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### Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 presents Tim Jaeger for California-Hawaii Elks Association President for 2019-2020

Whereas, the officers and members of the Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments and dedicated service rendered by Tim Jaeger to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Napa Elks Lodge and other Elks Lodges in the California-Hawaii Elks Association; and

Whereas, He was initially initiated as an Elk in Sioux Falls, SD Lodge 262 in 1985 and later served as Exalted Ruler of Petaluma, CA Lodge 901 in 2007-2008 and was later named Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year by Petaluma Lodge. Tim later joined Napa Lodge after serving as Napa's Lodge Advisor from 2011 until 2013; and

Whereas, He was recognized by the Northwest District as Business Practices Chair, Drug Awareness Chair, Jamboree Chair, BLT Chair, Mini Convention Chair, PGER Brazier fund raising chair and Auditor to the DDGER; and

Whereas, He was recognized by the California-Hawaii Elks Association serving as Association Vice President, 2010-2011, CHEA Drug Awareness Chair 2011-2013, CHEA Trustee (representing the Bay, Hawaii and Northwest Districts), First Vice President 2018-2019, and Keynote speaker 2018-2019 Midterm, CHEA convention; and

Whereas, Tim served the BPOE Grand Lodge as Napa Lodge Advisor, 2011-2013, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2013-2014, and Assistant Director National Drug Awareness Program (July 2014 – current); and

Whereas, Tim has worked as a CPA, CEO, CFO and Director of private and public companies for almost 40 years, and

Whereas, His dedication to country, community and fraternity is equaled only by his dedication to and love for his wife, Sandy, children and spouses of his children, Ben, Brittany, Lizzie, Whitney and Tyler and Grandchildren, Logan and Conner; and

Whereas, His leadership dedication, and devotion to our Order has earned him the respect and gratitude of the members of the Napa Elks Lodge, the Northwest District and the California-Hawaii Elks Association; therefore

Be it resolved, That the officers and members of the Napa Elks Lodge No. 832 are honored and privileged to present to the annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention session in May 2019 in Fresno, California, the name of our fellow member, Tim Jaeger, as a candidate for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2019-2020 fraternal year.

Unanimously adopted this 3rd day of October 2018

Calvin Cox, Exalted Ruler

Judy Fisher, Secretary



*All it takes is ...*



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

### 2019 CHEA Convention Registration Form Error

The Convention Registration form that has been mailed to the **Official Family and the Lodges** has the wrong information regarding the Thursday Dinner selection and the return address zip code.

The **CORRECT Convention Registration form is on the CHEA website.** Click on Meetings, in the drop down box, click on Association Convention where you will find the Registration Form. The Thursday dinner is Tri Tip (not three selections) and the correct mailing zip code is:

Clovis, CA **93613-1139**

### The Dictionary PROJECT

Following are some Lodges that do an excellent job within their communities to promote the Dictionary Project. If your Lodge is not listed, it does not mean that your Lodge does not do a good job ... the Lodges listed are ones that have told us about what they are doing in their communities.

**Madera Lodge 1918** distributed 2,200 dictionaries to elementary schools in the Madera Unified School District.

**Fullerton Lodge 1993** distributed 3,200 dictionaries to elementary schools in their community.

**Garden Grove Lodge 1952** distributed over 3,250 dictionaries to 43 elementary schools in their area.

**Downey Lodge 1427** distributed 3,500 dictionaries to elementary schools in the San Gabriel Valley.

**Santa Clarita Lodge 2379** distributed over 4,000 dictionaries to 39 elementary schools in the Santa Clarita Valley.

# President's Message



**Robert "Bob" Duitsman**  
Endorsed Candidate  
for Grand Exalted Ruler



During the preparation for this wonderful year of service to our Association, Beth and I were told it would be the greatest time we could imagine. It was for real. We have enjoyed our travels tremendously and have countless fond memories of the warmth and hospitality shown us along the way. We have also grown particularly fond of our extraordinary group of Vice-Presidents, who have grown as a group and made the journey all the more special for us.

With 18 of our 19 district visits now concluded as of the writing of this article, we look forward to our official Homecoming to our own South Central Coast District. A Homecoming is an enormously complicated event, and Beth and I are most grateful that so many people have stepped forward to help organize and plan it. Thank you!

Then, on to beautiful Fresno for our annual convention in May. For those who have not been to a convention, please consider attending. It is an enjoyable time that offers a window into what Elkdom really means in California and Hawaii. In addition to the educational sessions and social events it will also be an opportunity to meet our Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael T. Luhr, and his lovely wife Barbara. They are a kind and inviting couple who you should make the effort to say hello to.

Part of what I have been repeatedly emphasizing in my travels is the need to let our communities know what we're doing, and take credit for it. ***If they know what we're doing, and like what we're doing, then they will want to be part of what we're doing.*** It is as simple as that, and hopefully everyone is spreading the word of what we are doing in our local communities.

It is no secret that membership is a top priority for our Association. CHEA has been a national leader in membership growth for several years. It has been so gratifying to hear about the many ways our Lodges are bringing in and engaging new members. I do not have recent totals but have a sense that more good news will be coming at our convention in May. Thank you all for your work in this area; it is through today's work that a bright future is made possible.

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Bob Duitsman  
CHEA President

*"Honoring the Past - Embracing the Future"*



*"Gifts that last beyond Tomorrow"*  
**Bequests  
& Living  
Trusts**



Fontana-Rialto Lodge 2013 member **Kathleen Murray** has become a Charitable Remainder Trust member by donating \$10,000 to the BLT Legacy Giving Committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

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## Submission and Copy Deadlines

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## 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



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## CHEA President Robert Duitsman's Upcoming Schedule

March 9 • **Region 7 Hoop Shoot Semi-Finals**  
Hyde Park Middle School Gym  
900 Hinson Street • Las Vegas

March 1-2 • **Homecoming - South Central District**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Los Angeles - Westside  
6161 West Centinela Avenue • Culver City

May 2-5 • **Utah Elks Association Spring Meeting**

May 15-18 • **CHEA Convention** - Clovis / Fresno  
DoubleTree by Hilton Fresno Convention Center

## CHEA Advisory Committee Past Presidents

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## Richard E. Owen



The Association office has been informed that **Richard E. Owen, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight 2007-2008 and Past Association President 1992-1993**, passed away in his sleep on Sunday February 3, 2019. Services were performed by the Neptune Society. No further services are planned at this time.



## Elks National Foundation

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Chairman



Here we are at the end of the 2018-2019 Elk Lodge year. All Lodges should be finalizing reports that come due this time of year. I hope you took the time to review your Lodges Elks National Foundation (ENF) Per-Member Donation Report. This is a very important task to complete in March. All contributions should be sent to Grand Lodge Elks National Foundation by March 22nd at the latest in an effort to have the contributions received by Grand Lodge prior to March 31st and count towards this Elk year. Exalted Rulers, please make sure you are reporting the numbers back to your lodge members. There is a great story to tell within each donation. And one each member should be very proud of. 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. Get your dollars sent to Grand Lodge. We will not know what we have accomplished this past Lodge year until all of your contributions have been turned in. 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.

We give generously of our time, our money, and talent to everyone who needs a helping hand, from children to aging veterans. Since inception, the ENF has contributed \$481.7 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. It is very important that this information be presented to all our Members. How do you do that? By printing the Elks National Foundation Per-Member Report found on [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf). You can print it in the bulletin or post it to your bulletin boards. Share this information at your monthly Orientation session or at a lodge meeting. Don't forget to update your ENF Recognition board at the same time.

### So how is the Elks National Foundation Helping California-Hawaii?

During the 2018-19 Lodge year, the Elks of California-Hawaii donated \$1,018,979.87 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

**State Charities Grant: \$742,650**  
**Special Projects Grant: \$558,830**  
**Bonus Grant: \$150,920**

These grants support our state's major charitable project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support our state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

**Most Valuable Student: \$304,000**  
**Legacy Award: \$100,000**

ENF will award a total of 76 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors from our state. In addition, ENF will award up to 25 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.

### National Veterans Service Commission: \$42,300

These funds will help provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

**Grand Total: \$1,898,700**

That's a ratio of 1.863 for every dollar the Foundation received from California-Hawaii Elks last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in our state will get back through the Community Investments Program. For the 2018-19 fiscal year, for example, ENF awarded a total of \$794,956.17 to 143 California-Hawaii Lodges for grant projects.

What a great story these numbers provide. Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support that allows the ENF to continue to expand and mobilize Elks across the country into a force for positive change.

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## Annual CHEMPI Fundraiser for Notepads, Return Address Labels and Christmas Cards

As of this date, the fundraiser mailings containing the notepads, return address labels and Christmas cards you receive in the mail from the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board of Trustees Chairman has been temporarily suspended until further notice. We are in the process of changing vendors and will resume the program as soon as the details are worked out.

Until that time, if you would like to make a donation to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, there are several ways to make a donation which will earn credit towards the Millennium Club. The following programs are available and easy to donate to:

### Memorial Donations

**52 Club** – a \$52 donation

**Century Club** – a \$100 donation

**Millennium Club** – a \$1,000 donation

**Recurring Donation Program** – a donation amount of your choice will be charged to your credit card each month automatically. Sign up on:

[chea-elks.org/donations/recurring\\_donations](http://chea-elks.org/donations/recurring_donations)

Your donations will accumulate towards your Millennium Club total. For every \$1,000 increment in your donations, you will advance to the next level of the Millennium Club, each time receiving a beautiful Millennium Club pin and certificate from the President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Your Lodge also receives credit for these donations. All donations are tax deductible as well.

Return address labels with the CHEA emblem are available from the CHEA office for a minimal donation. These labels are printed on a small Avery label and are very simple. Please send your request via email at [chea@chea-elks.org](mailto:chea@chea-elks.org), fax to (559) 456-2695 or mail to CHEMPI at 5450 E. Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224 to request these labels.

We as well as the children served by the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project thank you for your participation in these programs.

### Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Well, March is here and spring is just around the corner. As all good Purple Pig Caretakers know, it is time to fatten those little guys up (filling them with as much money as is possible) before they are sent to market (CHEA Convention in May). So let them eat and eat and eat.

We have experienced some very good successes at numerous Purple Pig Events this year:

- Our RV friends, as they always do, raised very significant funds at the Camper Rally in Hemet in October. Thanks very much to all those who worked so hard to make this event such a great success. And thanks to all our Elk members and their guest who regularly attend and contribute so generously to help our kids.
- In November at Mid-Term, we had a very successful opportunity drawing with 29 donated gifts by a group of very hard working Purple Pig District Chairs and their Association Vice-Presidents. Thanks to all of you — what a great team you make.
- Our give back day, January 15th, with our partner Chili's continues to annually contribute significant funds. I hope everyone took advantage to get out, enjoy a little comrade with fellow Elks, enjoy some fine food and earn extra funds for the Purple Pig. Judging from the great number of Elks at Chili's on Facebook, everybody had a great time and created a great deal of publicity for our State Major Project. A huge thank you to Steven Wagstaff and all his helpers who have been the driving force behind this event for the last several years. We truly appreciate all your efforts.
- Our Leading Knight's Challenge concluded at the end of January with tremendous participation across all of our Districts in California and Hawaii. The final calculations are wrapping up now. The results and awards will be given on Saturday May 18th just prior to the Exalted Ruler's March.

See everyone in Fresno at Convention, I can't wait.

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Stockton, Lodge 218 PER Valerie Edwards presented the Stockton Chili's manager Tony Lizardo with a certificate of appreciation for his restaurant's participation in the 5th annual fundraiser for CHEMPI.

### Chili's Give Back Event Helps Support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc.

Elks Lodges working in conjunction with Chili's Restaurants throughout California held their 5th annual state-wide fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. This Chili's "GIVE BACK" Event was held on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 with Chili's donating 15% of their event day sales back to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc.

Of the five years this event has taken place, this year was the second largest in total event day sales of \$22,870 generating \$3,430.50 for Purple Pig. The top 5 Chili's restaurants this year were: Torrance, Escondido, Manhattan Beach, Santa Clarita and Yorba Linda with event sales of more than \$1,230 each.

This event not only raises money for CHEMPI, but it supports the goals of the CHEA State President and Past State Presidents of bringing awareness to our communities of who the Elks are and what the California-Hawaii Elks Association is all about.

Puente Hills	\$ 1,130	La Habra	\$ 44
Monrovia	\$ 192	Vista	\$ 28
Northridge	\$ 711	Buena Park	\$ 609
West Covina	\$ 282	Santee	\$ 513
San Bernadino	\$ 21	Oceanside	\$ 79
Mission Valley	\$ 51	Manhattan Beach	\$ 1,945
Concord	\$ 23	St. George	\$ 85
Yorba Linda	\$ 1,230	Sports Arena	\$ 269
Mission Viejo	\$ 124	Downey	\$ 749
Rancho Cucamonga	\$ 206	Montclair	\$ 44
Antelope Valley	\$ 250	Lodi	\$ 684
Candlewood	\$ 468	Hemet	\$ 412
Escondido	\$ 2,204	Rancho Dominguez	\$ 269
Temecula	\$ 378	Visalia	\$ 253
Fresno	\$ 159	Murietta	\$ 386
Torrance	\$ 2,929	Lake Elsinor	\$ 300.
RDR	\$ 130	Chico	\$ 371
Oxnard	\$ 24	Newbury Park	\$ 163
Irvine	\$ 140	Hanford	\$ 773
Encinitas	\$ 6	Whittier	\$ 440
La Mesa	\$ 332	Santa Clarita	\$ 1,597
Goleta	\$ 57	Otay Ranch	\$ 133
Aliso Viejo	\$ 93	Redlands	\$ 104
Stockton	\$ 121	Arroyo Grande	\$ 215
Orange	\$ 327	Parrish Lane	\$ 68
Scripps	\$ 123		
Elk Grove	\$ 536	Total Sales	\$ 22,870
Modesto	\$ 88	x 15% =	\$ 3,431



Roy Stout and Bay District Members visit Chili's Give-Back event in San Leandro and present Manager Julie Vincenzi with a "Thank You" Certificate. Pictured above (l-r) Ric and Shirley Bierman, from Alameda Lodge, Janelle Coleman from Tracy Lodge, Roy Stout, CHEA Purple Pig Chairman, Manager Julie Vincenzi and Janet and Bob Ostini, Bay District DL.



## The Speech Therapists from Hawaii



Through the generous donations of the Elks of California and Hawaii, the California-Hawaii Major Project is able to fund three full time speech language pathologists on the Hawaiian Islands. Two speech therapists cover the island of Oahu and one covers the Big Island.

It's not all about enjoying warm ocean breezes while sipping coconut water for these hard working therapists though. Our speech therapists cover hundreds of miles each week and often travel over one hour on the Big Island to reach the clients who need their services. These speech therapists are not only very experienced clinicians, but also use tremendous creativity to engage their clients. Treating them in the natural environment of their homes, schools, beaches and parks along with their families. We would like to celebrate the speech therapists on the Hawaiian Islands and share with our readers a little background about each of them.

### *Hedley Uetake*

Hedley is a speech therapist who has been working for the Major Project for 24 years. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. Hedley has a passion for being a speech therapist that comes from having had speech therapy herself at an early age. According to Hedley "because of my experience receiving speech therapy as a child I really make an effort to make my therapy sessions fun for my clients. My philosophy is that if the children are having fun during therapy they are much more likely to learn."



Hedley covers half of the island of Oahu providing speech therapy services through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Some of the common deficits she addresses are articulation issues, language delay and stuttering. According to Hedley, "The Elks members and organization are a very special group of people with such giving hearts. I am truly touched by their kindness, generosity and desire to make such a difference in the lives of the children I serve and their families."

### *Jocelyn Agra*

Jocelyn has been a speech therapist for 27 years and has been with the Major Project for the past 15 years. She brings her valuable experience and clinical expertise to serve the children in her territory comprising half of Oahu. Jocelyn loves her job with the Major Project because it allows her to be creative and take the time needed to target each child's unique needs. Some of the common deficits Jocelyn addresses are articulation issues, language delay as well as the delays that may come with a cleft lip and palate. According to Jocelyn, "I love to treat the children in the natural environment of their home with their families. It allows me to empower families with a home program so that they can carry over the therapy on a daily basis. In the end I feel like a cheerleader for the families because they are now the primary players in their child's therapy".



### *Cori Sutter*

Cori has been with the Major Project as a speech therapist for the past 2 years. She has a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Cori covers the big Island providing speech therapy to a wide range of clients. Some of the common deficits she addresses are articulation, language delay and stuttering. One of the reasons Cori loves working for the Major Project is the flexibility and freedom she is allowed to take time to connect with the child and their family allowing for greater parent participation and overall a better outcome for the child. Cori is very touched by the gratitude that is expressed by the families she serves. She will often be gifted with fresh fish from a local fishing family or a bouquet of beautiful tropical flowers from a local family with a nursery. Cori intends to keep developing professionally in her clinical skills as a speech therapist and a lifelong learner as she represents the Major Project on the Big Island.

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### Drug Awareness Program

Diane Farrens, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



**EXCITING NEWS:** I was recently invited by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) to attend a planning meeting and Press Conference for the DEA 360 Strategy Program they have started in the Los Angeles area. The DEA 360 Strategy takes an innovative three-pronged approach to combating heroin/opioid use through

Law Enforcement, Diversion and Community Outreach. DEA 360 Strategy involves coordinated Law Enforcement operations targeting all levels of Drug trafficking organizations and violent gangs supplying drugs to our neighborhoods; engaging drug manufacturers, wholesalers, practitioners and pharmacists through Diversion Control to increase awareness of the opioid epidemic and encourage responsible prescribing and use of opioid painkillers throughout the medical community and Community Outreach and partnership with local organizations following enforcement operations, equipping and empowering communities to fight the opioid epidemic.

DEA began the 360 Strategy Program in November of 2015 in Pittsburgh together with the U.S. Attorney and state and local partners. Since that time, DEA has deployed the strategy in other pilot cities and is using the three-pronged approach in all DEA Field Divisions. In 2016 the pilot cities were Louisville, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Pittsburgh. In 2017 the pilot cities were Dayton, Albuquerque, Charleston and Manchester. The pilot cities in 2018 were Baltimore, Knoxville, Newark, South Jersey, Salt Lake City and Philadelphia. In 2019 Los Angeles is the only pilot city on the list.

During the Press Conference, they had four speakers: 1. Daniel C. Comeauz, Associate Special Agent-in-Charge, DEA Los Angeles Division; 2. The Hon. Nicola T. Hanna, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California; 3. Dr. Jonathan Lucas, Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner/Coroner and 4. Mr. Tim Jaeger, First Vice President of California-Hawaii Elks Association.

Tim Jaeger, who was also representing the Elks Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program, stated that there are at least 800,000 Elks nationwide that are supporting the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Tim noted that we have additional programs within the Drug Awareness Program, which include: Red Ribbon Week; Enrique Camarena Award; National Speaker Ray Lozano; Two "Smosh" Videos on U-Tube, which the DEA and Elks were partners in filming; Brochure and Fact Cards on Drug Awareness; Elroy the Elk, our Drug Awareness mascot and Poster, Essay and Video Contests for students. Tim noted that the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, established in 1982, is the largest volunteer Drug Awareness Program in the United States. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment. The Elks possess a dedicated army of volunteers, who freely give their time and talents to what they describe as "a most noble cause."

The DEA, with the help of its partners, have scheduled the first Youth Summit in California in Los Angeles at the Dolby Theater on May 2, 2019. They anticipate around 2000 students from the area schools. The Youth Summit is designed to raise awareness and educate students about drug awareness in a fun and dynamic

environment. Efforts to educate children/students about the dangers of drug abuse are crucial now in light of the current opioid crisis. The Los Angeles DEA Field Division is in the planning stages for the Youth Summit in May and as they organize the event and have more details, they will keep us informed. As the event gets closer and I learn more about the Youth Summit, I will likely be looking for volunteers to help with the event.

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**Riverside Lodge 643** delivered dictionaries and Drug Awareness coloring books, as well as bookmarks to third graders at Troth Elementary School. Pictured with the students are (l-r) Susan and John Logger, Louise Baldwin, and Carol Tong, Drug Awareness Chairperson.



**Concord Elks 1994** held a dance with some of the proceeds going to benefit an organization called "Parents of Murdered Children". An organization which has Chapters world wide. The Contra Costa Chapter provides ongoing emotional support to parents, family members and friends by phone, mail, one on one contact, group meetings and through literature. They put survivors in touch with counselors and other groups in their area. Pictured is local POMC Chapter Leader Evelyn McGann receiving a check from event chairman Lanai Cline.

In other news, the Concord Elks celebrated Veterans Day by hosting a Pot Roast dinner for Veterans and their families. Featuring guest speaker Blue Star Mother Loretta Masnada, who's organization has started dedicating memorial plaques to high schools in their area for veterans that lost their lives in combat. The Blue Star Mothers want the students to see that these local veterans have sacrificed their lives to keep them safe. The Lodge donated \$500 to their cause.



## Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



Congratulations! You are a newly elected Exalted Ruler, Trustee, Lodge Officer, Committee Chairman, or a Member waiting for the installation of officers and the beginning of your new Lodge year of 2019-20. All of your committees have been appointed, and all of your plans have been laid out for the direction of your Lodge. With the support and help from your PERs and membership, you should have a pretty good idea what's required of you and where you are going.

It is important that you become familiar with all the Grand Lodge manuals, especially the Government Relations manual. These manuals should be read by all of your officers and committee chairmen. They will help you and your officers carry out your responsibilities and duties for the coming year.

I would like to inform you of one of your first duties. On May 1 of each year, the Elks make a tremendous effort to gather and publish the charitable activities of every Lodge (including each Committee and ladies' group) and State Association in the Order. 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.

And, what a story it is. We give generously of our time, our money, and talent to everyone who needs a helping hand, from children to aging veterans. Last year that amounted to more than \$334 million. It is very important that this information be presented to all our Members.

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

We're wishing all of you the best in accomplishing your goals for this upcoming 2019-20 year. I also wish to thank those of you who are going out of office for your dedication to Elkdom this past year. Always remember: "ELKS Care –ELKS Share"!



**Buena Park Lodge 2046** took part in Wreaths Across America, an event to honor America's fallen veterans, honor those who serve and teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. This national and international event takes place every year, on the third Saturday in December at 9:00 am.



**Orange Lodge 1475** held a number of community events for local Veterans in November. The Lodge capped the week off with the Veterans Committee giving a \$1,475 scholarship to Maria Valdivia. Maria was a Sargent in the Army, served tours in Kuwait and Iraq, a mother of four, the first lady to be awarded the scholarship. Maria will use the scholarship to further her career in nursing. Pictured above, Maria was presented the award by Barbara Berger.

In other news, Drug Awareness Chairman Mike Cash, through our involvement with the GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) received three requests from local schools about families who had fallen on hard times. The Lodge stepped in to purchase the bikes for these children. The Christmas Basket Program stepped in and donated a Christmas Food Basket for each of the families and for each of the new bikes, lights, locks and helmets were included.



**Eureka Lodge 652** hosted Wednesday night dinners for over 70 members of the U.S. Coast Guard – Humboldt Bay and their immediate families during the recent Government shutdown. Pictured in center on the left: Eureka Exalted Ruler, Dennis Hunter and on right center, President of Lost Coast Chapter Chief Petty Officers Association, Sean Culler.

In other news, the Lodge presented a check for \$1000 to support the play "RADIOMAN", a new play based on poems written about the experiences of an Army veteran who served in Vietnam with the One Hundred and First Airborne Division. The play presents its audience with the experiences of combat and serves a two-fold purpose; to have the audience come away with a real appreciation of how combat affects those involved; and show those combat veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that there is light at the end of the tunnel, they are not alone, and the challenges of PTSD can be met and overcome.

### Insurance and Safety

Shelly Gonzales, PDDGER • Insurance and Safety Chairman



Our hearts and help went out to the many people affected by the devastating wildfires in November. Paradise Lodge was lost, which reminds us that the unthinkable can happen at any time. Would your Lodge be prepared for a disaster? While preparing for the new Lodge year, now is the time to ensure that all insurance coverages are in place and adequate, and that your Lodge is prepared with a business continuity and emergency preparedness plan.

All Lodges must participate in the Property Plus Program as established by GLs 4.232. The Property Plus covers loss from fire, wind, storms, and theft. Property Plus also protects appliances, furniture and contents in the Lodge, but does not cover refrigeration, air conditioning, elevators, or ice machines. Property Plus includes crime coverage in the amount of \$50,000, which covers the bonding requirement for Lodge Secretaries and Lodge Treasurers.

While all Lodges are required to participate in the Property Plus program, the limits of coverage are specific to each individual Lodge. The current insured value and limits of coverage can be found on the Declarations page of the policy sent to each Lodge every April. Lodge leadership should ensure that the Lodge is covered up to 80% of its appraised value, which would entitle the Lodge to 150% replacement cost should the building be lost. Lodges should be inspected every 5 years to determine current value. Premiums are charged to each Lodge based on the insured value and the limit of coverage.

As part of business continuity, a Lodge needs to ensure that data on Lodge computers is regularly backed up to a cloud with adequate storage. Financial records would need to be accessible, as well as an inventory of contents. Bear in mind that a Lodge needs to be able to prove loss of contents and loss of income.

Lodge leadership is tasked with managing the Lodge. Proper insurance coverage protects the Lodge, officers, and members from risk. With our Lodges and members protected, we can continue our charitable works that positively impacts our communities.



**Walnut Creek Lodge 1811** hosted 200 Veterans and active duty military personnel at their 4th annual Veterans Appreciation in November. The Lodge hosts this event with many member volunteers and the help of an ENF Beacon Grant. The Sweet Adaline's of Tracy Lodge 2031 provided the entertainment, singing patriotic songs and taking requests from the guests.

In other news, the Lodge participated in the annual Walnut Creek holiday parade of lights in late November. Members donned red reindeer noses and handed out American flags to parade watchers while promoting Elks programs with signs.



**Pasadena Lodge 672** celebrated Veterans Day in November by hosting Veterans from the West Los Angeles Veterans Home at the Lodge. Guests were treated to a pre-Thanksgiving meal, a magic show by a professional magician and new member Suisiepan Phila, who got some of the veterans and care givers involved in the act! Trustee Josie Wilkins has made and gave quilts to the veterans during the ceremonies following dinner. Pictured above is Larry Garland, age 97, our oldest WW II Veteran Member, who was in attendance for the program.



**San Rafael Lodge 1108** Benefit Concert for the Camp Fire Victims raised over \$29,000 for the Camp Fire victims. Two hundred and sixty five people attended and donated, enjoying the 1108 All-Stars rock band, generous buffets provided by local sponsors. Pictured are Pete Crowley, event Chair, Monica McMillan, Lodge Secretary and Mark Partchan, a sponsor.

In other news, the Lodge's Thanksgiving Dinner raised \$2,000 for CHEMPI. One hundred fifteen Elks and guests attended the festivities.



## Membership

Bob Svedeen • CHEA Membership Chairman



As we approach the final quarter of our Elk year, we are running a plus membership and need to keep initiating new members and addressing the delinquencies. We have the opportunity to lead every other state association in membership growth by working as a team to reach our goal.

Our goal this year is to increase membership by 10% and reduce lapsation. It is now CRUNCH TIME! We need to initiate 1,552 candidates for the top growth spot in the nation. Get the pipeline moving! Have your investigating committees reach out to these prospective members via the phone and determine how they can help with missed initiations. The reason could be as simple as lack of transportation. By working as a team to achieve our goals we will continue to be a bench mark for other Associations throughout the Order.

On initiation night Lodge membership/lapsation chairs should greet and explain to the newly initiated members the rewards available for proposing new members and that they are now members of the membership team. Also pass out membership applications to the new members and encourage them to propose a new member by the next meeting.

Point out to every Association, Lodge official and every other member the importance placed on our growth by our leaders. An active Lodge and growing membership is the only way we can assure healthy Lodges and a strong Order.

I would like to thank all of the membership/lapsation committees for their continued efforts.

### TEAM - Together Elks Add Members

Remember ...

*"We liked you, we'll like your friends.  
Share the Elks, propose a new member."*

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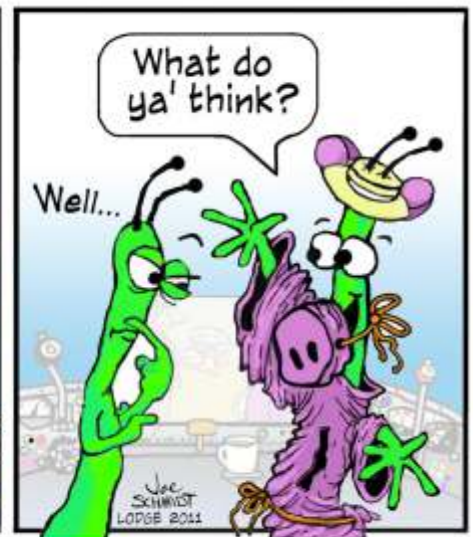


Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 hosted a very special group for dinner, the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team. The team is in Southern California and chose the Elks Lodge to spend their evening. Multiple dignitaries from Mission Viejo City Council attended the event. Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger presented a donation from the Elks Lodge of \$500 to Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, a 501(c)(3) public charity, to continue their own charitable ways. Thanks to Sheryn Howlett and others of the Mission Viejo Elks Veterans Committee for organizing this great event. Pictured above are Mission Viejo City Council member Wendy Bucknum (far left), Mayor Pro Tem Greg Rath (center), Lodge Exalted Ruler Mike Klinger (far right) with members of the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team.

In other news, this past Christmas the Lodge adopted two veteran families using an ENF Grant, made their holiday a lot better. Here is a note from one mother to Elk member Stephanie Bongartz who spearheaded the effort along with Past Exalted Ruler Derek Randles:

Hi Stephanie,

*I just want to say thank you and the Elks Lodge for providing an amazing Christmas for me and my children. My eldest daughter Bella, has been bragging non-stop about her computer. This was her ultimate Christmas wish and to have it granted, is just mind blowing for her. We can't thank you all enough! Ariana has been having endless tea parties. Brodie has been stomping around wherever he walks for his light up shoes. I was just overjoyed in being able to watch my kids open up so many of the amazing gifts you all provided. The clothes and shoes all fit perfectly. Thank you all for filling our hearts full of joy this Christmas.*



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### Public Relations

Jim Miller, PDDGER • CHEA Public Relations Chairman



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! It is time to celebrate another successful lodge Year in the California-Hawaii Elks Association and throughout Elldom. Our 19 District Public Relations Chairmen have done a fantastic job in reporting all the incredible accomplishments their Lodges have done for their communities. By promoting our accomplishments, we drive our membership.

We are currently in the process of judging the best Lodge Bulletins, the Community Service and Image Brochure and Best Single Events Brochures. Winners will be announced at the Association Convention in Fresno. I hope to see you all there in May.

Soon a whole new group of Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers will be installed. I urge all Exalted Rulers to understand the importance of choosing a dynamic Lodge Public Relations Chairman. This position can drive participation and success in all the other committees.

In closing, I would like again to thank everybody for all the hard work this year and look forward to another awesome Lodge year starting in April.

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**Petaluma Lodge 901** conducted an mail appeal campaign to their membership to help the Paradise Lodge members that were burned out this last fire season. Pictured (l-r) is Larry Satori, Leading Knight, Jackie Logan, Lodge Secretary and John Leary Exalted Ruler as they prepare to write an \$11,000 check to CHEMPI for distribution to Paradise members that need a hand.

In other news, this season's Christmas Bird Count for Kids was in early, January. It is the 10th annual event and the third year the Petaluma Lodge has sponsored it with the help of an ENF Grant. This is a terrific event where kids aged 6-12 learn how to be Citizen Scientists. The recent rains filled up the wetlands nicely, which was good for the birds, and the kids!



**Kern River Valley Lodge 2358** Ladies of the Elks hosted a Children's Christmas Party for 100 children. The children got to talk to Santa Claus and were given toys and a goodie bag of tasty treats. Pictured above are Santa and his Ladies of the Elks helpers.



**Lancaster Lodge 1625** was proudly represented at a local Veterans' Day observance in Joshua Memorial Park. Members participating in the wreath laying ceremony were (l-r): Exalted Ruler Darin Combs, Esquire Walter Sapp, Lodge member Gloria Sheridan, Lodge photographer Nathaniel Cross and PER Jerry W. Sheridan.



**Fremont Lodge 2121** held a successful fundraiser to help victims of the Camp Fire and the Paradise Lodge. Bay District AVP Sheila Spangler presented to Paradise Lodge ER Jim Saxton, a check and gift cards, totaling \$15,000. Pictured above are (l-r): Jo Ann Kay, Fremont First Lady, Steve Kay, Fremont ER, Bay District AVP Sheila Spangler, Jim Saxton, Paradise Lodge ER, North District AVP Al Smith and his first Lady Michelle.



## Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



### Elks Sparkle During Hoop Shoot!

All of the hard work during the past few months of organizing and coordinating the Lodge, District and State 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 by providing the opportunity to engage in Hoop Shoot. The kids build a bridge back for us by displaying their spirit, determination and boundless energy.

Due to the size and geographical distances of our Districts, our State Championships have been split into a semi state competition with the Northern California-Hawaii Districts competing and then comparing the final scores of their contestants. The Southern California Districts this year competed on the following weekend. The scores of the Northern California-Hawaii winners were then compared to those of the Southern California winners, which determined the CHEA State Champions.

#### 2019 California-Hawaii Hoop Shoot Champions

	Name	Score	Lodge
<b>Boys 8-9</b>	Akshay Khatri	45 of 50	Walnut Creek 1811
<b>Girls 8-9</b>	Jenna Chan	20 of 25	Walnut Creek 1811
<b>Boys 10-11</b>	Harrison Kim	24 of 25	Redwood City 1991
<b>Girls 10-11</b>	Yasmin Aguilera	42 of 50	Clovis 2599
<b>Boys 12-13</b>	Jack Pintens	25 of 30	Westchester 2050
<b>Girls 12-13</b>	Tajianna Avant-Roberts	23 of 25	El Cajon 1812

Our six champions will now advance and represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association at the West Region 7 contest being held on March 9th in Las Vegas. Larry Torres, Coalinga Lodge 1613 is the West 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 27th.

A real round of applause to all Lodge secretaries, chair persons, and the District Directors for their endless efforts to see that each Lodge completes their reports and advance their winners! What a wonderful group of Elks.

Thank you and Mahalo.

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**Gilroy Lodge 1567** and its members collected and donated to the Blue Star Moms of the South Bay Chapter of Santa Clara County, California over \$1,500 of cash and various toiletry and personal items which they will include in the "Care Packages from Home" for the men and women in our military who are deployed around the world.

In other news, the Lodge arranged for two Lodge members who are veterans to speak at an assembly of 5th graders at a local school for Veteran's Day.



**Ontario Lodge 1419** held their annual Hoop Shoot for local students. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers and the event winners.



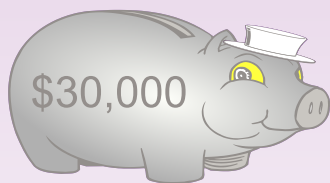
**Livermore/Pleasanton Lodge 2117**, with over 100 Cub Scouts from Lodge Pack 915, volunteered their time and gave back to the Lodge in December to help "beautify" the exterior and Lodge grounds. The scouts were assisted by many Lodge members in the clean-up and planting of new shrubs. The event taught the scouts that giving something back to the community makes a difference to the people in the surrounding neighborhood. Pictured above is the Scout Master's wife and Lodge Member Michelle Massey and her children.

In other news, the Lodge members donated items for the Paradise Fire victims. Essential items were collected from members and the community, then driven to the Chico Lodge by ER Linda Vigil and her husband Al. The Lodge was able to fill the truck and an 8 foot fully loaded trailer to Chico.



**Corona Lodge 2045** honoring Blue and Gold Star Mothers and the sacrifice they make by sending their daughters and sons to defend our country and freedom. Pictured above are the Blue and Gold Star Mothers along with some of the ladies of the Lodge.

## CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019)



**Chuck & Ginger Nolan • San Diego 168**  
**Maxine Elin • Gilroy 1567**



**Robert Harraka • Fullerton 1993**

**David Morena • Sacramento 6**  
**Ray Nielsen • Sacramento 6**  
**Paul Barich • Redlands 583**  
**Marlem Mason • Santa Ana 794**  
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**Donald Gumm • Merced 1240**  
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**Karen Buchanan • Redondo Beach 1378**  
**Jennifer Rentschler • Downey 1427**  
**Wayne Fish • Orange 1475**  
**David Tarquin • Orange 1475**  
**John Coyle • Burbank 1497**



**Robert Ring • Elk Grove 2577**



**Randy & Betty McClellan • Watsonville 1300**  
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Stephen Clazie • 6  
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 Margaret "Peg" McDonald • 168  
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 Sally Mott • 613  
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 Trudy La Flamme • 1015  
 Norval Foss, Jr. • 1073  
 Vern Williams • 1240

Stan Felipe • 1259  
 Butch Ruddy • 1298  
 Randy & Betty McClellan (4) • 1300  
 Jim Farrand • 1419  
 Donald Logan • 1419  
 Jesse Gracia • 1430  
 Virginia Proceviat • 1471  
 R.C. "Stoney" Bourke • 1475  
 Daniel Blanch • 1497  
 Lonnie Kell • 1497  
 Cheryl Richards • 1497  
 Nathan Reich • 1587

Mark Layne • 1603  
 Bill Chelonis • 1691  
 Anna Miller • 1691  
 Donald Schultz • 1877  
 Robert Duitsman • 1917  
 Jeanie Talbot • 1948  
 Lance Slimmer • 1952  
 Mike Nutto • 1959  
 Amy Anderson-Giugliano • 1991  
 Mark Urban • 1991  
 Robert Harraka • 1993  
 Warren Guest • 2059

Steven Hawthorne • 2091  
 David Fort • 2274  
 Charlie Fleskes • 2347  
 Lorene Munoz (2) • 2389  
 Terry Gicking • 2477  
 Beverly Burns • 2484  
 Janet Rasmussen • 2543  
 Nancy Albright • 2616  
 Bridget Smith • 2616  
 Henry Smith • 2640

## CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019)

Edward Cooke	3	James VonBergen	6	Gladys Oshiro	616	James Trout	1108
Hilary Magan	3	Sherry Wiese	6	Danny Sheldon	616	Jeff Weidner	1108
Carol Armstrong	6	Wayne Willey	6	Roy Tanabe	616	Norman Goldau	1112
Paul Boettin	6	Serena Zanussi	6	Teru Yasuda	616	Joseph Kohman	1112
Ernest Cervantes, Jr.	6	Douglas Thompson	168	Art Echternacht	794	Raymond Baker	1240
Stephen Clazie	6	Glenn Hunter (5)	423	Daniel Fernandez	794	Timothy Durham	1240
Sondra Cooper	6	Harold Berkebile	583	Linda Fernandez	794	Judy Ingram	1240
Dan Danco (5)	6	Carl Brandstetter	583	Marietta Parkinson	794	Blandford Jones III	1240
Karen Darling (2)	6	Mark Buoye	583	Karl Philipovitch (3)	824	Chris Morgner	1240
Joseph DiPinto	6	Ashley Campos	583	Jon Coster	888	Robert Salles	1240
Harry Dunlop	6	Bob Coonrod (2)	583	Patricia Devine	888	Vern Williams	1240
Roger Geoffroy	6	Faustino Duro (5)	583	Patrick Riley	888	Burling Bowne	1250
Gary Grayson	6	Hilary Fulton	583	David Shindledecker	888	Arlyn Krumbein (3)	1251
Richard Hanson	6	Ed Minkler (2)	583	John Harris, Jr. (4)	966	Melinda Robbins	1251
Michael Havey	6	Paul Rigano	583	Gary Major	966	Sark Davidian	1298
Kenneth Head	6	Kathleen Blake	613	Trudy LaFlamme (5)	1015	Melanie McKimmons	1298
James Kleckner	6	James Childress	613	Chris dos Remedios	1015	Jim Pyle	1298
Edward Lapp	6	Denise Foxwell	613	Elizabeth Dos Remedios	1015	Butch Ruddy (2)	1298
Pamela McKinnon	6	Brett Fraley	613	Ron Carn (8)	1073	Scott Vu	1298
David Morena (10)	6	Tony Jimenez	613	John Chandler	1073	Randy & Betty McClellan (5)	1300
Luis Neves	6	Sally Mott	613	Charles "Charlie" Gripp (2)	1073	Arnold Crawford	1342
Ray Nielsen	6	John Rubin	613	Lon McCasland	1073	Sylvia Sierra	1342
David Osaki	6	Robert Spinner	613	Joseph "Joe" McFarland	1073	E. Rob Robinson	1378
Donald Puliz	6	Dr. Lynn Ackerman	616	Bert Meyer (4)	1073	Gene Baxter	1419
Gary Roberts	6	Kenneth Baum (2)	616	Timothy Pool	1073	Kathleen Bryan	1419
Ronald Roberts	6	Georgietta Chock	616	Mike Scott	1073	Jim Farrand (3)	1419
Gunther Sprink	6	Elks 616 Saturday Yoga	616	Ron VanDerVolgen	1073	Donald Logan	1419
Bruce Sund	6	Frank Farm, Jr. (2)	616	Ed Will	1073	David Olson (2)	1419
Robert Synhorst	6	Joan Hare (2)	616	Victor Williams	1073	Ontario Elks Bingo Patrons (2)	1419
Lona Taggart	6	Kathryn Kane (5)	616	Ron Wooley	1073	Azusa Emblem Club 325 (5)	1427
Raymond Thielen, II	6	Kenn Kojima	616	Leigha From	1108	Christina Carter (5)	1427
Rudy Toralez	6	Ian Lind	616	Jodi Holsten	1108	Jennifer Rentschler	1427
Judith "Judi" Tracy	6	Meda Chesney Lind	616	David & Cheri Levenson	1108	Joanna Rentschler (6)	1427
Dorothy Trapanese	6	Nelson Nakagawa	616	North Bay Lighting & Electrical Supply	1108	George Van Hove	1427



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Mike Barra	1430	Bob Hancock	1625	Jerry Perrault	1968	Gregg & Jean Miraglia	2477
Paul Chounet	1430	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Eric Skjarstad	1968	Mike O'Kelly	2477
James DeGraffenreid	1430	Ronald & Nancy Hinman	1643	Doug Larsen	1980	Paul Radomski	2477
Jesse Gracia	1430	Wayne Barrackman	1691	Jo Larsen	1980	Ralph Sherwood	2477
Robert Minder	1430	Cal Bisson	1691	Amy Anderson - Giugliano (5)	1991	Cheryl Templeton	2477
Richard Boomer	1436	Kirk Brown	1691	Walter Cook	1991	Harold Wankel (2)	2477
Glen Koehl	1436	Michelle Calbi	1691	Robert Harraka (10)	1993	Jill Williams	2477
Robyn Melo	1436	Bill Chelonis	1691	David Nicholson	1993	Julie Brown	2492
Rick Monighetti	1436	Tom Eastman	1691	Kit Pummer	1993	Karyn Drolet	2492
Walter Thomas (5)	1436	W.W. "Sandy" Kasitz	1691	Don Anderson	2011	April Gioseffi	2492
Ted Zanella	1436	Anna Miller	1691	Anne Marie Martin	2011	Jaquelynn Miller	2492
Charles Houck	1471	Reginald Murray	1691	Emily Phelps (5)	2011	Gerald Peterson	2492
Don & Ann Morey (5)	1471	Wanda Nordstrom	1691	Jennifer Ramirez (2)	2011	Kari Sears (4)	2492
Virginia Proceviat (7)	1471	Rudy Pelzman	1691	Quita Dondlinger (5)	2025	Mary Lynn Shine	2492
Russ & Mara Yarp (3)	1471	James Peters	1691	Nanci Hardege	2025	Brenda Sprankel	2492
Colleen Anderson	1475	Garry Sanchez	1691	Steven L. Johnson	2050	James Vandenberg	2492
R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Jon Ellowitz	1767	Danny Ahern (2)	2091	Jennifer Goetz	2504
Noelle Bradley	1475	Newport Harbor Elks PER Assn.	1767	Steven Hawthorne	2091	Kathy Brady	2510
Orange Roamin' Elks Camper Club (4)	1475	Alan Barceloux	1786	Brian Rogers (2)	2091	Chuck Erreca	2510
Craig Coleman	1475	Mark Layman (4)	1786	Richard Ransom	2103	Manuel Farias	2510
Mathew Ferrero	1475	Joe Acosta	1812	James Sekelsky (2)	2103	Rob Fischer	2510
Wayne Fish (5)	1475	Bob Bardin	1812	Daryl Black	2121	Danny Galindez	2510
Odette Haddad	1475	Larry Buss	1812	Robert Casho	2128	Raymond Gomes	2510
R. Ken McElroy	1475	Judith Hilmen	1812	The Krull Family (3)	2128	Blanche Jorge	2510
Edward Robles	1475	Eugenia "Genie" Jenness	1812	Vernon Smith	2128	Karliko Lisotto-Clark	2510
Philip Schildts	1475	Don Sauter	1812	Scott Ludwick (2)	2142	Anita Lack	2577
Brian Scott	1475	Gary Winters	1905	Simon Coombs	2190	Jesse Bravo (2)	2599
Roger Shortall (2)	1475	Kathleen Jacobs	1913	Les Lamoreaux	2190	Bill Hall	2599
Dori Sullivan	1475	Noe Saenz	1917	Laurene Underhill	2190	Tim & Lazell Martin (2)	2599
Mike Williams	1475	Tim Draughton	1952	Betty Byrd	2243	Fran Musetti	2599
Richard Ainsworth	1497	Erica Flores	1952	Eleanor Southwell	2243	Omar Rosales (2)	2599
William Andrews (4)	1497	Donald Gurney (5)	1952	Renee Southwell	2243	James Williams	2599
Daniel Blanch (3)	1497	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Vince Catalano	2248	Nancy Albright (5)	2616
Santa Calderon	1497	Sherry Schwanke	1952	Gayle Herring	2248	Charles Bitney	2639
John Coyle (4)	1497	William Smith	1952	Bob Johnson	2248	Juliana Dawson	2639
Mike Davis	1497	Carol Snyder	1952	Marcia Ledoux (3)	2248	Kathy Gavin	2639
Richard Dayer	1497	Robert Underwood	1952	Kathy Jefferies	2358	Sally Baldwinson	2640
Fred De Lange (3)	1497	Jim Barr	1959	Lorene Munoz (11)	2389	Brian Burkitt	2640
Robert Elliot	1497	Daryl Beck	1959	Mike McGinnis	2393	Beth DuVall	2640
Merle Ferdinand	1497	Tom Brown III (2)	1959	Glen Warren	2393	Claire DeVall	2640
Paul Graber	1497	Sam Campolito (2)	1959	Caren Bowman	2444	El Rancho Market (4)	2640
William Hall	1497	Bev Finnell	1959	Dennis Bradshaw	2444	Gary Esau (5)	2640
John Holt (3)	1497	Sandra Garcia (2)	1959	George Carter	2444	Bernice Gomez	2640
Lonnie Kell (3)	1497	Dick Grantner	1959	Lori Cincotta	2444	Gerhard Haas	2640
Edna Lamberson	1497	William Hilton	1959	Erik Fisher	2444	Larry Humburger	2640
Robert Magid	1497	Huntington Beach Elks Line Dancers	1959	John Gordon (2)	2444	Cindy Larson	2640
Michael McBride	1497	Dave Miller	1959	Dennis Lumley	2444	Steve Larson	2640
Roseann Mecca	1497	John Nielsen	1959	Tom Marquez	2444	Carla Miranda	2640
Robert Reynolds (7)	1497	Mike Nutto (5)	1959	Brian McCarville (2)	2444	Greg Packham	2640
Cheryl Richards (3)	1497	Erlinda Puig	1959	Ron McKeon (2)	2444	Mike Perry	2640
Helen Richards	1497	Marty Saline	1959	Frank Sortino	2444	Bonnie Rees	2640
Howard Rothenbach (3)	1497	Derek Sill	1959	Brad Thomson (2)	2444	Kelley Sadecki	2640
Johnnie Schnoeblen	1497	Richard Tanguy	1959	Michael & Jacquelyn Watts (4)	2444	Gary Skippon	2640
Steven Tate	1497	William Todd	1959	Diana Wilson	2444	Janelle Willis	2640
Jim Torres (2)	1497	Jim Tone (2)	1959	Mike Becker	2477	David & Betty Green	2646
"Old Memories" Car Club (3)	1539	Patrick Tone (3)	1959	Brian Boals	2477	Marvin Elrod	2699
Michael Green	1539	Fred Costa (2)	1968	Terry Gicking	2477	Brian Klassen	2699
The Latino's (5)	1539	Elaine Drake (2)	1968	Brenda Hagen	2477	David Eby	2704
Frank Roughan (5)	1539	Steven Hicks	1968	Diane Jones (3)	2477	Wilmer Lipscomb	2704
Richard Huff	1561	David Larkin	1968	Bill Joseph	2477	Walter Neumann	2704
David Cross	1567	Don Loeschner	1968	Darryl Kopacz (3)	2477	George "Richard" Shaw (3)	2704
Mark Layne	1603	David Maynard	1968	Dan & Karen Martyn	2477		
Steve Cropsey	1608	Hugh McKinney	1968	Greg Metzgas	2477		

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Michael Bradshaw	168	Frank Chicago	218	Calvin Hara	616	Karen Chambliss-Ray	966
Max Burnett	168	Nadine Steel	218	Loren Jerlow	616	Jose Justiniano	966
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Mark Porter	1251	Angela Anderson	1767	Henry "Hank" DiTomaso	1968	Jadeen Costa Schroeder	2358
Randy Wolff	1289	Richard Blake	1767	Kathleen Harrod	1968	Larry Cotton	2358
Jan Lee	1298	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Norman J. Leitholf	1968	Ronald Keele	2358
Teresa Lewis	1298	Ray Prettyman	1767	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Janet L. Robertson	2358
Ron Marshall	1298	Kaye Brandos	1804	Richard Wallace	1991	Fern Sammon	2358
Melanie McKimmons	1298	Rocky Brandos	1804	Dan Casey	1993	Terry Sammon	2358
Jorge L. Montano	1298	Carl Becker	1811	Judy Givens	1993	Linda Schwass	2358
Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Richard Green	1993	Michael Streeter	2358
Karen Buchanan	1378	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Judy Harraka	1993	Pat Terrell	2358
James Ferris	1378	Chuck Jackson	1811	Robert Harraka	1993	Kathleen West	2358
Bruce Harris	1378	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Alan Kelley	1993	Ray Broussard	2379
Gail Harris	1378	Michael Silva	1811	Michael Mathers	1993	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Gerald Delker	1427	Kevin Wrobel	1811	Diana Mondragon	1993	Robert Laymon	2379
Jackie Orovecz	1427	joe Acosta	1812	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Ted Olsen	2379
Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Sue Owen	2379
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Ron Harden	1812	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Joseph Garica	2477
Shelly Gonzales	1443	Susan Jimenez	1812	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Terry Gicking	2477
Ines Greenwald	1443	Stacy Mackey	1812	Ben Ortega	1996	Greg Metzgas	2477
Robert Bagwell	1474	Rose Johnson	1877	Laurie Ayala	2011	Beverly Burns	2484
Robert Beck	1474	Donald D. Schultz	1877	Martin Barros	2011	Robert "Bob" Burns	2484
Richard D. Enea	1474	Lance Hudson	1917	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Jay Dupler	2504
Dennis Linsley	1474	C. Michael Melton	1917	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Kristi Dupler	2504
Kathleen Linsley	1474	Doug Row	1918	Sharron Cannon	2011	Dale Gregory	2504
R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Marsha Aguon	1919	Roy Jenness	2011	Larry L. Fink	2543
Matthew Ferrero	1475	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Ashley Munoz	2011	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Sean Gambil	1475	Michele Homer	1919	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Barbara Kincade	2543
Amanda Jung	1475	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Christine Nelson	2011	David W. Mullett	2543
James Jung	1475	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Chris Michaelis	1475	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Robert Duitsman	2020	Richard Yeager	2543
Thomas Robertson	1475	Richard Monteverde	1919	John Hardman	2031	Diane Ward	2577
Colin Smith	1475	Reyne Rocha	1919	Steve Thatcher	2031	Thom Richardson	2599
John M. Smith	1475	Alyssa Santos	1919	David Dickey	2046	Charisse Williams	2599
Kathy Walker	1475	James G. Anderson	1952	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	James Williams	2599
Mark Walker	1475	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Sean Williams	2050	Barbara Nance	2616
Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Kimberley Collins	2091	Bridget Smith	2616
Greg Peale	1497	Karen Lewin	1952	Brian Rogers	2091	John R. Smith	2616
Karen Feldpouch	1538	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091	Tom Warren	2639
Warren H. Downs	1561	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098	Claire Duvall	2640
Carole D. May	1561	Harry Ross	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117	Arlene Degen	2697
Russell Lumpkin	1643	Lance Slimmer	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121	Dave Hosted	2698
Michelle Solvin	1643	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142	Marvin Elrod	2699
John E. Hary	1687	Roger Vulgamore	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230	Kaye Bruns	2733
Steven Wagstaff	1687	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Lori Clark	2243	Lance Erickson	2733
Kirk Brown	1691	Erlinda Puig	1959	Steven Dale	2248		
Michael Cosby	1691	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358		
William "Bill" Cook	1740	Richard Tanguy	1959	Laurie Ashley	2358		



**Garden Grove Lodge 1952**, with the help of two ENF Grants, presented a \$4,000 check to the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County. Pictured above (l-r) Karen Lewin, PER, Katie Russell, Ronald McDonald Director of Operations, and Sherrie Larson, Exalted Ruler.



**Elk Grove Lodge 2577** gave the Elk Grove Food Bank 18 turkeys. A Lodge tradition of delivering turkeys for both the Thanksgiving holiday and the Christmas holidays. This food bank donation is funded by our Bingo Charity fund. Pictured (l-r) AVP Bob Samaniego, PER Marjorie Samaniego and Exalted Ruler Richard Bristow.





**Duarte Lodge 1427** has developed a thriving partnership with the El Monte Veteran's Village. This 40 unit facility provides affordable, service enriched, supportive living for homeless Veterans in the area. Duarte Elks has been actively involved with the Veterans at El Monte Veterans' Village through preparation and serving of monthly dinners and providing assistance for new arrivals.

This year, with the help of a Freedom Grant, the Lodge purchased Brita water pitchers and filters for each of the housing units. Additionally the Elks purchased water bottles for each resident. The Water Bottles contained the saying, "Because you served, we serve" on one side. The other side contained the Elks National Service logo with the Lodge name below. Pictured above with several Lodge members are some of the El Monte Veterans' Village residents.



**Nevada City Lodge 518** teamed with the Grass Valley non-profit Welcome Home Vets in an effort to end Veteran homelessness in Nevada County. Using an ENF Grant, the group purchased, assembled, and will be distributing 20 Veteran Life Packs at the Nevada County Veterans Stand Down held at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley, CA. Pictured above (l-r): Mike Blanton, with Welcome Home Vets and Dorothy Rhoades and ENF Chairman, Doug Becker.

**Santa Cruz Lodge 824** held an Annual Adopt-A-Family project in December, providing gifts and clothing for local families in need. Charity project team members worked hard, helping many affected by the wildfires in California. Collection and distribution of supplies to families in evacuation centers. The Lodge was honored to host some of the families displaced by the fires during the annual holiday dinner.



**Downey Lodge 2020**, held an Eagle Ceremony for Troop 441 Scout Shawn Goodner. A Certificate of Merit signed by the Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr for Shawn's achievement of Eagle Scout. Picture above (l-r) are grandparents Gene and Mary Hauk, Shawn, and Exalted Ruler Helen Soto.



**Northeast District Lodges Auburn 1691, Calpine 2432, Grass Valley 538, Nevada City 518, Quincy 1884 and Susanville 1487** held their annual barbecue at the Reno, Nevada Veterans Hospital. Serving lunch to 150 plus veterans and staff members, spending time with the veterans. Allowing them to share memories of their military service. Pictured with Air Force Master Sergeant (retired) William Thomas are Elks (l-r): Debbie Bottini, Dorothy Rhodes, Allana Frey and Jessica Post.



**Visalia Lodge 1298** was proud to help sponsor this years Toys 4 Tots run. Money raised from the Holiday Craft show was used to sponsor and purchase \$500 worth of toys for the children. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers who helped run the event.





**Santa Maria Elks Rodeo** and the Golden Circle of Champions, founded in 2016, a program to spread pediatric cancer awareness. In only three years this program has spread a message of hope throughout Santa Maria's community and now is sanctioned by rodeos nationwide, with its debut at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas this past December 2018. Twenty children were the guests of the NFR and rodeo champions. Each child was given rodeo attire, clothing, boots, hat and a big custom made "Champion" belt buckle, donated by a number of national western wear sponsors.

At the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, local champion families, the sponsored children with cancer, are honored during the opening night of Rodeo. Through donations and fundraising efforts, funds are raised to directly provide for urgent needs of the children, paying bills, buying medicine and general needs of these families.

The Santa Maria Elks Rodeo is very proud of the exciting success of the Golden Circle of Champions Program and how it is now becoming a national program throughout the rodeo circuit. All Elks should be very proud to say, a national program creating awareness to pediatric cancer, was started by the Santa Maria Elks. Pictured above are two of the Rodeo Champions and one of the Golden Circle Children.

In other news, the Santa Maria Lodge Touring Elks Motorcycle Group took over the local Toys for Tots Bike Run (Toy Run) for the Local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. With over 150 bikers participating, close to fifteen thousand dollars was raised and more than 200 toys were donated at the Lodge event. The Touring Elks provided 77 bicycles and the local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots were able to provide toys for more than 800 families in the Santa Maria Valley this past Christmas.

**Whittier Lodge 1258** continued a 20 year tradition, holding a Spring, Fall and Christmas dance and lunch for the special needs adults in the Whittier area. All of our guests received a gift from Santa.

In other news, the Lodge on Veterans Day joined volunteers from San Pedro Lodge 966 and Downey Lodge 2020 to hold a BBQ at the West Los Angeles Veterans Hospital for residents and their families. Whittier Emblem Club 67 brought handmade items that were passed out to wheelchair patients.

**Yucaipa Lodge 2389** used an Anniversary Grant to purchase flexible seating for the special needs classroom at a local school. Beanbag chairs, gaming chairs, and scoop chairs give children freedom of motion and ability to enter into various activities for a better school day.



**Marysville Lodge 783** in January, with the help of an ENF Anniversary Grant, donated \$1,500 to the Yuba-Sutter Stand Down, Inc. – to be used in assisting homeless veterans in the Yuba-Sutter area. Pictured above are (l-r): ER Travis Renicker, Roy Newman, Past CHEA President, and Robert Upton, Board Member, Yuba-Sutter Stand Down.

**Van Nuys/Reseda Elks Lodge 2790** hosted a Veterans Month Red Carpet Film Fundraiser. Veterans, Active Duty Military and First Responders, who were treated to a free dinner and screening of the film, "Disconnected." The event also gathered donations for the Sepulveda VA Hospital.

**Carmichael Lodge 2103** in January, donated \$6,250 in Visa gift cards to the Paradise Lodge 2026, which was destroyed in the Camp Fire. The presentation was made during Paradise's first Lodge meeting held at the Chico Lodge.

**Vacaville Lodge 2638** for the 22nd consecutive year, accepted donations from the community and Lodge members to help those less fortunate during the Christmas holiday season. The funds were used for food gift cards, gift certificates for children's toys and clothing. Additionally, needy senior citizens were given monthly city bus passes. Lodge members delivering the gifts received an outpouring of thanks, tears and hugs.

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**Orange District Lodges, Fullerton, Mission Viejo, Orange and Santa Ana Lodges** in December provided a holiday dinner for Marines and Navy personnel at Camp Pendleton. About 350 military and guests were served. The USO staff provided a photo booth complete with Santa. Toys that had been donated by Homefront America and private citizens were given to attending children. Music was provided by the Alley Cats, an a'capella group with ties to Fullerton Lodge.

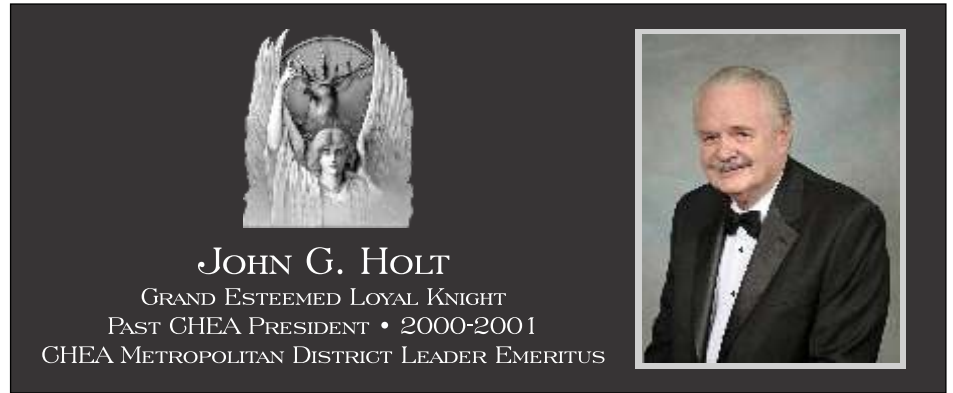
**Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591** raised \$14,300 for Elks Scholarships at its 20th Annual Christmas Tree Lane. During the 20 years this program has been held, \$220,000 has been raised for graduating high school seniors attending college, trade or technical schools.

**Santa Ana Lodge 794** with the help of an ENF Grant and Santa Ana Emblem Club 530 united to providing backpacks to school children. In this joint effort, 1063 backpacks were donated to various organizations in Santa Ana.

**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** with the help of an ENF Anniversary Grant the Lodge awarded \$1,200 from the grant to Freedom Service Dogs of America to support custom-trained service dogs. Kennel sponsorship covers the costs of vaccinations, medical care, food, shelter, grooming, basic training for the dog and a plaque with the Lodge name on the front of a kennel for one year.

In other news, the Lodge, during the Christmas holiday season, delivered 84 boxed turkey dinners to needy families, wrapped and delivered toys to 257 children. The children were from Foster Care Auxiliary and needy children at nearby schools and churches. Additionally, the Lodge provided 12 women from the battered women's shelter and 55 children with \$50 gift certificates.

**Santa Barbara Lodge 613** had Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus make an appearance at the Children's Christmas Party, allowing each child to share their intimate Christmas wishes. Family pictures were taken with Santa and each child was given a goody bag, toys and a DAP coloring book.



**John G. Holt**, 79, died January 5, 2019 at his home in Burbank. Born July 13, 1939 in Muncie, Indiana to John M. and Iva Pearl Holt. Graduated from Muncie Central High School, followed by 12 years in the US Navy. Attended Los Angeles College, earning a degree in business. John was a retired Tax Accountant. He opened his own tax & accounting business in Burbank in 1976. His passion for charitable work was fulfilled by his 43 year membership in the Burbank Elks Lodge. During his time as an Elk he served in many positions and at the Grand Lodge Convention last year in San Antonio, Texas, was installed as Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight.

John is survived by his wife Adrienne, his daughters Ramona Holt and Annetta Dodd of Muncie, IN. and son's Kenneth Holt of Muncie, IN., Melvin Holt and William Holt of Burbank, CA. He is also survived by two nephews, fourteen grandchildren and twenty four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother William R. Holt and son John G. Holt Jr.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Burbank Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 16, starting at 11 am. Those who so desire, may make a memorial donation in the memory of John to the California-Hawaii Elks Association's Major Project (CHEMPI), mailing it to the Burbank Elks Lodge, 2232 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505.



**Santa Monica Lodge 906** member, CHEMPI Trustee Don Checchi, second grade school teacher Rachel Costa of Saint Anne's School, CHEA President Bob Duitsman and Santa Monica Elks member Michel Fink are pictured here with two school children from Saint Anne's School after delivering Kits for Kids for the second grade. The Lodge gives 200 of these boxes of school supplies to second graders in the area. Each kit contains 30 plus school supplies.



Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 invited Megan Macleod (Physical Therapist with the Major Project) to visit and enlighten us of her work with our 2018 Theme Child John. Shown above talking with Piggy Bank chairman Dale Sinner. The evening Piggy Bank walk brought in \$3,501.



Culver City Lodge 1917 in November, provided tri-tip dinners to 43 veterans. The dinner was attended by California-Hawaii Elks Association President and GER designate, Robert L. (Bob) Duitsman. The attached photo shows him congratulating the evening's speaker, Joe Deas, a Marine veteran, on giving an uplifting speech to his fellow veterans.

In other news, the Lodge held their annual charity ball, a masquerade party to raise money to support the charity work we do for the people of Culver City.



Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 hosted a dinner for their Drug Awareness Contest winners. The fifteen winners, their parents, and their teachers were invited to attend, be recognized, and presented with framed certificates.

There were three contests – a poster contest for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students; an essay contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and a video contest for pre-high school, high school and post graduate students. The topic for all three contests was "Drugs Take Away." Pictured above with Diane Farrens are the High School Video Winners.

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