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Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks' Ladies Club held it's 43rd Annual Fashion Show at the Lodge. The event raised \$5,500 for Elks' Charities. Chairmen, Laura Lumley and First Lady Vicky Long, along with many volunteers transformed the Elks Lodge into a "Fashion is Timeless" atmosphere. Pictured above are some of the many attendees.



Santa Monica Lodge 906 and the Venice American Legion Post 177 delivered sixty, one pound boxes of See's candy to all the nurses of the West Los Angeles VA hospital for Valentine's Day for the 10th Annual Operation Candy for Nurses program. Pictured are Past First Lady Ann Scully of the Elks and American Legion Commander Ron Fink.

CHEA Convention Announcements

CHEA OFFICE CONVENTION HOURS

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday



THEME CHILD PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

The 2018 Theme Child "John" will be at the Annual CHEA Convention at the CHEMPI booth located in Golden Ballroom Foyer so that you may take photos on:

Friday, May 18th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
and 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.



EXALTED RULERS

Please turn in your
Lodge Exalted Rulers March checks,
made payable to CHEMPI
by Thursday, May 17.



DISTRICT HOSPITALITY SUITES

All checks and money must be turned in to the
CHEA Convention Office by 1:00 p.m. on Friday



2018-2019 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN DIRECTORY

The directory will be available on the website and you will receive a letter soon with the location and password. You may pick up a hard copy of the directory for only \$5.00 by 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the CHEA Office.

Price will increase to \$8.00 after the Convention!



President's Message



Greetings and Aloha to all Elks Members. In this, our final article for our CHEA journey, I wish to extend a grateful "Thank You" to all who met and greeted First Lady Ginger and me during our travels throughout the California-Hawaii Association. Wow, what happened to the year! Just a while ago we were in Palm Springs. It was busy and enjoyable for us. The time flew by, but it was a year full of exciting experiences as we traveled and met so many great Elks and visited many Association Lodges.

Our visits have been filled with great happenings as we touched base with so many Lodges and Elks members. We have seen that our Lodges are proud to share their accomplishments and programs as they reach out and 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.

As a summation to this year, I repeat our motto for the year – Reach Out and Share the Experience. We have seen members and Lodges sharing their Elks experiences in support of their communities. Many activities highlighted how the local Lodges support their communities. The support to youth programs is outstanding. Scouting groups are given use of the Lodge facility for meetings and school sports teams are helped with their programs. Let's not forget the scholarships that stretch from local schools to the ENF Most Valuable Student. Many veterans are helped by visits to veterans homes to helping homeless veterans get settled into new homes and Stand-downs. The list goes on and on and we are confident it will continue to grow. Also, don't forget that this year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Order of Elks.

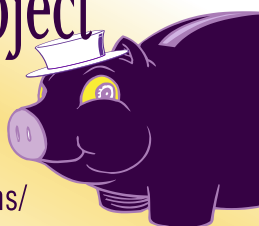
A special "Thank You" goes to the 19 Association Vice Presidents and their significant others who hosted us on our trips to their Districts. It was also great that many came to neighboring Districts for our visits. Many, many kudos go to the Fresno office for their support. Without the support of Tim, Charisce, Wanda, Cindy, Mick and Larry our task would have been much more difficult.

As this year comes to an end, I am confident the efforts of all Elks members and Lodges will continue to reap positive results. We are closing the year with another positive membership gain, increased Piggy Bank Major Project donations and increased ENF contributions.

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

Become a Major Project Recurring Donor

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



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Robert Duitsman's

Upcoming Visitation Schedule

May 16-19 • CHEA Convention

San Diego

May 31-June 3 • Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

June 8 • Elks Luncheon Club • Burbank

June 8-10 • Metropolitan District

July 1-4 • Grand Lodge Convention

San Antonio, TX

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CHEA Magazine Schedule Change

To level out the number of incoming magazine article submissions, the CHEA Board of Trustees has approved a magazine schedule change. The new schedule is as follows:

March - April

May - June

July - August

September - October

Winter Issue: covering the months of
December - January - February

To get published, you must submit an
article, so please keep your articles coming.

CHEMPI

(California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.)

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



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

Piggy Bank

Gerry Gouveia • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



The Major Project is alive and well in California-Hawaii and the Piggy Bank is doing its best to keep it that way. As you may know our Association is considered one of the best in the nation and in fact several other states have copied the Major Project for their state. Our goal is to increase the amount of money we take in to

beat last year's amount, and all indications are we are on track to come close if not beat last year's amount. We know several Lodges that are withholding funds to make a big deposit at the Exalted Rulers March but as you know no matter when it's turned in during the year it goes toward the march.

Once again, this year we will be passing the hat during the Exalted Rulers March, so all change you may have on hand from your visit to San Diego will be welcome, just drop it in the hat as it goes by. As you know the Leading Knights Challenge just concluded and the winners will be announced at the convention. This year we had fewer participants but raised about \$75,000; well done to all who entered. In my travels I'm surprised by the number of Leading Knights that had no idea what I was talking about, so if you are a Leading Knight or up and coming one start watching in November for the entry forms or contact your new CHEA Purple Pig Chairman Roy Stout.

As Bill and I say goodbye to the Purple Pig in May it will always be near and dear to both of us and we look forward to many great things under the new leadership. Both Bill and I have been selected to be Vice Presidents next year and we are looking forward to seeing you as we visit the state with the CHEA President. Thank you all for your cooperation and donations over the past five years, it has been a pleasure to serve the Purple Pig, CHEA and CHEMPI.



Sunland-Tujunga Lodge 2098 in conjunction with the local Rise n Shine Café, for the last six years, we have been periodically holding a Purple Pig fundraiser breakfast. The Rise n' Shine Café is a local mom and pop restaurant near the Lodge that donates a portion of the breakfast sales to the Major Project. This event is strongly supported by Lodge members, family and friends.



Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 member Patrick Tone is a dirt track race car driver who donates his winnings to the Purple Pig.

Patrick was 41 years old when he first started circle track racing at Perris Auto Speedway in 2009. Three years ago Patrick decided, that on the last Pig Walk of the year he would donate the purse earnings to the Purple Pig. We race for the fun it, not the money. For this year, 2018, he had the CHEA and Pig stickers made to put on the car. His crew is made of Huntington Beach Elks, Jim Tone, his father, Roch Courreges and Nick Tone, his son. If you're a dirt track lover, you may see him at Perris Auto Speedway, but he also is known to race in Santa Maria, Bakersfield, Kern County Raceway and Barona.



Paradise Lodge 2026 with the assistance of a Gratitude Grant, donated \$500 to the Paradise High School Safe & Sober Grad Night. Pictured above (L to R) Joseph L., Monica C., Rebekah E., Jalene A., (Kneeling) Lauren S., Natalie L., Kayla R., Clayton S. and Sourb M.

Donations to **The PURPLE PIG** are **COIN** to help kids to **WALK, TALK, SEE & PLAY...** so everyone can **FEEL LIKE THIS.**



Forgetting to Donate is an **EMPTY** feeling!



California-Hawaii Elks
Major Project, Inc.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. • 2018 Theme Child



Bright blue eyes, a contagious smile and perpetual motion...meet John.

John is an awesome almost two year old boy with an amazing family and a promising future. Pregnancy is often a time filled with excitement and anticipation of a new family member about to enter this world. When Shelby was pregnant with John, her third child, she received the news that John had a chromosome anomaly called partial trisomy 16p. All they heard was super rare baby and status unknown. At that time the family began a journey that was not quite what they were expecting venturing into the new normal of being a family with a special needs child.

After researching the diagnosis they understood that John was likely to have some delays in his development along with some other health challenges. Surrounded by a strong family and friend support system Shelby and Chuck forged ahead and educated themselves as much as possible not exactly sure what the future would look like for John. Very excited about his arrival they prepared his siblings and decorated the nursery.

On May 27, 2016 John was born just a few weeks early. He spent three and half weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit but was soon discharged home with his family, only to return to the PICU two weeks later to discover major feeding issues and a diagnosis of hypotonia.

Early on one of the more significant issues John had to deal with was hypotonia. This means that he had low muscle tone which affected the strength throughout his body which in turn would affect his ability to reach his motor milestones in a timely manner.

Not about to let anything stand in the way of John's development Shelby and Chuck sought out physical therapy for John. John began receiving physical therapy through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project in his home when he was just 7 months old. The connections between John and his therapists, have been amazing. John may not be able to speak but he communicates in different ways about his own physical abilities and show his own progress daily.

Initially therapy focused on developmental activities and exercises focused on improving John's head control. Without the ability to hold his head up by himself John could not progress toward higher level motor skills such as rolling, crawling, sitting up by himself and eventually walking. John's parents were involved in every therapy session and sometimes big brother and sister too!



John's therapy involved practicing pushing up from his tummy, rolling, getting into sitting and most importantly playing. John's parents worked with him every day helping him to get stronger and explore his world. The road wasn't always easy as John had to undergo surgery to remove a malformed kidney but



progress was steady due to his parent's involvement and John's spunky nature. Some setbacks on the road to recovery might be slow when you have a special needs child, but once John showed us he was feeling better, he was ready to go!

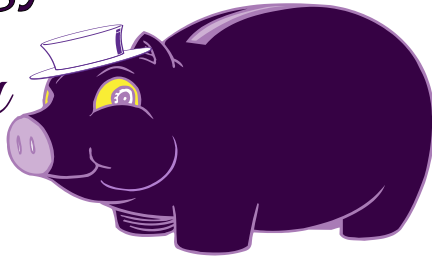
Fast forward to today and John is attending preschool 2 days per week. He is pulling to stand by himself, cruising along furniture and walking with assistance. There is no stopping him now!

Through the love and generous support of the Elks children like John are getting much needed physical therapy so they can play, explore and be as independent as possible in their lives. Each and every one of you is making a meaningful difference in the lives of these children and their families.



Purple Piggy Bank

History



January 24, 1953

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Faye Lewis suggested as a means of additional revenue that consideration be given to a plan of having a coin bank, in the shape of a small crippled child to be given to every Elk in the State of California to be kept in his home. The proceeds to be given to the Major Project; the coin bank to display a slogan "A penny a day will let this child play." He suggested that a large coin bank of the same design be made for each Lodge which could be placed in the club room. Committee appointed to investigate cost.

March 14, 1953

Committee reported the cost of a small plastic bank would be 35 cents each. After a full discussion it was agreed that the cost of a coin bank for each Elks in the state would be prohibitive, and no action was taken upon this subject. Approval was given to design stickers depicting a crippled child and with a suitable slogan; the stickers to be large enough to be affixed on a one gallon jar to be placed in the club rooms of subordinate Lodges for contributions to the program.

May 23, 1953

Committee submitted an artist's drawing of a label to be used on gallon glass jars or painted gallon bucket. Approval given to instruct the artist to make proposed changes and submit a new drawing to Chairman Wisely. Cost of 1,000 stickers was \$225. Upon receipt of stickers, instructions given to mail one sticker with an appropriate letter of instruction to each Lodge in the state.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Fay Lewis reported on the individual coin banks which he had proposed, as follows: he had a sufficient number of small labels printed and mailed a supply of such labels to a member of each Lodge, whom he designated as a liaison officer between himself and the Lodge, asking each member to try the small individual coin bank. The enthusiasm created by the suggested use of this coin bank to be taken home by the members became so great that a number of the Lodges asked they be sent a sufficient number of the labels so that each member of the Lodge might have a coin bank in his home; that the purpose of this coin bank in the home is not only to raise money for the Major Project, but to acquaint the families of the member with our program of helping physically handicapped children.

July 18, 1953

Committee presented for consideration a revised drawing of the labels to be placed on glass jars and design a certificate of award to persons contributing \$100 or more to the fund. Approval given to have labels and certificates printed.

October 17, 1953

Committee reported delivery to the office of the chairman, 1,000 labels for coin containers to be used by the Lodge in their club rooms for contributions to the Major Project fund; also 500 certificates of appreciation to be used to acknowledge gifts to the program of \$100 or more.

November 21, 1953

President Keller reported that he received and mailed to each Vice President in the State, for delivery in person to the Lodge, labels to be used by the Lodge for large coin jars *was received, which helped the work of the Lodge in many ways.*

January 23, 1954

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Faye Lewis reported on the "Penny a Day" plan which he instituted in the Lodges throughout the State; that it was just a trial plan and it turned out very well; that up to the present time over \$12,000 had been received and more coming in each day; that a number of the Lodges did not respond, but the Lodges that did, received a great benefit because of the enthusiasm with which it was received and will help the work of the Lodge in many ways.

Committee moved that a sub-committee be appointed to determine the cost of a small bank for mailing to each Elk in the State and the means of distribution of same.

February 22, 1954

Approval given to purchase 110,000 piggy banks from Wes Ko Products of Los Angeles, a bank known as the "No. 50 Snooty Jr." a 3½" x 5½" bank with a tipping hat and a removable plug underneath for removing coins. The plastic bank to be a purple pig and white tipping hat with the lettering on one side "California Elks Major Project" and the other side "A coin a day they walk and play". Larger banks were also ordered.

April 10, 1954

Over 75% of the banks have been mailed to the Lodges.

May 15, 1954

Committee decided not to place the piggy banks in public places.

August 21, 1954

Committee given a copy of a letter from President Keller asking Lodges to hold a "Piggy Bank Night" during the month of September 1954 of members to deposit the contents of their banks and asking each Lodge to present a check at the State Convention for the total.

October 9, 1954

Piggy Bank Contributions for 1953-54 at Convention \$13,027

October 7, 1955

Piggy Bank Contributions for 1954-55 at Convention \$76,851

Exalted Rulers March 1960 - \$363,324

Exalted Rulers March 1970 - \$508,847

Exalted Rulers March 1978 - \$1,056,194

Exalted Rulers March 1981 - \$2,375,597

Exalted Rulers March 1999 - \$3,096,411

Exalted Rulers March 2017 - \$3,479,852



Elks National Foundation

Robert Ostini • CHEA ENF Chairman



The goal for National Foundation member-giving from the members and Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for Lodge year 2017-2018 was to exceed the member-giving for Lodge Year 2016-2017 (\$867,862.26). My personal hope and prayer was that the final number for donations to ENF would exceed \$900,000.

Thank you to all that contributed to the Elks National Foundation and the Great Heart of Elkdom. Over \$1,018,000 has been contributed to date by the members and Lodges of CHEA. I won't have the final number until after the deadline for this article, but I am thoroughly overwhelmed by this demonstration of generosity by the members. This number includes an extremely generous donation of \$100,000 by a member of Mission Viejo – Saddleback Lodge 2444. I cannot thank enough all of the Lodge and District Chairs who worked so hard to achieve another great year of per member giving; and to help me achieve both of my goals set at the beginning of the year. For this I am forever grateful.

As they say, "less is more", so here is less of an article about the ENF to make room for more articles about how ENF is helping members and Lodges to "Reach Out – Share the Experience" in their communities.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 provided Girl Scout Cookies and Starbucks Coffee for our troops stationed overseas. ENF Lodge Chairman Michael Ellison, used an Elks Gratitude Grant to purchase \$500 of Girl Scout Cookies and \$500 of Starbucks Coffee. The coffee and cookies were given to the Blue Star Mothers Rolling Hills Chapter for inclusion in care packages shipped to our soldiers. Wanda Alteri Matus and her husband Jim accepted the cookies and coffee for the Blue Star Mothers. They also presented the Lodge with a Certificate of Appreciation for the project, which the Lodge has done for seven consecutive years. Pictured (L to R); Michael Ellison, Richard Bristow, ER Ralph Daniels, Allison Villalpando, her daughter, Wanda Alteri Matus, and Jim Matus.

Pasadena Lodge 672, along with the Easter Bunny, made their annual visit to the children in the pediatrics ward at Huntington Memorial Hospital. While there the Easter Bunny spent time with each patient. Easter baskets were left with each child. Later, the Easter Bunny made his way to the Lodge Children's Easter party.

Community Investment Program Grants

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Grants Coordinator



With the start of the CHEA State Convention I will end my two years as CHEA Grants Coordinator and will move up to CHEA ENF Chairman for the Elks National Foundation. In some ways it is the end of the beginning as the Elk year starts again. The two years went by fast. I look forward to this new role and assisting the District

Lodges in the Association with their fund raising efforts for the Elks National Foundation.

I do not have the final numbers for the Community Investments Program (CIP) participation for the Elk year 2017-2018 but here are some numbers to date as I write this article. This is taken from a report dated March 26. The total dollars granted was \$611,979! Very impressive numbers.

- Gratitude Grant – 66 approved
- Beacon Grant – 74 approved
- Promise Grant – 40 approved
- Impact Grant – 7 approved
- Freedom Grant – 18 approved
- Anniversary Grant -103 approved

Each year, Lodges can apply for up to five CIP grants; that's up to \$19,000 in funding for qualifying charitable projects. I would encourage you to read the CIP Grant Basics found on the elks.org website in the CIP Field Guide, page 2. There is a wealth of knowledge just waiting for you in the entire 'guide'. You will learn the basic rules of the road before your lodge starts applying for CIP grants. These guidelines apply to all CIP grant opportunities.

ENF Lodge Chairman should register with ENF Grand Lodge. In addition to that, the ENF Chairman should take the ENF Fund-raising Chair courses. And last, I would recommend attending the State Convention which will be in San Diego in May. Stop by the display and introduce yourself.

Please continue your ENF and Grant fund raising efforts. Our communities need our support. Let's strive to beat our totals again this year and work extra hard in our Order's 150th Anniversary year!



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 split a \$1,500 Anniversary Grant award they received between the Newport Beach Police and the Firefighters. The award was presented by Exalted Ruler Sharron Dearborn at a private luncheon held in February at the Lodge. This was the Lodge's way of saying "Thank you" for all the police and firefighters do for their community. Pictured above are the event volunteers.

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Scholarship

David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Twenty-four scholarship judges assembled in Pismo Beach CA on a sunny weekend in February to study the scholarship applications that advanced past District judging and to the final CHEA judging process. Under the watchful eyes of Association Scholarship Chairman David Coleman and Vice Chairman Ray Broussard, the

twenty-four qualified Elk judges poured over 338 applications during a three day period. Although some of the judging is done via computers in our present cyber-world, the final steps could be completed only through the eyes and minds of humans. Three hundred thirty eight essays were read and cross checked numerous times by panels of judges. The judges were charged with placing values on categories such as student's extracurricular activities, honors and awards, work ethics, and community service. At the end of the process, one stack of 38 boys applications and one stack of 38 girls applications were announced as the CHEA's 76 best and set aside to be sent on to Grand Lodge. All of the CHEA winners will receive monetary awards and some will hopefully make it to the top twenty in the nation. Those twenty will be invited to Chicago for a fabulous week of activities and for the national finals.



CHEA Scholarship Chairman David Coleman officiates over the Scholarship judging process



Hollister Lodge 1436, PER/Old Timer's Night which honored members of the Mauro family. Pictured (L to R) Karen Mauro, granddaughter, 20 years, Michael Scoli, nephew, 22 years, Ed J. Mauro, son, 39 years, Ed Mauro, father, 52 years, Anthony Mauro, son 54 years, Martin King, grandson-in-law, 1 year, for a total of 188 years of Elks membership.



Santa Ynez Valley Lodge 2640 presented a check of \$1,000 to the Santa Ynez Valley Boy Scout Troop 41. Funds were donated with proceeds from last year's Old Santa Ynez Day and will be used to support the Scouts in their community activities and camping competitions. Pictured (L to R), Stefan Ornalez, ER, Zach H. and Aaron Houston, of Venturing Crew 154; Logan D., Nicholas G. and John DeLeon of Troop 41; Kelley Sadecki, PER.



Nevada City Lodge 518 and Grass Valley non profit "Welcome Home Vets" teamed up to improve the lives of Nevada County's homeless Veterans. The Lodge raised funds to assemble 30 backpack kits with essentials for our homeless Veterans. The intention was to meet homeless Veterans and offer a no strings attached life pack to help make them comfortable. We included a short message of support, a laminated resources card for homeless Veterans to use the private and government resources available to them to help break the homelessness cycle.

Pictured above (L to R) is Ed Sanchez, Project Coordinator for Welcome Home Vets; Mike Blanton, Lodge ENF Chair, and Bob and Dorothy Rhodes, Lodge co-chairs of the Veterans Service Commission.

Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club donates \$2600 to Guide Dogs for the Blind and Battered Women's Shelter. At the March opening of the Newport Harbor Elks Yacht Club (NHEYC), donations were given to two organizations. A check for \$1,300 was presented to Kathy Blake from the Guide Dogs for the Blind by Jim Bennett, NHEYC Fleet Captain and Chairman of the Christmas Tree Raffle. Maureen Schaller, Lodge Trustee and NHEYC member presented another check for \$1,300 to Ashley Zanone of Human Options, Second Step from Battered Women's Shelter. These donations were made possible by the highly successful Christmas Tree Raffle held this past December.

Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



Congratulations! Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers and Committee Chairman. Your year 2018 -2019 is ready for your leadership.

It is important that you become familiar with all the Grand Lodge manuals. Especially the Government Relations manual. Take time to read the manual and be familiar with its content.

One of your first duties is the annual Charity report on May 1st. The Elks make a tremendous effort to gather and publish the charitable activities of every Lodge. It is important that you keep an accurate account of everything you do in your Lodge.

There was a time in our history when we did not distribute this kind of information outside of our organization. But, we can no longer afford the luxury of hiding what our Order stands for. We must tell our story all over America to everyone who will listen.

How do you do that? By printing charitable contributions in your Lodge bulletins. Then take it a couple of steps further by getting this information in the hands with your local Government and State Officials.

Some of you may feel that what you have donated this past year is just a drop in the bucket, with no need to report. Every little bit adds up, though, so please report whatever you have. We will not know what we have accomplished this past Lodge year until all of you tell us. Reporting serves as a great recruitment tool, and also helps our Order maintain its current tax status. It is a part of our story that should be told to everyone you know.

Thanks to Grand Lodge committee member James W. Martsfield.

Wishing all of you the best in accomplishing your goals for this upcoming 2018-19 year. Remember: "Elks Care Elks Share"!



Gilroy Lodge 1567 honored the three top winners and their teachers for their Americanism essays. Certificates were given to both the students and teachers along with checks for each student. Present were Exalted Ruler Dave Marano, District Chair Richard Torres, Lodge Chair Angela Moore-Flores, PER, Youth Activities Chair Mitch Marinovich, PER, PDDGER Wayne Weller, and House Chair Rosemary Anderson.



Indio Lodge 1643 Exalted Ruler Michelle Solvin, (standing behind the group) welcomes a group of attendees at the World of Women, Sun City Palm Desert, CA Annual Teddy Bear Fashion Show in Indian Wells, CA on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. This group of ladies, consisted of 4 active duty soldiers and 6 spouses of active duty soldiers at the 29 Palms Marine Base. The table was sponsored by the Veterans group of the Indio Lodge. Teddy bears are donated by all attendees to the children of the enlisted personnel at the Salute our Troops event sponsored by the American Friends of the Armed Forces in early May.



Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 hosted their 18th Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Awards Ceremony in February for outstanding contributions to our communities. Deputy of the Year and Firefighter of the Year awards were distributed to distinguished service in the cities of Mission Viejo, Laguna Hills, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, Dana Point, Lake Forest and Laguna Niguel. Mission Viejo Mayor, Ed Sachs, took the podium and stated, "I would like to thank the Elks Lodge for its continuing commitment of honoring our Law Enforcement and Firefighters in our communities. It is a great opportunity to acknowledge all their efforts for keeping us safe". Joining Mayor Ed Sachs at the annual event was Dana Point Mayor Richard Viczorek and Lake Forest Mayor Dr. Jim Gardner.

Pictured above Event Organizer, Harvey Boelts PDDGER, presents Deputy of the Year, Southeast Operations to Ryan Durham. Lt. Mitch Wang introduced Deputy Durham.

Public Relations

Wade Thorpe • CHEA Public Relations Chairman



Another Lodge year has passed and I am once again overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the Public Relations team composed of District and Lodge PR Chairs and of course Members that promote our great Order daily. Over the past year, there have been over 12,680 articles published, over 9,000 radio and

television spots aired and an excess of 4,500,000 website visits and email blasts. None of this could be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of our members, officers and committee chairs and workers that provide the Public Relations Team with charitable events, and Lodge activities to write about.

The Best Lodge Bulletin contest recently concluded and I was impressed by the high quality publications that are being distributed. It was very difficult to choose winners in some of the divisions because the bulletins submitted were so superior. If your Lodge did not enter last year, please consider submitting an entry this year. Winners are as follows and awards can be claimed by a representative of your Lodge at the Public Relations Booth at the CHEA Convention in San Diego.

BEST BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS 2017-2018

Division One (up to 300 Members)

1st Place – Ridgecrest Lodge 1913 (Inland District)

2nd Place – Oxnard Lodge 1443 (West Central Coast District)

Division Two (301 to 500 Members)

1st Place – Walnut Creek Lodge 1811 (Central District)

2nd Place – Hollister Lodge 1436 (West Central District)

Division Three (501 to 700 Members)

1st Place – Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 (Metropolitan District)

Division Four (701 to 1100 Members)

1st Place – Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591 (Southeast Dist)

Division Five (1101 to 1500 Members)

1st Place – Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444 (Orange Coast District)

2nd Place – Carmichael Lodge No. 2103 (North Central District)

Division Six (1501 or more Members)

1st Place – Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 (West Central Coast Dist)

2nd Place – El Cajon Lodge No. 1812 (South Coast District)

Best Single Event Brochure and Best Community Service and Image Brochure Contest first place winners are:

Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge No. 2591 and
Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538

It has been a pleasure to serve as CHEA Public Relations Chairman for the past two years and I am pleased to introduce James “Jim” Miller as the new CHEA Public Relations Chairman. Jim is from Indio Lodge 1643 (South District) and I know that Jim and his PR team are going to do a fabulous job promoting the great charitable work of our Order.

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Elks Care - Elks Share

Public Relations

Jim Miller, PDDGER • Incoming PR Chairman



I am honored and excited to have been chosen as the incoming Public Relations Chairman for CHEA. Promoting Elkdom is, beyond a doubt, the most important task at hand. It affects all areas of our organization, from membership to charitable contributions.

I remember a few years ago, when I was ER, PGER Michael Smith spoke at the convention in Phoenix. He reported that the Elks had hired a Public Relations firm to analyze our Order. The firm reported that the Elks were by far the most charitable organization in America but most of the general public did not know that. When asked why, the firm reported that the Elks as a whole, are quiet about what we do for our communities. Most other organizations shout it from the rooftop, but the Elks just humbly continue to give.

It is time we let our communities know the good works we do. Besides increasing our donations, it will positively affect our membership. Everybody wants to be part of a winning team. I look forward to working with Andy Costello and all the local Lodges in promoting our Order and our good works.

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Canoga Park Lodge 2190 participated in Shadow Ranch Park Springfest. The Lodge Americanism/Drug Awareness Committee handed out 250 small American flags and coloring books. The committee counseled on the dangers of marijuana use, including newly popular edibles. Pictured above are Kathleen Cantarine and Donna Swavely, with a family attending the Springfest.

In other news, the Lodge sponsored a “Safe Dates” program for middle-school participants with a Beacon Grant. Safe Dates is aimed at middle and high school students in an effort to prevent dating abuse. The program is a ten-week curriculum.

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Membership

C. Michael Melton, PSVP • CHEA Membership Chairman



As I write this the book on the 2017-2018 Lodge year has just closed. As is the way with CLMS, the actual membership figures won't be available for a while. I can say that, based on the last set of numbers I saw, I feel we're within range of another plus membership year for the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

While the formal year has ended, keep in mind that the following sixty days provides the opportunity to reinstate anyone you've dropped for nonpayment at the end of March, without penalty. Those reinstated during this period will count towards your year end membership total.

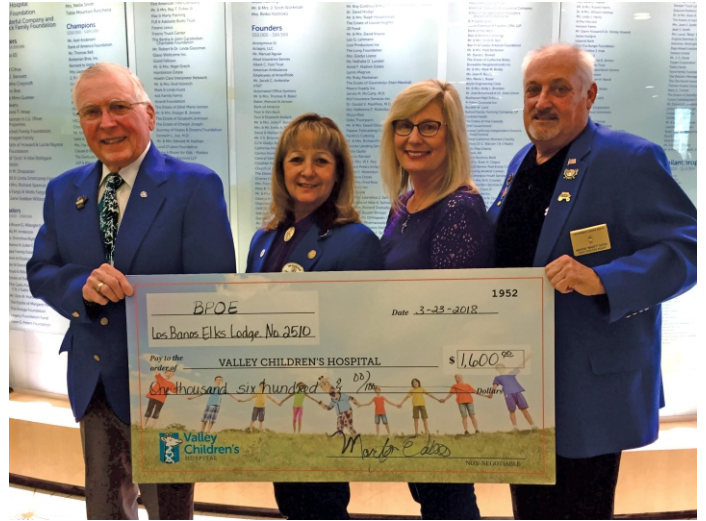
I am completing my fourth year on this committee, my second as Chairman, and I've been very proud of the work the District Chairs have done over that time span. The one point that has been validated above all others is that only consistence, persistence and effort from all of us gets the results we seek. There's no magic bullet or secret formula to making membership grow. It requires the participation of each of us. Continue to focus on bringing in quality members and creating an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere in your Lodges to keep them active. Reach out to older members you may not have seen in a while and ensure they know they're valued. Make Public Relations a major part of your retention program. Letting others, as well as your own members, see the good we do and the sociability of our Lodges will keep your members active and entice others to join.

This will be my last article as Membership/Retention Chair and I would be remiss if I didn't use this occasion to thank the Association leaders and sponsors for the honor they've done me. Serving in this position has been a positive and inspiring experience. I must also thank everyone whose hard work and participation led to the successes we've had. And, as we all stand on the shoulders of others, I want to thank Jim Warwick who served in this spot prior to me and paved the way. Lastly I want to sincerely thank each and every member whose pride and belief in this Order prompted them to invite a friend to join or took part on a committee and strengthened their Lodge.

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Marysville Lodge 783 had the honor of presenting a 75 year member pin to 102 year old active member, George E. Cornell Sr. Pictured above is ER Duaine Ericksen, watching George Cornwell Sr. having his 75 year pinned on him by his son, George Jr.



Los Banos Lodge 2510 members Trisha Nelson and Cookie Rendon chaired a Paint Night fundraiser for Valley Children's Hospital, which raised \$1,600. Pictured above (L to R) PDDGER Raymond Gones, Cookie Rendon, Trisha Nelson and PER Randy Oates.



Chico Lodge 423 is working to encourage more local participation in Elks' Americanism Essay Contest. Lodge volunteers have worked with teachers and school administrators on ways to incorporate the essays into their already full curricular duties. Student essay winners, their families, teachers and administrators were invited to a Lodge awards dinner. The topic of this year's essay, **Why Veterans are America's Heroes**, led to some very heartfelt entries. Two of our six winners wrote about family members and it was especially touching to have both of these veterans as dinner guests. Pictured above is Faith Y. with her grandfather, Chu Cher Lor, a Vietnam War Veteran.

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Robyn Sembenin • San Rafael 1108
John Pitts • Richmond 1251

Karen Lewin • Garden Grove 1952
Fred Costa • Vista 1968
Kirk Watkins • Roseville 2248

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Flo Gandolfi (2) • 168
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Roeine Lanini • 614
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Frank Frazier • 906
R.A. Pickett • 906
Jesse Medeiros • 1015

Sharon Young • 1015
John Pitts • 1251
Melinda Robbins • 1251
Mary Ann Wood • 1282
Gary Marr • 1298
Jody Mentzer • 1427
Karen Mauro • 1436
Bill Andrew • 1497
Ture Roslund • 1712

Warren Bilstein • 1728
Morgan Wisbey • 1767
Robbie Trujillo • 1919
Erlinda Puig • 1959
Larry Yost • 1968
Frank Giugliano • 1991
Scott Stephens • 1993
Willie Koskela • 1996
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Robert Murphy 824
Elio Rodoni 824
Robert Rudolph 824
Gil Santos 824
Dale Sinor 824
Dave Zeller 824
Elizabeth Beers 906
Ray Beers 906
Phillip Brock 906
Gayle Carter 906
Don Checchi (2) 906
Ron Fink 906
Dolores Gonzalez (2) 906
Mark Hasson 906
Margy Pickett 906
Doug Randall 906
Santa Monica Emblem Club (2) 906
Santa Monica Elks PER Association 906
Ann Scully 906
Alan White 906
Gary Gray 966
Lee McDaniel 966
Ronald Roemer 966
Norman Stutzke 966
Janice Cantu 1015
Matthew Fischer 1015
Lynda Lappa 1015
Edward McLean 1015
Jesse Medeiros (5) 1015
James Myers 1015
Nick Pereira 1015
Heather Watson 1015
Lee Watson (2) 1015
Gino Zucca 1112
Joe Baird 1240
Doug Brown 1240
John Garcia 1240
Bob Hinson 1240
Butch Hinson 1240
Dave Norris 1240
Corky Ogletree 1240
John Presol 1240

Robert Salles 1240
William Turner 1240
Dale Wagner 1240
J.C. Wyatt 1240
Larry Clark 1251
Conrad Ettling 1251
Marty Gianni 1251
Ginny Harcourt 1251
Gloria Maltagliati 1251
John Pitts (3) 1251
Melinda Robbins (3) 1251
Frank Zichichi 1251
Karen Roberson 1289
Joe De Toma 1328
James Messinger 1328
Walter Veljadic (2) 1328
E. Rob Robinson 1378
Byron Jackson 1419
Jody Mentzer 1427
Monte Thompson 1436
Cheryl House (2) 1471
R.C. "Stoney" Bourke 1475
Craig Coleman 1475
Mathew Ferrero (2) 1475
Ray Middleton 1487
Bill Andrew (3) 1497
William Caldwell 1538
Michael Stadnick 1538
San Fernando Elks Lodge 1539 (2) 1539
Gary Rowe 1539
Dan Hazlitt 1567
Dan Mitchell 1567
Sonora Emblem Club 124 (2) 1587
Laurel Utecht 1587
Ronald Hinman 1643
Glen Foss 1687
Ture Roslund 1712
Warren Bilstein 1728
Deanna Rodrick Crosby 1728
Todd Patterson 1767
Greg Hunter 1811
Stephanie Seeno Miles 1811
Alush Nushi 1811
Troy Powell 1811
W.K. Schindhelm 1811
P.E. "Dusty" Ward 1812
Jan Bennett 1913
Lucy Escarpita 1919
Robbie Trujillo (2) 1919
Joe Baxter (2) 1952
Robert Burks (2) 1952
Ronald Galletti 1952

Rose Giangibbe 1952
Pete LaCombe 1952
Brent Larsen 1952
Rene Marron (2) 1952
Skip Racke 1952
Rick Ross 1952
Jeff Ryan (3) 1952
Nicholas Shulick 1952
Marsha Goetjen 1959
Donald Bursvold 1968
Tim Bush 1968
Fred Costa (2) 1968
Hank DiTomaso 1968
Deb Dyson 1968
William Haun, Jr. 1968
Sally Hickok 1968
Doreen Kromer 1968
James Leitholf 1968
Don Loeschner (2) 1968
Michael Merkt 1968
Ron Mora 1968
Glenn Osborne 1968
Fred Pahl 1968
Mike Podsiadly 1968
Pat Podsiadly 1968
Ray Reno 1968
Alan Shada 1968
Eric Skjarstad 1968
Tim Soboleski 1968
William Vaughn 1968
Lewis Williams 1968
Gerald Wright 1968
John H. Collins 1980
Frank Giugliano 1991
Jennifer McClure 1991
Laurie Ayala 2011
Kim Coronado 2011
Joe Ortega 2011
John Sage 2011
Mark Berrera 2020
Christine Brown 2020
Robert Ramos 2020
Charles Killingsworth 2045
Brent Anderson (5) 2050
James Betz 2050
Eric Hansen 2050
Sherry Hunt 2050
Steven Johnson 2050
Jim Assalino 2091
Geri Endicott 2095
Paul Pennington 2103
Richard Ransom 2103

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Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club 413	2117	Danna Lamphere	2444	Kathy Cates	2616	Carla Miranda	2640
Patrick Bong	2121	Michael Marquis	2444	Kenneth Haweswood	2616	Nicole Ornelaz	2640
Todd Osborne	2364	Steve Stadnick	2444	Alana Tsarofski	2616	Stefan Ornelaz	2640
Diane Paver	2364	Michael & Jacquelyn Watts	2444	Bronson Tsarofski	2616	Robert Ramirez	2640
Mark Stevens	2364	Anthony Federico	2477	Dominic Tsarofski	2616	Kelley Sadecki	2640
Alice Toole	2364	Steve Grindley	2477	Vern Ungerecht (4)	2616	Baldomero "Mario" Santiago	2640
Mike Weber	2364	Brenda Hagen	2477	George Nunez	2638	Gary Skippon	2640
Karl Williams	2364	William Joseph	2477	Richard "Dick" Conrad	2639	Henry Smith	2640
Mark Crawford (2)	2379	Steven Kammerer	2477	Virginia "Ginger" Conrad	2639	Randy Tripp	2640
Steve Arbelbide	2389	Jill Williams	2477	Scott De LaTorre	2639	Winona Estoesta (2)	2669
Lorene Munoz (3)	2389	Richard Barcellos (2)	2510	Rick Hibbard	2639	Abraham Kaulia	2669
Kenneth Johnson, Jr.	2393	Ray Gomes	2510	Clay Garland	2640	Walter Neumann	2704
Jane Culbertson	2444	Marty Oates	2510	Bernice Gomez (3)	2640	Dennis Huff	2724
Erik Fisher	2444	Donald Kammerer (2)	2577	Keith Hinchcliffe	2640	Ron Knoernschild	2724
Beatrice Foster	2444	Marti Fredericks (2)	2599	Cindy Larson (2)	2640		
Jack Jacobs	2444	Ed Mitchell	2599	Steve Larson (3)	2640		
Kimberly Juniper	2444	Michael Allio	2616	Martin "Marty" Martinez	2640		

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Josh Hachadourian	3	Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Christine Nelson	2011
Marilyn Hooton	6	Susan Gumm	1240	Ron Harden	1812	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011
Judi Traci	6	Dave Wells	1240	Susan Jimenez	1812	John Hardman	2031
Michael Bradshaw	168	Frank Gutierrez	1250	Stacy Mackey	1812	Steve Thatcher	2031
Max Burnett	168	Robert Ostini	1251	Donald D. Schultz	1877	David Dickey	2046
L. Butch DePaul	168	Mark Porter	1251	Lance Hudson	1917	Kimberly Collins	2091
Lynn DePaul	168	Jan Lee	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	Brian Rogers	2091
Kimberly Dotseth	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	James G. Anderson	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091
Donal Frigerio	168	Karen Buchanan	1378	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	James Ferris	1378	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Kathleen Kutler	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Karen Lewin	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Gary Marinelli	168	Shelly Gonzales	1443	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	Robert Bagwell	1474	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Robert Beck	1474	Harry Ross	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230
Glenn Montague	168	Richard D. Enea	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Lori Clark	2243
Chuck Nolan	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Steven Dale	2248
Matthew Pires	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Laurie Ashley	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Leroy Bostick	2358
Frank Chicago	218	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Pat Terrell	2358
Nadine Steel	218	Sean Gambil	1475	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Ray Broussard	2379
Deborah Ross-Moonelo	522	Amanda Jung	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Frank Almazan	583	James Jung	1475	Carol Beckwith	1968	Ted Olsen	2379
Janice Almazan	583	Chris Michaelis	1475	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Joseph Garica	2477
Erik Brown	583	Colin Smith	1475	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Terry Gicking	2477
Bonnie Burks	583	John M. Smith	1475	Norman J. Leitholf	1968	Greg Metzger	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	Mark Walker	1475	Richard Wallace	1991	Beverly Burns	2484
Sally Reagan	613	Greg Peale	1497	Dan Casey	1993	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Calvin Hara	616	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Judy Givens	1993	Jay Dupler	2504
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Warren H. Downs	1561	Richard Green	1993	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
Aron Anderson	672	Carole D. May	1561	Judy Harraka	1993	Dale Gregory	2504
Jerome Paul	672	John E. Harry	1687	Robert Harraka	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Charles Rowe	672	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Alan Kelley	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Michael Cosby	1691	Michael Mathers	1993	Barbara Kincade	2543
Miles Nakatsu	759	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Diana Mondragon	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Tim Jeager	832	Judy Menke	1740	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Angela Anderson	1767	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Linda Tucker	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Richard Blake	1767	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Richard Yeager	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Ray Prettyman	1767	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Thom Richardson	2599
Frank Frazier	906	Kaye Brandos	1804	Ben Ortega	1996	Charisce Williams	2599
Robert A. Pickett	906	Rocky Brandos	1804	Laurie Ayala	2011	James Williams	2599
Margaret Pickett	906	Carl Becker	1811	Martin Barros	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
Jose Justiniano	966	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Janet L. Byrd	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Sean Mejia	966	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Pamela Brodie	1015	Chuck Jackson	1811	Sharron Cannon	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Howard Weinman	1015	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Frcis J. Glenski	2011	Kaye Bruns	2733
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Michael Silva	1811	Roy Jenness	2011	Lance Erickson	2733
Joe Tato	1108	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Ashley Munoz	2011		
				Rebecca Munoz	2011		

Livermore-Pleasanton Lodge 2117 hosted an all-day filled agenda in March featuring Ray Lozano, who is a speaker that presents drug and alcohol information to high school, junior high school, and special youth groups.

This day was made possible because a member from the Walnut Creek Lodge willed a large amount of money to the Lodge prior to passing. Nicholas Flemming, who was the District Drug Awareness Chairperson, allocated to our drug awareness programs.

Big Bear Lake Lodge 1787 hosted the 3rd annual Big Bear High School Football Awards Dinner. Serving 180 dinners to players and coaches, who received their CIF-Southern Section Division 12 Championship rings.

Ukiah Lodge 1728 hosted the 17th Annual Easter Egg hunt at the Lodge's Recreation Area. Some 250 children participated in the Egg Hunt; each child received a basket filled with Easter goodies, candy and a keepsake.

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Hemet Lodge 1740 Veterans Chairman Jim Winget, regularly takes Veteran Jim Gentry to Loma Linda Veterans Hospital for his appointments. Gentry, who in 1964, served as a Captain in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, lives alone and is unable to walk. The Veterans Administration had denied him an electric wheel chair or scooter twice. An electric scooter was located and purchased for Jim Gentry by the Hemet Elks Veterans Fund. Pictured above (L to R) in back ground: ER, Judy Menke, Linda Gunn and Veterans Chairman Jim Winget. On the scooter is Marine Corps Veteran, Jim Gentry.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 in March finished out the Elk year strong, initiating 28 new members, 5 transfers and 1 reinstatement. The class sponsor for the initiates in this "class" were the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo directors. This final "class" makes Santa Maria Lodge 1538 a net plus of 46 for 2017-2018 with a membership of 3051 as of April 1, 2018. Congratulations to our new members and thank you to all our members for supporting the greatest Fraternal Organization in America. Pictured are the new members with Exalted Ruler Tony Dart.

Vista Lodge 1968 used a Freedom Grant of \$2000 to purchase baby items such as high chairs, crib sheets, car shades, hooded baby towels, and baby gyms. Elk members also donated new baby items at the Lodge. Vista Lodge members attended "Showers of Appreciation" baby showers in February and March, at Pala Casino. Sitting with military mothers-to-be the Elks played shower games with the military moms and helped them when the showers were over to take the gifts to their cars.

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Fullerton Lodge 1993 celebrated Jack Benson as Special Child for January. Jack is twelve years old and has been fighting cancer in several areas of his body since 2013, to include the use of chemotherapy, radiation and bone replacement. Whenever he is able, he loves to golf, swim and go on cruises. He has twin brothers for siblings. This young man looks to the future when, as he states, he can drive, open up a restaurant and get married. Jack was too ill to be present at a recent Lodge meeting for his acknowledgment, but his mother, Shannon Benson, and his Oncology Nurse (Marci) were in attendance for Jack. ER Michael Spratt presented an ER pin, a Special Child pin was also given, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation, gift cards, and a generous monetary contribution from one of the Lodge's members.



Buena Park Lodge 2046 has installed a new and permanent addition to the Lodge, a "Missing Man Table". When you visit the Lodge, take a moment to remember those who have not returned home to our hearts and Lodges.



San Diego Lodge 168 honored Carl Orbann as the "Veteran of the Game" at the San Diego Gulls hockey game. Carl is a Retired Commander, United States Navy, and served for 22 years. Thank you Carl for your service to our country and to our Lodge. We salute you!



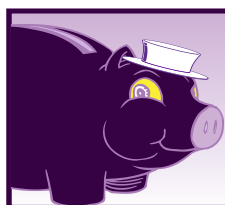
Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 held their Armed Services YMCA baby shower for ten expectant mothers from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms. The mothers and their active duty military husbands were treated to an evening of fun activities, games, laughter and good food. Each mother went home with a Pack N Play, a Diaper Genie, a backpack diaper bag, a large gift bag filled with various baby items, a diaper cake (made from diapers), a Johnson & Johnson Gift set, a handmade baby blanket and a jogging stroller (donated by Hunter Pacific Group, MCAGCC). This event was made possible by the use of our ENF Beacon Grant and generous donations from friends and Lodge members. Pictured are the expectant mothers and spouses with ER Bob Simendich (kneeling in front).



The 2790 Radio Players from Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge

The San Gabriel Valley District commemorated the 150th Birthday of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks with a District-wide celebration in March. In keeping with the Grand Exalted Ruler's theme of "Strengthening Elkdome Through Community Awareness" Lodges from throughout the District joined together to observe this special milestone in Elks history. The Lodges included: Alhambra-San Gabriel, Arcadia, Duarte, Pasadena and West Covina. Over 165 attendees entered the Pasadena Lodge venue, and were treated to a slide show containing pictures of the history of the San Gabriel Valley Elks District. The highlight of the evening was when the audience was entertained with a live "Radio Show" performed by the 2790 Radio Players from Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577 supported the VA Volunteer Services National Salute week at Mather Veterans Hospital. The Lodge provided refreshments for over 200 Veterans.



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Yucaipa Lodge 2389 received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Yucaipa in recognition of their donation of 16 Chromebook computers to the S.T.A.R.S. Before and After School Program. The before and after-school program combines fun, education, and enrichment for success for children from kindergarten through eighth grades. S.T.A.R.S. provides a quality, safe and affordable before and after-school program that helps students to achieve higher grades and to improve school attendance and behavior.



Fremont Lodge 2121's Activities Committee spotlighted the issue of sexual violence and human trafficking in the San Francisco Bay Area by creating a "Grateful Garments Project." The Grateful Garments Project (<http://gratefulgarment.org>) provides backpacks filled with new clothes, underwear and toiletries.

The goal was to fill 25 backpacks by the end of January 2018 for the Grateful Garment Project's "Pack-it-Forward" program, which strives to restore dignity to commercially sexually exploited children and other sex trafficking victims. The Lodge Members and community paid it forward by donating seven large boxes filled with new backpacks, clothing and toiletries.

Santa Ana Lodge 794 Celebrated the 150th Year Anniversary in February. Dignitaries and Elks gathered at the Lodge to commemorate Elks' 150 years of service to the community. Certificates were presented to the Lodge in commemoration of this event. Certificates were received by both the current ER Buck Kuhns as well as incoming ER Allen Bisbee.

Looking to the future, the Santa Ana Elks will soon be leaving their present location on Elk Lane for a temporary location, and when their new building is complete in 2019, into their new Lodge on Lyon Street.



Orange Lodge 1475 Trustees each year select local worthwhile charities and organizations to receive a donation. One of this years selections was the Orange Senior Center. Fifth year Trustee Dave Marshall presented a check for \$500 to Executive Director, Kathrine Connaghan for their Meals on Wheels program. Pictured above is Trustee Dave Marshall presenting the check to Executive Director Kathrine Connaghan.

In other news, the Lodge for the fifth year assembled and delivered seventy two Easter Baskets to very excited children who were patients of Children's Hospital of Orange County.

In supporting our Veterans and active Military personnel, the Orange Lodge had eleven members join the USO for an Easter Luncheon at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos. The luncheon was for the families of our service members who were on a deployment. Beside the barbeque, it included face painting and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Lake Elsinore-Wildomar Lodge 2591 sponsored a Golf Tournament at "The Links at Summerly" in Lake Elsinore and raised \$3,400 for Lodge charities.

Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 held its annual Veterans Luncheon for 51 veterans from the Sepulveda VA Hospital in late February. Many members were in attendance as lunch was prepared by the Lodge BBQ Team, assisted by the new Elk Riders Motorcycle Club and served by Scout Troop 2379. Veteran's Chairman Rick Dalton presented a check for \$1,000 to the hospital to assist in the needs of the veterans.



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Monterey Lodge 1285 was busy during the AT&T Golf Tournament! Our volunteers are working hard, and the weather is gorgeous. Our big parking lot is full of AT&T Pro Am cars and is jammed with fellow Elk RVs, here for the fun! Thanks to our Cal, Sydney, Jackie and all the other volunteers, year after year, and to AT&T for supporting the charities we Elks believe in. Pictured above are the Lodge AT&T Volunteers.



Culver City Lodge 1917 Elks Pay to Paint. There are nearly 200 teens attending Culver City High School who are homeless. The Culver City United School District is progressive in helping the families of teens caught in this situation and the Culver City Elks wanted to help them.

The women of Culver City Elks, led by Genny Santesteban and Belen Flores, organized the fund raising needed to host a Tri-Tip Dinner and Paint Party in February, where all the proceeds went to the Culver City High School Homeless Children.

The Southeast District Elks Bowling Club hosted its yearly weekend **Colorado River Classic Bowling Tournament** at the South Point Hotel and Casino Bowling Facility in Las Vegas, NV. In February, teams from throughout California, Utah, Arizona, and other states, gathered together to bowl, have fun, and at the same time, raise money to support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. There were over 96 4-person teams in attendance. The tournament directors were pleased to have the California-Hawaii Elks State President, Charles "Chuck" Nolan, as their guest for the weekend event. *Even though this year's event coincided with the National Celebration of the Elks 150th Birthday, this did not deter the Elks from attending this event and raising in excess of \$10,000 for CHEMPI.*

Each year the Colorado River Classic is held on or about the third weekend in February. The 2019 tournament will once again be held at the South Point Hotel and Casino Bowling Facility in Las Vegas, NV. This tournament continues to grow in popularity. Elks bowlers and friends are invited to participate in this tournament. For more information and/or applications, see the website at <http://elksbowlingclub.org>.



Sunnyvale Lodge 2128 has completed a six month session of preparing, transporting, and serving meals to the 125+ homeless occupants residing in the Home First shelter in Sunnyvale. The project was funded by the \$1,500 ENF Anniversary Grant.

In other news, the Lodge prepared a delicious dinner for the residents and staff of JW House, which is a home away from home for families facing medical crises in the Silicon Valley. JW House offers overnight lodging, day use services, and respite for care givers and families of patients in all Bay Area hospitals. The Lodge also donated \$3,930 to JW House. Pictured above: (L to R) (standing) Volunteer Carmela Castagnolo, Treasurer Alan Aana, JW House Director Laura Delgado, JW Staff Lori and Donna. (kneeling) JW Staff Valarie, Lodge member Sarg Sargent.



Oxnard Lodge 1443 was proud to host the 27th Annual Ventura County Council Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction and Tradeoree. All profits are donated by the Elks to the Ventura County Boy Scout Council. Pictured above, front row, Torin W.; Back row (L to R), Billy Sternberg (Thousand Oaks Lodge member), Jordan S., JerrZane W., David Jones (Ventura County Boy Scout Council Executive Director), Greg Metzgas (West Central Coast DL).

In other news, the Lodge Hoop Shoot contest was held at the local PAL center. The lodge also provided participation medals to all participants and lunch to the boys and girls and their families.



Duarte Lodge 1427, with the assistance of an ENF Gratitude Grant distributes over 3500 dictionaries to public and parochial schools along the "Foothill Corridor". The cities served include, Monrovia, Duarte, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and part of La Puente. The Duarte Elks Dictionary Team visits each school and in assemblies and/or classroom presentations, students are taught about this special "Gift of Words." Students are also given a Drug Awareness Bookmark and informed about the importance of Saying No to Drugs. Dictionaries are presented to all 3rd grade students, including students with special needs. Pictured above is the Duarte Lodge Dictionary Team with three special needs third graders.

In other news, the Duarte Elks, along with other members of the San Gabriel Valley District, held the **Second Annual Elks Drug Quiz Show**, at Kranz Intermediate School in El Monte. Competing were teams from Kranz Intermediate School, Madrid Middle School and Monte Vista School. The students vied to answer questions related to drug prevention and awareness in three rounds of competition including a group collaboration round, a multiple choice round and the popular buzzer round.

The Elks' comprehensive Drug Awareness Program shows our strong commitment to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society, and reinforces the belief that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.