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Bowling Tournament
Bowling for the CHEMPI Kids!

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

L.E. Chenoweth • 1913-1914	Bakersfield	Newton M. Todd • 1942-1943	Long Beach	Marvin M. Lewis • 1967-1968	Brawley
Hilliard E. Welch • 1914-1915	Stockton	Clifford C. Anglim • 1943-1944	Richmond	Norman S. Lien • 1968-1969	Watsonville
Dr. Ralph Hagan • 1915-1916	Los Angeles	Stephen A. Compas • 1944-1945	Huntington Park	Paul E. Haines • 1969-1970	Pasadena
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Harry M. Ticknor • 1917-1919	Pasadena	R. Leonard Bush • 1946-1947	Westchester	Walter Schween, Jr. • 1971-1972	Salinas
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John J. Lermen • 1925-1926	San Francisco	Ben W. Osterman • 1950-1951	Santa Ana	Donald W. Luce • 1977-1978	Richmond
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William E. Simpson • 1927-1928	Fresno	Vincent H. Crococc • 1952-1953	Santa Barbara	Donald D. Dapelo • 1979-1980	Coalinga
John J. Doyle • 1928-1929	Los Angeles	Edward E. Keller • 1953-1954	San Mateo	William D. Brunner • 1980-1981	Redondo Beach
Fred B. Mellmann • 1929-1930	Oakland	Robert P. Mohrbacker • 1954-1955	Long Beach	Leland "Butch" Simas • 1981-1982	Santa Maria
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**2017-2018
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Tuesday, January 16, 2018

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Offer valid only in California participating Chili's restaurants Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

President's Message



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elks Members. First Lady Ginger and I are hoping you had a pleasant holiday season and New Year's celebration to close out 2017 and open 2018.

Our travels to the Districts and Lodges, as we carried the message of our Elks programs, have been busy and exciting. Many of the Association Vice Presidents have accompanied us on our journeys throughout the various CHEA Districts. We also visited Lodges in Arizona and Nevada. So far, we have visited 14 Association Districts and 54 Lodges. Each Lodge we visited showed that the spirit of Elkdom is strong and vibrant. Our California-Hawaii Elks Lodges are following my slogan as they Reach Out and Share the Experience of the Elks in their Lodges and local communities. Many communities are benefitting from the Elks presence in their communities. The Lodges we visited are fully involved and committed to supporting the youth, veterans, our CHEMPI Piggy Bank and numerous local charitable programs in bringing the Elks message forward.

The holidays are over, and we are in the last quarter of the Elks fraternal year. Now is the time to turn our attention to getting qualified members who will fill the Lodge officer positions. Each Lodge should reach out to experienced members who can fill important officer slots and provide leadership for the coming year. Our membership program continues to show gains which will provide another year of positive membership growth. I earnestly charge all lodges to concentrate on those members who are still on the lapsation lists. I encourage each Lodge to make one last effort to get those members to pay their dues and return to the active members list. Also, look at your candidates waiting to become members. Records show that many lodges have candidates who are close to becoming members. All that is necessary is to finish the Orientation and schedule their initiation. Your Membership Management Team should help get these members initiated.

As we look forward to the coming months, plans are in place for the President's Homecoming on February 23-24, 2018 and the CHEA Convention that will be held in San Diego on May 16-19, 2018. Mark your calendars and try to attend these events.

In closing, let me remind all Lodge officers and members that it is easy for each of us to Reach Out and Share the Experience. A little effort on our part with a smile and outreach hand is all it takes.

Fraternally,
Chuck Nolan, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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- 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."

CHEA President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

January 1, 2018
New Year's Celebration
Pasadena Lodge 672

January 5 - 7, 2018
Northwest District

January 12 - 14, 2018
South District

January 19 - 21, 2018
Southeast District

February 9 - 11, 2018
South Central Coast District

February 17 - 18, 2018
Southeast Bowling Tournament
Las Vegas, NV

February 23 - 24, 2018
Homecoming - South Coast District
San Diego Lodge 168

March 2,3,4, 2018
West Region 7 Hoop Shoot Semi-Finals
Las Vegas, NV (Pending Confirmation) ???

California-Hawaii Elks Association Secretary of the Year Award

This award recognizes one Secretary in the California-Hawaii Elks Association that has excelled in his or her duties.

This award is not based on the number of years in office but on their performance during the years served.

The CHEA Secretary of the Year Award recognizes a Secretary who has excelled in their Lodge, their District, and their community.

There are so many good Secretaries in our Association that go unrecognized. This is an opportunity for a Lodge to show a Secretary how much they are appreciated.

There will only be one winner, but every Secretary in our Association deserves a shot at the title. This recommendation will be sent to the AVP for their approval and then on to me. The deadline for the Secretary of the Year recommendations are due not later than February 1, 2018.

Thank you.

Greg Koester, PDDGER
Presidents Achievement Awards Chairman

A Word from the Association Secretary

Tom Conlon • CHEA Secretary



At this year's National Convention in Reno, Nevada, Past Association President James Mason had the honor of being appointed as the Area 7 Member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Jim has an important message for our Lodges, as the representative of the Grand Lodge.

First it is important for us to reach out to the youth of America. By investing in our youth today, we invest in the future of the Elks and this great country. Your Grand Lodge Activities Committee supports a myriad of activities and programs designed to provide youth with safe, character-building, skill developing activities. The following activities are available to our lodges: Antlers, Dictionary Project, Hoop Shoot, Junior Golf, National Youth Week, Scouting, Soccer Shoot and Teenager/Student of the Month and Year.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee wants to encourage Lodges to conduct a project in their respective communities. The project focus should be one that fills a need in the community and makes a difference to those served. The goal is to enhance community awareness of the good work we do as Elks and to have the community associate that good work directly with the local Lodge. To help fund a community project Lodges can apply for a \$2,500 Beacon Grant and/or a \$1,500 Anniversary Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee sponsors a Lodge Community Project Contest yearly. Certificates are awarded to the winning lodges at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention, next year in San Antonio, Texas. All information of the Activities Committee is available on line at www.elks.org. Once there, go to members only tab and log in. Click on *Officers and Committees*, next on *Grand Lodge Committees* then on *Activities Committee*. All of the information you need is in this section, Exalted Rulers need to complete the Lodge Community Project Contest Entry form, and it is due by May 1, 2018.

Congratulations, win or not, your lodge has participated in a very wonderful community project.

Grand Lodge Committeeman Jim Mason thanks you for reaching out to the youth of America and is available for assistance, feel free to contact him. His contact information is in the Association directory.

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The Elks Camper Rally this year was very successful, thanks to all of the attendees. A total of \$28,600 was raised for the Major Project. Pictured above are Jack Lintz, Rally Chairman and CHEA President Chuck Nolan.

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
Ronald J. Celeste	168	Rick & Kathy Blake	1767
Butch & Lynn DePaul	168	Edward & Kay Johnson	1811
Louis J. & Lucia Grillo	218	Mike Rittenhouse	1811
Roeine Lanini	614	Nancy Kulinski & T. Deane	1812
Aron & Cheryl Andersen	672	Donald & Shirley Schultz	1877
Roy Newman	783	Ron & Susie Barker	1884
John A. "Jack" & Jo Parker	783	David & Cindy Saltel	1884
Art & Shirley Echnernacht	794	C. Michael Melton	1917
Tom & Venita Brazier	824	Noe & Luisa Saenz	1917
Les & Nancy Yeffa	824	Jim & Sharon Mason	1919
Jerry & Bonnie Rucker	836	David & Janice Skelton	1952
Don & Kathy Checchi	906	Tom & Valarie Lemm	1959
Marian Nathan	1073	Dottie Ijames	1968
Jeanne L. Atno	1112	Tommy N. & Akiko Taylor	1968
Richard & Barbara Gay	1112	Doug & Jo Larsen	1980
Mary Ann Wood	1282	Lyle & Eve Personette	1991
Bob & Melody Bowers	1289	Tom & Pat Conlon	1993
Hugh & Dale Scanlon	1289	Robert & Donna Hollis-Brau	1996
Ron & Debbie Stillman	1420	Frank & Diane Keller	2045
John & Donna McEntire, Jr.	1427	Ken & Rosemary Moore	2045
Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436	Joe Namnam	2050
Bill & Linda Padrazzi	1436	Leroy Bostick	2358
John & Kath-leen Behne	1443	Skip & Karen Henke	2379
Fred & Laura Hewins	1474	Jay & Ginger Larkins	2379
Dick & Claudette McDonald	1474	Bobby Trask & Lorene Munoz	2389
Winton "Larry" Rogers	1487	Stephen & Josephine Haydn	2432
Richard E. Owen	1538	Janet & Dennis Rasmussen	2543
H. Eugene & Patsy Chambers	1608	Tim & Lazel Martin	2599
Nancy Dapelo	1613	Lance & Karen Erickson	2733
Hollis & Leoma Green	1613	Bob & Diane Farrens	2801



Poway Lodge 2543 was awarded a Freedom Grant which will be used to provide shelter, food, medical care, counseling, and other needs for North San Diego County homeless veterans. A North County San Diego Veterans Stand Down will be held January 25 through the 28, 2018 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista, CA.

Pictured above is Matt Foster, Chairman of the North County Stand Down, receiving a check from Member Ed Berger.

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Elks National Foundation

Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



Fraternal Year 2017 – 2018 started out a little slow for donations to the Elks National Foundation from members and Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Going into the 2017 CHEA Mid-Term Conference in San

Diego donations to ENF as of October 30, 2017 totaled \$494,961.07. During the conference Districts and Lodges brought an additional \$97,786.44 in donations to be included in the AVP March and forwarded to ENF in Chicago. On behalf of ENF I can't thank you enough for putting us ahead of last year.

Those Districts and Lodges leading the way as of the Association Vice Presidents March at the 2017 CHEA Mid-Term Conference ENF Dinner are:

HIGHEST TOTAL DONATIONS – DISTRICT:

Orange Coast District	\$97,170.85
West Central Coast District	\$73,609.00
Bay District	\$48,411.06

HIGHEST PER CAPITA DONATIONS - DISTRICT:

Orange Coast District	\$12.930
Bay District	\$10.522
South Central Coast District	\$9.991

HIGHEST TOTAL DONATIONS - LODGE:

Orange Lodge 1475	\$26,626.00
Mission Viejo Lodge 2444	\$25,217.06
Fremont Lodge 2121	\$20,247.00

HIGHEST PER CAPITA DONATIONS - LODGE:

Duarte 1427	\$55.13
Fremont Lodge 2121	\$45.50
Oxnard Lodge 1443	\$43.34
Ridgecrest Lodge 1913	\$28.08

Please consider that these are not final donations for the Lodge year. 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 visit 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. You can sign up for the Fidelity Club to have an annual donation made automatically from your bank account or credit card. It is as easy as that to "Reach out and share the experience" of generosity.

(Donation numbers shown above are as of October 25, 2017)



Santa Clara Lodge 2347 donated its facility to member Joe Martinez, to hold a successful fundraising Relay for Life event which raised \$3,532 that was donated to the American Cancer Society in the name of the Lodge. Seven bands played throughout the day and volunteers prepared and served a luncheon menu.

In other news, Jeffrey Scharberg and Eric Scharberg received the rank of Eagle Scout. Lisa Gilmore, Mayor of Santa Clara announced a Proclamation, dedicating the day to the new Eagle Scouts. The boys are members of Lodge BSA Troop 394.

Community Investment Program Grants

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Grants Coordinator



Happy New Year everyone. Let's make this the best year so far for Grant participation.

Community Investment Program participation by the Lodges in the CHEA Association is on the rise. But with available Grants still outstanding and ready for the asking, more can be done. To date for 2017-2018 total dollars granted to CHEA is \$445,597.

Here is a high level breakdown of Grants received so far this year:

- 42 Lodges received Gratitude Grants
- 57 Lodges received Beacon Grants
- 40 Lodges received Promise Grants
- 7 Lodges received Impact Grants
- 68 Lodges received Anniversary Grants

Congratulations to the following Lodges for receiving Impact Grants; Fresno Lodge 439, Santa Barbara Lodge 613, Santa Monica Lodge 906, Orange Lodge 1475, Santa Maria Lodge 1538, Blythe Lodge 1799, and San Clemente Lodge 2068.

Thanks to the efforts and unfailing support of the members in the following Lodges; Fresno Lodge 439, Santa Monica Lodge 906 and Blythe Lodge 1799, whose passion for excellence in the communities helped them receive every available ENF Grant.

Applications for the CIP Grants are available at www.elks.org. The Community Investments Program invests \$12.3 million in Elks communities across the country through Lodge grants that help Elks meet local needs. Spotlight your Elks Lodge by providing a grant for a community need for youth, providing service projects for young adults, veterans and more.

Getting a grant for your Lodge's community needs is easier than ever. At www.elks.org, then Elks National Foundation, select Community Investment Projects (CIP) and explore the many resources available to assist each lodge. Talk to your District CIP Grants Coordinators or reach out to me. I will be happy to assist you. "Reach Out – Share the Experience" with your communities.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 made its annual distribution of Dictionaries, Elks coloring books and Drug Awareness bookmarks to the 3rd grade classes of Charles Mack Elementary School, a Title One School. Pictured above are some very happy and thankful third graders.

In other news, the Lodge delivered 200 pounds of turkeys to the Elk Grove Food Bank, a Lodge tradition at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

CHEA President's Achievement Award

The President's Achievement Award has been thought of by some as just another contest or form to fill out. Yes - there are points to keep track of and awards to be given out. However ... more importantly it can be - or should be - viewed as a Report Card for your Lodge. It can be thought of as a valuable tool - or check sheet - to see how active your Lodge is in its Elk Activities and programs in comparison with other Lodges within our CHEA Association.

This award is patterned after the All American Lodge Program administered by Grand Lodge. This award is broken down into five divisions according to membership totals as of this past April 1st, 2017:

- Division 1 = less than 299 members
- Division 2 = 300-499 members
- Division 3 = 500-699 members
- Division 4 = 700-1099 members
- Division 5 = 1100-1499 members
- Division 6 = 1500 or more members

It can be used to see what programs your lodge may need to give more support too. Many times a Lodge may excel in a program such as Scholarship or Scouting and then for one reason or another - like a Lodge Chairman retiring - the lodge fails to meet, or exceed, last year's level of involvement.

This program can bring focus to a shortcoming/deficiency of a Lodge program to the attention of the Officers and, in turn, corrective action can then be taken.

I have asked each Association Vice President to take an active roll in promoting this program in their District. This is an award sponsored by their President, our Association President - President, Chuck Nolan.

In the 2015-16 Elk Year ... there was only one District to achieve 100% in Lodge participation for this award. Last year ... 2016-17 ... we had eight Districts participate. Why ? ... (1) Because their Association Vice Presidents (AVP) stressed the importance of participation in this program to the Exalted Rulers and (2) because the Exalted Rulers stressed the importance of participation in this program to their Officers and Members ... that's why!

One way you can make this happen is to appoint a District Chairman and in turn, each Lodge should appoint a Committee Chairman for this award. The Lodge Chairman should report to the District Chairman periodically regarding their Lodge's involvement and progress. The District Chairman would then report this progress to the AVP who would in turn ensure that all Lodges completed the form.

The result.....100% participation for that District. Easy - right? Teamwork - right? Result of this teamwork - a really successful Lodge year! Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done!

Just think, what a milestone this will be for our California-Hawaii Elks Association - if all of our 19 Districts participate in the Presidents Achievement Awards Program this 2017-18 year!

The President's Achievement Award form is due not later than, February 1, 2018.

Thank you.
Greg Koester, PDDGER
Presidents Achievement Awards Chairman



The Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament attracts hundreds of bowlers with the purpose of raising funds for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Started thirty-three years ago in 1984, with the first tournaments being held in Laughlin, Nevada. The tournament was moved to Las Vegas when the Edgewater Hotel Casino closed its bowling alley.

Over the past thirty-three years, the Southeast District Colorado River Classic has raised in excess of \$600,000 for the Major Project.

All bowlers are welcome with a USBC average or current 21-game league average. Join us for a fun weekend of bowling. Applications are available from Southeast District Elks Bowling Club (SEDEBC). Saturday Team Bowling (team consists of two men/two women) is \$120.00 and Sunday Mixed Doubles No Tap is \$40.00/couple and the Mixed Team No Tap is \$80 for the team.

For more information on the Bowling Tournament or to participate, please go to: elksbowlingclub.org or email the club at: sedebc@aol.com.

*Applications are available on the website and
will be accepted until early February.*



CHEMPI Trustee Jay Larkins Honored by Elks Luncheon Club as 2017 "Roses for the Living" Recipient

Jay Larkins, a member of Santa Clarita 2379, was honored in early December by the Elks Luncheon Club, for his commitment to his Lodge, the Metropolitan District and the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

Roses for the Living recipients are selected by past recipients. Pictured above are Past "Roses for the Living" recipients who were in attendance, Chuck Nolan, CHEA President, Lee Northcut, PGE/PSP, Jay Larkins, CHEMPI Trustee, Hugh Scanlon, PGT/PSP, Skip Henke, PSP, John Holt, PSP, Art Echternacht, PSP, Tim Martin, PGELK/PSP.



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Membership

C. Michael Melton, PSVP • CHEA Membership Chairman



Once again I look up and half the year is past. I was at Mid-Term in Sacramento in early November and the buzz was all about membership. As I reported to the CHEA Trustees, we're trending towards a gain on the year but, trending is not achieving. We have a lot of work ahead to reach our goals.

We finished last year with a lapsation rate for the State around 4%. This is the number that fueled our national lead in membership. The flip side of that was that we left more candidates in the pipeline than the amount of the gain. Wow! What's wrong with that picture?

We have the opportunity to blow the rest of the state associations out of the water again this year if we focus on two critical areas. First, I'm asking that all Exalted Rulers start preparing for at least one additional initiation in February and/or March. We need to bring in every worthy candidate we have by the end of the lodge year. Refer to Statute 14.010 if you need clarification on how to process a candidate in a matter of ten to fourteen days. It's not hard but it does require some flexibility. Second, bring all available resources to bear on retention. As well as mailing out those monthly dues reminders, man the phones. Resolve to personally contact each member on your delinquency list. Recruit the sponsor, the Exalted Ruler or a member of the Membership Management Control Committee to make the contact. One on one by phone or face to face interaction is by far the most effective use of your time.

Let's all work to bring our lodges to 2% lapsation and 10% gain by the end of this lodge year. I think we'd all like to see a record membership gain for our upcoming 150th Anniversary. We can do it if we focus on the goal and work as a team.

In closing let me wish each and every Elk, their families and friends, the best of the holiday season. May all the joy and goodness of the season be yours. Travel safely and stay well.

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Vacaville Lodge 2638 held a fundraiser in August to help Denise Tripodo-Wiggs, the daughter of two of our Lodge members, Barbara and Joe Tripodo. She had been recently diagnosed with cancer. The Lodge held a fundraiser in Denise's honor to show support. We had food, silent auctions, along with the Pink Fire truck and the Pink Police Car. A check was presented to Denise's husband Shawn and her son Joey.



Hilo Lodge 759 Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Casey Kishimori of Troop 23, was held in August, at the Sangha Hall. Hilo Elks Lodge Trustee, Scouting Committee Chair, and CHEA Hawaii District Scouting Chairman, Miles Nakatsu, PSVP, made the presentation along with Hilo Elks Lodge Past Leading Knight Lisa Fleury.



Arcadia Lodge 2025 partnered with the Foothill Unity Center for a Back to School Event. handed out boys' and girls' socks along with Elks Drug Awareness materials to approximately 1,200 K-12 Students. The program was funded by Promise and Anniversary Grants. Pictured above are Project Chairman William Earle with member Dorothy Mc Cain.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a "Tribute to our Hero's from the Greatest Generation" fundraising dinner. The dinner was held in conjunction with Honor Flight – Inland Empire. Honor Flight is a non-profit veteran's organization that sends our aging veterans back to Washington DC to visit their respective memorials. Top priority is given to America's most senior veteran survivors of WWII – and any veteran with a terminal illness. The event raised over \$4,400, enough to send 4 WWII veterans back to Washington DC on a future Honor Flight.

San Luis Obispo Lodge 322, using an Elks National Veterans Service Grant, supported "Surf 4 Vets", a new 6 month concentrated version of Operation Surf by Amazing Surf Adventures. The class provided seven veterans an opportunity to bond while surfing and meet socially with families, kept each other accountable and bonded as a group. The Veterans met three times a week for six months to learn how or improve surfing skills and mentor each other. The Lodge provided each veteran with a surfboard and wetsuit upon graduation.

Public Relations

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 2017 concluded and once again the excellent website from Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley 2444 was awarded the overall winner and entered in the Grand Lodge Competition. Congratulations and thank you to all participants and winners. In case you missed the announcement at the Mid Term Conference, the winners in each division are as follows:

DIVISION ONE (0 To 300 Members)

First Place: Wasco No. 2419 (East Central District)
Second Place: Vacaville No. 2638 (Northwest District)
Third Place: Fresno No. 439 (East Central)

DIVISION TWO (301 To 500 Members)

First Place: Thousand Oaks No. 2477 (West Central Coast District)
Second Place: San Rafael No. 1108 (Northwest District)
Third Place: Canoga Park No. 2190 (Metropolitan District)

DIVISION THREE (501 To 700 Members)

First Place: Alameda No. 1015 (Bay District)
Second Place: Lancaster No. 1625 (Inland District)
Third Place: Santa Clarita No. 2379 (Metropolitan District)

DIVISION FOUR (701 To 1100 Members)

First Place: Simi Valley No. 2492 (West Central Coast District)
Second Place: Lompoc No. 2274 (West Central Coast District)
Third Place: Petaluma No. 901 (Northwest District)

DIVISION FIVE (1101 To 1500 Members)

First Place: Mission Viejo Saddleback No. 2444 (Orange Coast District)**
Second Place: San Mateo No. 1112 (Bay District)
Third Place: Chico No. 423 (North District)

DIVISION SIX (1501 or more Members)

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

**The CHEA entry into the Grand Lodge Star Website Contest

The 2018 Website Contest is underway and entries need to be received by January 31, 2018. Information and registration information for all CHEA Public Relations contests can be found on the CHEA website (chea-elks.org) under Committees, Public Relations. Local lodge websites are becoming the main source of information for lodge and community members. It is important that websites are kept up to date and provide information on all local programs in addition to CHEA and Grand Lodge programs. The BPOE does so much within each of our communities; *let's use our local web pages to promote our charitable giving.*

Lastly, there are currently three other Public Relations contests underway with deadlines fast approaching in February. The **Best Lodge Bulletin** entries are due February 1, 2018 and The **Best Community Service & Image Brochure** and **Single Best Event Brochure** entries are due February 15, 2018.



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



Paradise Lodge 2026 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Clayton S. in early November. Clayton's Eagle project was a ceremonial fire circle built at the Paradise Lodge. This pit will serve many ceremonies and flag retirements. Pictured receiving a Flag and Elk Certificate is Eagle Scout Clayton S. and PER Rich Lewis.



San Rafael Lodge 1108 presented California's first Youth President's Volunteer Service Award to Gabriella S., a 17-year-old high school senior, from Marin Academy in San Rafael. The award was presented by Tim Jaeger, Asst. Director - National Drug Awareness Program.

Gabriella, who has logged more than 300 volunteer hours, exceeded goals set to exemplify citizenship, public service and moral character, which are the foundation of the Elks organization. According to Nick Kokalis, San Rafael Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler, "Gabriella is truly an inspiration to other young people around the Lodge as well as some of our adult members. The energy and enthusiasm that young individuals like Gabriella bring to our Lodge is contagious and makes many of our adult members strive to be better volunteers."

Napa Lodge 832 presented the Enrique Camarena award to two Officers who were jointly nominated for this honor by Lieutenant Gary Pitkin of the Napa Police Department. Corporal Alfonso Ortiz of the Napa Police Department and Deputy Jose Tijero of the Napa County Sheriff's Office were co-nominees. The nomination indicates that both Officers have demonstrated a passion against the evils of drug abuse in Napa County for years.

Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



150th Birthday Proclamation

Exalted Rulers and Secretaries your District Government Relations Chairman will be forwarding to you a copy of the Grand Lodge recommendation for the 150th Birthday Proclamation. Please get this to your city, local and state representatives. The proclamations should be dated February 16, 2018. You should have received the format by December 8, 2017. Since you will not receive this issue until early January, please contact me immediately if you have not received this information.

At Mid-Term I spoke briefly about social media. This is our Public reputation. It's what others will read and make their own opinion of what they read. It requires constant care and daily review of the site.

Here are 8 points of Guidance:

- Write it down. Define your lodge. All posts must be consistent with our image. Must be approved by the Exalted Ruler.
- Appropriate content. All posts should be Elk related.
- No religious, political or personal posts.
- Confidentiality – don't post personal information.
- Don't advertise for others.
- Respect copyrights. This could cost your Lodge if you infringe on someone's copyrights.
- Monitor and respond to issues that come up regarding your site.
- Again contents must be checked and approved by the Exalted Ruler.

To follow up on confidentiality with the Hoop Shoot and Christmas parties be careful with the pictures you post, especially children. Your Lodge should have a press release stating that the event may be covered by the local press and pictures may be used in the local paper. Protect your Lodge.

The Government Relations Committee has set a goal of \$365 million dollars in Charitable reporting for this Lodge year. That's \$1 million dollars a day of charitable reporting. Last year we were at \$325 million total. The committee also figures we underreport by as much as 50% of the actual activities we actually do for our communities. Exalted Rulers be diligent with your committee chairs to report all hours, travel and money spent. Lodge Secretaries you have the most important task of inputting the data. It takes a great deal of time to input it but Grand Lodge needs this information when we appeal to our government officials.



Paramount Lodge 1804 provided dictionaries to 3rd grade students of the Paramount Unified School District. The students were all very excited and appreciative when they received the dictionaries. Pictured with one of the classrooms are Lonnie Andrews, Evelyn Cesena, Ken Evink PER, Joe Hoban PER, and Chairperson, Mirtha Rayburn.



Orange Lodge 1475 at an October Lodge meeting, Stephanie McCormick, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Orange County and the Inland Empire recognized the Orange Elk's \$5,000 donation to the organization. This generous gift sponsored 11 year-old Mathew's wish to travel to Hawaii and swim with dolphins. Mathew, a resident of Orange, suffers from a life-threatening heart condition and the wish experience has helped immensely with his outlook and treatment.

Joining Stephanie was 17-year-old Taylor S. and his mom, Barbara. Taylor described how his wish to travel to New York City and celebrate New Year's Eve in Times Square helped him to deal with his long-term illness that resulted in dialysis treatments over many years. Taylor believes that the wish experience improved his mental outlook and helped prepare him for a successful kidney transplant.

Pictured above are Taylor S., Matt Ferrero, an Orange Elks member and a Make-A-Wish Volunteer, Barbara Scofield and Stephanie McCormick, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Orange County and Inland Empire.

Become a Major Project Recurring Donor

chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/



Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



It's HOOP SHOOT Time!

We are now entering basketball season and the California-Hawaii Elks are preparing for great "HOOP SHOOT!" Lodge contests during the next two months.

Promotion for the free throw contest for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 will be a key to attracting large numbers of participants.

Some different ideas for promoting your lodge contest is reaching out to your communities various youth basketball programs, including YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, P.A.L. (Police Athletic Leagues) Public and Private school basketball teams and C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization) basketball leagues, etc. By contacting the leadership of these programs and providing flyers and posters for the upcoming Lodge contest, our Lodge directors should find rewarding partnerships being established. Also, watch your local newspaper(s) for postings of upcoming basketball sign-up dates, holiday tournaments and various camps and clinics where you can distribute your Lodge contest invitations. In many cases, the Lodge contest can coincide with a basketball league tryout day or team photo day.

A complete guide on how to run a successful HOOP SHOOT program can be found by logging on to Elks.org/hoopshoot/ and registering with the website. Once registered click on Hoop Shoot Lodge Director's Dashboard for Lodge directors and follow the detailed instructions for organizing your contest. Be sure to form a quality committee of Elks volunteers to deliver the message to our youth and parents of our communities ... **"Say NO to Drugs and YES to Hoop Shoot!"**



Walnut Creek Lodge 1811 celebrated its first year anniversary of a collaboration with the Martinez VA Hospital's Hearts-at-Home program. To celebrate the day, the Lodge served its 65th Veteran by filling a previously homeless veteran's new apartment with kitchen essentials, as well as living room, dining room and bedroom furniture.

In other news, Walnut Creek Lodge hosted a three day Haunted House in late October for the community, members and for children with special needs. More than 400 people wound their way through the haunted house. Admission discounts were available for those who donated canned goods for the Contra Costa County Food Bank.

West Covina Lodge 1996 donated over \$10,000 to send 30 under privileged kids to camp. Elks also donated a new sleeping bag and toothbrush kit for every child. The kids had a great time at the Laurel Pines Camp near Big Bear.



Santa Barbara Lodge 613 held its annual blood drive on October 3rd, just two days after the Las Vegas mass shooting. The blood drive was a huge success, helping us exceeded our goal by 17 units, all which were donated to Las Vegas.

In other news, Jack Kisch, our longest standing Elk member, received his 65 year pin. He joined the Elks at age 21 in Longview, Washington. Jack still attends most lodge meetings, dinners and special events. He is a loved and respected member of our Lodge. Jack was a 9 year member of our Drum and Bugle Corp, playing the Bass Drum.

A fundraiser was held for one of our Lodge employees, John Pollock, who suffered major injuries in a motorcycle accident. John would undergo six surgeries before being transferred to a rehabilitation center, where he spent two weeks more recovering from his injuries. More than 150 Elks, family and friends attended a \$25.00 a plate dinner with 100% of the proceeds received presented to John and his wife Cathleen, who is also an Elk.



Hemet Lodge 1740 PER Nancy Cook made a quilt to be raffled as a fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The drawing was held at the Homecoming Dinner of Southeast District AVP Bobby Trask, a member of the Yucaipa Lodge. Tickets for the quilt were sold at the twelve Lodge AVP visitations and raised in excess of \$400. Pictured above are Elroy; PER and quilt-maker, Nancy Cook; quilt winner, Karen Vargas of the Corona Lodge and AVP Bobby Trask.

In other news, the Hemet Lodge presented six local high school seniors with \$500 Scholarships at a recent Lodge meeting.

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Drug Awareness Program

Brad Smith, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



A key speaker at the National Convention in Reno this year was Chuck Rosenberg, the National Director of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, better known as the DEA. He made two points that I want to elaborate on here.

Drug abuse is epidemic in today's society. More than 33 thousand Americans have died this past year of an opiate overdose alone. That's one person every 19 minutes. Add other drug related deaths and the number gets staggering. Someone dies every 11 minutes from substance abuse. These opiate and other drug overdoses are not just occurring in the fringe members of our society like many of us believe. Many every day, middle of society, good citizens, are becoming addicted. The ultimate outcome of addiction is death. Social idols, such as Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, John Belushi, Whitney Houston, and Prince died proving that drugs are dangerous, and can be fatal. Our family members and friends are often affected by addiction. None of us are immune to the consequences. The question becomes why.

The past several years have seen a significant number of addictions arise from the use of legally prescribed drugs, specifically opiates such as Oxycodone. Those who have been properly prescribed a drug often lack an understanding of the potential consequences of taking that drug. Our government has recognized this and that is why the potential side-effects of a prescribed drug are noted in the advertisement. TV, radio and print ads include a listing of the side effects. I personally believe that you don't see advertisements for opiates because the potential side effects would be evident to all who view an ad. Everyone who takes a legally prescribed opiate such as Oxycodone has a significant potential of becoming addicted.

Those in our society that have been using illegal drugs such as heroin are now dying from an enhanced version. Synthetics such as Fentanyl are used to give the drug a bigger "kick". Fentanyl laced heroin is the drug that recently killed the singer Prince. Death by chronic opiate abuse is common, but death by a synthetic laced opiate is almost certain. What has amazed me is the fact that the national news media goes wild over a shooting death, but until quite recently ignored the fact that someone dies every 11 minutes from a drug overdose. I attributed this to the fact that a shooting victim is usually an innocent person not deserving such a death. Let me emphasize that an addiction death is usually an innocent person not deserving such a death.

We need to change society's perception of drug use. We need to accept that legal drug use can have significant consequences. We need to accept that prescribed opiates are addictive. We need to accept that the illegal use of drugs can have dire consequences including death. We need to educate and inform our society. We need to understand that John and Jane Doe, Sister Mary and Uncle Fred have the same potential of drug abuse when taking opiates and other drugs as those who live on the fringes of society. The question is how we can as Americans change our perspective of drug use and abuse.

The Elk's Drug Awareness Program does exactly that. We educate and inform society of the consequences of drug use. We (and I mean you and me) are a part of the largest program of its kind in the United States. We target those that are in the clearest danger, our youth. Youth under the age of 25 are vastly more likely to become addicted than those over the age of 25. We target the youth with interactive programs, such as the "Drug Quiz Show". We target them in social media with you-tube and twitter presentations. We target them with essay, poster and video contests in their schools. We go out into our neighborhoods with literature. We provide inspirational speakers, such as Ray Lozano, who spoke at our ENF dinner on Saturday evening.

We, together, are making a difference. I see it when I observe a young person listening to Ray Lozano during one of his presentations. I see it when I visit a local Lodge DAP booth at a County Fair. I hear it from the comments made by the young when they think no one else is listening. If we, as individuals, could save the life of a friend or relative it would be important. Just think of how many lives we can save by working together. Let me conclude by asking you, all of you, to get involved with your local Lodge Drug Awareness Program.

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Gilroy Lodge 1567 provided a hot meal for 400 Veterans, Staff and Family members at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital in late September. Pictured above are Gilroy Elk Volunteers.



3.5 Things Parents Can Do To Help Their Kids Stay Drug Free

One fear parents have is that their child will cave in to peer pressure and engage in drug use. The broad availability of drugs will present a high cause for concern. A few parents think having stringent rules are going to be enough to scare their teenagers into avoiding drugs, yet unfortunately that might not be enough.

Education: Hiding your head in the sand won't help you hold informed conversations with your teenager regarding drugs. You must educate yourself on all of the various kinds of drugs your child might be exposed to, as well as the effects they may have on somebody who's using. If you're educated on drugs you'll have the ability to answer your teen's questions with truthful and educated answers.

Never make him/her feel bad if they ask a question. A few parents mistake questions for a confession of guilt. Jumping to these types of conclusions and accusing him/her prior to you hearing them out is going to decrease the chance that they'll ever come to you with any questions again.

Understand the Warning Signs: As you're learning of the various sorts of drugs your teen might be involved with you ought to study up upon the warning signs. Knowing about both emotional and physical changes which may arise as a consequence of drug misuse might aid you in detecting warning signs, as well as intervene prior to your child trying more harmful drugs or becoming addicted.

Signs of drug use include 3 symptoms:

- Drop in grades
- Change in friends
- Loss of interest in hobbies

Interact With Teenagers: Most teenagers are going to pull away from their mother or father because they have a desire to feel independent. Mothers and fathers often-times believe that providing their teenager space includes the only method of avoiding conflict. If you witness your child wanting to become more independent have a seat with them and discuss which kinds of responsibilities they might take on. Set up clear privileges, expectations, and consequences, in order for your teenager to feel in control.

Bottom line, talk with your kids, not at them. What's the difference? When talking with your kids ask a LOT of questions.

For more information contact the:

Prevention Plus Office at (909) 255-4314
or go to RayLozano.com



Lake Almanor Lodge 2626 met with Chester Library to receive a donation of books for the Reno Nevada Veterans Hospital. The books will be delivered by the Elks on their behalf and that of the Friends of Chester Library. Pictured left to right, Elks, Ric Fochtman, Dave Aitken and Steve De Witt with Librarian Lori Metcalf.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 Dictionary Tag Team chairpersons of Steve and Mary Woodlief, delivered dictionaries to a third grade assembly at Rancho Rosal Elementary School in Camarillo. In all the Lodge is set to deliver close to 2,000 dictionaries to third graders in the Thousand Oaks area this year.

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Don Checchi • 906
Lee Watson • 1015

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Jack Enlow	6	Paul Sato	616	Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Orange Elks PER Association	1475
Jim Fujii	6	Clayton Shobu	616	Jim Backer	1419	Ron & Kris Paino	1475
David Morena (5)	6	Miles Silberstein	616	David Brown (2)	1419	Pen-T-Gon (4)	1475
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Chico Elks Bridge Club	423	Sandra Ruyle	643	Allen Jackson	1419	Danny Salas	1475
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Bryce Lee (5)	518	Bonnie Wadley (2)	643	Donald Lynch	1419	Dean Smith	1475
Gary Nowak	538	William Rogers (5)	672	Leon Marisch	1419	Robert Spellmire	1475
Robert Coonrod	583	Marlem & Helen Mason	794	Brenda Meraz (2)	1419	Janice Spriggs	1475
Faustino Duro (5)	583	Karl Philipovitch (5)	824	Dennis Muller	1419	Steve Spriggs	1475
Larry Eberly	583	Santa Cruz Lodge Snack Shack	824	David Olson (2)	1419	Margaret Stephens (5)	1475
Brad Glassco	583	Ron Truhitte	824	Frank Robertson	1419	Jim Swindell	1475
David Bruce Knight (2)	583	Ed Callihan (3)	836	Ray Trueblood	1419	Adam Thomasson	1475
Cailyn Langley	583	Earl Hively (2)	836	Durley Ward	1419	Doug Wells	1475
Ann Macy	583	Jon Coster	888	Fred & Margaret Krinke (3)	1427	Michael Williams (2)	1475
Rudolph Mena	583	Patricia Devine	888	Sheryl Holloway	1430	Danny Blanch (3)	1497
Alice Miranda	583	Patrick Riley	888	Howard LaPierre (2)	1430	John Clark (3)	1497
Paul Rigano	583	Dennis Woodson	888	Geoff Holland	1436	John Coyle (3)	1497
Larry Taylor	583	Ernie Gonzales	966	James Smith	1436	Lonnie Kell (3)	1497
Sam Trad (2)	583	L. Frank Sternat	966	Jerry Smith	1436	Robert Ramsey (3)	1497
Brain Hayden	613	Cathleen Myers	1015	Ann Morey	1471	Craig Reynolds (3)	1497
Tim Lane	613	Lee Watson	1015	Fred Hewins (5)	1474	Helen Richards (3)	1497
Robert Spinner	613	Howard Weinman	1015	Paul Anderson	1475	Cheryl Richards (3)	1497
Ben Hanly (5)	614	John Fewins	1251	Barbara Berger	1475	Howard Rothenbach (3)	1497
Michael Barnett	616	John Krishna	1251	Tom "Mr. Pool" Brown	1475	Eulalia Warren (3)	1497
Michael Carter	616	Nick Norton (2)	1251	Jay Broyles	1475	David Campbell (5)	1538
Elks 616 Saturday Yoga (5)	616	John Pitts	1251	Dawn Campbell (6)	1475	Myrl Wallace (2)	1538
Elks 616 Secretary's Office	616	Melinda Robbins (2)	1251	Vern DeMars	1475	Ruben Cortez	1539
Delorese Gregoire (2)	616	Dave Nikels	1259	Joe Diaz	1475	Rudy Duran	1539
Ann Ho (5)	616	Karl La Masa, Jr. (2)	1289	Mike Duff	1475	Terry Cross	1561
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Kenn Kojima	616	Tim Mathos (2)	1298	Wayne Fish (5)	1475	Phil Dumas	1561
Suzanne Langford	616	Larry Nelson	1298	Keith Fraser	1475	Judy Erwin	1561
Euclid Lee	616	Jim Pyle	1298	Bob Hanna (2)	1475	Dale Geldert (2)	1561
Mark Moore, Jr.	616	Butch Ruddy	1298	Amanda Jung	1475	Larry Hatter	1561
Justina Murphy	616	Michael White	1298	James Jung	1475	Byron Inderrieden	1561
Milton Napuunoo, Jr.	616	Raymond Santos	1300	Louie Ochoa Memorial Breakfast	1475	Adele Moore	1561
Stanley Osserman, Jr.	616	Rich Torres	1300	James McAnena	1475	Donna Stewart	1561

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Eugene Yocum	1561	Scott Bigger	1968	Eileen Tating	2091	James Nosler	2347
Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Ron Carso	1968	Joann Haugen	2095	Tandy Weare	2347
Frankie Ramirez	1643	Fred Costa (3)	1968	Jerry Attebery	2103	Terry Sammon	2358
Robert Souza	1691	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso (2)	1968	Linda Vigil	2117	Ellen Hon (2)	2379
Albert Curtis (9)	1712	Escondido Moose Wed. Lunch Bunch	1968	Marilyn Baker	2121	Arden "Ardie" Bates (3)	2389
Hal Merriott	1728	Fred Feyka	1968	Robert Baker	2121	Jo Ann Bates (3)	2389
Kelsey & Jorge Rivera	1728	Brandon Hugle	1968	Steve Kay	2121	Lorene Munoz (3)	2389
Gwyn Ronos	1728	Bob Lindner	1968	Marilyn King	2121	Suzette Dahl (5)	2444
Linda Shaffer	1728	Don Loeschner	1968	Milton Nolan	2121	John Fischle	2444
Darlene Simmons	1728	Hugh McKinney	1968	J.K. Watson	2121	John Lusk	2444
Grady Little	1740	Rudy Pino	1968	Mark Wright	2121	Gail Patti	2444
Mary Wright	1740	Ray Reno	1968	Jeff Cheek	2128	Chris Perez	2444
Bryan Baker	1767	Vista Cupertino HOA	1968	Robert Maes, Sr.	2128	Dennis Reinhart	2444
Roger Likley	1767	John Walz	1968	Sunnyvale Elks 2128 Bingo Patrons (4)	2128	Brenda Hagen	2477
Fred Shepphird	1767	Daisy Roberts	1980	Jim Wadley	2142	Diane Jones (2)	2477
Morgan Wisbey	1767	Dwight Roberts	1980	Bertram & Beverly Goldberg	2190	William Joseph	2477
George Corbin	1786	Melvin Horn	1991	Linda Lewis	2190	Darryl Kopacz (2)	2477
Mark Layman (2)	1786	Armando Prado (3)	1991	Randall Lewis	2190	Jason Goetz	2504
Jack Lower	1787	Mark Urban	1991	Howard March	2190	Dale Gregory	2504
Tom Marcel	1787	Karisa Wade	1991	Byron McKibben	2190	Maria Castro	2510
Stuart & Jane Berger	1811	Helen Galvan	2011	Nicholas Novosel III	2190	Mike Fox	2510
Kent Jones	1811	Geraldine Hill	2011	John Robbins	2190	Raymond Gomes	2510
Ruth Reeves	1811	Jennifer Ramirez (2)	2011	David Bell	2230	Curtis Pyeatt	2510
Mike Rittenhouse	1811	James Barger	2020	Raymond Monmaney	2230	Luise Parish Pyeatt	2510
Denise Silva	1811	Bud Buck	2020	Lawrence Nissen (5)	2230	Larry Fink	2543
John Story	1811	John Goerlitz III	2020	Carl Romero	2230	Marilyn Fink (5)	2543
P.E. "Dusty" Ward	1812	Deborah Merhoff	2020	Michael Sullivan	2230	Elaine & Leo Yeager (3)	2543
Bert Liebersbach	1905	Helen Soto (2)	2020	Bob Breault	2248	Joseph Penwell	2591
Anderson Plywood (2)	1917	Joe G. Soto, Jr.	2020	Penny Breault	2248	Melissa Galloway	2640
C. Michael Melton	1917	Judy Brown	2026	Mike Dreiling (2)	2248	McLane Tilton, Jr.	2640
John Bliss	1918	Richard Iacuesssa	2026	Wade Foley	2248	Kathrin Bowen	2697
Jeanine Gray	1919	Jan Keller	2026	Bob Hartley	2248	Lakeport Lodge Pig Cart	2704
Rick Gray	1919	Bernie Lightner	2026	Bob Johnson	2248	Lakeport Elks Lodge 2704	2704
Ella Matthes	1919	Steve Lobdell	2026	Marcia Ledoux	2248	Debbe Blake	2704
Judy Bainto	1952	Jim McMillen	2026	Cindy McKim	2248	Arnold "Buzz" Bussard	2704
Randall Eldridge	1952	Olga Spenol	2026	Kris McKim	2248	Bradley "Herb" Cline	2704
Chris Garland	1952	Margaret Hernandez	2027	Ellie Platz	2248	David Eby	2704
Kenneth Houghton (3)	1952	Mike Molloy	2027	Gary Platz	2248	Kay Lytton	2704
Thomas Huertas	1952	Aubrey "Bud" Halford (2)	2031	John Vertido	2248	Gerald Mohl (2)	2704
Edward Irvin	1952	Lyndell Ivey-Din (2)	2031	Kirk Watkins	2248	Walter Neumann (4)	2704
Berry Kelly	1952	Al Navarra	2031	Don Allen	2314	Arlas "Artie" Parker	2704
Larry Lamkins	1952	Ira Windham (4)	2031	Richard & Sally Benjamin	2314	Lou Riccardi (2)	2704
Ann Lybeck	1952	Scott Eubanks	2050	Deana Daly	2314	Warnie "Ed" Roark	2704
Whatley McDaniel	1952	Steven Johnson	2050	Kathi Jennings	2314	George "Richard" Shaw (3)	2704
Karen Stuetz-Garland	1952	South San Francisco Lodge 2091 (2)	2091	Alexina Leichtner (2)	2314	Dianne Snow	2704
Robert Underwood	1952	Christopher Abraham	2091	Carol Lieser	2314	Ard Sundstrom	2704
Lois Fults	1959	Daniel Ahern (2)	2091	Donna Munoz	2314	Douglas Johnson	2733
Dick Grantner	1959	Lynn & Ben Brocco	2091	Jennifer Terfehr (2)	2314	Herb Klein	2733
Ane Miller	1959	Steven Hawthorne	2091	John Terfehr	2314	Frank Platz (5)	2733
Joan Mitchell (5)	1959	Ladies of South San Francisco Elks	2091	Helen Ward	2314	Daniel Pritchard	2733
John Nielsen	1959	Andrew Reid	2091	Richard & Florence Woods	2314	Joe's Little Train (2)	2733
Bob Scopel	1959	Brian Rogers (2)	2091	Marie Headley	2347		



Corona Lodge 2045 held a Blue and Gold Star Mother's H.O.M.E., CA 30 appreciation dinner in November. A military support group based in the Inland Empire area of California, especially dedicated to supporting the troops and assisting the mothers and their families who have children serving in the United States military. We saluted each of the Blue Star Mothers and our hearts went out to the Gold Star Mothers we served that evening.



Concord Lodge 1994 sponsors a special needs Boy Scout Troop. In September, Boy Scout Troop 1994 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Christopher Verga, the 21st Scout from the Troop to reach the rank of Eagle.

Picture is Exalted Ruler Tony Benedetti giving Christopher Verga his Certificate and American Flag.

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Josh Hachadourian	3	Jan Lee	1298	Lance Hudson	1917	John Hardman	2031
Marilyn Hooton	6	Melanie McKimmons	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	David Dickey	2046
Judi Traci	6	Karen Buchanan	1378	Jose Justiniano	1948	Kimberley Collins	2091
Max Burnett	168	James Ferris	1378	James G. Anderson	1952	Brian Rogers	2091
L. Butch DePaul	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091
Lynn DePaul	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098
Kimberly Dotseth	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Beck	1474	Karen Lewin	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Kathleen Kutler	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Gary Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Harry Ross	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Laurie Ashley	2358
Glenn Montague	168	Sean Gambil	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Leroy Bostick	2358
Chuck Nolan	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Pat Terrell	2358
Matthew Pires	168	James Jung	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Hugh VanDoren	168	Chris Michaelis	1475	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Ted Olsen	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Colin Smith	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Joseph Garica	2477
Nadine Steel	218	John M. Smith	1475	Carol Beckwith	1968	Terry Gicking	2477
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	Greg Peale	1497	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Greg Metzgus	2477
Bonnie Burks	583	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Beverly Burns	2484
Hilary Fulton	583	Warren H. Downs	1561	Richard Wallace	1991	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Sally Reagan	613	Carole D. May	1561	Jim Byerrum	1993	Jay Dupler	2504
Calvin Hara	616	Michael Holmes	1625	Dan Casey	1993	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	John E. Harry	1687	Judy Givens	1993	Dale Gregory	2504
Aron Anderson	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Richard Green	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Jerome Paul	672	Michael Cosby	1691	Alan Kelley	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Charles Rowe	672	Judy Menke	1740	Michael Mathers	1993	Paul Kassel	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Angela Anderson	1767	Diana Mondragon	1993	Barbara Kincade	2543
Miles Nakatsu	759	Richard Blake	1767	Trudy Nuzum	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Tim Jeager	832	Ray Prettyman	1767	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Kaye Brandos	1804	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Linda Tucker	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Rocky Brandos	1804	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Richard Yeager	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Carl Becker	1811	Ben Ortega	1996	Thom Richardson	2599
Frank Frazier	906	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Laurie Ayala	2011	Charisce Williams	2599
Robert A. Pickett	906	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Martin Barros	2011	James Williams	2599
Margaret Pickett	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
Sean Mejia	966	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Michael Silva	1811	Sharron Cannon	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Joe Tato	1108	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Roy Jenness	2011	Debbie Hosted	2698
Dave Wells	1240	Ron Harden	1812	Ashley Munoz	2011	Kaye Bruns	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Susan Jimenez	1812	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Robert Ostini	1251	Stacy Mackey	1812	Christine Nelson	2011		
Mark Porter	1251	Donald D. Schultz	1877	David Plotke	2011		
				Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011		



Monterey Lodge 1285 had more than 100 Veterans, Elks and friends enjoy an Americanism Dinner in November. Cadets from the Monterey High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp greeted each guest under a sword arch and marched in to present colors.

A group of 20 cadets presented the American flag on stage and folded the flag in front of the audience with brief narrations to show what each fold represents. Several national songs were sung by individual cadets, acapella.

Thanks to their Chief, Elk Member John Mastrangelo (shown here, saluting the flag).



Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 honored twenty veterans in November with a dinner and recognition of their service to our country. Mel Wayne, a WW II Veteran pictured above with his wife Rita, is a 51 year member of the Kern River Valley Lodge.

In other news, the Lodge was presented with a Certificate recognizing their work in providing more than 500 meals for firefighters during the Caldwell Fire in the Sequoia National Forest.

Burbank Lodge 1497 held its annual Veteran's Day Dinner in November with more than 150 members, guests and Veterans in attendance. Of those in attendance, more than 100 of the attendees had served in our Nation's Armed Forces. Fifty Disabled Veterans in attendance were from the Veterans' Hospital at Sepulveda.

Guest of Honor, City Vice Mayor Emily Gabel-Luddy presented the Lodge with a Proclamation from the City recognizing the Elks 150 Year Anniversary; noting all that the Elks do for our Veterans.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 hosted its second harbor cruise for visually impaired veterans from the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Twenty veterans were treated to the cruise on the ocean, to feel the sun, breeze and experience the swells and smells of the ocean.

Following the cruise, everyone was treated to lunch and received a gift bag full of goodies which included a \$25 dollar gift card.

In other news, during the month of August, the Lodge initiated 50 new members.

Canoga Park Lodge 2190 welcomed 55 Police, Fire, and Highway Patrol uniformed men and women, along with their families, in October for dinner, followed by presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Honorees. This annual dinner is our way of saying "Thank You" to our "Everyday Heroes"!

Fullerton Lodge 1993 recognized Henna Sanghvi as the Lodge's Teenager of the Month for November. Henna is 17 years old, and attends Canyon High School in Anaheim, CA. Henna is currently Miss Teen Fullerton, USA. At her high school, she is part of a club that raises money to send to the nonprofit organization, "Smile Train," that sends doctors to underdeveloped countries to repair cleft palates on children. She is currently planning to attend California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA, after graduation. Several gift cards/certificates were given to Henna during the ceremony.



Santa Monica Lodge 906, using an ENF Welcome Home Grant and the Santa Monica Fire Department, the Lodge was able to deliver two truckloads of household supplies to the West Los Angeles VA. Deidre Strohm, Director of Step Up On Second, received the supplies on behalf of the Veterans housed in the facility. Pictured (L-R) California-Hawaii Elks First Vice President Robert Duitsman, SMFD Firefighter Brown, Tim Gleaves of Step Up On Second, Frank Frazier, PER, Captain Jason Walker of SMFD, SMFD Engineer Hill and SMFD Firefighter Rivera.

In other news, the Santa Monica Lodge used a Freedom Grant, to host over 60 Veterans of the West Los Angeles VA Hospital, presenting each with a new winter coat, lap blanket, package of socks, toiletry kit and a new beanie cap.



Culver City Lodge 1917 held their Hoop Shoot Contest in November. Winners are pictured above with Lodge members Genevieve & Hector Santiesteban and Rick Regalado.

In other news, the Lodge, which sits in the middle of the "Avenue of the Flags," had all of the American Flags replaced between Sepulveda and Washington Boulevards in November by the Culver City Fire Department.



Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 hosted a very successful 9/11 Memorial Poker Run to benefit our community's Fallen First Responders. The event kicked off with more than 70 participants, including Elks from Riverside, Fontana, Yucaipa, Mission Viejo and Newport Harbor. Over \$2,000 was raised for local police and fire agencies to help support their benevolent funds.



Redding Lodge 1073, during the major fires that ravaged northern California this summer, a Strike Team of fire engines from Novato, CA. found themselves without a place to rest. The Lodge was opened to them, so they could shower in the gym, work out, use the pool and opened the lodge room for them to put their cots in to sleep. Pictured above is the Strike Team from Novato.

In other news, the Lodge received a \$5000 Grant for their Drug Awareness Program from the Shasta County Narcotics Task Force. The grants are made available through the county's Asset Forfeiture Funds for Youth Intervention Program and to be used for the development and continuation of positive intervention programs within Shasta County.

Visalia Lodge 1298 used an ENF Beacon Grant to sponsor a summer bowling league for Special Needs Adults in their community. Fifty-eight participants were treated to bowling, T shirts, trophies and a very special end of the year party.

The Visalia Elks offered these special needs adults a summer program that was not previously available. Because of its popularity, a new Beacon Grant for 2018 has been approved by ENF. The program is anticipated to double in size during the summer of 2018.



Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 staffed a Rally information booth as they have for over 17 years. The Elks gave American Flags and Red Ribbons that read "PROUD TO BE DRUG FREE" to the children and parents who visited the Booth. Additionally the Elks offered a Drug Quiz to all youth participants and the four winners were given sporting-goods gift cards.



Eureka Lodge 652 hosted an evening of celebration to honor the United States Coast Guard (USCG,) to commemorate its 227th birthday in August. Pictured above are ER Jennifer Cory and Commander Kevin Barres, Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Humboldt Bay.

Ukiah Lodge 1728 demonstrated the true spirit of Elkdom when California experienced one of the largest and most disastrous events in its history, as a result of the many fires, burning in four counties.

Forty-two lives were lost, more than 900 homes were totally destroyed, and numerous businesses were consumed.

The Lodge opened its heart and doors to hundreds of local mandatory fire evacuees, serving three meals a day. Distributing the enormous amount of donated items, such as clothing, blankets and other essentials for ten straight days.

Simi Valley Lodge 2492 held its Annual Car Show and Chili Cook-off in August. Close to 100 classic and antique cars were on display, with many different chili entrants, BBQ, live music and close to 500 people in attendance.

Glendale Lodge 1289 held a "Thanks 4 Giving" kick off Turkey dinner for the 2017 Dictionary Project. In attendance was Glendale Mayor, Vartan Charpetian, who presented the Lodge with an Accommodation from the City Council that praised the power that the dictionaries have on the local elementary students. The Lodge will again be distributing over 2,500 dictionaries this year.

Duarte Lodge 1427 delivered a total of 198 bike helmets to the Duarte, Monrovia and San Dimas Police/Sheriff departments for distribution to children in their cities. The helmets were purchased using the Beacon Grant as part of the Lodge's Bikes for Kids Program.

In other news, the Lodge has started a program of providing at least one dinner a month to the El Monte Veterans Village. Dinners have been served each month, with 15 to 20 veterans being served each day. Additionally, canned goods were provided to help stock their cupboards.

Lancaster Lodge 1625's Mixed Bowling League donated \$350 to the William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home in Lancaster. The home meets all health care needs, meals and transportation for its residents in a partnership between CalVet and the Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

Lakeport Lodge 2704 participated in a Veteran Stand Down held at the Lake County Fairgrounds in September. At the Stand Down, 147 veterans were served and of those approximately 30 were signed as homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless.

The Stand Down provided medical and dental care, haircuts, and many supplies such as sleeping bags, tents, MRE's, back packs, shoes, boots, socks, and under garments to homeless veterans.

Susanville Lodge 1487 brought community awareness of the Elks dedication to Veterans when members participated in and carried a banner for the California-Hawaii Elks Association National Service Committee during the annual Veterans Day Parade in Susanville.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 participated in Wreaths Across America to place 122 remembrance wreaths at the final resting places in memory of our military veterans and heroes. Lodge members sponsored 72 wreaths and the Lodge participated by matching the members' sponsorship of the first 50 wreaths.

Santa Ana Lodge 794 and Santa Ana Emblem Club 530 donated 968 backpacks to the Santa Ana Salvation Army, as well as many school supplies. The Salvation Army will distribute these to kids in Santa Ana, Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Fullerton, Garden Grove and Lake Forest.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 Celebrates 50th Anniversary. After a year full of Lodge activities, Santa Clarita held a 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner in November. In attendance were five of the remaining eleven Charter Members that still reside in the area. Included in the evening program was a Lodge Rededication, led by PSP Floyd 'Skip' Henke.

Pictured above are Santa Clarita Lodge Members receiving special recognition from the City of Santa Clarita City Council on their 50th Anniversary.



Petaluma Lodge 901 received a request for help from the Petaluma Police Department, to open its doors to first responder's families being evacuated during the many fires in Sonoma County in early October. The Lodge opened its kitchen and dining hall to serve those in need during the crisis, serving more than 650 meals a day during the week of the firestorms.



California-Hawaii Elks Association First Vice President Robert Duitsman, presented the Medal of Service to Santa Monica Fire Captain Jason Walker for service to this community beyond the call of duty. Captain Walker, a member of the Santa Monica Lodge 906, took on the Welcome Home Grant project. He was able to obtain a donation on behalf of the Santa Monica Fire Department to go along with the ENF Grant which was used for household supplies for the Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA. Pictured above is First Vice President Duitsman with Captain Walker.

Fred Krinke, CHEA Organist Named Elk of the Year



Fred Krinke, a 66 year member of the Elks who is currently a Life Member of Duarte Lodge 1427 was named the CHEA Elk of the Year at the Mid-Term Conference in Sacramento. Fred is currently the Organist and Americanism Chairman for his Lodge. As Americanism Chairman, Fred writes monthly articles for the Duarte Lodge Newsletter. Previously, Fred was a Lodge Trustee for five years and Past Chairman of the Annual Veterans Day Dinner.

Fred has been serving as the California-Hawaii Elks Association Organist since 1991. Because of his age and difficulty traveling long distances, Fred will be retiring at the CHEA Convention in San Diego in May of 2018.

Fred is the third generation owner of the oldest family owned writing instrument business in the United States — the Fountain Pen Shop. The business started in Los Angeles in 1922, with Fred taking over the business from his father in 1974. In 1999, Fred moved the business to Monrovia where it is currently located. Not only can you purchase high quality writing instruments, he also can make repairs to all types of pens ... especially antique pens. Fred's pen shop has been featured on several TV shows, one being Huell Hauser's California Gold show.

Fred and his wife of 63 years, Margaret, have four children with eight grand children and three great grand children. Fred and Margaret have been generous supporters of both the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and the Elks National Foundation.

Recognizing Fred Krinke as CHEA's Elk of the Year, \$1,000 has been donated to the Elks National Foundation in Fred's name. Congratulations Fred and we wish you many more years of health and happiness.

All it takes is ...



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

EXCITING NEW RITUAL ANNOUNCEMENT! BILL AND BELINDA TURNER RITUAL GRANT

A fabulous new resource will be available starting this coming ritual season to provide supplemental financial assistance to winning CHEA Ritual Teams to help ensure they can compete at the Grand Lodge contest!

Many of you know William (Bill) and Belinda Turner, who have been deeply involved with and committed to our ritual contest program for many years. Bill has been a longtime ritual judge, a Past Chair of both the CHEA Ritual Training and Ritual Contest Committees, and personally developed several ritual contest manuals that continue in use today.

Bill and Belinda have recognized that it may be a barrier for a winning ritual team to obtain the funds necessary to go to the Grand Lodge Convention to compete. To help provide relief, they have generously established a special fund in the amount of \$400,000, to be administered by CHEA, to recognize the best ritual team our Association has to offer each year and to provide financial assistance to help ensure that the team will be able to represent our Association. Included will be the seven Officers, the Candidate, and up to two Coaches, for a total of up to ten members.

This grant has been structured to last for a minimum of twenty years, and provide a maximum annual subsidy of up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to provide assistance to team members and coaches over and above other funds that may be available to them.

This tremendous new resource should encourage all teams to give their best effort as they prepare for the coming contest season, knowing that if they should be the CHEA winning team there will be financial support to help them move on to Grand Lodge.

THANK YOU! to Bill and Belinda for your generous donation to support this important program.