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## In Memoriam to the CHEA Past Presidents • In honor to their service to the Association

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Hilliard E. Welch • 1914-1915	Stockton	Newton M. Todd • 1942-1943	Long Beach	Gerald Strohm • 1966-1967	Fresno
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Harry M. Ticknor • 1917-1919	Pasadena	Horace R. Wisley • 1945-1946	Salinas	Paul E. Haines • 1969-1970	Pasadena
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L.A. Lewis • 1936-1937	Anaheim	Guy A. Daniels • 1960-1961	Redlands	R.E. "Bud" Ceniz • 1988-1989	Bakersfield
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**Huntington Beach Lodge 1959** hosted its sixth annual golf tournament at the Meadowlark Golf Club to benefit the CSP Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. The Youth Shelter opened in 2006 and offers a short term crisis intervention residential program with the goal of family reunification. Children at risk of homelessness, institutionalization, incarceration or hospitalization, are given emergency shelter, meals, 24 hour supervision, individual, group and family counseling, academic tutoring, life skills and development activities. A check in the amount of \$7,000.00 was presented to the Youth Shelter.

In other news, the Lodge made a donation of \$500.00 to the City of Huntington Beach K-9 Unit to support the training facility and the training of the dogs. This Canine Program originated in 1972 and is the oldest program in Orange County, CA. Currently there are two K-9 teams in the unit, which are assigned to Patrol. When not working, the dogs live with their handlers and their families. The dogs are extremely useful when searching buildings, fields, parks, etc. for fleeing suspects, who are often armed.

**Garden Grove Lodge 1952** Exalted Ruler Karen Lewin welcomed all Garden Grove Veterans for a simple "Thank You" ceremony on November tenth. All 192 Veteran members' names were read after an inspirational speech on "Honor, Duty, Country" by PER Kevin Perkins. Certificates reading "Thanks Vets Certificate of Appreciation" were presented.

**Fullerton Lodge 1993** hosted about two dozen firefighters at our September 11th Brunch. Fire personnel from several neighboring cities were invited by ER Richard Green and PER Martin McCallister. All attending the celebration were honoring those men and women who twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, protect our communities. Past District Deputy Harvey Boelts, a retired Fire Captain himself, joined the festivities. For the past eight years Fullerton Lodge volunteers have delivered meals to these firefighters at their stations on September 11th. It was quite a sight seeing fire vehicles roll through our parking lot!

In other news, earlier this year Fullerton Lodge celebrated its 60th Anniversary! This lodge milestone celebration was held in late July with over 200 people attending the dinner. Entertainment was provided during the festivities which included 1950's band music.

**Vacaville Lodge 2638** sponsored a Drug Awareness booth at the Annual Vacaville Kids Fest in October. Kids Fest is a community day where families can come out and gather to enjoy activities with their children at very little or no cost. A free ticket entry is given to each child visiting our Drug Awareness booth for a chance to receive a free basketball. Drug Awareness bags and Just Say No to Drugs literature was given out. Member Don Deters, an active CHP Officer, brought his patrol car alongside the Elk's booth and spoke about safety to kids and families.

## President's Message



Hello and Aloha! Karen and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you had a safe and joyous holiday season. We have had a fantastic journey so far this year and the time has flown by so fast! It is hard to believe that we have been on the road for seven months. We have met so many good Elks and have made so many new friends. We are amazed at the dedication of our members and how each Lodge is endeavoring to make their goals in each district and how they are "Making Elkdom Shine" in their own way each day.

Our Mid-Term Conference was very well attended by our Officers and Members and a great deal of good information was passed on to the attendees. We were fortunate to have one of our Preschool Vision Screeners speak. All of our Therapists and Specialists are truly Silent Angels. The Preschool Vision Screeners have screened over 50,000 children this past year. Each therapist provides services to a caseload of as many as 25 children. These professionals are delivering the "Magic" of Elkdom directly to homes and schools of children with disabilities daily. The program continues to successfully deliver the most state-of-the-art and emerging technologies to those in need. I encourage you to invite a therapist to visit your Lodge or District.

In February 2017, we will celebrate our Order's 149th anniversary. We have continued for all these years, through the Great Depression, two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Middle East Wars, the Great Recession and many other catastrophes. We have always been charitable to many. We assisted the U.S. Government when we built hospitals for our wounded soldiers in World War I, and extended a helping hand to other organizations when they needed help. Yet we still exist in this new age, helping others, contributing to the Major Project and Elks National Foundation and assisting our Veterans in need. Our Association has continued to gain in membership for the past 2 years. As we move into 2017, we are tasked with retaining our members and lowering our loss of members at the end of each Elk year. I ask that you all continue to help our membership grow, support our many programs, get involved and practice Brotherly Love.

Karen and I wish all Elks and their families a Blessed and Happy New Year. Thanks to all who have helped our Order grow. Our Members, Officers and Chairmen are what makes the California-Hawaii Elks Association great! We look forward to seeing you down the road.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Lance Erickson, CHEA President

*"Make Elkdom Shine"*

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- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Preschool Vision Screening
- Disabled Student Scholarships
- The Eye Care Fund
- Bequests and Living Trusts
- The Piggy Bank Program

*Please give generously  
to your Major Project!*

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

## CHEA President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

**January 1, 2017**

New Year's Celebration  
Pasadena

**January 6-8**

Northwest District

**January 13-15**

South District

**January 20-22**

Southeast District

**February 10-12**

South Central Coast District

**February 17-19**

Southeast Bowling Tournament  
Las Vegas, NV

**February 24-26**

West Region 7 Hoop Shoot  
Semi-Finals, Las Vegas, NV

**March 3-5**

Homecoming  
West Central Coast District  
Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538

## Susan Chicago

The Association Office was notified that Sue Chicago wife of Frank Chicago, CHEA Secretary and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, passed away on November 14, 2016 after being ill for some time.

There was a private service and a separate Celebration of Life Memorial Service. Condolences may be sent to Frank at:

Mr. Frank Chicago,  
2814 Admiral Drive,  
Stockton, CA 95209-1660.



## Elks National Foundation

By Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



Fraternal Year 2016 – 2017 is shaping up to being a great year for donations to the Elks National Foundation from members and Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Going into the 2016 CHEA Mid-term Conference in San Diego donations to ENF as of October 30, 2016 totaled \$491,779.28. During the conference Districts and Lodges brought an additional \$95,000.00 in donations to be included in the AVP March and forwarded to ENF in Chicago.

Those Districts and Lodges leading the way as of the Association Vice President's March at the 2016 CHEA Mid-term Conference ENF Dinner are:

### HIGHEST TOTAL DONATIONS – DISTRICT:

West Central Coast District	\$87,849.75
Orange Coast District	\$61,808.70
Bay District	\$46,664.13

### HIGHEST PER CAPITA DONATIONS - DISTRICT:

Metropolitan District	\$11.981
San Gabriel Valley District	\$10.384
Bay District	\$10.294

### HIGHEST TOTAL DONATIONS - LODGE:

Santa Maria 1538	\$21,879.31
Orange 1475	\$21,776.21
Honolulu 616	\$18,577.00

### HIGHEST PER CAPITA DONATIONS - LODGE:

Oxnard 1443	\$36.405
Fremont 2121	\$36.331
Glendale 1289	\$33.626
Duarte 1427	\$32.377
Elk Grove 2577	\$31.289

Okay, I listed the top five Lodge per capita because I think that any Lodge that has reached a per capita over \$30.00 by seven months through the Lodge Year is deserving of recognition.

One matter to be considered when recognizing individual Districts Lodges at this point in time for accumulated donations is that many Lodges have not all had their ENF events; and many members wait until "tax time" to make their annual donation to ENF and other Elks charities.

So I encourage you all to support any upcoming ENF focused events in your Lodge and other Lodges in your District. For those of you that like to make your tax deductible donations at the end of the year please consider including ENF in your tax planning. Thank you for all you do to make ENF and Elksdom successful. Last year for every dollar our members gave to ENF our Lodges and Major Project received \$2.138. I can't think of a better way to make your charity dollars "shine".





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**Calling all CHEA Elks:** We wanted you to know that the website blog will be incorporating many of your articles. HOWEVER we could use your help...If an article is about your lodge PLEASE be encouraged to go directly to the blog article and in the comment section - add more about the activity. We know that the articles submitted to the magazine are, by necessity, short - the blog doesn't have to be that way. Thank you for being part of the best people on earth! <https://chea-elks.org/blog/>

## Holiday Greeting Donors



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

John & Sandy Carvalho	6	Jim & Mary Batt	1625
Ron and Jerry Landreth-Brusato	6	Sharon & Phil Bettencourt	1691
Ronald J. Celeste	168	William R. Beckett	1712
Butch & Lynn DePaul	168	Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767
Chuck & Ginger Nolan	168	Nancy Kulinski	1812
Louis J. & Lucia Grillo	218	Donald D. & Shirley Schultz	1877
Tony & Doris Jimenez	613	David & Cindy Saltel	1884
Roeine Lanini	614	Barbara & Charles W. Knox	1905
Doug & Jo Larsen	614	Fred Whitnack	1913
Lee & Cindy Karjola	652	Noe & Luisa Saenz	1917
Aron & Cheryl Andersen	672	Rick & Kate Bruce	1959
Roy R. Newman	783	Tom & Valarie Lemm	1959
John A. & Josephine Parker	783	Dottie Ijames	1968
Art & Shirley Echternacht	794	Robert Cassetta	1991
Tom & Venita Brazier	824	Michael & Carlene Mathers	1993
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993
Jerry & Bonnie Rucker	836	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Tim & Sandy Jaeger	901	John & Vicky Hardman	2031
Don & Kathy Checchi	906	Frank & Diane Keller	2045
Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Ken & Rosemary Moore	2045
Bob & Janet Ostini	1251	Joe Namnam	2050
Mary Ann Wood	1282	Lee & Rosie Northcutt	2095
Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Jim Warrick	2103
Dean & Karen Kiel	1289	Ian & Wanda Lanouette	2121
Hugh & Dale Scanlon	1289	Charles M. Christensen	2134
Ron & Debbie Stillman	1420	Frank & Mary Ann Farquharson	2190
John & Donna McEntire	1427	Robert "Bob" Schrum	2274
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436	Leroy Bostick	2358
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### Membership

By C. Michael Melton, PSVP • CHEA Membership Chairman



Hello Everyone! We find ourselves well into the "short half" of the lodge year. With the holidays just behind us and taxes coming up, it's easy to lose track of time and focus. However going into the home stretch, it's more important than ever each of us doubles our attention and efforts as regards membership numbers.

We have a great opportunity to spring out ahead of every other State Association and lead the Order in membership growth. However it's going to take the awareness and participation of all our members to make it happen. Now is the time to intensify all our efforts to reach our delinquent members, especially our older ones. Publish your list of delinquents in your bulletin; post their names in your lodge. Not to embarrass or shame them, but to give their fellow members, their proposer and friends, an opportunity to reach out to them or inform you of their status or condition. We're a family and if we've been unable to make contact with one of our members it only makes sense to ask as many people as we can to help us find out how they are. All too often, particularly with our older members, some misfortune or illness has befallen them. They may be unable to respond to our mail or phone inquiries or may have moved to a relatives, or a care facility and not be receiving correspondence regularly. Act in the spirit of concern and generosity in all these endeavors.

Once again we need to attempt to reach each delinquent member in person, whether this is by phone or in person. A personal contact will be far more effective than the cleverest or most sincere note or letter.

Our goal is to increase membership by 10% and reduce lapsation to 2% or less. It's not easy but it's doable. Our two prong attack must include; 1. Retaining every member we possibly can and 2. Initiating every candidate we have in the pipeline. Do what you must to get each potential member on board by March 31, 2017. With the changes instituted by Grand Lodge, in optimal conditions, you can take a candidate from application to Initiation in 10 to 14 days.

Growth means the opportunity to serve more veterans, help more disabled children, help educate more of our young scholars and to let Elkdome and it's good works shine brighter than ever before.

My thanks for all your hard work thus far and that to come and I wish you all the best in the coming year.



**San Pedro Lodge 966** recently obtained an ENF grant to purchase Back-to-School Backpacks for needy children in our community. The Lodge worked with Harbor Interfaith services, and 90 backpacks were filled with school supplies. The children were so happy to choose their own backpacks. Jocelyn Lopez with her children and ENF Chairman James MacKilligan.



**Hemet Lodge 1740** love their K-9's. Exalted Ruler Nancy Cook, and K-9 Chairman Paula Hirn presented Officer Matt Gomez, along with K-9 officer "Jack" with two K-9 Trauma kits and training tools. Officer Gomez was very grateful for the Trauma kits, "they can make a difference if the K-9 lives."



**Arcadia Lodge 2025** celebrates a City Appreciation Day as a way of showing our thanks and appreciation to the men and women of the Law Enforcement and Fire Departments that service the local communities of Arcadia, Temple City and Sierra Madre. We honored these men and women who help keep our communities safe. We served BBQ Ribs to 115 guests and an additional 25 helpers. The Lodge also distributed \$1,050.00 in donations to the various Community Service Organizations that attended.

The Lodge also hosted a "Coffee with a Cop" breakfast, serving 180 Arcadia residents. The program allowed interaction with the Police Department and dissemination of information to the public. Attendees were encouraged to tour the Police Department's new Mobile Command Center which was on display in the Elk's parking lot.

In other news, the Lodge partnered with the Foothill Unity Center for a Back to School Event. The Lodge donated \$4,000 and assisted in handing out girls underwear, dictionaries, Drug Awareness and other Elks materials to approximately 1,200 K-12 students. The Lodge used a \$2,000 Promise Grant to help fund this project.





**Alameda Lodge 1015** presented a check for \$20,000 to the Krusi Park Project. An outdoor performing arts and gathering space to honor the memory of Annika Zinsley and her mother Rachel Shahinian who were killed in a tragic auto accident last summer. The space will be used as an outdoor classroom, performing arts and meeting place, and will be available to the public free of charge. Pictured left to right. Lee Watson; Leading Knight, Cindy Miner; Chairman of the Krusi Park Project, Amy Wooldridge; Director of Alameda Recreation and Parks District and Shirley Bierman Exalted Ruler.



**Richmond Lodge 1251** was featured in the 2016 El Sobrante Stroll and Street Fair Parade. Leading the parade with the Lodge's banner was Lodge Trustee Mark Maltagliati and Exalted Ruler John Pitts. PDDGER Bob Ostini served as Grand Marshall in a 1974 Chevy Luv Truck owned and driven by Past Inner Guard Eddie Mello. Many members of the Lodge marched in the parade as honor guards.

**Chico Lodge 423** held its third annual Family Fun Night, on a balmy October afternoon, on the beautiful back yard of the lodge. The event, fenced off, focused on hands-on family fun and included 11 bounce houses, tricycle races, gigantic building blocks, a construction area, carnival games face painting, hair braiding, henna tattoos and remote control auto races. Costumed Storm Troopers posed for photos with delighted kids and a strolling magician amazed adults and children alike. Local law enforcement and fire department personnel brought their vehicles and youngsters were able to get up close and personal with the officers and their equipment. Children and their families could roam and play freely in the fenced off event area which also housed food trucks and a lodge membership booth. Event organizers were assisted by almost 70 volunteers, most from California State University, Chico. Local businesses, many owned by local lodge members, contributed time and money to sponsor the event which raised over \$6,000 for Elks charities, including the Purple Pig. Some of our very new Elks led the committee and almost all of the other committee members were also new members of the lodge.

**South San Francisco Lodge 2091** found that sometimes a leaky roof can be a good thing. It became the rallying point for members to unite behind a common cause to fix it. A lobster feed was held, our first, for over 200 people. Forty hard working volunteers made this event a \$7,000 success story. This Elk community momentum rolled right into our 10th Annual Car Show. Seventy vintage cars and trucks were displayed on the grounds. Fifties music, hoop skirts, bobby socks and lettermen jackets helped set the mood for this fun and profitable day for the Purple Pig. With the help of VFW Lodge 4103, our members prepared, cooked and served 400 heroes at the Palo Alto VA Hospital a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We are very proud of our volunteers.



**Fremont Lodge 2121** recently donated training equipment to Alameda County Fire Department Station 27 located in Newark, CA. Using a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant the lodge had obtained, a 165 pound Survivor Dummy and a Smoke machine were purchased for the department.



**Concord Lodge 1994**, Exalted Ruler Steve Gilpin, makes multiple monthly visits to the Veterans Hospitals in our area with his Schnauzer, Honor. They provide therapy to the Vets via Honor's presence. He is a Service Dog and loves his job.



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### Piggy Bank

By Gerry Gouveia • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



#### Leading Knights Challenge

Vice Chairman Bill Cook and I hope you all had a great holiday season but now it's time to get to work. The Purple Pig is very thin and needs a lot of help. The Leading Knights Challenge is on! So you Leading Knights can help out a poor pig in need. As Leading Knights you will most likely be the

person walking across the stage at the Exalted Ruler's March during our next Association Convention, you are being challenged to increase the monies turned in for the Piggy Bank ... to better fulfill our Association Major Project goal.

Now in its sixth year and having previously generated over \$100,000, this contest is intended to energize each District's Leading Knights to raise incremental donations for the PURPLE PIG between November 1, 2016 and January 31, 2017. All entries are due no later than February 5, 2017.

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

The rule of this is as follows:

1. No monies from existing Piggy Bank Lodge Accounts ... new sources only.
2. Trophies will be awarded for the TOP Lodges whose Leading Knights generate the most money during the three month period.
3. Each contest is judged in six (6) divisions based on membership.
4. Include information about 52 Club, Century Club, or Millennium recipients. Checks should be made out to CHEMPI.

Send all money to Fresno indicating Leading Knights Challenge. Send entry form for each deposit to Fresno and to the Piggy Bank Chair. Raise the most to win a prestigious trophy at the Association Convention.

This year we need your help so everyone, not just the Leading Knights need to dig deep and fill those pigs, hold a Lodge event for the pig and raise the much needed funds to help the kids walk, talk, see and play. *Let's all be Shining Stars!*

**Oceanside Lodge 1561**, Hugs from Home received a donation provided by the Oceanside Civitan Club. Many thanks go out for these donations which allow us to continue our support of the active military by sending packages and providing the Veterans Hospital in La Jolla, CA with Chemo Caps, Lap/Gurney Blankets, Wheelchair and Walker Bags.

In other news, Hugs from Home presented Congressman Darrell Issa with a hand made blanket made by Dorothy Traver. Chairman Sandee Murphy and Dorothy Traver presented this for his service in the Army, and the Issa Families' Foundation, for their continued support of all the active military and our veterans!

Hugs from Home is an organization that send care packages to our active troops and supports our veterans. For any further information you may contact the Oceanside Elks Lodge. Thanks to our veterans for the freedom that we enjoy.



Chili's is proud to help the  
**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc**



**2016-2017  
CHEMPI  
Theme Children**

*Emilio and Marcos*

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

Chili's will donate **15% of sales** on  
Tuesday, January 17 when guests present this flyer  
or mention the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

**Visit a California Chili's Restaurant and earn funds for our  
California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Kids**



*Eat at Chili's so our kids can Walk, Talk, See and Play!*



Give Back Day requires guests present flyer or mention Give Back Day for the  
California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. to receive a 15% donation on the sale.  
**Offer valid only in California participating Chili's restaurants and on the date listed.**

### Chili's Restaurants help support the Purple Pig

The idea of partnering with Chili's started in 2013 when Steven Wagstaff was the Exalted Ruler of Escondido Lodge 1687. Steve asked the manager of the Escondido Chili's restaurant about having a Give Back event for the Elks. The manager said that I had supported Chili's fund raisers for so many years, it was time Chili's supported me. He offered me 3 restaurants for Escondido, but I wanted to support the South Coast District. That got me 13 restaurants for the first 2 day Chili's fundraiser for ENF in October 2013. The event was such a success that I asked Chili's to do a state wide event for Purple Pig and they approved 117 restaurants throughout California for a 1 day event which was a great success as well.

Because of Steve Wagstaff and the Escondido Lodge, we now have an annual event which supports our Major Project.

The event is very simple, this month on Tuesday, January 17 the event, which runs from open to close at all Chili's restaurants in California. Chili's gives back 15% of your check, of everyone involved. Lodges promote this within their communities because you do not need to be an Elk to participate. You get your family and friends to go to Chili's, **make sure the server knows you are there for the event by presenting a flyer or just by telling the server.** Steve always recommends the flyer because of its curb appeal. It draws attention of neighboring tables that ask what this is all about providing an Elk the opportunity to give their elevator speech as to what the event and the Elks are all about.

Do your part on January 17th, eat a meal at your local Chili's and help our Purple Pig. Let's make this the biggest year yet with Chili's!



## Drug Awareness Program

By Brad Smith, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



The CHEA Mid-Term Conference went well and the Drug Awareness Program display table was well attended. The CHEA conferences usually held during the first part of November and the latter part of May are a good way for Elk members to learn all about the various programs sponsored by their contributions. It's also a good way of getting to know what other members from other Lodges are doing. California-Hawaii Elks Association is a significant part of what Elks are all about nationally. The Drug Awareness Program is an important part of CHEA.

Many of you have heard inspirational speaker, Ray Lozano, speak about drugs and substance abuse. Ray is a speaker who talks at the same level as his audience, whoever they may be. Personally, I have heard him several times, and I am still enthralled every time he speaks. Please try and attend one of his speaking engagements. Ray's speaking tour is quite extensive in California. Ray will be speaking in the Petaluma, Napa and San Rafael Elks Lodge areas on March 6th, 7th, and 8th. He will be speaking in the Pittsburg area on the 13th, Walnut Creek area on the 14th, Livermore area on the 16th, in the Modesto area on the 16th, and in the Lodi/Stockton area on the 17th. Ray's presentations last about an hour. For specific times and locations please contact your Lodge or District DAP Chairman, or contact [admin@raylozano.com](mailto:admin@raylozano.com).

The misuse of drugs is an epidemic in America. Heroin is sometimes enhanced with a synthetic opiate that is making it deadly. Currently, more people are dying from substance abuse than from automobile accidents. That's about 50,000 people dying annually. A person dies from substance abuse every 13 minutes. That's shocking. I believe the best way of combating this issue long term is education. The ultimate goal of the CHEA-DAP is to provide information to the young and their parents so that they make better and healthier choices in life.

The DAP program provides free informational pamphlets to District and Lodge DAP Committees to enhance their presentations; however, any Elk member can selectively request pamphlets for their families or friends.

Additionally, the DAP has several contests that are available to our community youth through the Lodge or District DAP Chairs. These are the Video, Essay and Poster contests. These are described on the CHEA and National web sites. Entrants for this year will be accepted up to January 15, 2017.

**Redding Lodge 1073** donated the entire lodge premises to the *We Back the Blue Shasta*, a nonprofit in partnership with the Redding Peace Officers' Association, for a community fundraiser in support of law enforcement. The fundraiser was a huge success, with hundreds of people in attendance.

This family-friendly event included face painting, a bounce house, and balloons for the kids, as well as a fitness challenge, speakers, food, and various vendors. Displays included motorcycles, police patrol cars, an ambulance, K9s, and a SWAT vehicle. Personnel from the Redding Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, Redding Fire Department, Cal Fire, and the U. S. Naval Sea Cadets were on hand to greet the public.

Backing the Blue Shasta honors all people working together to keep our community safe, giving the public a visible way to show their support, show those that serve that they are thankful for everything they do, and raise money through donations for charitable causes.



**Petaluma Lodge 901** had a Veterans appreciation dinner on November fourth. Busses brought a hundred and fifty Veterans from the Yountville veteran's home to the lodge for a ribs and chicken dinner.

During the evening each of the services flags were marched into the dinning room to the theme song of that branch of service. This is the seventeenth Veterans appreciation dinner. With an ENF grant, the lodge sponsors Family Days at Giant Steps Equestrian Center for active and inactive service families to give them some quality time together.

Pictured on the left PER and veteran Gary "Woody" Corda, ER Ted O'Shea welcome a retired Marine Nurse to the dinner.



**Salinas Lodge 614** twenty nine year member, Howard C. Miller was congratulated and presented with the Elks National Foundation Permanent Benefactor Award. Mr Miller has consistently contributed to the philanthropic project fostered by ENF and has reached the \$2,000+ dollar amount.

Mr. Miller was given his recognition certificate at the popular Rib Night dinner event at the Lodge. Presented by ENF Chairman, Gli M. VonWinning and Exalted Ruler, Lawrence Mosher. It is generous Elks like Howard that keep our charities alive and well!



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## Youth Activities

By Debbie Hosted • CHEA Youth Activities Chairman



I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and are looking forward to a wonderful New Year!

As always, I enjoyed talking with members at the Mid-Term Conference, hearing the ideas for involvement with the Youth in our Lodges and communities.

Many of you have activities or outreach events to interact and involve our Youth with Drug Awareness, Soccer Shoots, Hoop Shoots and other fun things to do at your Lodges.

One member was excited to share finding several boxes of Purple Pig banks in a storage area. When the next opportunity came to share Drug Awareness and Elks items at an event – when the children signed up to win one of the basketballs, he gave them a Purple Pig bank to fill. Many of the parents then came over to see what it was all about and he was able to share our Elks programs with them. The children loved getting the banks and everyone had a great time.

Thinking of great ideas like this and many others can lead to new members, good community relationships and good reports for our Order.

Sander Moss, the Youth Activities Vice Chair has a great Soccer Shoot going in his area and would love to share ideas and helpful hints with anyone who needs it.

One of the ideas I shared at Mid-Term was to consider any members that would want to be Mentors to our Youth by tutoring school subjects, giving them rides to their after school activities, or providing after school care programs. That is another way to reach out and help the community and families in the community.

With the cold weather in many areas and possibly areas that need indoor activities, try to have some ideas in place for any Youth that come to the Lodge with their parents.

All your efforts count for the reports but also count towards the visibility and vibrancy of your Lodge and its effect on the community around you.



**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** Stuff Socks for Heroes a program started by Gold Star Parents Jim and Carla Hogan. They have been responsible for supplying and shipping hundreds of pairs of socks to deployed military men and women. Currently the Hogan's are supplying socks to different Elks Lodges. Newport Harbor Lodge volunteers provided snack items and toiletries to fill 92 pairs of socks. The stuffed and usable black socks were shipped to active military posts in the Middle East.



**Napa Lodge 832** recently held a Western Night to raise funds for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Over \$500 was raised by Chairperson Sandy Silveira "jailing" attendees and requiring "bail" to get out of jail. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the **U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award** to local residents and members Tom and Vivian McFarland. The President's Service Award is in recognition of over 4,000 hours of volunteer service to an organization or community and is awarded after nomination and verification of service. The award includes a letter of congratulations from President Obama, a certificate of appreciation and a Volunteer Service Pin. Pictured from left to right are Exalted Ruler Lindsay Wanagel, Vivian and Tom McFarland.

In other Lodge news, long time dream of a 94 year old World War II Naval Veteran has become a reality at the Napa, California Elks Lodge. PER George "Buster" Langdon, dreamed of having a "Wall of Honor" for Elk military veterans. Napa Lodge PER's volunteered to make Buster's dream a reality. Langdon has been the District and Lodge National Veterans Service chairman for over 28 years and continues to make weekly visits to the nearby California Veteran's Home at Yountville to visit with the residents and insure that their personal needs are met.



**Gilroy Lodge 1567** held the 3rd Annual John Berger PDDGER Memorial Purple Pig Lodge Fund Raiser dinner for the CHEA Major Project. John Berger was very passionate about the Major Project, many Elks who knew him thought his blood ran purple. Over seventy guests attended this year's event, which also included the CHEMPI local area therapist, Pam Flagg who spoke to the group, and also heard from the grateful parents of a child who is receiving therapy services funded through the CHEA Major Projects. This year's event, the event raised over \$3,200 for the CHEMPI.



## Public Relations

By Wade Thorpe • CHEA Public Relations Chairman



The CHEA Public Relations Committee wishes you a "Happy New Year." Since our last correspondence, the CHEA Best Website Contest for 2015-2016 concluded. With Congratulations to Mission Viejo/ Saddleback Valley 2444 as being the overall winner entered in the Grand Lodge Competition. The full list of winners in each division can be found on the

CHEA website: <https://chea-elks.org/california-hawaii-elks-association/2015-2016-chea-lodge-website-contest-winners>

This year to participate in the **Best Website Contest** your lodge will need to submit an entry form. Lodges will no longer be automatically entered into the competition. This change will enable lodges to choose if they want their lodge website or Facebook page to be judged. All entry forms must be received no later than January 31st. Entry forms can be obtained from your lodge or District Public Relations Chairman and can also be found on the CHEA website under Committees, Public Relations.

There are three other contests currently underway with deadlines fast approaching: **Best Community Service & Image Brochure**, **Best Lodge Bulletin Brochure**, and **Single Best Event Brochure**. Lodge Bulletin entries must be received no later than February 1, 2017. The entry deadline for the Community Service & Image Brochure and Single Best Event Brochure contests is February 15, 2017. All entries must include a "To Whom it May Concern" letter executed by the Lodge Secretary. For more information on each individual contest, please view the Public Relations Brochure Contest Rules found on the CHEA website under Committees, Public Relations (<https://chea-elks.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/PRContests.pdf>).

The role of Public Relations is to promote and advertise all of the great work our local lodges, State Organization and Grand Lodge do to better our communities. All members can contribute to Public Relations simply by telling friends and family about what your local lodge is doing. The CHEA newsletter (which you are currently reading) is filled with stories of giving back to the community. When you are done reading this issue, remove your address and leave it at your local barber shop, salon, doctor's or dentist office. Let's all spread the word about our great Order.

**Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591** held its Annual Seniors' Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday November 23. Leading Knight, Michael Cain chaired the event along with Bob and Cindy Becker. The dinner was served by lodge members, volunteers, Boy Scouts from Lodge Troop 332 and Pins & Pockets Bowlers from Lake Elsinore. This dinner was unique in that for the first time, 30 hospitalized veterans from the V.A. Hospital in Loma Linda were bused in to the lodge. Overall, 425 enjoyed this special Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Big Bear Lake Lodge 1787** held its 56th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Big Bear Lake Lodge was the first in the Nation to host and honor their local law enforcement personnel, for their sacrifice, dedication, and service to the community.

Each year a California Highway Patrol Officer is chosen as the Officer of the Year and a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputy is chosen as the Deputy of the Year. These individuals are picked by their respective command staff. These are local law enforcement people who serve the Lodge's local community.



**Santa Monica Lodge 906** participated in the Dictionary Program for the 10th consecutive year, delivering 2,500 dictionaries this year.

For the 5th straight year, Santa Monica donated over 200 School Supply Kits for Kids for 2nd and 3rd grades using a grant from ENF. The supplies were distributed in conjunction with a Drug Awareness program helping the children with the poster and essays contests.

A Freedom Grant from ENF, was used to purchase new winter coats, shoes and Welcome Home baskets for homeless vets transitioning into homes in the Santa Monica area.

Pictured handing out the Kits for Kids and dictionaries are teacher Mr. Cannon of Walgrove Elementary School along with one of his students, CHEA Vice President R.A. Pickett and Santa Monica Elk Bonnie Baldwin.



**Westchester Lodge 2050** held their 17th annual Car Show and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, September 10th with over 100 pre-1980 cars, a barbecue, music, and the chili cook-off. Always well attended, the event raised approximately \$10,000 while the Ladies of Westchester Elks raised \$1,600 from gift baskets which all go towards our Elks charities.

On Sunday, September 25th, the Lodge held its first annual Community Carnival with games, a photo booth, prizes, a bounce house, a dunk tank which was a huge hit and much more. The event gave neighbors the opportunity to learn about the Elks and our many programs. It raised approximately \$1,000 for our charities with the Ladies raising \$360 from gift baskets and a bake sale.

Pictured above are two our future Elks enjoying a little popcorn.



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**Calpine Lodge 2432** Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Vieira and Laurine Prinvale, President of Calpine Lady Elks are shown with the Portola High School Varsity Cheer. The Girls earned \$500 helping serve a lobster dinner at the lodge along with duties in Cotton Candy sales over the 4th of July. The funds will go a long way with the annual costs of this outstanding Varsity Cheer squad.



**Gilroy Lodge 1567** hosted 78 guests including, lodge members, members of Troop 711, the family and friends of James B. Reed to witness his Court of Honor at the lodge for their newest Eagle Scout. On behalf of the lodge, the Exalted Ruler presented Reed with an American Flag and an engraved Eagle Scout Swiss Army knife. The West Central District Scouting Chairman, Gahr Gardner presented the Elks Scouting Certificate signed by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Reed recognized a need for preschool youngsters to learn and understand where their food comes at the Nature and Nurture Preschool. Reed's project was to organize a team to provide the labor and his desire to use mostly repurposed and recycled materials in the project and build a raised vegetable garden with barriers to keep the digging critters at bay as well as a fence to keep deer out. In keeping mind the current drought conditions in the local area, Reed also received assistance from a local irrigation contractor, who helped him install a drip irrigation system. Stepping stones were also added for preschoolers to be able to access the garden from all sides. The garden project was completed over a weekend in the summer and when the preschoolers returned to school on Monday, they quickly got their hands dirty planting pumpkin seeds, flowers and adding worms to the soil.

Pictured left to right, Nestor Lopez, Scouting Chairman, Reed James, Eagle Scout, Margaret and Matt James



**Auburn Lodge 1691** contributed \$300 to the Veterans Day Parade in Auburn. Following the parade 100 plus Veterans were served lunch at the Lodge.



**Gardena Lodge 1919** held a blood drive to help support the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The blood drive was successful with 59 members and friends making donations. The blood drive was able to collect precious units of blood which can be processed into blood and blood components that can save lives. Children's Hospital Los Angeles says that their children require over 2,000 units of blood each month to successfully complete their treatments. ER, Rodney Tanaka is shown donating.



**Simi Valley Lodge 2492** extended a helping hand to their community. The Lodge hosted a fundraiser to help injured Simi Valley Police Officer Tom Carney and his family. The Elks did this in conjunction with the Simi Valley Police Officers Assoc., a non-profit organization that supports Police Officers. Officer Tom Carney was severely injured on his motorcycle, while on duty. He has needed many surgeries and has more to go. All the proceeds were given to Officer Carney and his family.

**Norwalk Lodge 2142** held a breast cancer awareness fundraiser with dinner and dancing on October 15th and so far raised over \$4,000 to donate to Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure Foundation.





**Monterey Lodge 1285** has recently named its swimming pool, the Russ Harris Pool, honoring Russ's 50 years of Elks service since he was elected Monterey's Exalted Ruler, also honoring his military service as a Frogman – before the Seals. Russ also has recently been named *"Amazing Carmel Community Icon and Veteran of the Year"* for his fund raising efforts, resulting in a new bell in the downtown Carmel World War I monument. Russ was asked to ring the bell for the first time on Veterans Day 11/11/16.



**Nevada City Lodge 518** held their Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 19th. Served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for 307 people. It was a fun night filled with amazing people, great prizes and an exciting silent auction. We are grateful for all of our volunteers, including the Blue Star Mothers and Nevada County Youth Center, as well as local businesses with their generous donations.

Pictured is Oral Stallings



**Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477** hosted a carnival for students from the Dean Triggs School, which works with moderately to severely handicapped children. The children and their parents enjoyed playing games run by lodge members. All of the children received prizes and were provided a hamburger or corn dog lunch. The hit of the day for the children was the cotton candy. Recently the lodge hosted a petting event where the children were allowed to interact with several farm animals and a pony.

In other lodge news, an ENF fundraiser featured a western themed Murder Mystery Dinner at which cast members interacted with our members in staging a murder of a town mayor and solving the case. A great time was had by all.

Finally, the lodge held a Veterans Day celebration attended by lodge members and 75 veterans from the Sepulveda VA home and the Cal-Vet home in Saticoy. A brunch was provided to all vets in attendance, and afterwards the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the lodge assisted in a flag retirement ceremony.



**Tracy Lodge 2031** recently donated the proceeds of \$921 from a Shrimp Feed to Military Moms of Tracy. The money will help purchase care packages going to active military from Tracy serving overseas. Currently, the city of Tracy has 47 deployed servicemen.

Military Moms of Tracy was started in 2003 by Julia Conover, Marilyn Chorley and Elaine Pulliam. It was started to bring the military mothers closer together and to pray for their children that were deployed. Shortly thereafter, the mothers started shipping care packages to every actively deployed military personnel from Tracy. Pictured above, Exalted Ruler Ray Din is shown handing the check to the Military Mothers.



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

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## CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (August 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016)



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**Nicholas Fleming** • Walnut Creek 1811  
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**Lance Erickson** • Atascadero 2733



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**Robert "Bob" Gordon** • Palmdale 2027  
**Melba Van Pelt** • Palmdale 2027

**Aubrey "Bud" Halford** • Tracy 2031  
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## CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors • (August 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016)

Bill Keller • Stockton 218  
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Frank & Arlene Taylor • Sonoma 1587  
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Arda Sundstrom • Lakeport 2704  
Lance Erickson (2) • Atascadero 2733

## CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (August 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016)

South Coast District PER Association  
Ronald Brusato 61  
George Knapp 68  
Matt Pires 168  
Adam Rocke 168  
Bill Keller 218  
Rod Mendoza 218  
Phyllis Neese 218  
Richard & Annette Silver 218  
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Cameron Boyne 322  
Mert Ahlstrom 423  
Craig Ahlswede 423  
Michael Arens 423  
David Atkins 423  
Teresa Basham 423  
Michelle Chambers 423  
Tim Chambers 423  
Chico Elks Ladies 423  
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Michael Fogleman 423  
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Thomas Gaines 423  
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Gil Houston 423  
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Roy King 423  
Samantha Lewis 423  
Dick Logue (2) 423  
Ron Magoon 423  
John McAmis 423  
Gail McGowan 423  
Cap Porterfield 423  
William Price (2) 423  
Reno Ricci 423  
David Sos 423  
James Spray 423  
Bob Vanella 423  
Ryan Vanella 423  
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Frank Almazan (3) 583  
Sylvia Becker 583  
Patricia Piper 583  
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Redland Elks Lodge 583  
Mark Sczublewski 583  
Denny & Angel Young 583  
Peter Davidson 613  
Suzanne Malloy 613  
David Pickering 613  
John Rubin 613  
Santa Barbara Cribbage Comm. (2) 613  
Robert Spinner 613  
Ron Zeigler 613  
Steve Santillian (5) 614  
Rodney Bridgers, Jr. 616  
Rodney Chang 616  
Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers (6) 616  
Elks 616 Saturday Yoga (7) 616  
Richard Erickson 616  
Honolulu Bridge Club 616  
John Lacy 616  
Julie Palenapa 616  
Charles Beem 643  
Steve Buttress 643  
Carole Fajardo 643  
Robyn Jarvis 643  
Judy's Box (3) 643  
James Lenon III 643  
James Lenon, Jr. 643  
Dixie McKenzie 643  
Peter Shipman 643  
Bonnie Wadley 643  
Cliff Wadley 643  
Jonie Zuel 643  
Barry Jacobsen (3) 652  
Robert Beggs 672  
Don Stocker 672  
Marlem Mason 794  
John Hadveck 824  
Becky Murrow 824  
Mike Murrow 824  
Everette Cranford 836  
Jon Coster 888  
Robert Croft 888  
Patricia Devine (2) 888  
James Gunter 888  
Larry Hancock 888  
Patrick Riley 888

Dennis Woodson 888  
Clarence Peters 901  
Peter Poiani 901  
Ernest Gonzales 966  
Madelyn Khodaverdian 1015  
Donor Patterson 1015  
Deborah Peretto (2) 1015  
Karol Pessin 1015  
Deanna Satterwhite 1015  
Lee Watson (3) 1015  
Bobbie Danz 1108  
Elise Sambrano 1108  
Jasson & Terri Durhan (6) 1112  
Lisa Chainey 1251  
John Fewins 1251  
Frank Klobas 1251  
Linda Pitts 1251  
Mark Porter 1251  
Jack Bowser 1282  
Nancy McCarthy-Wims 1282  
Louise McCoskey 1282  
Modesto Goodtimers RV Club 1282  
Sylvia Reinitz 1282  
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Thomas Higgins 1298  
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Maria Chapa (2) 1328  
Joe De Toma 1328  
Al Fredrickson (6) 1328  
Mary Garcia 1328  
Barbara Graham 1328  
Richard Poore 1328  
David Quintero (4) 1328  
Rita Rodriguez (2) 1328  
Tricia Vargas 1328  
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Don Avila 1419  
Robin Baith 1419  
Joel Baldwin 1419  
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Jim Farrand (2) 1419  
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Ronald Mueller 1419  
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Nick Savala 1419  
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Christopher McEntire 1427  
Tony Dykes 1430  
Ron Reischel 1430  
Leo Soto 1430  
Geoffrey Holland 1436  
George Tombe III 1436  
Kathleen "Kathy" Hall 1471  
Ann Morey 1471  
Mike & Kammie Adams (3) 1475  
Barbara Berger 1475  
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Lonnie Kell (4)	1497	Kimberly Fisher & Lisa Morris	1811	Steven Nelson (6)	2031	Barbara King	2444
Jim Nunez	1497	Ed Kucera	1811	Clifford Robertson (6)	2031	Gary Liebmann (12)	2444
Craig Reynolds (3)	1497	Ruth Reeves (3)	1811	Ira Windham (5)	2031	Mike Long	2444
Cheryl Richards (3)	1497	John Story	1811	Lorrene Calsing (2)	2045	Vicky Long	2444
Howard Rothenbach (3)	1497	Ralph Wareing	1877	Ed Garland (2)	2045	Dennis Lumley	2444
David Campbell (5)	1538	Jill Brogan	1905	Diane Keller	2045	Susan Murray	2444
Gary Rowe	1539	Mike Brogan	1905	Frank Keller	2045	Arnold Shin	2444
San Fernando Lodge 1539 (8)	1539	Diane Gill	1905	Peggy Leonard	2045	Brenda Hagen	2477
Betty Collier	1561	Bert Liebersbach	1905	Bruce McLain	2045	Sal Argo	2492
Warren Downs	1561	Eugene Mitchell, Jr. (4)	1905	Anita McMillan	2045	Connie Bachman	2492
Phil Dumas	1561	Rebecca Reid	1905	Bill Shaw	2045	Jim Barros	2492
El Camino Wildcats	1561	Carol Richardson	1905	Michael Stevens (3)	2045	Marian Corson	2492
Jerry Harder	1561	Benjamin Verde	1905	Jan Hasegawa	2050	Happy Wanderers Camping Club (2)	2492
Larry Hatter	1561	Jim & Linda Waddell	1905	Steven Johnson	2050	Cherri Peterson	2492
Charles Lewis	1561	Melvin McCubbin	1913	Sylvia Thoma	2050	John Peterson	2492
Adele Moore	1561	Anderson Plywood	1917	Tracy Swilley	2068	Tom Petriella	2492
Caleb Wall	1561	Richard Ferguson	1918	Jerry Attebery	2103	Mel Baker	2504
Eugene Yocum	1561	Megan Silveira	1919	Steve Barker	2103	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
St. Charles Saloon	1587	Lynnie Tabata	1919	Mrs. Bigler	2103	Forrest "Frosty" Frost	2504
Frank & Arlene Taylor (7)	1587	Lee Allen	1952	Dennis Peifer	2103	Mike Leon	2504
Hilda Andengaard	1643	Robert Burks	1952	Jean Prather	2103	Richard Barcellos (3)	2510
Bob Evans	1643	Arthur Eng	1952	Jim Sekelsky	2103	Rob Fischer	2510
Jenny Henry	1643	James Faulkner (3)	1952	Barbara Harrington-Selbach (2)	2117	Martin Oates (2)	2510
Warren White	1689	Peter La Combe	1952	Daryl Black	2121	Luise Pyeatt (6)	2510
Michael Cosby	1691	Raul Martinez	1952	Bruce Hedlund	2121	Cookie Rendon (5)	2510
Richard Kulhavy (2)	1691	Edward Mason	1952	Zoilita Hedlund	2121	Allen Baldwin	2591
Sarah Fodge	1712	Gerry McConnell	1952	Sara Leinkram	2121	Gary Brown	2591
Joshua Neely	1712	William Smith (2)	1952	Lester Mensinger (2)	2121	Erlinda Puig	2591
John Quincy	1712	Robert Underwood	1952	Patricia Polehla (2)	2121	Larry Ryan (4)	2591
Warren Bilstein	1728	John Zahn	1952	Debbie Rizotto	2121	Richard Warren	2591
Marie Bolstad	1728	Ron Earnest	1959	Diane Shaw (2)	2121	Bill Andrews (2)	2599
Ryan Cooley	1728	Dennis Fischgrabe	1959	Jolene Smith	2121	Bill Hall	2599
Bill Daniel	1728	Julie Fleeman	1959	Larry Smith	2121	Fran Musetti (2)	2599
Delores Dooley	1728	Tom Lemm	1959	Huey Stratton	2121	Greg Newman	2599
Tony Fernandez	1728	Kathy MacDonald	1959	Steve Gollob	2128	Charles Bitney	2639
Denise Gallien	1728	John Nielsen	1959	Krull Family (3)	2128	David Green	2646
Ken Jones	1728	Patrick Tone	1959	Robert Maes, Sr.	2128	Winona Estoesta	2669
Thelma Maddox	1728	Brett Tweedy	1959	Jim Wadley	2142	Santee-Lakeside Lodge	2698
Hal Merriott	1728	Fred Costa	1968	Michele Chowdry (2)	2190	West Air Gases & Equip-Mkt St.	2698
Redwood Valley Gas Station	1728	Dorothy DiTomaso Grindle (2)	1968	Charles Weil	2190	Lakeport Lodge 2704	2704
Kelsey Rivera	1728	Paul Eckert	1968	Cassandra Guard	2230	Walt Neumann	2704
Bobbi Ryan	1728	Lorraine Tschaeche (5)	1968	Carl Romero	2230	James Perry	2704
William Swinney	1740	Jerry Weis (3)	1968	Charles Braden	2248	Rotary Club of Lakeport	2704
Richard "Rick" Blake	1767	Jo Larsen	1980	David Eaton	2248	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Sharron Dearborn	1767	Shirley "Joan" Tindal (2)	1980	Bob Johnson	2248	Dave Davidson	2724
Glover Hardy	1767	Maurie Bennett	1991	Marionette Mason	2248	Ron Knoernschild	2724
Tony Messina	1767	Tony Curci	1991	Frank Morinelli	2248	Ronald Mead	2733
Arthur Morell	1767	Jerry Redford	1991	Elli Platz	2248	Kenneth Behrends	2801
Barbara Turner	1767	Rich Wallace	1991	Mel Rojko	2248	Lloyd Clough	2801
Judith Wilson	1767	Tim Velikonja	2026	Hal Snow	2248	Diane Farrens (2)	2801
Jack Lower	1787	Carlos Bracamontes, Jr.	2027	Janet Gurley	2274	Robert Farrens	2801
Peter Neilson	1787	Keith Hoyt	2027	Jim & Penny Fouse	2347	Robert Johnson	2801
Charles Teague	1787	Willie Marshall	2027	Raymond Gamma	2347	Joyce Mahtesian	2801
Jean Bruechle Topley	1787	Marlene Soulsburg	2027	Robert Gibbons (2)	2347	James McMillian	2801
Allen Albert Gomez	1804	Roselani Bareis	2031	Penny Hubbard	2347	Kathleen Murray	2801
Foothill School	1811	Ray Din (2)	2031	Robert Szilasie	2347	Peter Recatto	2801
Gerry Gouveia (4)	1811	Jeffrey Finke	2031	Shirley Altstadt	2364	Mike Zenski	2801
Greg Hunter	1811	Aubrey Halford (4)	2031	Ellsworth Warner	2364		
Judy Hunter	1811	George Hickman	2031	Steven Washburn	2426		

**Sunnyvale Lodge 2128** served dinner at JW House, a home away from home for families facing medical crisis. The Lodge served a chicken casserole and rice dinner for 16 residents at JW House, located on the campus of Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara, CA. JW House provides a respite for families that have members in critical care. The Lodge also donated \$85 worth of kitchen and household items.

At another event, the Lodge hosted a pizza party for the Pacific Autism Center for Education. Approximately 30 residents and staff from three homes enjoyed pizza and low impact activities. With funding from the ENF Beacon Grant, the Lodge purchased \$670 worth of kitchen utensils and household items for the homes.

Finally, the Lodge hosted its 4th Annual Family Day at the Ranch. This outdoor event, funded by the ENF Beacon Grant, provided activities and a petting zoo for the autistic K-8 students and families from the Sunnyvale Elementary School District.

**Alturas Lodge 1756** came together with their community to hold a benefit dinner for 5 year old Berkeley Talbott and his family. Berkeley was diagnosed with brain cancer and spinal tumors. With the doctors being so far from Alturas it was going to be even more expensive for his family to deal with. Berkeley's father, Jess, a new member to the lodge and future officer had to step away from his Lodge. The Lodge then stepped up helping a brother in need by organizing a Pit BBQ with all the trimmings. It was a drive-thru event with pre-sale tickets only. Lodge members and the Friends of Berkeley, purchased all of the tickets and many other donations were accepted. Lodge members, headed up by PER Curtis Leslie, and several community members prepared the meals that were served in the Lodge parking lot. Our small community gave so generously to the Talbott family that Alturas Elks Lodge presented the Talbot family with a check exceeding \$6,000. It was very heartwarming to many of our members to see what we were able to accomplish for Berkeley, *our Little Superman*. Berkeley is continuing to receive treatments and loves when he gets to come home and see his dogs.

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David Podger	3	Frank Gutierrez	1250	Susan Jimenez	1812	Sharron Cannon	2011
Josh Hachadourian	3	Robert Ostini	1251	Stacy Mackey	1812	Frncis J. Glenski	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Mark Porter	1251	Donald Sauter	1812	Debbie Hosted	2011
Judi Traci	6	Jan Lee	1298	Richard Yeager	1812	Roy Jenness	2011
Max Burnett	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Ashley Munoz	2011
L. Butch DePaul	168	James Ferris	1378	C. Michael Melton	1917	Christine Nelson	2011
Lynn DePaul	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Jose Justiniano	1948	David Plotke	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	James G. Anderson	1952	John Hardman	2031
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	David Dickey	2046
Kathleen Kutler	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Robert W. Griffith	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Karen Lakey	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Gary Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Karen Lewin	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Jose A. Lopez	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Glenn Montague	168	Amanda Jung	1475	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Chuck Nolan	168	Colin Smith	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Leroy Bostick	2358
Matthew Pires	168	Greg Peale	1497	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Ted Olsen	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Richard Tanguy	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Nadine Steel	218	Warren H. Downs	1561	Carol Beckwith	1968	Greg Metzgas	2477
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	Carole D. May	1561	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Beverly Burns	2484
Aron Anderson	672	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Jerome Paul	672	Linda Tucker	1636	Jim Byerrum	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Charles Rowe	672	Marsha J. Franklin	1687	Dan Casey	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	John E. Harry	1687	Judy Givens	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Steve Belcher	824	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Richard Green	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Richard Blake	1767	Alan Kelley	1993	Michael T. Roberson	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Ray Prettyman	1767	Michael Mathers	1993	James Williams	2599
Donald Checchi	906	Kaye Brandos	1804	Diana Mondragon	1993	Bridget Smith	2616
Frank Frazier	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Trudy Nuzum	1993	John R. Smith	2616
Robert A. Pickett	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Tom Warren	2639
Margaret Pickett	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Jenine Britton	2698
John Eitel	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Dave Hosted	2698
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Michael Silva	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Joe Tato	1108	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Martin Barros	2011		
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Janet L. Byrd	2011		
Dave Wells	1240	Ron Harden	1812	Phillip W. Byrd	2011		



**Garden Grove Lodge 1952** Trustees, accepted a mosaic flag from Robin Marcario. The mosaic is made up of over 2,000 pieces of glass and ceramic tile which measures 3' by 5' feet in size. Robin Marcario, a local mosaic artist, collected various shades of red and white ceramic tile, for five years, which symbolize the richness of our diverse community. There are 20 handmade tiles, created with the help of local ceramic artist, Betty Merrill Lynch, an Elks Lodge Member, honoring our military service members and quotes like "All gave some, some gave all" incorporated in the flag mosaic.

The beautiful completed mosaic was then installed on a wall of the lodge, facing Trask Avenue, near the entrance. This location provides a public view of our own permanent piece of mosaic public art. This patriotic American flag is a tribute to all the military service people, past and present that have honorably and faithfully served our country.

In other news, the Garden Grove Elks completed our distribution of 3,514 dictionaries at 44 elementary schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District.



**Orange Lodge 1475** participated in National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, had more than 5,000 people attend. The evening was hosted by the Orange Police Department in the Target parking lot. Twenty Elks came out to the National Night Out to hand out over 500 comic books, 800 coloring books and boxes of crayons and 300 kids received playground and soccer balls. Elroy T. Elk and his team were in attendance to greet the crowd and take pictures with the kids. Also present were the Patriotic Service Dog Foundation.

Pictured is Elks member Colin Smith, his son and Elroy.





**Roseville Lodge 2248** hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for two amazing young men. Exalted Ruler Steve Dale presented each Scout with a certificate, flag and the Eagle Scout belt buckle.

Jarrold Fuller, a graduate of Oakmont High School currently attending Sierra Junior College. His eagle project was to improve his former elementary school kindergarten play area, Crestmont Elementary. With support of his family and friends, Jarrod had over 400 volunteer hours for his project

Matthew Di Loreto, a graduate of Woodcreek High School currently attending Sierra Junior College. His eagle project was the construction of 24 California Wood Duck Nest Boxes, part of a program for monitoring the Wood Duck population, for the California Waterfowl Association located in Roseville. With support of family and friends, he had over 112 volunteer hours for his project.

Pictured are Exalted Ruler Steve Dale, Eagle Scout Jarrod Fuller, and Eagle Scout Matthew Di Loreto.



**Canoga Park Lodge 2190** held their annual Lobster Fest at the Lodge and was attended by over 250 members and guests. The Lobsters were flown in live that morning. Steak was served to those that didn't want lobster.

In other Lodge news, the Lodge distributed more than 2,500 dictionaries to third graders in the Canoga Park area. It was noted that over the years, the Lodge has distributed more than 17,000 dictionaries.



**Indio Lodge 1643** opened its doors in 1941, celebrated its 75th Anniversary on November 12th, with dinner and dancing to the renowned Rebecca Clark performing in a musical tribute to Barbara Streisand for the anniversary. Indio hopes to celebrate many more years as a growing and thriving Lodge.

Pictured above are DDGER, Bert Liebersbach, Exalted Ruler Ruthann Aguilera and Grand Lodge Trustee Chairman Hugh Scanlon.



**On Veterans Day the Oxnard Lodge 1443** placed 13 American flags at Oxnard City Hall, the start of the Veterans Day parade, and 50 flags around Plaza Park, the end of the parade, to help instill pride in our country and to honor our local veterans.

At the end of the Veterans Day ceremonies in Plaza Park, the Elks provided over 300 free hot dogs with sides to our veterans, their families and those community members who were honoring our veterans.



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**Santa Barbara Lodge 613** held its 11th annual "Groovin In The Grove Car and Travel Trailer Show". The event brought over 100 classic cars, 20 antique Travel Trailers, along with numerous special interest vehicles, including classic boats, 1940 Indian Motorcycle, a vintage helicopter and other military vehicles. The military vehicles are privately owned in an effort to preserve history.

The event was well received by the community with 300 individuals attending the family orientated day. In total, \$8,600 was raised by the event and the funds benefitted the Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara as well as local veterans. Pictured above, right to left, Sebastian Herics, Herman Pfauter, and Robert Gordon. Vehicles include a Dodge WC52 w/50 Caliber gun, a GMC CCKW 352 Troop carrier, 6X6



**Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504** - Joe Malone, an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 413 in Arroyo Grande, CA, built an American Flag Drop Off Box for non serviceable America flags for the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge as part of completing the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank. Accepting the Drop Off Box was Exalted Ruler Mike Leon. Others present included Loyal Knight Mel Baker, Lecturing Knight Kristi Dupler, Trustees Jay Dupler, Scott Alguire and John Fiechter, Scouting Chairman Rick TerBorch, Veterans Service Chairman Ken Coxon as well as several members of the Veterans Service Committee and members of Joe's family.

**Eureka Lodge 652** served several hundred diners an evening of celebration with members, friends, family and local Rotary Clubs combined to host a Thursday night steak dinner to honor the United States Coast Guard, to commemorate its 226th birthday and the centennial anniversary of USCG aviation. Eureka, California is one of only twenty officially recognized USCG cities in the country and the second to receive that designation, according to Eureka City Council member Melinda Ciarabellini who, in remarks after the dinner, noted the respect and affection that Eureka have for the men and women of the Coast Guard who serve the residents of the North Coast. USCG members were guests of the Elks Lodge and Rotary Clubs whose members organized, hosted and served the dinner and grilled, boxed and delivered dozens of steak dinners to service men and women who were on duty and unable to attend.

### Ventura County Elks Stand Down

Since 2010 the Ventura County Elks Lodges; Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477, Simi Valley Lodge 2492, Ventura Lodge 1430 and Oxnard Lodge 1443 joined together to honor our Veterans for a day.

The Thousand Oaks Veterans Co-Chairs were in charge of the transportation for the Veterans to and from Santa Barbara, West Los Angeles and Sepulveda Veteran Hospitals to the Stand Down.

The four lodges work together at the Ventura lodge to prepare lunches for all the Veterans. The lodges each contributed food and drinks and joined hands in preparing the lunches. This year more than 200 Veterans were served. We do our best to live by the words, *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*



**Paso Robles Lodge 2364** recently presented a check for \$650.00 to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. This donation was part of a grant given to the lodge by the Elks National Foundation Community Investments Program. Pictured L to R are Lodge Treasurer Nathan Sanchez, Food Bank Director Maria Sabe, and Lodge Secretary, Barbara Hofer.

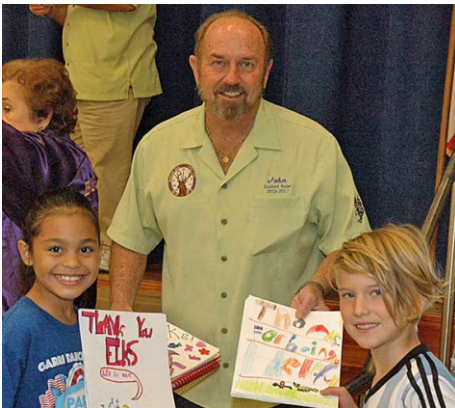
**Elk Grove Lodge 2577** took our adopted Gold Star Mother Dorothy on a shopping trip for Thanksgiving. Dorothy is on a limited income and has 5 children to raise. We not only purchased the Thanksgiving meal but we had her stock up for the coming months. This will make our 4th year of supporting Dorothy and her family. Our Lodge will insure Dorothy has Christmas meal and gifts. We provide additional shopping trips during the year as well as provide support throughout the year.

In other news, the lodge purchased and delivered 20 turkeys to the Elk Grove Food Bank. This is an ongoing tradition of our Lodge contributing to the Elk Grove Food Bank.





**Paradise Lodge 2026** received an ENF Promise Grant to hold the Paradise Ridge Children's Christmas Party. Each year, the Lodge sponsors a Children's Christmas Party for children on the Ridge. More than 350 children each receive a present, stocking, refreshments and games, plus a visit to Santa & Mrs. Claus. This year it was held at the Paradise Elks Lodge on December 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Left to right Santa's helpers, Wendy Wicklund, Shirley Williamson (co-chair) Liz Mannion (co-chair) and Patricia Heyl.



**Burbank Lodge 1497** made its 12th annual stop at Providencia Elementary as part of distributing more than 1,000 dictionaries within the Burbank School District.

Providencia Principal Jennifer Culbertson introduced ER John Coyle to the students, who told them the dictionaries not only will help them with their spelling but many other subjects of reference.

The Elks and Providencia Elementary share a partnership in that for the past 15 years the fraternal organization has welcomed the nearby school to hold its fifth grade promotion ceremony at the lodge each year. Pictured above is ER John Coyle accepting thank you's from two students.



**Kailua Lodge 2230** "Children's Music with the Elks Lodge Band" was an unqualified success with 57 children and adults attending. On November 8th, the Kailua Elks Lodge opened its doors to the sound of pitter-patter of little feet as preschoolers, with their parents and grandparents, were treated to 45 minutes of song and dance performed by the Kailua Elks Band. Songs like "Wheels on the Bus go Round and Round" and "If You're Happy and You Know It" were played to the clapping of hands and joyful jumping of little feet. Many thanks were given by the attendees, and we owe this to our band and also to the creator of the event, Frank Padilla. I'm sure the event will keep growing with our next event Tuesday, December 13th at 11 a.m.

Band members from left to right: Washtub Bass: Michael Cress, Guitar: Jesse Allen, Ukulele, Vocals: Roger Allen, Ukulele, Vocals: Wayne Fergerstrom, Lap Steel Guitar: Bob Beard



**Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444** participated in Red Ribbon Walk. The City of Mission Viejo held its annual Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Walk. Over 1,000 parents and children walked from the Mission Viejo High School down La Paz to the field next to the Norman Murray Senior Center. At the field booths manned by local clubs and organizations food, literature, refreshments and other giveaways were provided for walk participants. The Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge occupied a booth from 8 am to 12 p.m., distributing American Flags, Red Ribbons and Drug Awareness pamphlets highlighting the dangers of drugs to children and adults. The kids participated in a True/False written drug quiz to receive a Dare shirt and a ticket for a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards from a local sports store. Elks Drug Awareness Chairman, Donna Pettipas, organized the Lodge's participation at this community event. Pictured above, PER Charles Hart passes out a Red Ribbon to a young walker.



### Ian Lanouette Retires as the California-Hawaii Elks Magazine Editor



It was nine years ago in January 2008 when I became the editor of the California-Hawaii Elk Magazine. I have enjoyed editing every issue. The member Lodges of the Association have accomplished many wonderful things in these nine years, and it has been a pleasure to help them publicize their contributions to their communities, veterans, youth and membership. But now, I have decided to relinquish my role as editor and pass the torch so that the magazine can continue to be improved to better promote the accomplishments of the Association and its membership.

Many individuals have contributed to the success of the magazine. Tim Martin has been a constant supporter of my efforts. Many other people in the CHEA office have contributed to every issue and Charisce Williams has been a key contributor in the final editing stages of each issue. My wife, Wanda, has been extremely supportive as I performed my editing duties. Her keen eye and thoughtful input has contributed immensely to each issue. I thank them all and cannot fully express my deep gratitude for their help over the years.

Our publisher, Bays Printing, deserves many accolades for their outstanding work in doing the layout of each issue. Their ability to crop and edit photographs and to place the articles so artfully on each page was an unparalleled work of beauty every time.

Ted Olsen, PER, of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379, has been appointed by Tim Martin and the Association Sponsors to replace me as the editor of the magazine. Ted has been designing the covers for the past two years, and this issue marks his debut in the role of editor. Please welcome Ted as he assumes this awesome responsibility.

**Santa Clarita Lodge 2379** has participated in the Dictionary Project for the twelfth straight year. The Lodge distributes more than 3,500 dictionaries to more than 30 different elementary schools in and around the Santa Clarita Valley each year.

In other news, the Santa Clarita Elks held their annual Silent Auction for the Purple Pig on Friday, December 2. This auction was started by Karen Henke, during PSP Skip Henke's ER year. This year more than 225 gift items and baskets raised over \$5,000 for the Major Project, a testament to Karen and other Lodge volunteers.



**Santa Cruz Lodge 824** has been a flurry of activity this fall. On September 11th, members, general public, local law enforcement and fire department officers assembled the Avenue of Flags, a display of over 400 American flags donated by the families of veterans.

In October, the Lodge hosted *The Ride To Recovery Project* for dinner. Ride to Recovery rehabilitates disabled Veterans and culminates in a 400 plus mile bike ride through the state. Elk members and officers served the group, which included U.S. veterans, as well as a team of German veterans, dinner and refreshments before general presentations and awards.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner in November kicked off of the *Adopt-A-Family* program, which supports families in the area with holiday baskets, clothing shopping trips and holiday gifts for children.

Pictured above, Some of Santa Cruz's future Elks posing for photos with local law enforcement officers after helping to assemble Flags for the September 11th ceremony.