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Kenneth LeRoy Moore, age 89 passed away on January 10, 2018 after a brief illness. Ken was born on a farm in South Dakota during the Great Depression. He resided in Corona, California for over 55 years, where he was a successful businessman who was also highly involved in the community. He was known as a quiet, honest and hard-working man who led multiple organizations with dedication and integrity. He was selected as Corona's "Citizen of the Year" in 1991.

Ken was a loving family man who provided his wife and three children with a happy and comfortable life. He loved his family and was proud of his three children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ken grew up in Huron, South Dakota as the only child of Edward and Emma Moore. He graduated from Huron High School at age 17, and then joined the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was stationed at Bowling Field in Washington, DC, where he served as an air traffic controller. It was there in Washington, DC that Ken met and married the love of his life, Rosemary Hurdle.

After an honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps, Ken and Rosemary moved to Oregon, where he became an Oregon State Police Officer. Although he loved his work, it did not pay enough to support his family in the way he wanted, so he became a trailer salesman. He learned the trade well, eventually moving to Corona in

1961 to become President and Partner at GT Wolfe Mobile Homes. He was instrumental in forming Lancer Mobile Homes, Inc. in 1965, as Chairman of the Board and President, retiring after the sale of the company in 1973. He then became a founder and Chairman of the Board of Corona-based Western Community Bank in 1980. Upon retirement, Ken spent his time as a recreational pilot, camping, fishing, boating and traveling with family and friends. He built his dream vacation home near Hailey, Idaho where he spent many memorable summers and winters with family and friends. He continued to be active in and lead numerous civic and nonprofit organizations in Corona. His greatest involvement was with the Elks Lodge, serving as Exalted Ruler of BPOE Lodge 2045 (Corona) in 1968-69, California-Hawaii Association President in 1982-83 and Grand Exalted Ruler in 1994-95. Ken was a strong proponent of the charitable work done by the Elks.

Ken is survived by his wife of 69 years, Rosemary, daughter Karen Stein (Bill), son Kenny "Skip" Moore (Cheryl) and daughter Karol Schmer (Ron), 10 grandchildren (Ryan, Cory, Melissa, Jennifer, Eric, Jason, Leslie, Michael, Monica and Megan) and 12 great grandchildren (Lucy, Cora, Matthew, Andrew, Mikey, Hayley, Madison, Allison, Calvin, Olivia, Owen and Wyatt).

A memorial service for family and friends was held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Thomas Miller Mortuary, in Corona, followed by a reception at the Corona Elks Lodge 2045. A private interment was held at Riverside National Cemetery on Wednesday, January 24.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be given to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, the Corona Elks Lodge BPOE 2045 or the Loma Linda Veteran's Administration Hospital. Ken's family gratefully acknowledges the medical care, compassion and respect given to Ken by the medical staff of the Loma Linda Veteran's Administration Hospital.

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President's Message



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elk Members. With First Lady Ginger by my side, I and the Association Vice Presidents are into the last three months of our travels as we continue to spread the Elks message to our Lodges and communities about our great Association.

Our visits have been filled with great experiences as we touched base with various Lodges on our journey through the California-Hawaii Elks Association. We have seen that every Lodge is proud to share their accomplishments and programs as they serve their local communities. We have had the pleasure of seeing the special efforts and work that has gone into the sharing of experiences and the results that demonstrate how Elks Care and Elks Share.

By the time this edition of the Elk Magazine arrives in your mailbox the annual elections of new Lodge officers for 2018-2019 will be completed. Congratulations to all officers who will assume positions of leadership in local Lodges. Your dedication to your Lodges will benefit your members and local communities. The plans you put in place will help your Lodge grow and continue to be a strong influence as you Reach Out and Share the Elks Experience.

On February 16, 2018 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks celebrated the 150th anniversary of inception. What a significant accomplishment for the Order of Elks to be in existence for 150 years. CHEA was honored to participate in a birthday party at Downey Lodge 2020 on the anniversary date. Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson led the celebration with many Grand Lodge and CHEA officials and members in attendance. The celebration was live streamed so that all Elks members could view the program. There are other anniversary events scheduled during this year including the Grand Lodge annual convention in San Antonio, TX in July. Local Lodges are encouraged to hold a 150th anniversary event at their Lodge during the year.

As this year comes to an end I ask each Lodge and all members to make a year-end effort to reduce member lapsation and help increase membership by sponsoring new members. We are close to finishing this year with another positive membership gain.

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



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CHEA President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

March 3-6

Utah Elks Association Spring Meeting
Roy, Utah

March 16-19

CHEA Convention
Town & Country
Resort and Convention Center
San Diego

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(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



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

CHEMPI Theme Child

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC



Aya

Watch the Theme Child Video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WL7tRO1zGI

Piggy Bank

Gerry Gouveia • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



The Leading Knights Challenge has come to a close as of February 3rd and we have taken in almost \$12,000 this year. We had some new entries this year and the usual's stepped up and participated. The 2018 Mesquite Elks Scholarship Golf Classic will be held February 19-20-21, 2018 and you can find the application in the

February/March Purple Pig Gazette. The Chili's Purple Pig Event was held back in January 2018 and took in \$18,000 so the donation to the Major Project will be an estimated \$2,700. Once again great job Steve Wagstaff, PER.

As this will be my final article for the CHEA Newsletter, Bill Cook and I will be moving on in Elkdome. For me after two years as District Chairman, two years as Vice Chairman and three years as CHEA Purple Pig Chairman it is finally time for someone else to take the over. I have so many fond memories of the past seven years working to get as much money as possible for the Major Project, working the booth at conventions and mid-terms, attending events and talking to all of you and spreading the word. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you as the CHEA Purple Pig Chairman and a real pleasure to work with Bill and Nancy Cook.

Both Bill and I owe many thanks to the Fresno Office. Tim Martin and his staff are the greatest and most supportive group we have ever worked with. Their support and guidance has made being the chairman a real pleasure. They put up with all the phone calls about this and that and they always have a pleasant tone and answer no matter how insignificant the question is. I know whoever takes over from us that they too will find the same support. Thanks to all of you and let's make this year a banner year for donations.



Carmichael Lodge 2103 held a fundraiser for the Napa Area Fires that destroyed so many homes and devastated so many families. We raised \$1,000 and purchased Visa gift cards that were sent to the Napa Lodge to be handed out to those families in need. Pictured are ER Ned Fox and Trustee Diane Bristow.

In other news, the Lodge honored four fifth grade students from St. John's Evangelist Catholic School for being winners of their annual Drug Awareness Poster Contest.



The confirmed sales report for the Elks Statewide Give Back Event is \$18,577.70. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project will receive a check near the amount of \$2,787. The event day sales breakdown of the restaurants with participation are below.

This annual event is an easy and fun way to raise money for our Major Project, it also raises awareness within our communities. Thank you to everyone who took time to participate. Plans for next year's event are already in the works with hopes for a greater participation from each of our Lodges.

Arroyo Grande - \$206.39	Lake Elsinore - \$255.61	Stockton - \$252.85
Blossom Hill - \$100.73	Livermore - \$40.76	Stoneridge - \$212.31
Buena Park - \$93.89	Lodi - \$136.07	Temecula - \$317.73
Candlewood - \$546.16	Long Beach - \$33.75	Torrance - \$1740.71
Chino Hills - \$69.36	Irvine - \$42.34	Tracy - \$42.45
Corona - \$28.38	Manhattan Beach - \$1790.50	Tulare - \$552.82
Cypress - \$229.56	Modesto - \$311.73	Turlock - \$35.98
Downy - \$226.16	Montclair - \$50.13	Vacaville - \$31.26
Edwards - \$50.72	Monrovia - \$297.20	Victorville - \$13.88
El Centro - \$5.49	Murrieta - \$70.93	Visalia - \$81.67
Elk Grove - \$367.10	Newberry Park - \$33.38	Vista - \$182.00
Encinitas - \$156.44	Oceanside - \$190.71	West Covina - \$432.05
Encino - \$199.82	Orange - \$156.01	West Fresno - \$104.70
Escondido - \$1713.61	Oxnard - \$45.16	West Hills - \$17.58
Fair Oaks - \$396.33	Pacheco Blvd - \$83.64	Whittier - \$424.19
Fontana - \$47.22	Ranch Cucamonga - \$179.00	
Freemont - \$92.55	Rancho Dominguez - \$117.45	
Fresno - \$320.12	Redlands - \$548.10	
Glendora - \$95.09	San Bruno - \$398.97	
Goleta - \$52.43	Santa Clarita / Golden Valley - \$1718.47	
Hanford - \$401.95	Santee - \$330.04	
Hemet - \$187.10	Scripps Ranch - \$630.86	
La Habra - \$75.34	Seaside - \$593.57	
La Mesa - \$105.29	Simi Valley - \$170.89	
La Vern - \$34.36	Sports Arena - \$108.66	



Desert Hot Springs Lodge 2639 presented an Anniversary Grant check to Mr. Quinton Eggson, CEO of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Boys and Girls Club. The grant will be used for growth and development mentoring of the boys and girls.

Pictured from left to right: Peggy Hicks - Lecturing Knight, Scott De La Torre - Leading Knight, Dolores Oyler - Tiler, Maria Jimenez - Trustee, Linda Shestock - Loyal Knight, Russ Lumpkin - Exalted Ruler, Quinton Eggson - CEO Boys and Girls Club, and several members of the Boys and Girls Club.



Judy Linda:

38+ Years of Providing Services to Children

Judy Linda, Occupational Therapist graduated from San Jose State with a Degree in Occupational Therapy in 1975. Judy has been providing Occupational Therapy services in the East Central District in the mountain communities and the Central Valley for over 38 years joining the Elks Major Project staff in 1979. Judy travels many miles in the mountain communities serving the children whose therapy needs are best met by a home program. Judy sees the children and instructs the families in following the home program she develops for each child.

Children in need of Occupational Therapy come with a wide range of needs from lacking the self-care skills of daily living, feeding and swallowing problems, handwriting issues, sensory processing, social interactions, visual processing, fine motor skills, balance and equilibrium, and delays in their development. Judy has continued to develop her skills to best serve her clients whatever their needs may be. She continues to attend education courses and belongs to pediatric study groups.

Judy has served on many committees within the organization and has presented the Theme Child at the CHEA Annual Convention on more than one occasion. Judy has pursued continuing education in Cranio-Sacral Therapy and has inserviced the professional staff in this technique. In addition Judy received her Advanced Swallowing Certification and has mentored other staff OT's in obtaining their certifications.

Pat DiMercurio, Director of Professional Services for CHEMPI, said "It is a privilege to work with Judy Linda. Her passion and depth of knowledge is unsurpassed. She has truly made a difference in the lives of countless children as well as everyone who has worked with her."

Comments from families include:

We are so grateful and appreciative of this service. Judy is a



fabulous person and so very skilled at what she does. My daughter was in desperate need of this type of therapy and we feel it is a miracle we were able to connect with Judy for these services. Thank you so much to everyone at the Elks Association. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



We are so grateful and thankful for Judy and your organization. Our son has made great strides! It's very smart to have the parents involved and do work every day. The improvements are amazing, thank you.

Judy is an incredible therapist! I share our experience with anyone who will listen. She not only benefitted the child, but our family learned so much. I became an Elk Officer in appreciation for this fine work.

This past September fire destroyed Judy's home in Northfork. Judy expressed her gratitude to the Elks with this recent response received during a performance evaluation by her team leader.

"I want to begin my response with a heart-felt thank you for the care and concern shown to me and my husband through this incredibly overwhelming event of losing our home and my CHEMPI office to the wild fire of September 2017. That life changing event has brought to me tears of loss and also tears of gratitude for the support from the Elks of California and Hawaii. Support was offered through various lodges and the tears that resulted from each letter sent to me were often uncontrolled. In the recovery from this loss, which will probably take years, I have appreciated every day of my wonderful job, managers and the staff. In addition, my clients: the kids and their families have offered much emotional support. They are so grateful for the Elks therapy program and never hesitate to express it."

Judy is much loved by her families and the Elks organization. She is truly one of a kind!



Would you like a Major Project Therapist or Pediatric Vision Screener to make a visit to your Lodge?

Inviting a Therapist or Pediatric Vision Screener to a Lodge event is a great opportunity to give your members information regarding their Major Project through a presentation made by the staff member and allows the staff member to express gratitude for all the effort and donations your Lodge has made toward their Major Project. Individuals on our staff are often asked to visit a lodge to make a presentation, drive the CHEMPI car in a parade or help out in fund raising events in some capacity. Sometimes one of the children the staff member is working with and their family are also invited to attend. This allows the members to see firsthand how their donations are positively impacting the lives of children with special needs in their own community.

In order for this to happen, a Form 11 or Lodge Request for Professional Staff Participation must be sent to the Fresno office at least three weeks prior to the event or earlier if possible. This form provides our staff with all the information they need so that they know who to contact at your lodge, where to go and details about the event. **Form 11 can be found on the CHEA website under Major Project/forms.** It's simple to do, so consider inviting a therapist or pediatric vision screener to attend a lodge visit. It is always a great addition to any Purple Pig fundraiser!



Fullerton Lodge 1993 hosted a Special Child Holiday Event in December for any child or family who is currently, or was in the past, associated with the Lodge's Special Child Program. Mr. and Mrs. Claus read stories, and distributed gifts to the children. Face Painters and a Photo Booth were also available for the children.

As your Editor, I feel fortunate to have recently met a relatively new Elk with whom we are going to try to create something new over time. A **Purple Pig Cartoon**, which will hopefully help us create a softer spot in our hearts for our favorite charity!

I would like to introduce to you:

Joe Schmidt

Professional Freelance Cartoonist
Chula Vista Lodge 2011



Dauntless Defender of Dandy Drawings

"I have forever loved art, and continue to create."

Joe was born in Los Angeles, graduated from Long Beach State, and worked in Advertising Art. He joined the Navy during the Vietnam era. Met his beautiful Sue, whom he later married and they had two sons. Taught high school art and computer animation for 33 years. While teaching and after retiring, Joe was a Professional Newspaper and Magazine freelance cartoonist for 38 years, which allowed him to join the National Cartoonists Society.



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Membership

C. Michael Melton, PSVP • CHEA Membership Chairman



This year marks the 150th anniversary of our Order. The big celebration will take place in San Antonio this July. Even if you're not going to attend Grand Lodge in Texas you can play a huge part in making it an historic event.

Once again we have the chance to lead the nation in membership growth and play a major part in reversing the decades long trend in membership loss at the national level. We've shown over the last few years that we in California-Hawaii have found the way to grow our Association once again. Rick Gathen our Grand Lodge Manager for Membership and Marketing has done a remarkable job laying the groundwork for this great opportunity. Now it's up to us to do our part. We must each strive to retain every member on our rolls while initiating every candidate waiting in the wings.

Here in CHEA we're not yet where we need to be to achieve our overall goal for the year. We need to make that last great push to get ourselves over the edge and into the winners circle. It's the responsibility of each member to make the welfare of their Lodge, and the Order, utmost in their thoughts. Reach out to everyone you know on your Lodge's delinquency list and urge them to return to the fold. Approach that friend or co-worker you've been meaning to invite to the Lodge and sign them up. Historic numbers are built one at a time. Should you have to drop members on March 31st don't despair, you have the next sixty days to reinstate them without penalty and add those numbers to this year's total.

I ask each and every member to give that needed burst of energy to this important cause. Let's together make CHEA again the nation's leader in membership growth and help put the Order in the win column once more.



Orange Lodge 1475 on the Monday before Christmas, members of the Lodge showed up at Mary's Kitchen to prepare turkey dinners with all the "fixins" for the homeless people and those in need. This year the dinners with all the trimmings fed over 150 people. This is the thirteenth year of the program. Nine members showed up on a very cold morning at 6:30 am to cook sixteen turkeys. Meanwhile seven members prepared the rest of the dinner indoors.

In other news, the Lodge delivered 224 Christmas Baskets to families in need in the City of Orange for a good Christmas! The treasure came from the lodge members in raising over \$8,500. The Christmas Spirit came when food and gifts all came from local stores in Orange and the determination to make each year better than the last, is all due to our great membership.



San Luis Obispo Lodge 322 recently adopted and provided individual support at the holidays for seventeen previously homeless Veterans living in a newly built apartment complex. Each Veteran received a form prioritizing their most urgent move in needs. The individual boxes of gifts and supplies were delivered with some of their basic household needs. They each received a sweat outfit and undergarments. In addition, the Lodge donated and decorated a Christmas tree. Total donated was \$2,566, with non-cash donations of \$15,217. Pictured are Gary & Donna Donovan and Ron & Liz Schmitt.



Hemet Lodge 1740, awarded certificates to winners of the Elks' Americanism Essay Contest. Ninety-four students from Mrs. McLamb's sixth grade class at Dartmouth Middle School entered the contest. The theme for the essay was "Why Our Veterans Are America's Heroes?" Pictured above from the left are: Dartmouth Middle School Teacher, Mrs. McLamb; 1st Place winner, Alana C.; 2nd place winner, Shaelyn M.; Dartmouth Middle School Principal, Mrs. Martin, and Americanism Chairman, Barney Rosen. Back row, Jim Winget and Carl Reisig, who helped judge the essays.

Auburn Lodge 1691, recognized the local fire and law enforcement agencies of our community for the 33rd year with a special award ceremony and dinner at the Lodge. The honorees of this year's presentation were chosen for their outstanding service and unselfish dedication to the duty. Departments honored were Auburn Police, surrounding communities Police and Fire, as well as US Forestry and Highway Patrol.

Elks National Foundation

Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the Benevolent and Protective Orders of Elks commitment to Charity in support of America's Veterans, Youth and the communities served by its Lodges. Membership in the Fidelity Club is our member's commitment to ENF.

And so this is how last year's March-April article for this publication started. The principle difference this year is that instead of donations to ENF running behind the year before, our Lodges are on a pace to exceed the previous year. I am happy to report that CHEA leads the nation in participation in the Fidelity Club.

Just as a reminder, enrollment in the Fidelity Club allows ENF to automatically debit your bank account or charge a credit card on a recurring basis for a set donation amount. There are no checks to write or coupons to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Save time, stamps and even check charges by joining the ENF Fidelity Club today.

It is common to recognize members, Lodges and Districts for their leadership roles in making donations to ENF. The staff at ENF has significantly enhanced their member recognition program. Please visit www.elks.org/enf to learn more. The new membership card stickers, pins and certificates are easier to earn and are truly a great reward for your continuing participation.

As stated, the Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association are on a roll. The increase in donations for 2017-18 over the previous year exceeds \$45,000. The amount of total donations to ENF by our members and Lodges directly effects the amount of benefits our State Association and Lodges receive each year. I just want to ask Lodges that are holding onto donations to send them in before March 15th to make sure that they and their members are properly recognized for their participation in 2017-2018. I want to encourage these same Lodges to include a note about donating to ENF with their dues notices. Which brings to mind that ENF has recently updated all of its literature and all Lodges should order the new items and toss the old.

I have heard some ask "How much is enough?" Enough is when the Elks have done all it can to support, honor and help our Veterans, including the elimination of homelessness; enough is by providing for America's future through scholarships, scholars programs, Hoop Shoots, Youth programs and Drug Awareness programs; and enough is when the communities served by our Lodges thrive, making opportunities to "Reach out and Share the Experience."



Buena Park Lodge 2046 hosted a Car Show to honor our Veterans. Gary Brown, active ex-marine and Orange County Car Show Guy, officiated and planned the event along with his friends from the Vet-to-Vet program at the Long Beach Veterans Medical Center. The event was a huge success, with all of the proceeds going directly to the Vets at Veterans Long Beach Medical Center to help any veterans in need.

Community Investment Program Grants

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Grants Coordinator



Community Investment Program Grants

Well it is March, the last month of the Elk Year. As members, we are all fund raisers or possibly grant coordinators for the Elks National Foundation that assists our communities. The grants

are a good way to serve people in need, relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged along with lessening burdens on governments. These are just a few ways grants assist our communities and can be projects with active Elk involvement.

Here is a quick synopsis of Grant participation in our Association.

- 51 lodges were approved for the Gratitude Grant
- 61 lodges were approved for the Beacon Grant
- 40 lodges approved for the Promise Grant
- 7 lodges approved for the Impact Grant
- 18 lodges approved for the Freedom Grant

And many lodges are in various stages of getting even more grants approved. Keep up the good work. Now is the time to work within your lodges to complete compliance for approval.

2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The ENF is celebrating this milestone by offering a one-time \$1,500 grant to every Lodge. Consider super-sizing your grant projects by adding the Anniversary Grant to the application. The application deadline is March 31, 2018 and the project must be completed by July 31, 2018.

Every Lodge is eligible to apply for a Beacon Grant—don't miss out on this opportunity! Join in, and help your Lodge become a beacon of hope to the community. Beacon Grants are worth \$2,000! Lodges do not need to meet the GER's per-member-giving goal to apply. 2017-18 Beacon Grant Applications close March 31, 2018. And the 2017-18 Beacon Grant Final Report Forms are due by August 31, 2018.

Here are some important Community Investment Program (CIP) calendar dates coming up in the next few months.

March 31, 2018 – Anniversary and Beacon Grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m., Central Time.

May 31, 2018 – Gratitude Grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m., Central Time.

Remind your members who are working the grants of these deadlines. We all have plenty of time to finish the year in a positive light and showcase our charitable works.

Thanks for all you do on behalf of the Elks National Foundation.



San Pedro Lodge 966 was hoping to open its doors by mid-March, but is still dealing with electrical issues that the Department of Water & Power has not made clear. Hoping to have all of the Lodge's electrical issues behind them soon, the Lodge is looking forward to a Grand Reopening Gala Celebration in May or June.

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Ritual Training

Janice Almazan, PER • CHEA Ritual Training Chairman



As the CHEA Ritual Training Chairman I would like to inform the Lodges that if you are in need of assistance in training on any ritual, each district has a District Ritual Training Chairman. The Rituals that we have are:

1. Initiatory Ritual of New Members
2. Opening
3. Closing
4. Memorial Service (1st Sunday in December or any other time needed)
5. Mother's Day
6. Flag Day
7. Veteran's Day

The District Ritual Training Chairman is there for your need of assistance in these rituals. The next person above them is your Tri-District Ritual Training Chairman and then I am the next person to contact. I am always available to help any lodge as needed. All of the information on these chairmen is in the CHEA Directory. You can download the Directory under CHEA-elks.org. Remember we are here to help each lodge have a successful ritual ceremony on any of these occasions. Please note that this year we would appreciate all lodges to participate in their District Ritual Contest either by memory or reading. If you have any questions please contact myself or any of the district ritual contest or training chairmen.



Simi Valley Lodge 2492 received a certificate of City Resolution, given to Exalted Ruler Keith Scott to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of our Order. Pictured L-R are PR/Scholarship Chairman, Marele Clifford, Trustee Chairman, Ted Poliskey, Chairman of Government Relations Mark Shear, City Councilman Keith Mashburn, City Councilwoman Dee Dee Cavanaugh, Exalted Ruler Keith Scott, City Councilman Mike Judge and Mayor Bob Huber.

Petaluma Lodge 901, along with American Legion Post 111 Riders were honored to be a part of "Laying to Rest" ceremony at Pleasant Hill Cemetery for several unclaimed Veterans remains. Among our members were WWII Veteran Irv Giacomini and Korea/Vietnam Veteran Don DeCosta. The unclaimed Army Veterans remains were granted a military ceremony with Taps and a 21 Gun Salute.



Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504 held a family-style dinner for over 130 students, counselors and families on January 9. Thirty high school students were recognized as "Teenagers of the Month" from Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, Lopez, and Central Coast New Tech schools for excellence in academia, leadership, athletics and work experience.

Six students were recognized as finalists in the Hoop Shoot competition held in Arroyo Grande. Certificates, trophies and basketballs were presented to the recipients.

The Oceano/Five Cities Lodge has proudly served the Five Cities Community for over 43 years and donated over \$1,070,000 to various causes in the Five Cities Community.

Pictured above are award winning students with award presenter of the evening, Leading Knight Mel Baker.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 made some children at the Homes4Families, a veteran community of 78 homes, very happy this Christmas. The newly formed Elks Riders 2379 Motorcycle Club held a Toy Drive that included the Lodges of the Metropolitan District. Our Elks Veterans, the Veterans Mentors of the Lodge collected hundreds of toys for the many children of the veteran community. Santa and Mrs. Claus, both Elk Members were on hand to listen to the many wishes of the children. A very successful first year event.

Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



Elks Shine During Hoop Shoot!

All of the hard work during the past few months of organizing and coordinating the Lodge and District Elks National Free Throw Contest has resulted in lifetime experiences for the thousands of California-Hawaii boys and girls, ages 8 - 13, who participated.

Regardless of size or shape, height or weight, the unbridled enthusiasm of the youth that participate each year is invigorating! We Elk members build a bridge for the kids with the opportunity to engage in Hoop Shoot. The kids build the bridge back for us by displaying their spirit, determination and boundless energy!

At press time, the California-Hawaii contests are being conducted. Winning scores will be compared from the Southern California winners and the Northern California-Hawaii winners to determine the six CHEA free throw representatives for the Region 7 contest being held on March 3rd in Las Vegas. Larry Torres, Coalinga Lodge 1613, is the Region 7 Director. Winners of the Region 7 contest will take their talents and dreams on to Chicago, Illinois for the National Finals on April 21.

To all Lodge Secretaries, chair persons and enthusiastic volunteers, District Chairpersons and their endless efforts to see that each Lodge completes their reports and advance their winners. You have earned a real round of applause from myself, Coach Ritt, CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman, Walnut Creek Lodge 1811, and Garry Bolding, Blyth Lodge 1799, CHEA Hoop Shoot Vice Chairman. Thank you and Mahalo!



CHEA South District held a joint fund raiser to raise money for the Armed Services YMCA, located on the 29 Palms Marine base, in December at the Yucca Valley Lodge. Seven Lodges participated with the Craft and Bake sale as well as a Pancake Breakfast. DDGER James Miller presented Dawn Clark, Director of the ASYMCA, with a check in excess of \$2700. Pictured above are Carol Lieser PER, Dawn Clark ASYMCA, James Miller DDGER and Bob Simendich ER.



Concord Lodge 1994 sponsored these Hoop Shoot participants at the Pleasant Hill, California Recreation center. The winners will go to the District contest. Pictured L to R are ER Tony Benedetti. Jimmy J. (1st place in boys 12-13) Nathan A. (2nd place in boys 12-13) Eric C. (1st place in boys 10-11) Dale Sheets, Jay Shockley (Hoop Shoot Co-Chairman) In front is Brody S., (1st place for boys 8-9) Fore Front is Fran Shockley (Hoop Shoot Co-Chairman).



Santa Monica Lodge 906, with the help from Venice American Legion Post 177, Santa Monica American Legion Post 123 and the Santa Monica Emblem Club, delivered 54 crockpots to the permanent housing facility Building 209 at the West LA VA for newly housed homeless vets.

Pictured left to right: Monte Williams (Property Activities Coordinator), Bill Williamson (crock pot recipient), Beau Espeso (Judge Advocate Legion 123), Mitchell Fink (Elk 906), Esteemed Loyal Knight Ron Fink (and Commander of 177), Freedom Rock (recipient), Lodge Trustee Frank H. Frazier, PER (and Emblem President), and Betty Love (recipient).

In other news, the Santa Monica Lodge celebrated its Annual Law Enforcement Night honoring five different police departments in the local area. Represented tonight were the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, UCLA Police Department, Santa Monica College Police Department, the Santa Monica Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol.

The Top Cop honors went to the Santa Monica Police Department Officers Jordan Varak and Andrew Sanchez for exemplary service to the community in 2017.

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Drug Awareness Program

Brad Smith, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



It's the time of year when many of our Lodges are honoring their respective Police Agencies. One such honor is the Enrique Camarena Award. Local Police Agencies may nominate a member of their organization for this award by going through their local Elks Lodge. The local Lodge may choose to honor one or more nominees in

any manner they wish. The local Lodge should submit their nominee to their District Drug Awareness Chairman, who selects a District Winner to be submitted to the State Drug Awareness Program Chair. The CHEA Enrique Camarena Award Winner gets a free ride to the CHEA Annual Convention, which is in San Diego this year, where he or she receives their award and accolades for their hard work above and beyond the call of duty.

Winners are selected for their contribution to the "war on drugs". The nominees are judged by their efforts both on duty and off duty. Community involvement is important. I am very pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Sergeant Nick Andre from the Palm Springs Police Department. Sgt. Nick Andre began his career ten years ago as a patrol officer. Nick transferred to the Coachella Valley Narcotics Task Force until his promotion to Sergeant in 2017. He has presented substance awareness and abuse classes to the Boys and Girls Club, been a Police Explorer Advisor, SWAT team member, and assisted in the training of other Police Officers from several States outside of California. In other words, Nick is actively involved in Drug Awareness both in his job and in his community.

I wrote a rather long article on drug abuse which was published in the last CHEA magazine. I thought I would clarify a point that was made in the article. Persons under the age of 25 are much more likely to become addicted to an opiate or similar substance than those over that age. The reason is that the human brain reaches maturity in the person's early twenties. Neural transmitting pathways are being developed in the young brain. I call this process neural conditioning. It's a matter of brain chemistry. Opiates and similar substances interfere with and/or supplant this chemical process. The younger person has a greater chance of conditioning their brain to accept the introduced substance as "normal" and necessary. The older person's mature brain has been naturally conditioned, and therefore is much less likely to be "re-conditioned" to need the introduced substance.

Opiates and other similar substances are an important part of a medical doctor's "tool kit". They work very well at blocking the transmission of pain to the brain. Blocking pain makes a person feel better, which can actually help the body heal. The decision to take an opiate is between you and your doctor. Those under the legal age also need their parent's approval. It's important to take all medications, including opiates, as prescribed. There are consequences with underdosing and overdosing. It's also important to properly dispose of any "leftover" or unused medications. Dumping any medication down the toilet is a no-no. Many communities have annual "take back" days. Most communities have locations which will take back prescription drugs on a regular basis. Do the research for your area. Dispose of any unused medications as soon as they are not needed at a proper disposal site.

The Essay, Poster and Video contests have been submitted. Reviewing these takes about a month, and it is very rewarding. I am often surprised at the depth of thought that goes into the entries that are submitted at the State level. The posters that reach the national level often end up as pages in the Drug Awareness Program's coloring books. The ideas that come from the essays are often inspirational and beneficial to DAP speakers. California is well represented on the National stage. Last year California was the National Video contest winner. That video is available on line. My next article will publish the contest winners for this year. I encourage all Lodges to get involved with the Drug Awareness Program. It's the best program of its kind in the United States, and it's working.

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Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 honored the winners of their "What Heroes Do" Drug Awareness Poster Contest and the winners of their Drug Awareness Essay Contest. All schools in the Murrieta and Temecula communities were given the contest materials. Pictured above are the winners, Front Row (from left): Di M.; Harper S.; Alison C.; and Haley K.. Back Row: Diane Farrens, Temecula Valley Elks Drug Awareness Chairman; Herry H.; Levi M. and Courtney D.



Canoga Park Lodge 2190 Veterans Christmas Project had five members of the Lodge deliver gift bags to 51 Veterans at the VA Sepulveda Nursing Home. These Veterans have little or no family members to visit them during the holidays. Pictured (L-R): Front Row: Kenny Hamlyn, Ricardo Gillum, US Army Veteran; Back row: Terry Wiltsey, Cheryl Kobashigawa, Edra Rowe (Veterans Chairman), Leon Martinez.

Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



Here we are at the start of a new Lodge year with new Officers and committee chairs. It is extremely important the Lodge year begins with dedicated hard working Officers who will keep great charitable work continuing, and to show our communities that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

Quality chair people are a must for your charitable fundraising events for the year. These people must keep a good record of manpower hours, mileage and all monies raised for each function. This information is to be turned over to the Lodge Secretary for the GL Charity Report. The Secretary should submit this report monthly to Grand Lodge. The final report is due May 1.

The Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee is providing the following information to help define and clarify the provisions of Section 14.130 of the Laws of our Order dealing with public accommodations. Consequently, in an attempt to ensure that our Lodges cannot be identified as "places of public accommodations." Section 14.130 was amended on July 9, 1992, to state:

"Subject to state and local laws, the use of the Home or Club facilities shall be limited to Members in good standing in the Order, their spouses and guests of Members, and those receiving identification Cards under Section 14.140, as provided in the House Rules, so as to preserve the privacy of the use of each facility to the Members of the Order. Subordinate Lodges shall take appropriate actions to conform to the provisions of this Section."

The Lodge is a private, fraternal order, not open to the general public. The Lodge does not offer any of its services or activities to the general public, but only to its Members and guests. The Lodge is not a business subject or commercial enterprise, which offers goods and services to the general public. Some of the following general guidelines must be observed: 1) Do not advertise your club/home facilities as "Open to the Public," either covertly or overtly. 2) Visiting Elks must be required to show their membership cards and sign the guest register. 3) All guests must sign the guest register and be accompanied by a Member, who must remain with them. 4) Only Elks and spouses of the Elks with identification cards may pay for food or drinks. 5) Weddings, anniversaries and other social events held in the club facilities must be sponsored contractually by an Elk Member, who must be responsible for all charges. The sponsor should not always be the same Member.

The "Public Accommodations Laws enacted by the Federal Government and many states (Title 11, Civil Rights Act of 1964.) have been used to attack private organizations in this endeavor. Many states have enacted their own "Public Accommodations Laws." Grand Lodge Statutes do provide that certain Elks functions can be open to the public. These include Memorial Day, Flag Day, Installation of Officers, youth banquets, media and law enforcement nights, Eagle Scout observances and similar ceremonies. These occasions are restricted to free admissions and a ban on the sale of food and drink to the public.

Our advice to the new Officers is to read and fully understand Section 14.130 of the Laws of the Order. Protect your Lodges and most important our Order.



Arcadia Lodge 2025 held a City Appreciation Day luncheon as a way of showing our thanks and appreciation to the men and women of the Law Enforcement and Fire Departments that service the local communities of Arcadia, Temple City and Sierra Madre. The Lodge served 115 guests and distributed \$2,300 to a variety of local Community Service Organizations.



Indio Lodge 1643 delivered a truck full of toys for West Indio Fire Station's Toy Drive. Pictured above from the left are FF Michael Lambert, FF Sergio Arevalo, FF David Lienemann, Engineer Mark Myers, CHEA South District DDGER James Miller, Indio Lodge's Leading Knight Michelle Solvin and Captain Rick Cannady.



Paradise Lodge 2026 honored Atria Senior Living and Memory Care with a Certificate of Appreciation for their donation of Thanksgiving pies. Proceeds of \$3,030. was split equally between the Paradise Elks Veterans and the Major Project. Pictured above are Alma Chaika, Atria Community Sales Director; Kelly Frederickson, Executive Director, Atria and ER Steve Lobdell.

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Chuck Nolan • 168
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Warren Ferrell • 1289

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Tom McAllister • 1474
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Shawn Thayer • 1767
Mark Layman • 1786

David Orland • 1900
Donald Gurney • 1952
Robert Hollis-Brau • 1996
Don Anderson • 2011
Annette Luckow • 2068
Peter Marshall • 2190
Eckwood Solomon III • 2190
Charlie Fleskes • 2347
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Tom Ziech • 2389
Dennis Lumley • 2444
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Beverly Burns • 2484
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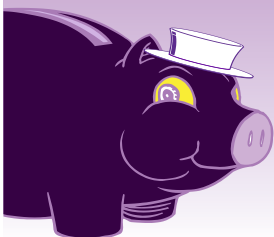
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Stephen Clazie	6	Bob Beggs	672	Ken Rowland	1419	Wayne Winant	1959
Conrad De Castro	6	Valerie Fagiani (2)	672	Melvin "Ed" West	1419	Carol Wulterin	1959
Harry Dunlop	6	Joe Terrazas (5)	672	Thomas Danza (2)	1430	Larry Wulterin	1959
John Endres	6	Marlem & Helen Mason	794	Glen Koehl	1436	David Bessette	1991
Gary Grayson	6	Karl Philipovitch	824	Ron Rodrigues	1436	Walter C. Cook (4)	1991
Kenneth Head	6	Kathleen Callihan	836	Walter Thomas (2)	1436	Wade Galon	1991
Eugenio Icarro (5)	6	Larry Hancock	888	Bryan C. Golden & Noreen (2)	1471	David Blankmeyer (5)	1993
Michael Johnson (2)	6	Lynn Glick (2)	1015	Kathy Hall	1471	Ray Bowsher	1993
David Morena (2)	6	Steven Flader	1073	Charles Houck	1471	Fran Shockley	1994
Luis Neves	6	North Bay Lighting & Elec. Supply	1108	Virginia Proceviat (7)	1471	Jay Shockley	1994
Ray Nielsen	6	Melvin Aiona	1112	Roy Woolsey (2)	1471	Don Anderson	2011
David Osaki	6	Misty Alonso	1240	Richard Enea	1474	Chula Vista Emblem Club 415 (5)	2011
Donald Puliz	6	Randy Brower (3)	1240	Neal Essary	1474	Kim Coronado	2011
Cherylann Rapp	6	Joe Ernst	1240	Frank Furtado	1474	Joe Martinez	2011
Celeste Rusconi	6	Bob Hinson	1240	Gloria Martin	1474	Patrick McNulty (5)	2011
Gunther Sprink	6	Butch Hinson	1240	Albert Seeno (5)	1474	Cynthia McPhillips	2011
Robert Synhorst	6	Bill Kline	1240	Frank Hinman	1487	Steven McPhillips	2011
Lona Taggart	6	Charles Meyer	1240	Frank Rougahn (5)	1539	Sheila Armstrong	2013
Amy Tanaka	6	Javier Romero	1240	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	George Castellanos	2013
Donald Thielen	6	Rick Seymour Vann	1240	James Miller	1643	Deborah Larch	2013
Monmond Thielen, II	6	Mike Smith	1240	William Roe (2)	1691	Chuck Taylor	2026
James VonBergen	6	Ed Chainey	1251	Lawrence McHenry	1712	George Briggs	2031
Sherry Wiese	6	Lisa Chainey	1251	Mark Layman (6)	1786	Bud Halford (2)	2031
Bill Malloy	266	The Cowen Family	1251	Jessica Pinheiro	1786	Soffy Holcomb	2031
Glenn Hunter (5)	423	Dave Noland	1259	Ed Kucera	1811	Stanley Morri (5)	2031
Helen Montanye	439	Rick Barnes (2)	1289	Ruth Reeves (2)	1811	Marlene Reeves (2)	2031
Bryce Lee (5)	518	Robert "Bob" Bowers (2)	1289	Bill Todd	1811	Ira Windham (2)	2031
Patricia Piper Beyer	583	Bonnie Brittan	1289	Vilma Wilczynski	1811	Tad Bennenwate	2068
Robert Coonrod	583	Greg Brittner (6)	1289	Ben Verde	1905	Osmond Castillo (2)	2068
Dennis Grimes	583	Warren Ferrell (3)	1289	Gary Winters	1905	Mike Martinez	2068
Cailyn Langley	583	Linn Hoadley (2)	1289	Donna Bufford (2)	1917	Geri Endicott	2095
Larry Durham (2)	613	Dean Kiel	1289	C. Michael Melton (6)	1917	Risa Ryti	2095
Sally Mott (2)	613	Carl Kliewer (2)	1289	Donald Gurney (5)	1952	Susan Hanson (2)	2103
Robert Spinner	613	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289	Ron Earnest	1959	Jon Mallory	2103
Ron Ziegler (2)	613	Maria La Masa	1289	Steve Gaines	1959	Daryl Charles Black	2121
Emmy Lou Armstrong	616	Stephen Licker	1289	Sandra Garcia (2)	1959	Bruce Hedlund (10)	2121
Elks 616 Saturday Yoga (2)	616	Lawrence Morrison	1289	Marsha Goetjen	1959	Michael Kovacich	2121
Rosemary Griggs	616	Geoff Shanklin (4)	1289	Richard Goetjen	1959	Jean Luevano (2)	2121
Joan Hare (2)	616	John Shelton (2)	1289	Dick Grantner	1959	Laura Parker	2121
Gregory Hogue	616	Chris Sullivan	1289	Lynn Konrad	1959	Vernon VanDusen	2121
Mary Margaret Johnson	616	Gerald Tovar (2)	1289	Tom Lemm (2)	1959	Sunnyvale 2128 Bingo Patrons	2128
Michael Keith (6)	616	Robert Yanovick	1289	Mike Nutto	1959	Leila Pendergast (2)	2134
Elyane McNeill	616	Jack Lasserot	1299	Don Pool	1959	George Henderson (2)	2190
Gladys Oshiro	616	Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Dan Reilly (2)	1959	Peter Marshall	2190
Teru Yasuda	616	Teri Ludwig	1419	Don Schmidt	1959	Bob Miller	2190

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Eckwood Solomon III (5)	2190	Dennis Bradshaw	2444	Brenda Hagen	2477	Fran Musetti (3)	2599
Sue Daniels	2364	Steve Cagnacci	2444	Herb Jellander	2477	James Williams	2599
Patricia Jones	2364	Barbara Coppola	2444	Steve Kerman	2477	Nancy Albright (5)	2616
Tim Lakin	2364	Erik Fisher	2444	Darryl Kopacz (4)	2477	Ray Benevedes	2704
Todd Osborne	2364	John Gordon (2)	2444	Raymond Laraway	2477	Debbie Blake	2704
Diane Paver	2364	Stephen Gray	2444	Greg Metzgs (2)	2477	Gerald Mohl	2704
Ellsworth Warner	2364	Stephen Homnack	2444	Jean & Gregg Miraglia (2)	2477	Walter Neumann	2704
Karl Williams (2)	2364	Lane Keran (2)	2444	Jim Moye	2477	Arlas "Artie" Parker	2704
Don Andrews	2379	Mike Klinger	2444	Kathy Moye	2477	David Pyle	2704
Bob Blair	2389	Mike & Judy Klinger (2)	2444	John Puckett	2477	Rodney Shafer	2704
Ron Harbor	2389	Michael Long	2444	Alexandra Rogers (2)	2477	John Otte (2)	2724
Lorene Munoz (5)	2389	Victoria Long	2444	Bill Sternberg	2477	Al Berget	2733
Robert Trask	2389	Dennis Lumley (2)	2444	Billy Sternberg	2477	Ed Farrell	2733
Bobby Yoast	2389	Brian McCarville (2)	2444	Hartley Hermansen	2484	Caroline Harter	2733
Tim Deuel	2393	David Reinhart	2444	Maria Castro	2510	Joe's Little Train (2)	2733
Charles Hubler	2393	Dave Anderson	2477	Anita Lack	2577	John Paulsen	2733
April Ross	2393	Douglas Brown	2477	John Raygurt	2577		
Glen Warren (2)	2393	Niki Case	2477	Helene Fowler	2591		
Charles Belville	2444	J.A. Garcia (2)	2477	Joseph Penwell	2591		

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Marilyn Hooton	6	Jan Lee	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	David Dickey	2046
Judi Traci	6	Melanie McKimmons	1298	James G. Anderson	1952	Kimberley Collins	2091
Max Burnett	168	Karen Buchanan	1378	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Brian Rogers	2091
L. Butch DePaul	168	James Ferris	1378	Emily L. Hsu	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091
Lynn DePaul	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098
Kimberly Dotseth	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
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Kathleen Kutler	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Harry Ross	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Gary Marinelli	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Lori Clark	2243
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Glenn Montague	168	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Laurie Ashley	2358
Chuck Nolan	168	Sean Gambil	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Leroy Bostick	2358
Matthew Pires	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Pat Terrell	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	James Jung	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Chris Michaelis	1475	Carol Beckwith	1968	Ted Olsen	2379
Nadine Steel	218	Colin Smith	1475	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Joseph Garica	2477
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	John M. Smith	1475	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Terry Gicking	2477
Erik Brown	583	Mark Walker	1475	Norman J. Leitholf	1968	Greg Metzgs	2477
Bonnie Burks	583	Greg Peale	1497	Richard Wallace	1991	Beverly Burns	2484
Hilary Fulton	583	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Dan Casey	1993	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Sally Reagan	613	Warren H. Downs	1561	Judy Givens	1993	Jay Dupler	2504
Calvin Hara	616	Carole D. May	1561	Richard Green	1993	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	John E. Harry	1687	Judy Harraka	1993	Dale Gregory	2504
Aron Anderson	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Robert Harraka	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
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Margaret Pickett	906	Chuck Jackson	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
Jose Justiniano	966	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Sean Mejia	966	Michael Silva	1811	Sharron Cannon	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Joe Tato	1108	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Roy Jenness	2011	Debbie Hosted	2698
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Ron Harden	1812	Ashley Munoz	2011	Kaye Bruns	2733
Dave Wells	1240	Susan Jimenez	1812	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Stacy Mackey	1812	Christine Nelson	2011		
Robert Ostini	1251	Donald D. Schultz	1877	David Plotke	2011		
				Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011		



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March is "Purple Pig" Month!

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Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 brought back its Western Nite Dinner Dance to a sold out crowd of 130 cowboys and girls. Decorative wall murals helped to transform the entire Elks Lodge into a delightful old western town & country scene. Proceeds of the evening went to support youth programs such as the Dictionary Project and another of the Lodge's favorite charities is the Elks Major Project which provides therapy for sight and hearing impaired children.

Pictured above are "Best Dressed Couple" winners John Fischle and Nancy Ingham are flanked by Exalted Ruler Mike Long (left) and First Lady Vicky Long (right).

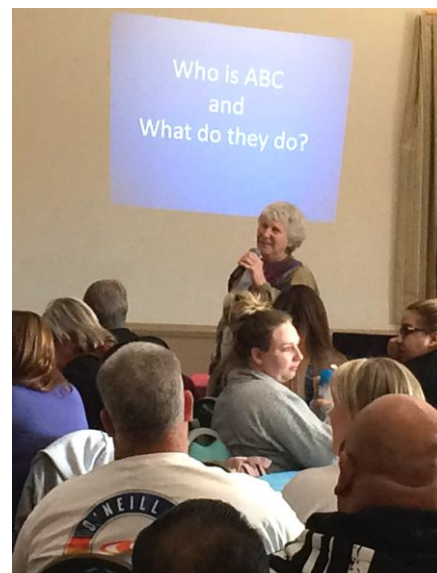
In other news, the Lodge held their holiday lunch for the Marines and their families at Camp Pendleton, just a short 50 miles South down the Pacific Coast. The family mix was a delightful sight. Marines with their wives or husbands, carrying their young ones in their arms with a few moms and dads having toddlers clinging onto their pants as they tried to balance two or more plates of food. Even grandmothers and grandfathers joined in the fun for the holiday lunch, but most of all to get a family photo with Santa Claus. Lt. Col. Gary Thompson took the microphone and addressed the guests as the Elks lined up on the stage. "We are so proud to have this relationship with the Mission Viejo Elks", Thompson said. "This is the fourth event this year that the Elks traveled South to our base to serve us a fantastic meal and we truly appreciate it." Thompson then presented PDDGER Harvey Boelts and ER Mike Long with a beautiful hand-carved plaque, in remembrance of the Elks efforts.

The Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Elks camping club, the Run-A-Ways visited the South County Outreach offices and warehouse in Irvine. The delegation from the camping club came with their annual donation of department store gift cards to be given to teenagers as part of the South County Outreach's annual gift drive which provides over 2,000 children in need with Christmas gifts each year.

Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 this holiday season included the giving of Christmas Baskets for families in need, local veterans and military groups from Los Alamitos, the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter and local High School Students in need.

The Lodge gave over \$24,000 in food and gift cards. This program assembles 100 boxes with food, produce, dry and canned foods as well as gift cards. Additionally, gift cards were given to youth in need of assistance at Huntington Beach and Edison High Schools. The Lodge considers it a great honor to work closely with these schools and provide assistance directly to many children and families in our community.

Many thanks go to the Sons of the Beaches Surf Club who give grandly every year! This holiday was no different as they surpassed the generosity of years past. Growing this program year after year, comes directly from the great hearts within our Lodge and our great community.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 hosted a California Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs (LEAD) Seller/Server Training event. A total of 91 Elks (from several Districts in Southern California) attended to receive this important certification. The Lodge had Officers, bartenders, Elks and spouses attending. As of this writing 27 individuals from Fullerton Lodge are LEAD certified. The training consisted of information vitally important to Lodges, in order to remain in compliance with issued licenses to sell and serve alcohol, and to remain free of potential civil liabilities (to the Lodge, staff, and volunteers). Exalted Rulers in the Orange District promoted attendance. Fullerton Lodge is encouraging other Lodges to ensure that all appropriate staff and volunteers who sell or serve alcohol get this training, and that safe/responsible alcohol service is promoted and practiced.

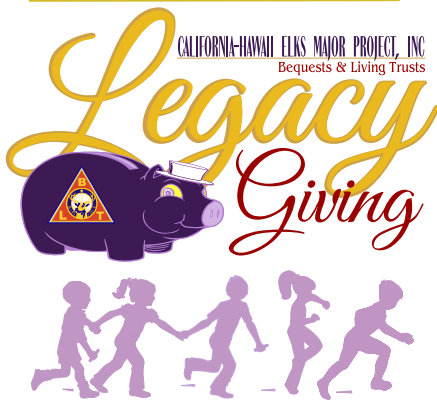
Pictured above is Dana Saladenthe, trainer from California ABC.

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Lompoc Lodge 2274 welcomed, "Project Hero Cyclists", injured Veterans and First Responders along with a number of their supporters, waving and handing out American flags to riders while Lompoc High School Marching Band performed. More than 100 cyclists enjoyed a short break, enjoying chilled water, fresh fruit, and music, before continuing on their week long, 500-mile journey from Palo Alto to Santa Monica.

Visit ride2recovery.com to learn more about this group. Part of their mission is to "save lives by restoring hope and purpose" to veterans and first responders in their rehabilitation process.



Santa Barbara Lodge 613 hosted firefighters for our Friday night dinner on January 12. They were part of Strike Team 1201A, deployed from Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena Fire Departments, who are pictured above. These brave heroes came as first responders to the catastrophic Montecito Flood/Mudslide Disaster, and were part of the search and rescue mission. Over 23 people were killed, and hundreds rescued from the deadly mudslide that destroyed over 130 homes, damaged another 300, and temporarily crippled local infrastructure.

The firefighters were recognized for their heroic dedication to supporting others. Just a month earlier many had been in Santa Barbara to fight the Thomas Fire, the largest wild fire in California's history.

Lodge members' emotions were raw from the unfolding events of the past month. Giving back to these amazing men, offering just a hot meal and a little normalcy in their lives, was greatly appreciated by the firefighters and helped Lodge members begin to heal.

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Monterey Lodge 1285 initiated Major D.J. Skelton, the Army's most seriously wounded commander, in January. Major Skelton appropriately grew up in Elk Point, SD. During recovery from 86 surgeries after service in Iraq, Skelton completed Harvard's Senior Executive Fellowship program, wrote a book, served as a military adviser and co-founded Paradox Sports. After his six years of surgeries, rehab and recovery, DJ returned to the Infantry and deployed as a Commander to Afghanistan in 2011. He currently serves on active duty and is Chair of the US Congress Committee on Veterans, while attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, pursuing a Master's in International Relations. Pictured above is Major Skelton, flanked by Monterey ER Richard Ringler, right, and PDDGER Bud Hall, left.



Eureka Lodge 652 in conjunction with the Eureka Veterans Clinic hosted a Veterans Day Marine Corps Birthday celebration and R.E.D. Shirt Day (the R.E.D. stands for Remember Everyone Deployed). The Lodge hosted a lunch for 165 veterans and clinic staff to honor veterans and military personnel currently deployed. The Colors were presented by the Mad River Color Guard. Pictured above are: Back row left to right - Jean Womack, Leonard Shumard, Arthur Pope, John Maples, Herbert Eldridge, Don Schanza, Dean Glaser and Robert Sylvester. Front row left to right - Lodge members Kevin Christie, Pierre Carboneau, Casey Stephens, Dave Suchar, Kelly Stephens, Pat Fagan and Warren Tindale.

Orange Lodge 1475 each year select local charities to make donations to. One of those selected was The Boys & Girls Club of Orange. Chairman of the Board Don Westerfield and Mike Cash presented a donation of \$1,500 to Tony Tripp, Executive Director. The donation will be used for a scoreboard and sports equipment.

Redding Lodge 1073 hosted some very gracious Elks on Veteran's Day from Everett WA. Returning from a college football game, the group took time to visit our Lodge and make a donation of \$240 for Veterans. The donation helped the Lodge's Military CareBOX program. This year the Lodge was able to donate 23 CareBOXes to local deployed military personnel. We would love to thank the generous visiting Elks.

San Luis Obispo Lodge 322 Drug Awareness Program hosted a free two-day Haunted House and Carnival Game Room in October. More than 1,800 children and adults and all were given drug awareness materials and red ribbons. This successful 8th annual event was staffed by Elks, California Conservation Corps, Naval Sea Cadets, and the Grizzly Youth Academy.

Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 in December, delivered clothing, toys, Christmas Breakfast and Christmas Dinner to 46 families in the Valley. The annual program is made possible through an ENF Gratitude Grant and generous member donations.

In other news, the Lodge held a Major Project Fundraiser in late January. A dinner, auction and Purple Pig weigh-in raised \$4,070.

Yucaipa Lodge 2389, using a Freedom Grant, held its Eighth Annual Veterans Dinner for Veterans from the VA Hospital in Loma Linda. Christmas presents were also given to the Veterans in attendance.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577 took some Christmas cheer to the Mather Veterans Hospital, Intake Unit, which the Lodge has adopted. The Lodge provided the patients with large stuffed Christmas stockings and Christmas cards that were filled out by young children of Elks.

In other news, the Lodge donated bikes to the JB's Pedaling 4 Kindness project. All the bikes will be going to children in need that are with Chicks in Crisis.



Culver City Lodge 1917 participated in the Culver City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training held by the Culver City Fire Department. It involved 22 hours of training, divided into four classes, Disaster Response, Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Suppression, Light Search and Rescue, Disaster Psychology, Hazardous Materials, Terrorism Awareness and Incident Command. The training is "hands on" requires students to actually do what they learn in class.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 completed delivery of over 3,000 dictionaries to all third grade students in the 43 elementary schools within the Garden Grove School District. Twenty minute assemblies were held explaining about the Elks and describing the contents of the dictionary before each child received their dictionary. Red Ribbon bookmarks were also included with each dictionary.

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591 held its 19th Annual Christmas Tree Lane in early December raising \$13,159 for Scholarships and other Elk charities.

In other news, Gary Welsh, National Service Chairman and his volunteers had a Christmas Party for the Hospitalized Veterans of The Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda. Member Dixie Branscome made 25 pillows with patriotic themes for the veterans. Bags with other treats and essentials were also passed out.

In mid-December the Community Outreach Ministry hosted its 17th annual Angel Tree Christmas Party at the Lodge. This party was for children whose parents are incarcerated. Over 200 children received gifts and food. A Children's Choir performed and ventriloquist Pamela Vasquez entertained the children. A Forestry Department fire truck with Smokey the Bear was also there for the children.

Calpine Lodge 2432, with the assistance of a Beacon Grant, hosted 97 Veterans and their spouses to a dinner. The highlight of the evening was having four WWII Veterans present, one of which was a Pearl Harbor survivor.

In other news, Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Calpine Lodge to share breakfast with and hand out gifts to the kids in attendance. Craft tables were also available to keep the children entertained.



Pasadena Lodge 672, continuing its 100 year tradition of hosting Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson, First Lady Pat, their daughters and entourage members for New Years 2018. GER McPherson spent 3 days in Pasadena, where he viewed the Rose Parade floats as they were being assembled, enjoyed an afternoon at Santa Anita Race Track, and ushered in the New Year with members of the Pasadena Lodge. GER McPherson and family enjoyed front row seats at the Rose Parade, as well as the Rose Bowl game.

In other news, the Lodge used a Gratitude Grant to make and donate more than 700 Comfort Bears to the Pasadena Police Department for officers to distribute to children in distress.



Alameda Lodge 1015 helped local Boy Scouts collect 20,000 pounds of food for local families and Santa Rosa/Napa fire victims. The local community spent 10,000 hours during three weeks to make this year's food drive a huge success. Elk members pictured left to right: Scout leader and long time Food Bank coordinator Tom Farris and his wife Anne, Coast Guard Captain Jon Hickey, Scout leader and Food Bank coordinator Steve Zimmerman, Leading Knight Chris Dos Remedios, Coast Guard Commander Michelle Bas, Two Elks Antlers, Exalted Ruler Lee Watson and First Lady Heather Watson.

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Petaluma Lodge 901 provided the funding, the Petaluma Service Alliance provided coordination and support as both organizations worked with St. Joseph Health, Hospice Services, to ensure that the Petaluma tree lighting (Light Up A Life) relocation project from its original Center Park location to Walnut Park in December 2017. With the help of these two organizations, Hospice was able to purchase and install over 1,000 lights for the large redwood tree in the park. The Hospice 32nd Annual Light Up A Life - Tree Lighting and Remembrance Celebration was held in December. The Elks donations was made up of a \$4,000 charitable donation and \$2,275 from a fundraising dinner.

Pictured above is Petaluma Leading Knight John Leary, presenting a check for \$6,275 to Chris Falley, Director of Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health and Maureen Frances of Petaluma Service Alliance.



Monterey Lodge 1285 presented Miranda Sue Holtz, recipient of the Elks National Legacy Scholarship for 2017, and an additional award from ER Richard Ringler. Miranda's grandfather is an Elk in Texas, which qualified her to apply for the \$4,000 scholarship. She is currently enrolled at California State University Monterey Bay and has volunteered to be one of our hosts at the public open house held by the Monterey Lodge on February 16, celebrating the 150th B.P.O.E. Birthday.

In other news, the Lodge held it's Hoop Shoot competition with more than 40 boys and girls ages 8-13, participating in early December. Lodge members were assisted throughout the day by Boy Scout Troop 2.



Stockton Lodge 218 hosted 165 veterans and their spouses to a free traditional Thanksgiving style luncheon at the Lodge. Speaker Sergeant David "Sally" Salisbury, retired, wearing his Marine dress uniform, recounted his 24 years of service during World War II and the Korean War. Exalted Ruler Valerie Edwards made and donated five full sized quilts, which were won by five lucky veterans. Also distributed by drawing to the veterans were \$750 worth of gift cards, gift prizes and eighteen turkey dinners with all the trimmings. Pictured above is Sergeant Salisbury.