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**Orange Lodge 1475** submitted El Modena High School "Just Say No" video in the National Drug Awareness Program High School Video Contest and won. The Orange Lodge has a robust Drug Awareness Program and is involved with all of the local Middle and High Schools. The El Modena H.S. 2017 anti-drug video "Just Say No" can be found on YouTube, just type in **El Modena H.S. Just Say No**. Pictured receiving their award at the Annual Youth Appreciation Night is the El Modena TV production crew.

In other news, Del Mar Beach at Camp Pendleton was the site of the annual Summer BBQ Beach Bash for the 7th Engineer Support Battalion and their families. This is the third year that the Orange Elks BBQ Crew have joined Pete's Firehouse Guys to serve lunch to over nine hundred Marine and Navy personnel, their families and friends. The BBQ Crew prepared more than 750 pounds of pork, beef brisket, chicken and hot dogs to feed everyone in attendance. Commanding Officer of the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Nash stopped by to personally thank the Orange Lodge for supporting the event.

The Orange Lodge held a family picnic in July for the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County at Irvine Park, entertaining and feeding over 350 members of the Association.



**Westchester Lodge 2050** donated \$2500 to the Westchester Babe Ruth League to re-seed their Ivan Miller Field. This is the second year the Elks have completed the project which is spearheaded by members Chris Lynch and Larry Diver. The team celebrated 60 years of playing on the field in 2016 and were the 2015 (13-15 year olds) World Series Babe Ruth Champions. Funds were made possible from a Beacon Grant through the Elks National Foundation. Pictured are Elks members with the Babe Ruth team coaches.

In other news, the Ladies of Westchester Elks donated \$200 to the Bob Hope USO at Los Angeles International Airport, which provides many services and needs at no charge to create a comfortable and welcoming "safe haven" for troops and their families traveling through LAX.

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**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** took part in the annual Balboa Island Parade for the third year in a row. Newport Harbor Lodge members and their families did the lodge proud in the 24th Annual Balboa Island Parade on June 4th handing out Drug Awareness coloring books, crayons and American Flags to children that lined the parade route.

**Vacaville Lodge 2638** in June, held a large event and hamburger sale at Schoony's, a local establishment, to raise funds for "Remember A Vet" program which puts a wreath on every grave at the Sacramento Dixon National Cemetery in early December. This is an annual fund raiser for the lodge and is made possible by the proprietor's donation of his business for the venue. This year the Lodge had over 120 participants and raised \$10,506, which will purchase 1,167 wreaths for the cemetery this Christmas.

# President's Message



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elks Members. First Lady Ginger and I have started our travels to visit the Districts and Lodges as we carry the message of our Elks programs.

Our first event took us to the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. What a great community event sponsored by Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538. It was a full four days of rodeo events shared with the Lodge members and the local community, including almost 6,000 third grade school kids and 40 plus military members from Vandenberg Air Force Base who handed out US Flags to the students as they entered the rodeo grounds. What a sight to see so many young students waving their flags and cheering for the cowboys and horses. After the rodeo, the next week we went to the Metropolitan District for the Luncheon Club meeting where I presented the programs for the year along with my slogan to encourage everyone to *Reach Out – Share the Experience*. We visited with members of the Burbank, Santa Clarita, San Fernando and Glendale Lodges during the weekend. The visit to Santa Clarita Lodge was highlighted by witnessing the annual Elks Flag Day Ritual. We also had a tour of the Entertainment Tonight studios and the Nethercutt Auto Collection.

Our next trip took us to the West Central Coast District where we visited the San Luis Obispo, Lompoc, Santa Ynez Valley and the Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodges. At Lompoc we were treated to a demonstration of the New Life K9 project which trains service dogs to help military members who need assistance. We toured the San Luis Obispo Tolosa Mission and the Solvang Classic Motorcycle Museum. The next district on our itinerary was the Orange Coast District which included stops at the Buena Park, Westminster, Santa Ana, Mission Viejo, Garden Grove, Fullerton and Newport Harbor Lodges. The Santa Ana Lodge was a Luau celebrating their 115th Lodge birthday. We also squeezed in a tour of the Nixon library in Yorba Linda. My sincere thanks go to Rick and Debra Adams, Metropolitan District Vice President; Jay and Kristi Dupler, West Central Coast District Vice President and Scott and Mary Kay Stephens, Orange Coast District Vice President for the excellent job they all did in hosting Ginger and myself during our visits.

On all of our visits, we had a great time meeting Lodge Officers and Members and learning about their Elks programs and the great impact they are having on their local communities. I continue to express the importance of my slogan for this year to have all members *Reach Out – Share the Experience*. I ask all members to welcome their newly initiated members and invite them to join our committees and get the firsthand experience of becoming an active, involved Member of the Lodge. The goal of this message is for our membership to take the message of our Order into our local communities and Share the Experiences of what we as Elks can do to help them through the many times we interact with them. We can show by demonstration what we as Elks can do for their local community by allowing our local Lodges to become partners within their local charities for children and veterans.

In closing, let me remind all Lodge officers to concentrate on reducing the number of members on the Lapsation lists. We are nearing the half-way point in our fraternal year and we all need to work diligently to retain those members so they can enjoy the full benefits of their Elks memberships.

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## CHEA President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

September 8-10  
Bay District

September 15-17  
Hawaii District

September 22-24  
Inland District

September 29 - October 1  
East Central District

October 5-8  
California Elks Camper Rally - Hemet

October 13-15  
North District

October 20-22  
Arizona Elks Association  
Mid-Year Meeting, Tempe, AZ

October 27-29  
West Central District

November 2-5  
Mid-Term Conference  
Woodland/Sacramento

November 17-19  
San Gabriel Valley District

December 1-3  
North Central District

December 8  
Roses for the Living Luncheon  
Burbank Lodge 1497

December 30-31 - January 1, 2018  
New Year's Celebration  
Pasadena Lodge 672

## CHEMPI (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.)

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Preschool Vision Screening
- The Eye Care Fund
- Disabled Student Scholarships
- 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."*

Lake Almanor Lodge 2626 held a Vision Screening day for young children at their lodge in July. It was the first, of what they hope to be an annual community event which becomes even more successful in coming years.

The CHEMPI Elks Preschool Vision Screening Program was created in 1965 to screen preschool children, 2½ to 5 years of age, for vision deficiencies. If your Lodge wishes to host a vision screening event, please fill out a Form 11 and contact Pat DiMercurio by email: [pdimercurio@chea-elks.org](mailto:pdimercurio@chea-elks.org) to check on particulars and availability.



## Elks National Foundation

Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is celebrating its 150th year. The Elks National Foundation is helping to lead the celebration that started at the Grand Lodge Convention held in Reno, NV. ENF has created the Anniversary Grant to mark this incredible milestone. Every Lodge can receive a one-time Community Investment Grant of \$1,500. For California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodges that means a possible \$255,000 in additional funding for community projects they sponsor. That is a lot of icing on the BPOE's birthday cake.

The Lodge Year will soon be half over which means it is time to focus on the Mid-Term Conference. This is when the Lodges and Districts of CHEA measure their progress in meeting the GER's ENF per-member giving goal. GER McPherson has set this year's per member giving goal at \$4.75.

The Association Vice Presidents will make a presentation on behalf of their District. It is a great celebration and I hope that you can come to Sacramento and support your District's Association Vice President. I know that many Lodges will want to bring last minute donations to the Mid-Term Conference. There will be a table set up to accommodate this custom. However, it is best for Lodges to send their monies in directly to ENF with proper documentation.

One important ENF change that was revealed at Grand Lodge in Reno, NV is the restructuring of the Individual Recognition program for Annual, Cumulative, Fidelity Club and Loyalty Club participation. There is more information on these changes than what I have room for here. Please refer to [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf) to get the whole picture.

Individual donors are enrolled in the Foundation Fellowship. Per the Elks ENF web page "The Foundation Fellowship recognizes six levels of giving ranging from \$50 to \$10,000. The Leading Knight's charge in the initiation ritual inspired the names for each giving level. Each level represents one of the mythical goddesses of noble virtue who were present at the Olympus feast where Charity appeared. The highest level of the fellowship is Charity, the greatest of all virtues."

I advise to you to put the anniversary celebration scheduled for San Antonio, TX July 1-4, 2018 on your calendar now and plan to attend. With that I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento. We will be talking ENF there.

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**Westchester Lodge 2050** members volunteered for the A Community of Friends (ACOF), an organization whose mission is to end homelessness through the provision of quality permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness. A great organization with over 44 properties scattered around Southern California that have housed over 2000 people and 600 children. Their newest building, Silver Star Apartments, has 48 one bedroom, state of the art units and will house only homeless Vets. Westchester Elks members joined ACOF to create "Welcome Home" baskets with basic supplies that the Vet's can't afford. The Westchester Elks were able to fund this event with the help of a \$2000 Freedom Grant.



**Merced Lodge 1240**, with the assistance of ENF Beacon and Promise Grants, provided two fun summer days at the Kiddieland Park in Merced. The June event had 197 special education students, while the July event had 356 disadvantaged children. All of the children were given an Elks anti-drug wrist band when entering the park, received unlimited amusement park rides, lunch and snacks. The children made anti-drug badges at the Elks Drug Awareness booth and were given drug awareness information.



**Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477** passed the hat at a general meeting when the Western Region Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg and his son Billy Sternberg brought to the attention of the membership a need that existed. A single mother could not afford to purchase a Scout uniform for her son, or to send him to camp. The Lodge raised enough money with a large donation from one member for camp, another started the ball rolling for his uniform. Enough was raised to outfit him with the essentials he needed. While at camp, he was able to earn 4 merit badges and learn to fish. He even liked the food, even after being told by other Scouts the food is never good.



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### Scholarship

David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



It is a busy time of year for the Scholarship committees at the Local, District and State levels.

We all know about the ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship program and how our state continues to shine. There will be some changes to this year's application process which will help alleviate many of the issues we had with last year's program. I personally want to thank each lodge and district chairman for making this program the success that it is. Our state was well represented at the National level. Applications will be available on-line starting September 1, 2017.

There is also another CHEA program that is available to residents of California and Hawaii.

### Vocational Grant Program

The candidate must be planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course resulting in a certificate or two-year degree and leading to employment opportunities. The program is open to male and female applicants who will be judged on an equal basis. While graduating high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high school students—in fact, it is open to all prospective students who require training or retraining to compete in the workplace.

The Vocational Grant is for one academic year, with an option to renew for one additional academic year. This grant may be used only for usual and required costs of student's course of study; that is, for tuition and fees, room and board (if living on campus), and books and supplies. Payment will be made to the school. Awards will be between \$500 and \$2,000 for an academic year depending on length of course.

The definition of an eligible program shall be comparable to that contained in the federal vocational legislation. That is defined as a two-year or less vocational/technical program culminating in a terminal Associate degree, diploma or certificate, but less than a baccalaureate program (Bachelor's degree). Students planning to transfer to a four year school to pursue a Bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply.

Examples of courses approved recently are:

- Fire Science
- Police Academy
- Dental Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Cosmetology
- Electrical Training
- Veterinary Technology
- Radiology Technician

A student must plan to attend school on a full-time basis for a minimum of sixty days. An academic year is determined to be a minimum of nine (9) months (approximately 39 weeks) of continuous full-time study. Payments may not be used to cover retroactive charges and may only be applied to expenses in the academic year.

Applications must be filed with the Scholarship Chairman, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area of the student's legal residence. An application may only be filed with one Lodge.

### Vocational Grants continued:

Using these programs is a good way to let other people know about Elksdom and our many youth and community oriented programs. The funds don't come from your Lodge so they are a good way to stretch your resources.

For additional information please visit the CHEA website at [chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships](http://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships) or stop by the booth at our CHEA Mid-Term conference in Sacramento. Vice-Chairman Ray Broussard and myself are looking forward to addressing any questions you may have.



Vista Lodge 1968 used their Gratitude Grant to help Milestone House, which offers a variety of program services designed to enhance the lives of at-risk foster teenage girls and their families. Executive director Beverly Boone accepted a \$2,000 check from Exalted Ruler James Leitholf and PER Kathy Harrod. As a small, independent program Milestone House individualizes the treatment of each of their clients according to their specific and unique needs.



Napa Lodge 832 took the opportunity of an official visitation by CHEA Northwest District VP Mark Giosso to dedicate their new gazebo with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured with AVP Mark Giosso are Officers and Members of the Napa Lodge, along with Officers and Members from other Lodges within the "Great" Northwest District.



## Drug Awareness Program

Brad Smith, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



I recently attended Grand Lodge in Reno. Wow, what an event. I have attended five, and each is exciting, but this particular Grand Lodge was outstanding. The Drug Awareness Program offered two days of training, which was excellent. National Enrique Camarena Award winner Officer Jermaine Galloway of Boise, Idaho Police Department was there, and he is a real inspirational speaker. Jermaine teaches law enforcement and other organizations all over the United States. He informed us of the problems in recognizing the drug promoter and user that law enforcement is now dealing with. He also caught us up on the latest information about Fentanyl. One issue I would like to pass along is the deadliness of Fentanyl. Fentanyl is often used to enhance the effect of heroin. It is deadly because an amount as small as the head of a pin can kill a human. It can be accidentally absorbed through the skin or inhaled. This presents a real problem for anyone coming into contact with it, or even contacting a user of Fentanyl.

Mika Camarena, Enrique's widow, was also there. She spoke of the stresses and heartbreak in dealing with his death. Mika recently joined San Diego Elks Lodge Number 168. Her family has overcome much to be successful in life. Her son, Enrique Camarena Junior, is now a Superior Court Judge. He submitted a letter in support of this year's CHEA Enrique Camarena Award winner. Mika joined us later in the Hospitality Room for some great conversation.

The National DAP also presented an outstanding program on the floor of Grand Lodge. Guest speaker, Chuck Rosenberg, who is the National Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, gave a very informative talk. He too emphasized the dangers of drug use, especially Fentanyl and the death totals connected with its use. Fifty-nine thousand (59,000) people died last year in the United States of drug abuse. That's astounding. That total is about equal to all of those killed by motor vehicles and firearms combined. Here are some other interesting facts. Four of five heroin users started with prescription drugs. The United States makes up about five percent (5%) of the world's population. We consume ninety-five percent (95%) of the world's Hydrocodone. We are a drug society.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is putting new efforts towards changing our society's perception of drugs. Efforts towards stopping the manufacture and distribution, arresting the users, no matter how good, will not stop the problem. We need to change how our society relates to drugs. In other words, stop the demand. Without users, the drug business goes away. The effort is targeted to the young because drug abuse starts for most under the age of twenty-five (25). Mr. Rosenberg lauded the Elks for their efforts. The DEA has a special program that works with the Elks in specific cities across America. The effort is working. We are making a difference, but we need to do more.

The DAP is finally going into social media in a significant way. I will be letting you know as this project gets going. There are other exciting things happening that will be reported as the year progresses. The essay, poster and video contests are continuing as well as the Enrique Camarena award. Ray Lazano's schedule is having a significant impact in schools. The Drug Quiz Show is

beginning to move in California. Look for it in your area as it continues to grow. Join with your Lodge DAP Committee, and start one if they don't have one. Learn who your District DAP Chair is, and work with them.

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**Huntington Beach Lodge 1959** held its annual Chili Cook Off and Classic Car Show in June with an International Chili Society Sanctioned Competition and 58 classic cars, many vendors, an expo, and a silent auction. The Lodge raised \$10,000 in proceeds to benefit operation Huntington Beach Elks Fund, serving Military and local families in need at Christmas time. The funds will be used for food boxes, toys for the children and gift cards for local high school children who are homeless.

In July, the Lodge held its sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament, with more than 80 golfers participating, in a four-man scramble. All proceeds went to the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, which provides shelter, food and clothing for children in need.

In other news, the Lodge held its Scholarship Essay Contest based on need, grade point and extracurricular activities. These children are all seniors in high school. We gave the two first place winners \$2,000 each and the two second place winners \$1500, with the two third place winners receiving \$1000 each. Our Americanism Essay Contest for 8th grade was won by Jonas Holdaway who went on to win third place in the state competition.



**Eureka Lodge 652** donated \$2,000 to "Make A Wish" (MAW). Five children had their wishes granted; which ranged from a trip to Disneyland, to having a backyard playhouse. Pictured from left to right; Dave Suchar, Elks Grant Coordinator; Betsey Biern, MAW CEO; Beth Nolan, MAW Program Director; Dennis Hunter, Elks Leading Knight; Lori Davis, Branch Manager, Tri Counties Bank; Heidi Groszmann, Arcata Police Department; Suzie Owsley, Eureka Police Department and Terry Long, Elks Project Coordinator.



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### Piggy Bank

Gerry Gouveia • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Donations to the Purple Pig – keep it simple – become a Recurring Donor for the Major Project and see your name in print each issue of the California-Hawaii Elks Magazine. Okay you care about your name but I know you care about the kids we help!

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Select the date you wish for the donation to be charged to your credit card. You may cancel at anytime by calling the office at (559) 255-4531.

We have an event coming up, **Save the date of Thursday, September 21, 2017 for a day at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse.** This is a trial event with BJ's, so we need all Elks and their friends to attend one of these participating trial restaurants.

There are Twelve (12) BJ's locations participating in this trial event, Fresno, Modesto, Stockton, Salinas, Newark, Concord, Cupertino, San Bruno, San Mateo, San Rafael, and 2 San Jose locations from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. So you can go for lunch, dinner, or an evening snack. All you will need is the coupon which will be coming in a separate email shortly.

Please mark your calendars, talk about it in Lodge meetings, put it your newsletters, and when the flyers come out give them to everyone you can. You can even use your smart phone to show the flyer so your wait staff just has to scan it. The more Elks and friends we get to attend this event, the better the chance we may be able to expand this program State-wide next year. Get ready for a great chance to earn money for the Purple Pig and have a great time doing it.



**Buena Park Lodge 2046 celebrated its 60th Anniversary** on July 29, 2017. The lodge room was miraculously turned into a night club for an evening of dining and dancing.

In 1962, our lodge faced many challenges. The cost of property and maintaining the building our new charter called home was almost too much for this new community to bear; but the resolve of our members was stronger than any obstacles life could throw at us. Fund raising events brought in new members and older members found their way home. Friendships old and new were established and reestablished; the lodge was on track.

"Over the years, the lodge had its share of hits and misses," said Judy Foley, Exalted Ruler. "Our anniversary celebration was a culmination of enjoyment and the satisfaction that we did indeed make it and make a difference."



**Alameda Lodge 1015** recently held its annual Ladies Luncheon—Purple Pig Fundraiser. This year's theme was "Once upon a time there was a Girl." Attendees decorated their tables to show off their favorite female heroes, and shared stories about them. A CHEA Therapist also discussed her work with children. This sold out event raised over \$18,000 for our Purple Pig. Pictured above are Lynne Lathbury, Past First Lady, CHEA Therapist Michelle.



**Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444** held their annual Summer Sock Hop for Saddleback Valley special needs youngsters in July. "We like to call them youngsters," said Exalted Ruler Mike Long, "but they are men, women and children of all ages, from sixteen to sixty and they sure know how to have a good time." The day was filled with fun, food, music and dancing. Entertainment was again provided by the High Hopes Musical Ensemble from Hope University in Santa Ana. The talented musical group is made up entirely of developmentally challenged men and women.

The annual Sock Hop is one of three parties held by the Lodge for the special needs men, women and children of the Saddleback Valley community. Pictured are event Chairman Les Stipek, wife Maggie, co-chair and ER Mike Long.

**Four Northwest District Lodges** came together in July for a fundraiser to support our Veterans. Petaluma Lodge 901, San Rafael Lodge 1108, Ukiah Lodge 1728 and Vacaville Lodge 2638, participated in a Taco Throwdown (a taco making contest). All proceeds from the sale of tacos would go to the Lodge chosen to have made the best tacos. This year's winner was the Vacaville Lodge, which will be making a donation to the Veteran's program of their choice.



## Lodge Activities

Michael Mathers • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



The Lodge Activities Committee goal this year is to increase the vitality of every California-Hawaii Elks Lodge by increasing its membership and reducing the loss of their members.

To accomplish this goal, it was the responsibility of every Lodge Activities Chairman to assist the Exalted Ruler, Lodge Officers and all Lodge Committees to develop a balanced program of activities which included fraternal, social, club and community service projects.

This past year we had 511 (74.71%) of the possible 684 reporting lodges, reporting a total of 34,082 events with 2,169,132 people in attendance. Just think about those numbers, if the other 25% of the non-reporting Lodges could have their numbers included in these yearly totals.

We had four districts that had 100% lodge participation reporting their activities.

District Chair Angela Anderson • Orange Coast District  
 District Chair Ralph Garcia • San Gabriel Valley District  
 District Chair David Shindledecker • South Central District  
 District Chair Robert Trask • Southeast District

### All-American Lodge State Winners:

#### DIVISION 1: Lodges under 301 Members

3rd • Desert Hot Springs 2639 • South District  
 2nd • Santa Ynez Valley 2640 • West Central Coast District  
 1st • Santa Monica 906 • South Central Coast District

#### DIVISION 2: Lodges with 301 thru 500 Members

3rd • Fremont 2121 • Bay District  
 2nd • Paso Robles 2364 • West Central Coast District  
 1st • Thousand Oaks 2477 • West Central Coast District

#### DIVISION 3: Lodges with 501 thru 700 Members

1st • Atascadero 2733 • West Central Coast District

#### DIVISION 4: Lodges with 701 thru 1,100 Members

3rd • Lompoc 2274 • West Central Coast District  
 2nd • Santa Barbara 613 • West Central Coast District  
 1st • Merced 1240 • Central District

#### DIVISION 5: Lodges with 1,101 thru 1,500 Members

3rd • San Mateo 1112 • Bay District  
 2nd • Oceano-Five Cities 2504 • West Central Coast District  
 1st • Orange 1475 • Orange Coast District

#### DIVISION 6: Lodges with over 1,500 Members

2nd • San Luis Obispo 322 • West Central Coast District  
 1st • Santa Maria 1538 • West Central Coast District

I would like to recognize the top three ALL STATE Winners:

3rd • Santa Monica 906 • South Central Coast District  
 2nd • Santa Maria 1538 • West Central Coast District

The State First place winner is:

1st • Orange 1475 • Orange Coast District

The California-Hawaii Elks Association had two Grand Lodge All-American Lodge Winners. Congratulations to those two Lodges for their great effort all year long.

1st place in Division 5 • Orange Lodge 1475  
 3rd place in Division 6 • Santa Maria Lodge 1538



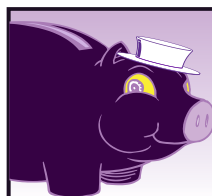
San Mateo Lodge 1112 used a Gratitude Grant to purchase two road touring bikes for the Veterans we support at the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Unit in Menlo Park. These bikes are invaluable to this group because it allows more Veterans the ability to participate in rehabilitative bike rides held throughout the year. This gift to the Veterans will go a long way to help rehabilitate both mind and body. Exalted Ruler, Brian Decker is pictured with a grateful group of Veterans that will be able to enjoy the bikes for years to come.



Yucaipa Lodge 2389 announced the award of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project **Undergraduate Scholarship for Students with Disabilities** to Amy Robinson of Yucaipa. Amy and her mother, Sheila, attended the Lodge dinner where she thanked the Elks for the award. Amy sustained a severe traumatic brain injury in 2007 and through the years has learned to work with her disabilities in order to achieve her current standing. She is a senior at California State University, San Bernardino, and presently has a 3.55 GPA. Her goal is to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, concentrating in Accounting.

Amy Robinson, center, is flanked by her mother and Exalted Ruler Gary Hutchcroft.

In other news, \$2600 was raised for the Major Project, at the State Vice President's Visitation. Donations were 52 Club, Century Club, and from the "adoption" of hand-crafted stuffed bears which are donated to at-risk children in the community.



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

we support children with disabilities  
 by giving a coin a day so they can  
 walk, talk, see & play!



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### Public Relations

By Wade Thorpe • CHEA Public Relations Chairman



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in February 2018. What an AMAZING accomplishment! At the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada this past July, Grand Lodge Public Relations and Marketing Chairman Rick Gathen stressed the importance of celebrating and honoring our past while laying the platform to focus on the future. If you weren't able to attend the Public Relations seminar at Grand Lodge, I encourage you to watch the recording of the seminar as it contains a wealth of information. You can view it in its entirety online via YouTube ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfNXkloiqJc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfNXkloiqJc)).

Rick Gathen gave a wonderful talk and reminded us that it is the job of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to educate and motivate the next generation of Elks. Contact your city and county leaders and local congressional representatives and invite them to attend one of your lodge functions that directly benefit your community. Hosting an anniversary celebration will provide lodges yet another opportunity to highlight the great work and charitable contributions the Elks make to our communities on a daily basis. *"The 150th Anniversary celebration will bring increased visibility to our accomplishments and goals. This should result in additional Members, enhance our community image, and increase our charitable donations – Rick Gathen."* For information on how to host a 150th Celebration party go to: **Elks.org > Membership Toolkit > 150th Anniversary**, for more details.

In today's technological society, social media and web pages are the number one resource for information. Your Lodge webpage is the perfect place to advertise the great work and charitable contributions of your lodge. Imagine a person unfamiliar with the Elks visiting your website and the first thing they see is "\$25,000 Donated in Local Scholarships" (for example). Positive messages are inviting and attract involvement and participation. It is important to maintain current, up to date, and relevant webpages. This year's CHEA Best Website contest will conclude at the end of September. Now is an excellent time to visit your lodge website or Facebook page and make sure it displays the image you want projected to members and visitors. The winners of the Best Website Contest will appear in the next issue of the Elk Magazine.

It is the responsibility of all members to convey our message to our friends, neighbors and community members. ***When your lodge has done something to be proud of, Stand Up and Shout It Out!***



**Oakhurst Lodge 2724** participated in an Oakhurst Community effort which created a new Veterans Memorial in Eastern Madera County. A three year effort, Veterans Memorial in the Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park, culminated with an opening ceremony on Flag Day 2017. Attended by more than two hundred fifty local residents, it is the only Veterans Memorial in Madera County.

With the help of a Gratitude Grant from ENF, a granite monument etched with a battlefield cross, boots, rifle and helmet, on the front of the stone and "We will never Forget Our Veterans; Oakhurst Elks Lodge 2724" on the back was contributed to the project.



**Walnut Creek Lodge 1811** held their annual car show and charity event in June, hosting over 95 cars. All registered participants voted for their favorite car and the Walnut Creek Exalted Ruler award went to the Shelby Mustang GT500. Other winners included a Hudson Hornet, Lincoln Zephyr convertible.

Members and the public enjoyed a BBQ lunch, live DJ music and demonstrations of large racing engines. Contra Costa County Fire brought out a ladder truck, which was enjoyed by many children. New cars were displayed by many of the area automobile dealerships. Many great prizes were given away, including car care products, Oakland A's tickets, an outdoor grill and gift cards.

Many Elks programs were showcased in the lodge, bringing in eight new member applicants. A portion of the funds raised with the car show charity event will be donated to the Major Project.



**Nevada City Lodge 518** teamed with a Grass Valley nonprofit, "Welcome Home Vets", to assemble and distribute thirty Veteran Life Packs to homeless Veterans in our community. An ENF Beacon Grant provided the funds to fill the packs with essentials such as T-shirts, socks, gloves, caps, rain ponchos, a towel and a toiletry kit. Additionally, sleeping bags and sleeping mats will also be included.

Pictured above are Ron Kapper and Ed Sanchez of Welcome Home Vets, receiving Veteran Life Packs from Lodge Veterans Services Commission co-chairs, Bob and Dorothy Rhodes.



## Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



### Charitable Reporting is Essential

Charitable reporting is one of the keys to the very survival of our great Order. The Government Relations Charity Statistics, once compiled, represent the only tangible, documentary proof of the total dollar value of all charitable work of Elks nationwide. Showing in dollars and cents just how much charitable work our Lodges account for in their jurisdictions gives our Order tremendous leverage with our elected officials. The statistics, once compiled, are used to make sure local, state and federal officials are aware of the tremendous positive impact the Elks are to their states, communities and constituents.

Each year our Lodges and State Associations account for more than \$400 million of documented charitable work nationwide. Because of our charitable reporting requirements, unlike any other organization, we have tangible documentary proof. The sad part is our committee estimates that only half of the work being performed by our Members gets reported. We do the work; why not get the credit!

That is why it is essential that Members, Lodges and State Associations keep complete and accurate records of all the charitable work being done by the Members.

Despite the filing instructions, there is typically a lot of confusion concerning what activities must be reported. There really should not be any confusion; it's simple: Members must report any time they spend, the miles they travel, expenses they incur and cash contributions they make working on the "charitable, patriotic, civic-minded or community-related projects or activities." "Only charitable activities" need to be reported. Therefore, no records need to be kept for non-charitable committee work such as work done on auditing, membership and CLMS.

I have reviewed our reporting for 2016 and 2017 ending March 30. What I found is our lodges are not reporting all the activities and hours that we have completed. California and Hawaii should be far above the rest the Order. I will be asking the District Chairman to be more involved with the Lodge chairman each month to confirm the Lodges are reporting monthly.



**Kern River Valley Lodge 2358** was honored by the Salvation Army with a plaque for the money and hundreds of volunteer hours the Lodge and its members put in one year ago during the devastating three week long Erskine Creek Fire.

One year ago the Kern River Valley Lodge was fully entrenched in assisting victims of the largest wildland fire in Kern County history. Just under 300 homes were lost, with as many more families affected. Two lost their lives and over 48,000 acres were burned. The upside of this terrible fire is that, within our Lodge, hearts were healed and friendships were renewed.

Many "Thank You's" are owed to so many for their time and efforts. The Ridgecrest Lodge sent a check for \$5,000; a check for \$1,500 was received from the Bakersfield Lodge; Mojave Lodge brought donations of needed items, spent the day volunteering – with Ted Hodgkinson in the lead – and handed us \$200 in cash from their members. Once again it truly shows that Elks Care – Elks Share.



**Chico Lodge 423** Elks Ladies held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser that netted over \$4400 for the Pleasant Valley Vikings Cheerleaders. The nationally recognized team will be on the road much more this year and the Elks Ladies stepped in to help raise money to defray the expenses associated with the increased travel. Members of the squad stopped by the Elks Lodge to personally thank their benefactors. Elks Ladies President Lora Lewis presented the check to Coach Donna Henderson while the squad and Elks Ladies Vice President Gail Hildebrand looked on.



**Elk Grove Lodge 2577**, ladies Antlerettes' made pillow cases for pillows purchased by the Lodge, which will be given to the Mather Veterans Hospital in Sacramento. The lodge has adopted the Intake Unit of the hospital and the Antlerettes' have agreed to make the pillow cases as long as the need exists.

Shown above left to right: Judy Ouellette, Laura Martin, Diannia Morrison, Susan Smith, Karen Jasper, Sandie Benadum, Helen Miller and Carol Beals.



**Sunnyvale Lodge 2128** hosted a pizza party for 25 residents and staff from the Pacific Autism Center for Education and donated \$1000 worth of household and kitchen items to the group. This event was partly funded by an ENF Beacon Grant.



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**Petaluma Lodge 901** held their annual Flag Day ceremony in conjunction with the Lodge picnic. The officers of Petaluma, along with Veterans and our Troop 2 Boy Scouts, held the ceremony at the Lodge, in front of an audience of members and guests.



**San Luis Obispo Lodge 322** donated \$1,000 to New Life K9's, a service organization that provides service dogs to veterans with PTSD.

The service dogs can perform tasks to meet the needs of a veteran with PTSD, which can include waking him up from a nightmare and even turning on lights, reminding him to take medications on time (even bringing the medication to the person), bark on command to warn off a potentially threatening stranger, and helps to decrease levels of anxiety.

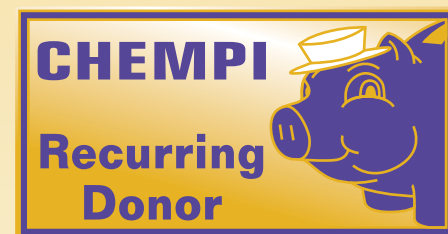
New Life K9s will provide service dogs to veterans at NO COST TO THE VETERAN. Training a dog can take 6 months for public access and to complete approximately 100 tasks on cue. New Life K9's cost, per graduated dog, is \$15,000.

Pictured are, Donna Donovan, Veteran's Committee Chair, Hercules the dog, Nicole Hern, Director of Training at New Life K9's and Ann McDowell, ER.

**Vacaville Lodge 2638** celebrated its 35th Anniversary on June 24, 2017. Three charter members were able to join the Lodge festivities, John Holsapple, Robert Meador and Richard Grundy. The evening celebration included dinner with dancing and \$850 being raised for the dictionary project.

**Fremont Lodge 2121** along with Home Depot employees from 10 stores, known as Team Depot, partnered to cleanup and make repairs to the home of a Fremont couple, both of who served in the US Navy during the Korean War. Struggling with health issues, veterans Frenchy and Lucy LeSage have struggled to keep up with basic home repair and maintenance. Their home was selected to be the second project in recent months taken on by Fremont Elks and Team Depot. Approximately ten Lodge members and fifty Team Depot members converged on the home, replaced steps, repaired fencing and freshened up the exterior paint. Additionally, the group redid the landscaping, adding several garden ornaments. The couple's worn flag was replaced with a new American flag, which had been flown in the LeSage's honor over the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. Additionally, Lodge members and Team Depot partnered to create, clean-up and improve common area gardens at the Livermore VA Hospital. The two groups look forward to future projects that will aid additional area veterans.

## Monthly Giving Made Easier



Do you want an easier way to give to the CHEA Major Project? Becoming a Recurring Donor is your answer! A Recurring Donor is a monthly giving program that recognizes giving via automatic and regularly scheduled donations.

Active donors receive a Recurring Donor lapel pin and have their name printed in the CHEA magazine. To learn more, see your Piggy Bank Chairman or visit:

[chea-elks.org/donations/index2b.htm](http://chea-elks.org/donations/index2b.htm)



## Legacy Giving

Robyn Sembenini • Bequests and Living Trusts Chairman



Have you ever wondered what BLT Legacy Giving is all about? It's very simple. The BLT Legacy Giving Program is a way to make charitable gifts that support the future of the Major Project (our beloved Purple Piggy Bank) and all the children served by CHEMPI.

One way to think of BLT Legacy Giving is to compare it to Elks National Foundation. Funds that go to BLT Legacy Giving provide future dollars to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. In other words, if there is ever a time when the monies raised through the purple piggy banks are insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to the children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, these monies remain invested in the BLT Legacy Giving fund to grow for the future.

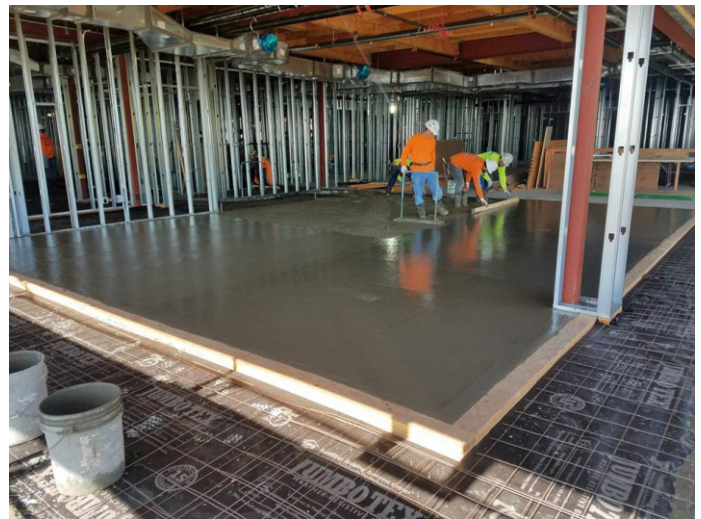
There are many ways to provide for future generations of the children served by our CHEMPI Therapists and Vision Screeners. Both Elks and non-Elks can make a gift of \$500 or more or add the Major Project as a beneficiary to their life insurance, wills or retirement plan. Individuals can also make gifts of stocks and other assets to CHEMPI. There is even a special program available that provides income and potential tax benefits for contributions of \$10,000 or more.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii. For every gift made through BLT Legacy Giving 94 cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to services provided to children in need.

Make CHEMPI a part of your legacy of giving through the BLT Legacy Giving program. Consider leaving a lasting gift to the children in whatever manner works best for you. For more information, contact your Lodge BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson or contact the CHEA Office in Fresno at 800-742-1907.



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



**San Pedro Lodge 966** continues community charitable work during its Lodge rebuild construction. Since the devastating fire in April 2014, the Lodge has continued to participate in activities such as annual scholarship awards and Hoop Shoot competitions, and backpacks filled with back to school supplies were donated to the Harbor Interfaith Services. The Lodge also continues to participate in the quarterly West LA Veterans Hospital visitation barbecues, serving lunch to veterans. There is an on-going project to collect aluminum pull tabs, then donating them to the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach, CA.

The rebuild construction is scheduled to be completed in early 2018 and the Lodge looks forward to again participating in many more charitable works, once it is fully operational again.

**Auburn Lodge 1691** in July sponsored its annual "Youth Day at Raley Field Park Outing" to watch Sacramento River Cats baseball. Thirty young people from the Boys & Girls Club of Placer County, with two staffers and four chaperones from the Lodge enjoyed an afternoon at the ballpark. Refreshments were provided by the Elks during the game. It was quite obvious by the number of souvenirs purchased by the kids, that they had a great time. A special thank you goes out to Jennifer Paulsen, Program Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Placer County for her help in coordinating this event. Special thanks to Kathryn Gonzales, Owner of Dancing Dog Screen Printing for providing the T-Shirts needed to identify and keep track of the kids while at the park. This event was made possible in part, by an ENF Beacon Grant.

**49th ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ELKS CAMPER RALLY**  
for CHEMPI kids!

**October 5, 6, 7 & 8**  
**Golden Village Palms RV Resort • Hemet CA**

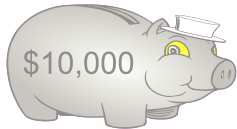
**Major Project Golf Tournament**  
in conjunction with the California Elks Camper Rally

**Saturday, October 7 • 8:00 am • Shotgun Start**  
Lunch at the Hemet Lodge included

Contact Cliff Wadley • [cwgcgencon@att.net](mailto:cwgcgencon@att.net) for more information

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### CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (May 20, 2017 through July 31, 2017)



James S. Mason • Gardena 1919



Robert "Bobby" Trask • Yucaipa 2389  
Greg Metzger • Thousand Oaks 2477  
Daine Farrens • Temecula Valley 2801



Faustino Duro • Redlands 583  
Hilary Fulton • Redlands 583  
David Williford • Redlands 583  
Irva Dean "Deanie" Donato • Alameda 1015  
Jesse Medeiros • Alameda 1015  
Jeanne Atno • San Mateo 1112  
Dan Cole • Glendale 1289  
John D. McEntire, Jr. • Duarte 1427  
Darleen Underwood • Hemet 1740

Dr. John Impagliazzo • Palm Springs 1905  
Bob & Beth Duitsman • Culver City 1917  
Lance Slimmer • Garden Grove 1952  
Lyle Personette • Redwood City 1991  
Patrick Hammett • Palmdale 2027  
Robert Calsing • Corona 2045  
Lorene Munoz • Yucaipa 2389  
Lloyd Clough • Temecula Valley 2801

### CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors • (May 20, 2017 through July 31, 2017)

Ron Brusato • 6  
Kathleen Kuttler • 168  
Chuck Nolan (2) • 168  
Roger Harrington • 613  
Angus "Tex" Claytor (2) • 794  
Elizabeth "Beth" Alexander • 836  
Earl Hively • 836  
Frank Frazier • 906  
Rick Adams • 1289  
Paul Gorley • 1298

Robert Santos • 1328  
Gene Baxter • 1419  
Robert Camu • 1419  
Robert "Bob" Sorrells • 1419  
Randy Smith • 1427  
Frank Bonura • 1436  
James Hoffman • 1471  
Greg & Charlene Peale • 1497  
Danny Mitchell • 1567  
Jimmy Louis • 1691

Louis Pandol • 1761  
Nicholas Fleming • 1811  
Edward C.A. Johnson • 1811  
Beverly Woulfe • 1948  
William Haun • 1968  
Jim Byerrum • 1993  
Ben Ortega • 1996  
Kathleen "Kathy" Grant • 2050  
Mike McCurdy • 2091  
Earl Bouchard • 2098

James Sekelsky • 2103  
Lorene Munoz (2) • 2389  
Robert "Bobby" Trask (2) • 2389  
Helene Fowler • 2591  
Mary Ann Kuk • 2591  
Thom Richardson • 2599  
Ross Nakatani • 2697  
Lance Erickson • 2733  
Sue Wilkinson • 2801

### CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (May 20, 2017 through July 31, 2017)

Michael & Donna Zellen	MA	Taryll Moore	759	Tillie Melo	1259	Elena Gill	1419
James & Janet Casacchia	AZ	Angus "Tex" Claytor (5)	794	Modesto Goodtimers	1282	Butch Johnson	1419
Ted Balash	NV	William Fratzke	794	Agnes Smith	1282	Frank Karcic	1419
Dave Pressler	NV	Marlem & Helen Mason	794	Brad Smith	1282	Rebecca Karcic	1419
Peter Bravo (2)	UT	Gunther Schroth (5)	794	William & Nancy Wims	1282	David Olson	1419
Barry O'Hara	3	Tom & Venita Brazier	824	Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Ontario-Upland Lions Club (3)	1419
Ron Brusato	6	Elizabeth "Beth" Alexander	836	Dan Cole (5)	1289	Joseph Palmisano	1419
Butch & Lynn DePaul	168	John Branton	836	Richard L. James	1289	Michael Tharp	1419
Chuck Nolan	168	Ed Callihan	836	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Melvin "Ed" West	1419
Michelle Chambers	423	Kathy Callihan	836	Hugh & Dale Scanlon	1289	Roy "Alan" Wissing	1419
Chico Elks Ritual Team	423	Robert "Bob" Cones	836	Donna Bailey	1298	Ron & Debbie Stillman	1420
Kathleen Vaars	518	Eugene Cranford	836	James Briggs	1298	Delbert Crandall	1427
Janice Almazan (2)	583	Benny Croyle	836	Julie Burger	1298	Gerald Delker	1427
Frank Almazan (2)	583	Ken Gunn	836	Neville Buyense	1298	Sally Emerson	1427
Faustino Duro (5)	583	Earl Hively	836	Sark Davidian	1298	Fred Krinke	1427
Hilary Fulton (4)	583	Lisa Hively	836	Paul Gorley (2)	1298	Donna Leiby	1427
Chris Hubbell	583	Mary Elizabeth Hively	836	Donald Heisey	1298	Christopher McEntire	1427
Lisa Hubbell (3)	583	Rebecca Hively	836	Steve Lawrence	1298	Donna McEntire	1427
Jeremy Langley (3)	583	Armando Lobo	836	Ron McGowan	1298	John McEntire, Jr. (2)	1427
David Williford	583	Rev. Charlotte Marrah	836	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Joanna Rentschler	1427
Richard Banks	613	Ed Marrah	836	Rusty Nelson	1298	Kathy Rentschler	1427
Nancy Barnes	613	Betty McFadyen	836	Larry Owsley	1298	Mike Rentschler	1427
David Irwin	613	Eva Mino	836	Jasper Parlier	1298	Randy Smith	1427
David Pickering	613	John Nemeth	836	John Peters	1298	George Van Hove	1427
David Russ	613	Paul Ohlms	836	Ernest Remillard	1298	Mike & Kathy Pendergest	1430
Donald Stackhouse	613	Barbara Riddering	836	Butch Ruddy (2)	1298	Brenda Bernal	1436
Alvinn Wallace	613	Richard Rios	836	Michael Shapiro	1298	Frank Bonura	1436
Carol Anne Aki	616	Jerry Rucker	836	Larry Sheldon	1298	Nikolas Corini	1436
Gary Capozzola (2)	616	San Bernardino "Elk of the Year" Assoc.	836	Bernie Van Tol	1298	Paul Hesse	1436
Elks 616 Saturday Yoga	616	San Bernardino PER Association	836	Jack Wilson	1298	Clyde Homen	1436
Bernard Kilonsky	616	Stag Ring 836 Elks RV Club	836	Marty & Debra Mello	1299	John Johnson	1436
Roderick King	616	Pamela Stein (2)	836	Robert Santos (2)	1328	Karen Mauro	1436
Jonathan Parker	616	Wesley "Wes" Taylor (2)	836	Ronald Sanner	1378	Gerald Pingree	1436
Barbel Wilkens	616	Nick Accettura	888	Linda Williams	1378	Max Sweet	1436
Peggy Brauner	643	Karen Fast	888	Jim Backer	1419	Walter Thomas (2)	1436
Steve Buttress (2)	643	Clifford Kohler (3)	888	Gene Baxter (8)	1419	John & Kath-leen Behne	1443
Carole Fajardo (4)	643	Cora Woodard	888	Breezy Elks No. 1419	1419	Shelley Gonzales	1443
Mona Perez	643	Lynn Glick	1015	Betty Bushman	1419	Kathy Hall	1471
Jim Olson	652	Biff & Buffy Stout	1015	Robert Camu (2)	1419	Ann Morey	1471
Aron Andersen (3)	672	Lee Watson	1015	Bob Casaletti	1419	John Walther	1471
Robert Beggs	672	Mark Giosso	1108	Jackie Covert	1419	Donald Koch	1474
James Bolton	672	Brian Decker	1112	Clay Estes	1419	Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474
Michael & Maggie Ellis	672	John Pitts	1251	Ellen Gadegaard	1419	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475
Clara Miller	672	Mark Porter (2)	1251	Martha "Mardi" Gilkey	1419	Mary Jane Belsher	1487



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Greg & Charlene Peale	1497	Claud Smith	1919	Mary Lou Hunter	2020	Mike & Vicky Long	2444
David Campbell (5)	1538	Jane Sunebara (2)	1919	Dan & Barbara Jones	2020	Vicky Long	2444
Smurf & Karen Feldpouch	1538	John Sutton	1919	Sally Langlois	2020	Michael Marquis	2444
Bob & Mercy Medellin	1539	Lynnie Tabata	1919	Jan Keller (2)	2026	Susan Murray	2444
Danny Mitchell	1567	Kenneth Taylor	1919	Keith Mellor	2026	Howard Sargent	2444
Ida Kassahn	1587	Shirley Treuden	1919	Lorrene "Lory" Calsing	2045	Fabian Scarpine	2444
Ronald Hinman	1643	Robbie Trujillo	1919	Robert Calsing (2)	2045	Frank Scarpine	2444
James Miller	1643	Adela Villa	1919	Glen Fletcher	2045	Diana Wilson	2444
John Harry	1687	Jim Wilson	1919	Sherry Kearby	2045	Terry Gicking	2477
Auburn Elks PER Association	1691	Nancy Brennan (3)	1948	Diane Keller	2045	Sal Argo	2492
Jimmy Louis	1691	Beverly Woulfe (4)	1948	Frank Keller	2045	Steven Barnhart	2492
Dean Cochran	1740	Robert Burks	1952	Peggy Leonard	2045	Dennis Brookins	2492
Dottie Cochran	1740	Glenn Dobbs	1952	James May, Sr.	2045	David Coleman	2492
Hazel Dotson (2)	1740	Randy Eldridge	1952	Bruce McLain	2045	Don Dauro	2492
Hemet Elks Auxiliary	1740	James Faulkner	1952	William Shaw	2045	Jose Diaz	2492
Hemet Elks Lodge Past Exalted Rulers	1740	Ronald Galletti	1952	Costance "Coni" Stevens	2045	Andy Dobrzynski	2492
Cher Lintz	1740	Karen Lewin	1952	Mike Stevens	2045	Dale Harwood	2492
Jack Lintz	1740	David Skelton	1952	Judy Foley	2046	Fred James	2492
Virginia Lowe (2)	1740	Eric Skillman	1952	Dan Baccelliere	2050	Frank Karim	2492
Joseph Schrettner, Jr.	1740	Carol Snyder	1952	Carl & Joy Patton	2068	Gary Lynch	2492
William Thompson	1740	Karen Stuetz-Garland	1952	Ruth DeNardi	2091	Sam Martinez	2492
Darleen Underwood (5)	1740	Robert White	1952	Dana Antolin	2095	Sander Moss	2492
Carol Wren	1740	Theresa Woodard	1952	Luis Antolin	2095	Keith Scott	2492
Wayne Wren	1740	Rick & Kate Bruce	1959	David Coffin	2095	Kari Sears (3)	2492
Mary Wright	1740	Ron Earnest	1959	Lee Northcutt	2095	Michael Tomlin	2492
Rick Blake	1767	Bev Finnell	1959	James Vecchio	2095	Jim Vandenberg	2492
Jim & Sassy Brownfield	1767	Dennis Fischgrabe	1959	Jim Sekelsky	2103	Jesus Viramontes	2492
Alan Clifton (5)	1767	Richard Goetjen	1959	Gini Gustafson (2)	2121	Jay & Kristi Dupler	2504
Stan & Frankie Malkin	1767	Dick Grantner	1959	Lester Mensinger (3)	2121	Janet & Dennis Rasmussen	2543
Leo Domenghini	1786	Tom Lemm (2)	1959	Diane Shaw	2121	Penny Scott	2543
Al Frank	1786	Ane Miller	1959	Larry Smith (2)	2121	Michael Ellison (2)	2577
Ed Owens	1786	Dave Miller	1959	Jolene Smith (2)	2121	John Parman	2577
Frank Reimann	1786	John Nielsen	1959	Mary Bradley	2128	Marjorie Samaniego	2577
Ron Vickery	1786	Erlinda Puig	1959	Steve Gollob	2128	Bob Becker III	2591
Raffel Salres	1811	Dan Reilly	1959	Liz & Herb Lopez-Aguado (2)	2128	Jim Bustamante	2591
Kevin O'Shayghnessy (6)	1877	David "Trey" Seeley III	1959	Sunnyvale Elks 2128 Bingo Patrons (2)	2128	Stephanie Bustamante (2)	2591
Don Schultz	1877	Bill & Tas Whitmore	1959	Sunnyvale Elks Lodge 2128	2128	Michael Cain	2591
Dave Saltel	1884	Donald Bursvold (2)	1968	Terence Cusack (8)	2134	Pete Cracchiolo	2591
Donald Cooper	1900	John Dahlgren (2)	1968	Tom Olsen, Sr.	2134	Jim Flatley	2591
Brian Avery	1905	Elaine Drake	1968	Rick & Judy Fisher	2190	Helene Fowler (2)	2591
Roger Gould	1905	Paul Eckert (2)	1968	Peter Marshall	2190	Larry Hannon	2591
Dr. John Impagliazzo (4)	1905	William Haun	1968	Richard Cabral	2230	Mary Ann Kuk	2591
Marcia Muller	1905	Brandon Hugle & HNS BN Marines	1968	Carl Romero	2230	Juanita Sethney	2591
Donald Rice	1905	Don Loeschner	1968	Greg & Lisa Sylvester	2230	Larry Williams	2591
Sam Brown	1913	Stephen Pantoja (2)	1968	Bob & Nancy Simendich	2314	Fran Musetti (4)	2599
Bob & Beth Duitsman (2)	1917	Tim Soboleski	1968	Karol Goudelock	2333	Bev Reed	2599
Tom & Cindy Konkel	1917	James Johnson (4)	1991	James Mower	2333	Jack Reed	2599
Marilyn Marble	1917	Eve & Lyle Personette	1991	Russell Porterfield	2333	John & Collette Brown (5)	2616
C. Michael Melton (2)	1917	Lyle Personette (4)	1991	Sara Tabor	2333	Ruthann Aguilera & Russ Lumpkin	2639
Noe Saenz	1917	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993	Beefeaters of Westminster Elks (2)	2346	Phil Daighton	2640
Doug Row	1918	Mike & Carlene Mathers	1993	Henry Donatoni & Sandra Baird (2)	2364	Felice Bitters	2646
James Butler	1919	Sandy Rees	1993	Dwanna & Larry Lousberg	2379	Mary Brunkhorst	2697
Francine Cross	1919	Mike Spratt	1993	Arden "Ardie" Bates (3)	2389	Charles "Chip" Durham III (2)	2697
Donald Davis	1919	Scott Stephens	1993	David Byard	2389	James McMillan (2)	2697
Carlette Gonzales	1919	Richard Holloway	1994	Marilyn Gower	2389	Ross Nakatani (4)	2697
Rick Gray	1919	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Daniel Grogan	2389	Lance & Karen Erickson (2)	2733
Roger Greenham	1919	Judith Lumbreras	1996	Gary L. Hutchscroft	2389	Kathy Rogers	2790
Paul Groff	1919	Eugene Armstrong III	2013	Joseph Hutchscroft	2389	Lloyd Clough	2801
Barbara Kennedy	1919	Sheila Armstrong	2013	Mary Hutchscroft	2389	Barbara Conner	2801
James Masaki	1919	Karen Emery	2013	Roy Lovejoy	2389	Diane Farrens (4)	2801
James S. Mason	1919	Deborah Larck	2013	Lorene Munoz (3)	2389	Robert Farrens	2801
Sharon L. Mason	1919	Raul Morales	2013	Robert "Bobby" Trask (2)	2389	Ken Nordstrom	2801
Leslie Mitchell	1919	Kathleen Murray (2)	2013	Charles "Mike" Wood	2389	Dale Qualm	2801
Lee Myers	1919	Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Walter Zschoche	2389	Peter Recatto	2801
Norman Naritoku	1919	Bonnie Thomas	2013	George Carter	2444	Robert Steinau	2801
Al Peace	1919	Stacy Thomas	2013	Thomas Denny	2444	Angie Stevanus	2801
Donald Pfenniger	1919	Christine Brown	2020	Beatrice Foster	2444	Robert Walker	2801
Jacqueline Sargent	1919	Bud & Carol Buck	2020	Kevin Langley	2444	Gloria Whittington	2801
Megan Silveira	1919	Eileen Eades	2020	Mike Long	2444	Wendel Whittington (2)	2801



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Marilyn Hooton	6	Karen Buchanan	1378	C. Michael Melton	1917	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011
Judi Traci	6	James Ferris	1378	Jose Justiniano	1948	John Hardman	2031
Max Burnett	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	James G. Anderson	1952	David Dickey	2046
L. Butch DePaul	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Kimberly Collins	2091
Lynn DePaul	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Brian Rogers	2091
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Beck	1474	Donald Larry Hudson	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098
Kathleen Kutler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Gary Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Harry Ross	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Glenn Montague	168	Sean Gambil	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Chuck Nolan	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Matthew Pires	168	James Jung	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Leroy Bostick	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	Colin Smith	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Greg Peale	1497	Erlinda Puig	1959	Ted Olsen	2379
Nadine Steel	218	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Richard Tanguy	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	Warren H. Downs	1561	Carol Beckwith	1968	Greg Metzger	2477
Sally Reagan	613	Carole D. May	1561	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Beverly Burns	2484
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	John E. Harry	1687	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Aron Anderson	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Richard Wallace	1991	Jay Dupler	2504
Jerome Paul	672	Michael Cosby	1691	Jim Byerrum	1993	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
Charles Rowe	672	Judy Menke	1740	Dan Casey	1993	Dale Gregory	2504
Lisa Fleury	759	Angela Anderson	1767	Judy Givens	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Miles Nakatsu	759	Richard Blake	1767	Richard Green	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Ray Prettyman	1767	Alan Kelley	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Kaye Brandos	1804	Michael Mathers	1993	Barbara Kincade	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Rocky Brandos	1804	Diana Mondragon	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Carl Becker	1811	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Nicholas Fleming	1811	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Michael T. Roberson	2543
Margaret Pickett	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Linda Tucker	2543
Sean Mejia	966	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Richard Yeager	2543
John Eitel	1108	Chuck Jackson	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Thom Richardson	2599
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Charisce Williams	2599
Joe Tato	1108	Michael Silva	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	James Williams	2599
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
Dave Wells	1240	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Sharron Cannon	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Ron Harden	1812	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Robert Ostini	1251	Susan Jimenez	1812	Roy Jenness	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Mark Porter	1251	Stacy Mackey	1812	Ashley Munoz	2011	Debbie Hosted	2698
Jan Lee	1298	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Kaye Bruns	2733
				Christine Nelson	2011	Lance Erickson	2733



**South Coast District Grand Lodge Delegates** and members from Poway Lodge 2543, Vista Lodge 1968 and San Diego Lodge 168 – while enjoying dinner with their DD Designate, Thomas Smith – met 20 firefighters in Reno from Bend/Redmond, Oregon who had just come off the fire line. The Elks thanked the exhausted firefighters for their service and offered to pay for their appetizers but were told the restaurant where they were eating was buying the appetizers. With that, the small group of Elks took a quick vote and decided to buy the dinners for these 19 brave men and one woman. God bless our first responders and a big Convention congratulations goes out to South Coast District Elks Butch DePaul, PDDGER, Rick Yeager, Lynn DePaul, Paul Kassel, PER, Tom Smith, DDGER, Cindy Kassel, Matt Piers, and Glenn Montague, PAVP for spreading the good news of Elkdom wherever their travels take them.

**Santa Monica Lodge 906** and members of Santa Monica American Legion 123 delivered mini-freezers through *Step Up on Second* (a local organization helping homeless Vets transition into housing) to the West Los Angeles VA permanent housing unit at building 209. The freezers were made available through a Welcome Home Grant from Elks National Foundation for \$4,500. Each Vet received a freezer on behalf of the Elks. Fifty four homeless vets are now housed in permanent apartments on the West Los Angeles VA Campus.

In other news, Santa Monica Elks helped with the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Summer Carnival. The Elks, in combination with the Santa Monica Emblem Club, handed out over \$1000 in prizes to the vets at their game booth. Veterans were able to win T-shirts, hats and other goodies.







**Concord Lodge 1994** member John Quimet and his fellow Elks collected aluminum can pull tabs. With the help of Robbie Van Der Klaught, the tabs are recycled for money, which is given to a family that has two uninsured children with juvenile diabetes. The money helps cover their cost of insulin.

In other news, Concord Lodge held its Flag Day ceremony with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 1994, a special needs Troop which did an excellent job.



**Norwalk Lodge 2142** had a fireworks booth to raise money for CHEA Major Project and other youth activities. Along with many Lodge volunteers, Uncle Sam was there as well to help out.



**Petaluma Lodge 901** held a Veterans Appreciation Night in July. Jim Atwood's Sonoma County Military Car Club displayed several military vehicles, along with the Sonoma County calendar girls, shown above, dressed up vintage style for photographs. A fallen soldier remembrance table was introduced and will be displayed in the Lodge. Our 901 heroes military photographs are displayed in the Lodge, which include several family generational groups and cover various times served. George Daum, a WW2 veteran attended, and was recognized for his 78 years of affiliation with the Boy Scouts. The 901 veterans night was amazing because of the attendance of so many veterans. We will always be grateful for their service and sacrifice.



**Alturas Lodge 1756** held its annual Flag Day Ceremony on the front lawn of the Lodge with Boy Scout Troop 49 presenting the flags. A dinner and the ceremony, which was open to the public, was performed on Main Street, attracting many guests.

In other news, the Alturas Lodge hosted a fundraising dinner for a local student, Savannah Miller, a Big Valley High School scholar athlete. Savannah was invited to attend a basketball camp in Australia and the Lodge was happy to participate in helping her achieve this goal. More than \$1,400.00 was raised for Savannah at the dinner.

*All it takes is ...*



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





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**Temecula Valley Lodge 2801** held their annual charity auction for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The twelve Lodges in the Southeast District were invited to join with this fundraising event. During the evening, more than \$2,500 was raised for the CHEA Major Project.

Pictured are 52 Club and Century Club Members in attendance. Front Row: Dale Qualm; Gloria Whittington; Lorene Munoz; Diane Farrens, Temecula Exalted Ruler; Sue Noon; Sue Wilkinson; Angela Stevanus; Bobby Trask, California-Hawaii Vice President and Laurel Frey. Back Row: Bob Walker; Skip Wilkinson; Bob Farrens; Lloyd Clough and Ken Nordstrom.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Flag Day ceremony on June 14th with the help of Boy Scout Troop 384, which has been twice awarded the "Best of Temecula Award" for Community Service in the past two years.



**Garden Grove Lodge 1952** in June donated a \$1,000 to Heritage House South. A women and children's residential treatment facility which provides needs assessment, case management and service linkage. The facility provides individual and group counseling, peer support groups, substance abuse, life skills education, parenting skills classes, and sober social activities for mothers and their children. It is a six month in-patient treatment, followed by six months on an alumni program for "aftercare".

Pictured above are Karen Lewin, PER, Grant Coordinator, April, the Assistant Manager of Heritage House, Angela Thexton, Program Manager for Heritage House, Larry Hudson, Chairman Social and Community Welfare.

In other news, the Lodge delivered 75 fully loaded backpacks to Project Dignity, for distribution to local homeless children in need for the coming school year.

**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** held the 3rd Annual Golf Classic in June at Costa Mesa Golf Course, with 120 Golfers participating. The Elks National Foundation, the CHEA Elks Major Project, Veterans and the Newport Harbor Elks building fund will all receive a portion of the \$13,000 that was raised from the tournament and silent auction.



**Hemet Lodge 1740's** 90 year old member, Flo Donahue, has been participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for life for the last 11 years. In that time, she has raised \$46,130 for the American Cancer Society. The first year Flo walked, she was able to walk 6 miles, walking a little less each year. This year with the aid of a cane, she walked again!

Pictured, left to right, Hemet's Exalted Ruler, Judy Menke and Flo Donahue.

**Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591** held their annual Bingo Fundraiser for the Temecula Young Marines. Lodge members directed the Bingo with over 120 Bingo players participating in raising over \$7,000.

**Oxnard Lodge 1443** in July provided, then cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for 400 participants at the 25th anniversary of the Ed Hunt Rehab Point at Oxnard Beach Park. The Ed Hunt Foundation provides assistance to any wounded veteran, senior or other physically handicapped member of the community. It has built and maintains a wheelchair accessible ramp and pathway onto the beach so that the physically handicapped can enjoy the beach and ocean views.

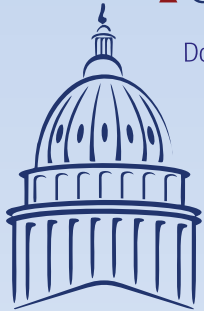
In June, the Lodge hosted three of its lodge's scholarship winners and their families to dinner at the Lodge. At the event, they were each recognized for their accomplishment, but, more importantly, their parents were recognized and praised for instilling in their children a love of learning and a desire to be the best they can be.





# California-Hawaii Elks Association Mid-Term Conference

DoubleTree by Hilton  
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Hosted by  
Woodland Lodge 1299

Sacramento

November 2 - 5

**Thursday Morning**  
Golf Tournament

**Thursday Evening**  
Sacramento Elks Lodge 6  
Dinner, Music and Dancing

**Friday**  
President/BOT Mtgs. 8:00 to 11:30 am  
Attendees Luncheon 12:00 noon  
DDGER Luncheon 12:15 to 1:30 pm  
Officer Seminars 1:30 to 5:00 pm

**Friday Evening**  
Woodland Elks Lodge 1299  
Early & Late Dinner Servings with Show

**Saturday**  
Officers Seminars 8:30 am to 12 noon  
Attendees Luncheon 12:00 noon  
Advisory Meeting 1:30 pm  
Workshops 1:00 pm  
ENF Mass 4:00 pm

**Saturday Evening**  
ENF Dinner

**Sunday Morning**  
District Leaders Breakfast 7:30 am  
District Leaders Meeting 7:45 am  
Sacramento Elks Lodge 6  
Champagne Brunch 8:00 am to Noon

*A complete list of Meetings is available  
on the CHEA website.*



**Santa Clarita Lodge 2379**, with the assistance of an ENF Beacon Grant and additional money provided by Emblem Club 459, the Kamper Klub and the Lodge's charity fund, provided 210 backpacks to the Child and Family Center. These will be distributed to disadvantaged youth served by the Child and Family Center in Santa Clarita. Pictured above from the left are two Child and Family Center Therapists and Lodge members Stacy McKenna and Patti Chisler.

In other news, the Santa Clarita Elks led a local Independence Day Parade that had over 80 entries this year. Our Exalted Ruler, officers, members, spouses, scouts and friends from Van Nuys Lodge and Antlers, Burbank Lodge, and Pasadena Lodge all helped hand out 15,000 small American Flags along the three mile parade route. After walking the entire parade route, everyone headed to the lodge for a great BBQ with nearly 200 members and guests in attendance.



**El Cajon Lodge 1812**, celebrated Flag Day 2017 with the assistance of Young Marines - MCAS Miramar, Boy Scout Troop 363, Girl Scout Troop 6180 and members of El Cajon Lodge honored the flag of our country during a special program in June. The program included patriotic songs lead by Patty Milsap, a history and presentation of the flags by the Young Marines, a skit honoring Betsy Ross by the Girl Scouts and closing with the Boy Scouts properly honoring and retiring a flag.





**Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477** made a Purple Heart presentation on May 31st. Members and guests were present to witness member David Stull have a Purple Heart pinned on him by Congresswoman Julia Brownley, (pictured above), 47 years after the fact. Lodge members and Julia Brownley's office worked hard to get the paperwork correct and Dave his just reward.

It all started in 1968, when Dave Stull arrived in Vietnam as an Army sergeant in charge of a platoon of 26 men. Like many other platoons, being transported deep into the jungle to set up an ambush was common. On this particular evening, the enemy came into the ambush area and a firefight ensued. Amid the gunfire there was an explosion—a rocket propelled grenade. Dave felt something had hit his right arm, despite the pain he wasn't bleeding badly so continued fighting alongside his men. After several hours of fighting, Stull and his men prevailed. The next day, Dave was flown to a medevac hospital, where he was treated for his wounds, then returned to his platoon.

Lodge members lined the drive way with flags waving as Rolling Thunder escorted David and his wife Jessica to the lodge. The entourage was led in by a bag piper provided by the LAPD. City and county officials provided proclamations in his honor. Dave said "If this would have been the reception we received 47 years ago, things would be better." David thanked U.S. Representative Julia Brownley, her staff, and his fellow Elks for the special evening.



**Honolulu Lodge 616**, Flag Day presented an opportunity to combine efforts of our committees on Americanism, National Veterans Service and Scouting. The Garrison Flag flew proudly over Waikiki Beach as Cub and Boy Scouts of 616 presented the Flags of our Nation in this Elks ritual. Enjoying the ceremony were Elk veterans, Veteran of Foreign Wars Posts; Marine Corps League members, the University of Hawaii Student Veterans Organization members and the general public. Exalted Ruler Bud Lush presented a new set of flags to the Cub and Boy Scout Troops of 616.



**San Fernando Lodge 1539** hosted their annual **William L. Frye Scholarship** dinner and awards night on July 21st. Six local high-school graduates were honored and presented with a total of \$63,000. Along with this years recipients the Lodge was privileged to have 18 past winners and their families attend the event and tell of their college adventures and career paths. Since 2002, the Scholarship Committee has awarded over \$750,000 to seniors heading to a four-year college of their choice.

This fall there will be 21 William L. Frye Scholarship recipients, attending 12 Universities throughout the United States including Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, Northwestern, UCLA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Seattle University.

Our sincere gratitude to our brother William Frye and his daughter Dorothy. Their generosity and foresight enabled us to create this legacy and a future we know will be in good hands.

\$25,000 • Danielle Rodriguez • MIT  
 \$ 8,000 • Chloe Butler-Jones • Northwestern  
 \$ 8,000 • Michelle Figueroa • University of Michigan  
 \$ 8,000 • Liza Hayrapetyan • UCLA  
 \$ 8,000 • Gabriel Lizer • Syracuse  
 \$ 3,000 • Alex Quintero • UC Berkeley  
 \$ 3,000 • Tyler Shiver • San Diego State