxnard High School), Aisha J. (Channel Islands High School), Laurel Kurihara (Elks Scholarship Committee), Flor Q. (Channel Islands High School), and Dyanne Van Der Kamp (Elks Scholarship Committee)

### Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567's Fashion Show Profits Go to the Purple Pig

The Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 held its 54th consecutive fashion show and lunch. The whimsical event theme was "Through the Looking Glass". Over 160 guests attended the event. "Alice", "Little Alice" and the "Mad Hatter" greeted the guests at the entrance to the fashion show.

All proceeds from this annual event are donated the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project.



L to R: Caroline Brum, Allegra Gonzalez and Bella Gonzalez

### Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 Awards Scholarships

On May 16, 2016, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 awarded two recurring 4-year scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to Emma L. and Krystal B.



L-R: Pat Terrell, Laurie Ashley, Krystal B. and Emma L.

### Harbor Cruise for Sightless Veterans at Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767

Wednesday, April 27 was a perfect day for a luncheon and harbor cruise for 20 residents and aides of the Blind Recovery Center at the VA Hospital in Long Beach, California. Angela Anderson, the lodge's Veterans Service Chairman hosted the event.

After an introduction to the lodge and Elkdom by Exalted Ruler Jon Ellowitz, the veterans were loaded onto electric boats and a pontoon boat for a harbor cruise complete with breakfast pastries and juice. The feel of the sun, the breeze and ocean smells were all senses enjoyed by the sightless veterans and Elk volunteers.

After the cruise, everyone enjoyed a ham and chicken tender lunch with all the trimmings and desserts. There were a few lodge veterans in attendance to share military stories and a few laughs with the veterans. The day ended with a special gift bag of goodies and a \$25 Target Gift Certificate for each veteran. After loading the veterans on the bus for their return to the VA hospital, all volunteers came away feeling that something impressive had just happened.

